

'World could hold 40 billion people'

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If we have learned anything at all from the history of the 20th century, then it ought to be the understanding that neo-Malthusian and racist policies based on the geopolitical conception of a "claim to *Lebensraum*" [the Nazi term for "space to live in"—ed.] for a master race, however it may be constituted, leads to catastrophe, as has already happened twice in the case of the two world wars. Precisely for this reason, the United Nations population conference planned for September in Cairo must not be allowed to take place.

In more than one way, the attitude of the world public toward the Cairo conference is a test case for mankind's moral fitness to survive. Since the world public seems to have become accustomed to a certain degree to genocide, sitting comfortably in their living rooms in front of the television, watching the genocide in Iraq, in Bosnia, in Rwanda, to name but a few of the victims, now a policy is supposed to be legitimized which has as its aim the reduction of the human population by one-half.

If the world public now also swallows this, after everything that has already happened, then this has approximately the same moral effect as an *ex post facto* democratic vote in favor of Hitler's program of annihilation against the Jews and the people he called "useless eaters." If the organizers of this conference are successful in their plan, it would indeed be the destruction of the foundations of our Christian humanist history in Europe, as Pope John Paul II said: "The human being himself would be the first victim of this policy."

At the International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo, not only are guidelines for reduction of population supposed to be established, which are intended to aim toward the option of the "low variant" of the U.N.'s population projections—i.e., the reduction of mankind to 2.5 billion individuals in the next 150 years; but also, quite clearly, the issue is far more to get governments "on line," since such a projection is patently absurd from a scientific economic standpoint.

The just-published *Human Development Report 1994* of the U.N. makes clear that what is at stake in Cairo, is nothing less than the first step toward establishment of a world dictatorship, in which the U.N. bureaucracy and its sub-organizations is supposed to be endowed with quasi-dictatorial powers. To this end, a "world police," a World Court, a World Central Bank, a World Finance Ministry, a World Anti-Monopoly Office, and a World Trade Organization are supposed to be established. The purpose of these organizations is supposed to be—and about this the report leaves no doubt—the forced reduction of the world population and the disintegration of the sovereign nation state.

The issue in Cairo is supposed to be the general acceptance of a policy of population reduction. And then at the World Summit for Social Development, scheduled for March 1995, the instrumentarium for its implementation is supposed to be consolidated. Should individual nations oppose the dictatorship of the United Nations Development Program [UNDP], they will face not only drastic economic sanctions and the policies of the International Monetary Fund [IMF], but also, as the special adviser of the UNDP Mabubhul Haq emphasized at a press conference in Washington, D.C., such nations which do not subject themselves to the "Human Development Index" will also have to expect rebellions, as the example of the Zapatista rebellion in Mexico demonstrates (which was actually financed out of the North).

The fraud of 'sustainable development'

The *Human Development Report 1994*, written in a terminology which is otherwise copied directly from Orwell's "Newspeak," describes the goal of "human security" as the achievement of so-called "sustainable human development." According to the UNDP, this is to be understood "as bringing human numbers into balance with the coping capacity of societies and the carrying capacities of the nation."

That is incredible! That anyone dares to make such a monstrous and utterly unscientific concept as the idea of a supposedly fixed "carrying capacity" of the Earth into the foundation of his argumentation, only proves what disdain the authors of the report have to the intellectual level of the political elites. And so it is quite consistent that these authors name Thomas Malthus, Karl Marx, and John Stuart Mill as the intellectual authors of such a program.

In view of the ideology of contempt of mankind of these

intellectual ancestors, it is no wonder that “unchecked population growth” is called the number-one threat to “human security” on page 34 of the report.

Of course, the UNDP and the other U.N. institutions are completely aware that these utopian ideas of a malthusian U.N. world dictatorship cannot be realized as long as there are still national sovereign governments. Consequently, the report demands that expenditures of national armies be essentially stopped. There would then be no obstacle to a worldwide gunboat policy, and the “global peace dividend” could

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then of course be used to pay foreign debts, and thus to keep the speculative bubble of the international financial system inflated for a short while longer.

The demand is openly raised in the report, that a “global demilitarization fund” and the proposed Economic Security Council should organize the demilitarization of the countries concerned, and this should be treated as the prerequisite for financial aid and credits. Black on white, that means nothing other than the brutal application of the “food weapon” against every country which refuses to accept the decrees of the world government.

