

## Dateline Mexico by Hugo López Ochoa

### Church: No limits to growth!

*For the first time, the Catholic Church makes use of Lyndon LaRouche's central concept of physical economy.*

**T**he Latin American and Caribbean Regional Conference on Population and Development held in Mexico City in early May, served as a forum for unprecedented accusations by the Mexican Catholic Church against the international genocide lobby and, by association, against the malthusian policies of President Carlos Salinas de Gortari.

The fallacies of malthusian ideology were also solidly refuted in a document presented to the press by Colombian Cardinal Alfonso López Trujillo, president of the Vatican's Pontifical Council on the Family, and by the Vatican's permanent representative to the United Nations, Msgr. Renato Martino, during the International Congress on Demography and Social Justice held two weeks earlier in the same city.

For the first time, the Catholic Church presented a thoroughly scientific exposé of family planning programs and of the coercive measures of birth control they promote. It demonstrated that the ethical reasons for opposing such practices as violations of human rights are completely congruent with the scientific fact that "the notion of a worldwide population crisis is a myth."

"Poverty is not an effect of excess population," says the document, getting to the heart of the problem, "but of other factors, among which it is worth noting the obstacles to economic development. Latin America has a special burden in the known problem of the debt."

The document clearly establishes that "scientifically, one cannot present

as evident the supposed negative correlation between population growth or demographic density and economic development." On the contrary, "the resources of the earth do not constitute a fixed and limited quantity against which a growing population must enter into competition. Resources are also the product of creativity and of the capacity of human labor."

"Thus, through adequate education policy, with appropriate technical and economic assistance, these resources should grow normally. It is an indisputable fact that resources today are more abundant and generally cheaper than in the past," says the document.

This central principle of physical economy has been extensively elaborated by U.S. economist Lyndon LaRouche in several books on the subject, especially *The Science of Christian Economy*.

The congress on demography was organized by the Latin American Alliance for the Family (ALAFa) and by the National Pro-Life Committee of Mexico, with the sponsorship of the Pontifical Council for the Family and of the Episcopal Commission for the Family of the Mexican Bishops Council, for the purpose of readying the church's contributions to the International Year of the Family in 1994, and to the World Conference on Population, scheduled to be held in Cairo in 1994.

For 20 days, the headlines of various newspapers were dedicated to the church's severe charges against the United Nations for contributing to disintegration of the family and the crisis

of the Third World as "one of injustice, not of overpopulation." In particular, the church charged that the U.N. sought to legitimize abortion through "imperialist" methods equivalent to "chemical warfare."

The conference, for its part, was organized by the U.N. Population Fund and the Economic Commission on Latin America (ECLA), and various regional bodies, for the purpose of preparing a regional "consensus" document on the matter of population, to present to the 1994 Cairo meeting.

At the conclusion of the conference, delegates from five Ibero-American countries charged that it had been "totally manipulated and orchestrated by the U.N. Population Fund for the purpose of imposing demographic criteria" in order to bring to the world population conference "a consensus on legitimizing abortion as a method of population control." In particular, the denunciations targeted U.N. Population Fund director Nafis Sadik, who openly proposed a program of "safe abortion" to the non-governmental organizations.

In fact, the U.N. regional conference had hoped to establish a framework for promoting the Mexican model of genocide. At the conference, President Salinas bragged that Mexico had managed to shrink its population growth rate to 1.7%, and announced that he sought to reduce it further, in dramatic contrast to the statements of the Mexican bishops that Mexico was a "practically uninhabited" country.

The malthusian cabal, headed by the Mexican government, has been forced to disguise its genocidal strategy with such blather as stressing the need to equate "demography and development," "combat poverty," etc. The new strategy of this cabal is to spread Salinas's fascist self-help National Solidarity Program (Pronasol) throughout Ibero-America.