

U.S. Attorney, he was so livid, I thought he was prosecuting black people!" I told him that Mr. LaRouche was jailed because he fought for economic justice throughout the world. Mr. Chestnut responded: "If you will recall, at the time of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, he was shifting the emphasis of the black struggle from civil rights to the economic front. And his death, of course, interfered with that. In fact, the march he was engaged in at the time, you know, was on behalf of sanitation workers and trying to improve their economic lot.

"I saw that movement spread around the world. I'm always watching the television and finding somebody in some country thousands and thousands of miles away and they're singing 'We Shall Overcome.' I can very well see ramifications from our current struggle here having international ramifications and implications."

Now Germany is reunified and the United States is "in the barrel." *Black in Selma* should have a positive effect on the fight for a peaceful revolution in this nation.

## 'New Mind' newspeak: the same old bottles

by Nancy Spannaus

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### **New World, New Mind, A Brilliantly Original Guide to Changing the Way We Think About the Future**

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This is a frightening and dangerous book, geared to brainwashing educators into brainwashing children to become environmental cultists.

Author Paul Ehrlich has long held credentials as an advocate of zero population growth, having been one of the first to kick off the movement in the late 1960s. Unlike some of the first zero-growthers, he is not honest enough to admit that his dire predictions of overpopulation have not come true. Rather, he is sticking to the lie that overpopulation is the problem causing poverty and misery in this world, and that we have to find a way to convince people to adopt his anti-

growth, austerity program.

His tactic is to promote what he calls the "new mind." And if that sounds like Orwell, you aren't far off.

The "new mind" or "new thinking" is, in Ehrlich's view, a way of getting people to realize that their perceptions of immediate problems are not what they appear to be, and that they must rather put their immediate perceptions into a global perspective. The trouble is, that the global perspective is the environmentalist assertion that we have to reduce population and our mastery of the world through agriculture and industry.

Ehrlich and Ornstein carry out an analysis which is the cognitive equivalent of Desmond Morris's *The Naked Ape*. The mind, they say, is biologically programmed to react to immediate problems, and not to register dangers such as overpopulation. In addition, mankind has created what they call an "artificial" environment of civilization, which mankind now takes for granted, instead of looking at it as a short-term, transient phenomenon.

In addition to being wrong about the environmental reality, however, Ehrlich and Ornstein are devastatingly wrong about the mind itself. As if the real creative geniuses of human history did not have a long-term view of the consequences of their actions! Real human thinking has always risen above the stimulus-response kind of reaction for which Ehrlich and Ornstein fault mankind. But the authors can't understand that, because to them, man is just a more polluting kind of animal.

If someone tells you they are going to take a course on the "new mind" in any kind of school, tell them to avoid it. It would be dangerous to their mental health.

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