Such a world police, and the already-familiar Blue Helmets, would then have the right to intervene into an entire gamut of cases: mass annihilation of the population by the state in cases of starvation or denial of medical care, forcing people from their home areas, occupation or denial of the right to self-determination, and, of course, “destruction of the environment, appear to be obvious grounds.”

The World Trade Organization is supposed to have the right to completely liberalize world trade, and thus the right to unbridled exploitation of the developing countries or the countries of the East. The Economic Security Council would then have the power to intervene against nations which oppose this dictatorship.

The authors of the report include the chairman of the UNDP, James Gustave Speth, who was already in charge of

the *Global 2000* Report for the Carter administration, which already at that time openly called for reducing the world population to 2 billion by the year 2000—only six years from now! Another co-author is Paul Streeten from Sussex University, who saw to it that the bureaucratic apparatus of the British Colonial Office was fully absorbed into the U.N. bureaucracy.

It is quite revealing that the official declaration of the French government on the Cairo conference sees Malthus corroborated, because allegedly the idea that demographic growth has a negative effect is still an acute issue today [see p. 15]. But then, the French government let the cat out of the bag on what it is really worried about: The flood of immigrants which (according to this declaration) is a consequence of demographic pressure, cannot remain without effects on the stability of the prosperous nations of the North!

Nazi eugenics, repackaged

The issue at the Cairo conference is therefore Malthus. That much is openly admitted; but just as blatantly, the issue is eugenics. In this regard, a professor of demography and sociology at Cornell University, Mayone Stycos, openly conceded that the Cairo conference is in the tradition of the International Eugenics Conference of 1932; but he claimed that fortunately a series of scientific advances has been made in methods of birth control and sterilization.

There is a definite, if ironic usefulness to the fact that Malthus—the ideological basis of British imperialism and eugenics—and the Nazi policy of racial hygiene now appear so openly in common company in relation to the Cairo conference. Both have not merely the same ideological basis, but also a far greater historical interrelationship and affinity at their core than official historiography has cared to admit up to now.

The first to formulate the evil notion of the “carrying capacity” of nations and of the planet Earth was not the “evil Parson Malthus,” the paid scribbler for the oligarchical interests of the British East India Company. It was instead the Venetian ex-monk and economist Giannaria Ortes, from whom Malthus basically plagiarized. And Ortes himself admitted that he had taken his theory of the “calculus of pleasure and pain” from Maupertuis, an arch-opponent of Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz at the Academy of Sciences in Berlin.

Ortes argued absurd theories such as the idea that the prosperity of a nation remains constant and proportional to the number of its inhabitants, that there are furthermore no differences between nations, that reforms are not possible, and that neither economic initiatives by the state nor other reforms are possible. There is, according to Ortes, in any case no possibility of raising the population’s standard of living. In the end, he admitted that the model for his theories was Venice—the original model of the oligarchy and of wealth, based on usury and exploitation practiced by the few.

The basic problem with all of these oligarchical “economists” and ideologues, such as Botero (1544-1617), Ortes, Malthus, but also Jeremy Bentham, Adam Smith, and John Stuart Mill, is the bestial image of mankind which is the basis of their perverted theories. If the human being is not fundamentally different from the animals, and is exclusively guided by the wish to achieve the greatest pleasure in his life, and to avoid as much as possible the experience of pain, then he is the perfect subject and slave, helplessly surrendered to the manipulation aimed at the maximization of the profit of the oligarchical upper class.

The international eugenics movement, which developed in the malthusian tradition of British imperialism, was based on the presumption that humans should be bred according to the same criteria as horses and dogs, so that the greatest attention should be paid to the construction of bones, hair, skin, and similar characteristics.

The 1932 eugenics conference

At the international conference held by the eugenics movement in 1932 at the American Museum of Natural History in New York City, and supported by the top families of the Anglo-American establishment such as the Harrimans, the man who would author Hitler’s race laws, Dr. Ernst Rudin, was elected president. Hitler was universally admired by these circles as the one who would best be able to implement the racial hygienic measures thought to be necessary.

An International Congress for Population Science was actually supposed to have taken place in Berlin 1934, but it was postponed to 1935 because “they wanted to give German population science the opportunity to present the population policy laws it had worked out, and which were implemented by the German government, and also the results of this scientifically based population policy, to experts from all countries.”

