

East-West population deal aired in Germany

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As 1987 drew to a close, the West German citizenry was hit by a new round of propaganda on the need to reduce world population. The mouthpieces for this campaign are supporters of the U.S.-Soviet INF Treaty—not a coincidence. It strongly suggests that one key focus of the deal struck between the Western liberal establishment and the Muscovites, will be close East-West cooperation to eliminate hundreds of millions of people, especially those with non-white skin.

On Dec. 24, West German President Richard von Weizsäcker issued his Christmas address to the nation. Lavishly praising disarmament, East-West détente, and the like, he stated: "The really big challenges of our world cannot be met by East or West alone, such as overpopulation and famine in the world, plundering of nature, and uncontrollable technology."

This was an eerie message in a statement for Christmas, the day celebrating the birth of a child whose life was meant to incarnate the potential divinity of all human beings. But West Germany's President, a leading official in the German Evangelical Church (EKD: Lutheran), is no Christian, but rather a committed gnostic. The policies of von Weizsäcker and the EKD leadership, have successfully brought West Germany to a state of negative population growth, with a demographic catastrophe looming for the next century.

With von Weizsäcker, genocide is a family tradition. His father, Ernst, was a Nazi tried at Nuremberg. As state secretary of the German foreign ministry during the late 1930s, he was an architect of the Hitler-Stalin Pact.

'Four billion people too many'

Five days before von Weizsäcker's speech, American homosexual writer Gore Vidal appeared on West German television together with Russian poet-mystic Andrei Voznesensky. Vidal praised the immediate postwar agreements between Josef Stalin and the United States, dividing Europe into Soviet and Western spheres. He then stated that the new INF agreement was a superpower attempt to deal with the unmanageability of the world. Vidal advised that the two superpowers concentrate on global problems that are "soluble." One of these would be the world "population explosion," since, he complained, "there are four billion people too many."

This chilling call for genocide drew not a word of protest

from either the talk-show host or from Voznesensky. Nor, in the days following, was there a syllable of anger expressed by the Soviet government and Soviet friends in such agencies as the Anti-Defamation League, Edgar Bronfman's World Jewish Congress, or the U.S. Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations, who are always screaming about "Nazis." Vidal had just called for murdering 100 times more people than Hitler!

Vidal also launched into diatribes against two of the pillars of Western Judeo-Christian civilization: monotheism and the sovereign nation-state. To replace the latter, Vidal called for a new world system based on the Swiss "cantonal" model.

Otherwise, Gore expressed sympathy with Voznesensky's exposition of the wonders of "Russian spirituality" and the "collective soul."

On June 25, 1987, Vidal had proudly told the *International Herald Tribune* that, while in Moscow in February 1987 to attend Gorbachov's international "peace forum," he had proposed to Gorbachov a global "white race alliance," to thwart the growing world power of Asia. Gorbachov, he said, had responded enthusiastically, although Vidal told the *Tribune* that he expected his proposal would "provoke apoplexy" from most Americans. Vidal has since become somewhat of a celebrity in certain Soviet publications, such as the weekly *New Times*.

Earlier, on March 23, 1987, Vidal had given a lecture in Sao Paulo, Brazil, in which he spoke of the positive aspects of the rapid spread of AIDS, since it would lead to mass contraception and the undermining of Catholic resistance to birth control. In this way, he said, "we are going to reduce the world's population, which is about 6 billion today, to 2 billion in a generation."

The legacy of Helmut Schmidt

One other telltale sign of the same phenomenon, is the year-end edition of the newsletter of Berne, Switzerland's Ost Institute, published by an intimate of the U.S. "Project Democracy" crowd, Peter Sager. Sager's fanaticism on reducing population in Africa, was the subject of a special essay by Lyndon LaRouche ("The socialist roots of Nazi-like euthanasia: Satan as a Social-Democratic spook," *EIR*, Vol. 14, No. 49). In his year-end item, Sager effusively praised the INF accord, and the "great statesman" who is the conceptual architect of that accord: former West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt.

Schmidt, now chairman of the Inter-Action Council of Former World Leaders, is campaigning worldwide for the reduction of world population, especially in the developing sector. This will be one of the main themes of a speech he will give at a council meeting in Moscow in May 1988. Again, the "Nazi-hunters" have missed a good target: the full story of Schmidt's Nazi activities during World War II has never been adequately told. He has not changed his political stripes, even if today he is known as a "social-democrat."