

Editorial

Save the children

At a press conference on May 15 in Bonn, Germany, an announcement was made of the formation of a new committee whose name speaks its purpose: Committee to Save the Children in Iraq. Already its membership includes a broad non-partisan coalition of doctors, activists in the field of human rights, religious leaders, farmers, and trade unionists. We believe that this is an effort in which our readers will wish to be personally involved, and we will be happy to forward communications to committee representatives.

If the 5 million Iraqi children now threatened with death because of the continuation of sanctions against Iraq—coupled to the brutal destruction of the infrastructure and economic base of that country—are to be saved, then this effort must receive the support of all good people, everywhere. Its reach should be expanded into North and South America as rapidly as possible, as part of the fight to mobilize forces for a new, just economic order.

Among those participating in the committee are Patriarch Raphael Bidawid, of the Chaldean Church in Iraq; Dr. Reza Sabri-Tabrizi, from Edinburgh, Scotland; Prof. Hans Koechler, of the International Progress Organization (IPO) of Vienna; and Helga Zepp-LaRouche of the Schiller Institute. Support has also been received from Herr Wuermeling, General Secretary of the Union der Nationen Europäischer Christen, Paris, and Adelgunde Mertensacker.

On May 10, the IPO issued a press release by Professor Koechler, making public its endorsement and stating its aims. We quote from a section of it here: "As a consultative organization of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, the IPO strongly condemns the illegal and inhumane continuation of the economic boycott against Iraq by the sanctions committee of the United Nations. After Iraq's retreat from Kuwait, there is no justification whatsoever to continue this brutal measure which is directed against the whole Iraqi people.

"Special responsibility lies with the United States who—through their savage bombing in violation of international humanitarian law—have completely de-

stroyed the infrastructure of Iraq. With their policy of genocide against the Iraqi people, they have committed grave war crimes against peace. The U.S. and its allies are liable to pay compensation to Iraq for the damage they have caused in transgression of the U.N. mandate and in violation of the U.N. Charter."

The committee proposes a threefold plan of action, dealing first with meeting the immediate requirements, in terms of food and medicine, of keeping people alive; second, with providing the kinds of equipment, such as electrical generators, which will permit hospitals to begin functioning and to provide the services necessary to sustain human life; and third, the reconstruction of Iraq's economic infrastructure.

A battle is presently shaping up, not only around the future of Iraq, but around the future of the majority of the world's children. Shamelessly, the malthusians, led by Queen Elizabeth and King George Bush, are now saying that the only aid which should be given to countries such as Bangladesh, is to send more condoms and other population control measures. Their aim is to see people—those now alive and those yet unborn—dead, not to cherish the lives of humanity's greatest resource, its children.

It is well to recall the statement by Helga Zepp-LaRouche published in the May 17 *EIR*, in regard to the implementation of the encyclical *Centesimus Annus*. As she says there, "We are living at this moment through a catastrophe in the developing sector so dreadful that it staggers our power of comprehension. . . . The boundless suffering which now is afflicting hundreds of millions of individuals is not the result of unavoidable natural catastrophes, but the consequence of the policies of the International Monetary Fund. . . . For the past two decades, the American economic thinker Lyndon LaRouche has elaborated comprehensive development programs which make it possible to begin putting a just, new world economic order into practice."

Either the world follows the moral directive of the Pope, and implements LaRouche's economic programs, or humanity is facing disaster on a scale beyond anything we have yet seen in the history of mankind.