The National Socialist government was represented at the 1932 conference by seven ministers of the Reich, including the president of the Reichsbank directorate, Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, and Dr. Roland Freissler, later president of the infamous German Supreme Court. In the name of the congress, the acting president, Prof. Dr. Eugen Fischer, sent a telegraph with “a reverential greeting to the Führer and Reichschancellor Adolf Hitler, whose far-sighted genetic and racial hygiene population policy will secure the future of the German people.”

But this conference was not a meeting of the NSDAP [National Socialist Workers Party] or the SS: One-third of the participants came from countries other than Germany, and represented respected universities, academies, and scientific associations.

For example, Prof. Clarence Campbell from New York, an honorary president of the Eugenics Research Institution who had already played an important role at the New York conference, delivered a keynote speech on “The Biological Postulates of Population Research.” He drew upon a long



Helga Zepp-LaRouche at a political meeting of the Civil Rights Movement Solidarity in Germany, January 1994. She made the fight to stop the Cairo '94 malthusians a focus of her party's campaign for the European Parliament elections in June.

series of predecessors on racial theory: “From the synthesis of the work of all these men, the Führer of the German nation, Adolf Hitler, with the support of the Interior Minister Frick, and guided by the anthropologists, eugenicists, and social philosophers of the nation, has understood how to derive a comprehensive racial policy of population development and improvement, which promises to be epoch-making in the history of race.” A farsighted prognosis indeed! Dr. Campbell continued: “This sets an example which other nations and races must follow if they do not want to lag behind in their racial quality, their racial performance, and their prospects for survival.”

Whoever analyzes the intentions of the U.N. population conference without prejudices, cannot help but recognize that the governments of the North which agree to the aims of the *Human Development Report 1994* (the governments of the so-called Third World are in a different situation) have adopted the mode of thinking of this Professor Campbell, and of the Adolf Hitler whom he admired so much.

Why I founded the Club of Life

In 1982, I initiated the creation of the Club of Life, because I had become quite aware of just this tendency in the policies of a growing number of institutions. Alexander King, notorious for his reforms in education policy and later president of the Club of Rome, proclaimed in an interview

which we conducted with him, that the problem was that the proportion of the white Anglo-Saxon race had shrunk to 15%, while the black, brown, and yellow people now constituted 85% of the world's population. According to him, it was of the utmost urgency that this trend be reversed!

What the Jews were for Adolf Hitler and the Nazis, the gypsies, the Slavs, and the "useless eaters," is what the allegedly overpopulated nations of the so-called Third World are today for the supporters of the U.N.'s depopulation plans. But even the inhabitants of the Mediterranean region no longer fulfill the criteria for a pure Anglo-Saxon race—for which reason these circles are jubilant about the "significant collapse" of birth rates in Italy.

The parallels between the argumentation in what the Nazis said about the occupied territories of eastern Europe, and what the neo-malthusians say about the Third World, are overwhelming. For example, Dr. Friedrich Burgdorfer, director of the Reich Statistical Office, made the prognosis at the Berlin World Population Conference, that in the year 1960, if the birth rates remained the same as they were at that time during the Third Reich, the Slavs would constitute over half of the European population, while the proportion of Germans would sink to one-fourth. He illustrated his remarks with graphs, which are identical to those used nowadays to illustrate the distribution of populations.

Another example: The late French geopolitician F.O. Miksche wrote in 1991: "At the present time, 5.3 billion people live on the Earth. While the population in the western industrial countries is growing by an average of only 0.5%, the growth of birth rates in the Third World is between 2% and 3%. Only in the United States is the population growing at a rate of about 3 million annually; but over half of this is accounted for by colored people, [so the increase in whites] is by no means sufficient, together with Europe, to hold the balance against Asia, Africa, and Latin America. With the far higher rates of birth in most countries of the Third World, within the relatively brief period of time of 30 years, for each 100 million people there will be only 10 to 12 million whites." Miksche concluded from this prognosis, that there would be "intercontinental race wars," since the western countries are practically inviting their future attackers to restore themselves by force of arms at the expense of the industrial countries.

Déjà vu? These are precisely the premises upon which the official declaration of the French government on the Cairo conference are founded! Where has the spirit of the Resistance against the Nazis gone?

The French author Jean-Christophe Rufin has performed a useful service with his book *The Empire and the Barbarians*, pointing out that the unspoken but nonetheless real premise of the policy of the countries of the North, is that the world is already split into two parts. Only 15% of the world is in a condition of relative stability, while 85% of the world has become a zone of permanent instability, a new *terra incognita*—an area where even journalists or relief organiza-

tions cannot go because of the starvation, gang warfare, and epidemics.

The operative policy of the governments and leading institutions of the North, in Rufin's evaluation, is to construct a new Limes wall, just as was done during the Roman Empire, around the one-fifteenth of the world population which lives in the zone of relative stability, while the rest of the world is allowed to degenerate into chaos for centuries to come.

But there are far more brutal versions of such scenarios from authors who feel no moral scruples in the face of a perspective such as what Rufin at least reflects. For example, the top strategist of the New York Council on Foreign Relations, Samuel Huntington, predicted coming wars between civilizations, and he considers it unavoidable, if not desirable, that over 85% of the world will be devastated for centuries by a new Dark Age, by wars, epidemics, and starvation.

So in Cairo, the issue will not be friendly family-planning in calm and prosperous times; the issue is an enforced reduction of the population in a world where the Rwandas, the Bosnias, the Georgias become increasingly numerous under conditions of a steadily worsening economic crisis. To distribute condoms to the refugees in Rwanda and the victims in Bosnia—that is no sarcastic joke, that is the praxis of the

Cairo organizers are 'aggressors against God'

Excerpts from remarks delivered by His Reverend Eminence Cardinal Silvio Oddi, former president of the Vatican Congregation for the Clergy, to a Rome conference cosponsored by the Italian Solidarity Movement and EIR on June 23:

I have to speak about a problem I know up to a point, which I know doctrinally, but I am not an expert on the subject. I have a personal fact which I would like to allow myself to tell you. I was born into a family of 14 children, seven girls and seven boys, one girl, one boy, etc. I have told myself, always thinking about the Lord, if instead they had stopped at 10, I would never have existed. So I am a gift of God.

And now we find ourselves facing somebody who wants, out of a whim, to keep these creatures from being born whom God has destined for existence and in which we can find something good, saying that there are too many people and this has to be avoided. I remember, again, a personal story, when I was 14: My brother was going to get married, and the night before, about midnight, my mother made this speech: "Tomorrow you are getting married. Remember that matrimony is a sacrament

United Nations!

What is not openly discussed in the sanctimonious population debate, but what nevertheless defines the reality confronting the nations of the formerly so-called developing sector (no one today speaks seriously about development), is the fact that the leading institutions of the North have now replaced the East-West conflict of the postwar period, with the North-South conflict.

What is at issue is the presumed tangible interest in *Lebensraum* for the "white Anglo-Saxon race," where the standard of living is of course supposed to be maintained, even if this be possible only at the expense of billions of people in the South and East. The credit conditions of the International Monetary Fund and the trade conditions imposed by GATT [General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade] leave no doubt that this is the case.

Lebensraum and high living standards for the white race, and even so only for a small oligarchical upper crust: That is the issue: that these people find themselves in the tradition of British colonialism as well as Nazi ideology—what can the victims do against it?—and, who in the materialistic and hedonistic-oriented North is going to even notice what is going on?

History repeated

Consider the following quotation:

"In the areas in question we have to push a deliberately negative population policy. With propaganda campaigns, especially in the press, radio, movies, leaflets, short brochures, educational presentations and the like, the population must be induced toward the thought of how damaging it is to have many children. We must point to the costs which children entail, and then it should be pointed out what could have been bought instead. The great dangers to the health of women which can emerge in births can be pointed out, and the like.

"In addition to this propaganda, generous propaganda in favor of means of birth control must be spread. An industry specialized in such means has to be created. Neither the approval or dissemination of birth control means should be punishable, nor abortion. We ought to absolutely promote the establishment of abortion institutes. Midwives and medics can be trained to give abortions. The more professionally the abortions are carried out, the more the population will gain trust in this respect. Also physicians must of course be permitted to carry out abortions, without a violation of his medical oath coming into question.

and should be treated as a sacred thing. I am going before the tribunal of God without any reproach; you do the same." And my brother did the same.

I have said to myself: These people who humanly think so simply, express what the will of God is on the question of life, and they are more intelligent and inspired by God than these scientists who claim to be the ones to decide how many children should be born into a family, how many youngsters should grow up and develop, and how many should be suppressed. But who are we, human creatures, to be able to decide the destinies of God—to be able to make and give the duties which God has not imposed on us, and to restrict God's ideas and the permissions which God has granted us?

We cannot in our life be the aggressors against God; we have to be the children of God. We are born by God's will, we have an existence from Him; we come from God, and we are on our way back toward God. These are the fundamental principles of humanity which we must keep in mind: We cannot forget God.

Even the pagans, even those who have not heard of the true God, have a concept of divinity. It may not be exactly right, but there is a concept of divinity. There is something on which they depend, there is someone who tells them that in this world there is the true God. I cannot act differently from the laws of nature. It seems such a simple thing—simple directives for those who are aware of responding to God. It is possible that these scientists,

these know-it-alls who seek to run the world, have the whim to oppose God because they have no objectivity. We speak with conviction and persuasion, because birth is truly a gift of God, and because we can live on this Earth aspiring to that other life for which we have been created. We are a simple matter, we are endowed with just one body, but we have something that goes beyond our earthly existence, and that is what counts. If not, we would be at the level of animals, able to talk perhaps, but without this soul which is what distinguishes us truly from the other earthly beings.

This is what counts in us, this part which associates us more with the divine than with the human. This is why even personally I find that it is a crime to be able to think of a conference which wants to completely change the course of humanity, which wants to dictate how many children a family ought to have, which wants to dictate how many children should be born in one country, in a people, what is the number of the babies who can live in the various nations. . . .

This is why I say that I completely approve of what the Holy Father said against this Cairo conference, which surely has aims contrary to God's will, and we cannot collaborate in an action which goes against God. . . . I hope that there will be enough good will, enough intelligence, to reconsider these projects which they have made, and rather return to God's will and that of the poor. It is my wish, and I also say that it is my prayer. . . .

“Voluntary sterilization is also to be promoted. Infant mortality must not be combatted. Mothers must not be instructed about care for infants and children’s diseases.”

And finally, “Once we have converted the mass of the [Russian] people to the idea of a one- or two-child system, we will have reached the goal we are aiming at.”

No, this quoted passage is *not* a selection from the instructions of the U.N. population conference for the so-called Third World; this quote is from Hitler’s 1941 “Generalplan Ost” [“General Plan for the East”]. By exploiting the raw materials and the food production in the occupied eastern

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areas of Poland and Ukraine, and by exploiting the “surplus” labor force there, the Nazis wanted to make Germany immune to a blockade and thus secure supplies for the Wehrmacht as well as the “home front.” Part of this strategy was the annihilation not only of Jews; “overpopulation” in the occupied areas was to be eliminated by means of a systematic policy of population reduction.

The plan was intended to reduce the population of Poland, White Russia, and western Ukraine by one-half or more within at most 30 years by means of deportation, orchestrated starvation, murder, and state-promoted birth control.

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Bomb scares

But the population issue only touches upon one aspect of the Cairo conference. If one replaced United Nations doubletalk with the truth, one would have to call this conference the “World Government Conference.” For, when a supranational bureaucracy wants to seize the power in order to be able to decide who will be permitted to live and who must die, then it establishes a de facto world government; and no nation or government in this world has any sovereignty any longer! If governments agree to such a surrender of their sovereignty, of their rights—that is treason according to the constitutions of most countries.

The issue in Cairo and, at the U.N. conferences planned for 1995, is the final realization of Bertrand Russell’s utopia, the establishment of a world government based entirely upon neo-malthusian and pagan principles, and whose beneficiaries are to be a small oligarchical and predominantly British elite.

If one hears the term—dripping with disdain for human beings—the “population bomb,” one ought to recall the following: The Anglo-Americans dropped the first atomic bombs over Hiroshima and Nagasaki *after* the Japanese government had already signaled, toward Cardinal Montini [later Pope Paul VI] among others, that it was ready to capitulate. The political forces which later controlled the Pugwash process wanted, without any military necessity, to nevertheless demonstrate the terror of this weapon, in order to convince the governments of the world that they should surrender their sovereignty to the “disarmament process,” supposedly for the sake of peace.

Today, the scare tactic with the supposed “population bomb” is being applied according to the same model. The “population bomb,” of course, is utterly ridiculous, given that there is an average population density in Africa of 27 people per square kilometer, in comparison to 51 people in Europe. But decades of brainwashing with United Nations Newspeak had taken their toll: Twenty years ago, at the World Population Conference in Bucharest, all of the participants still knew: “The population bomb is a Rockefeller baby!” For, the participants recognized quite clearly at the time, that the entire propaganda campaign about supposed overpopulation in the Third World was being financed by the Rockefeller Foundation, and was intended merely to mask the grab by Rockefeller and similar oligarchs for the raw materials of the world.

Not only the Vatican protested in Bucharest against this obfuscation, but also many developing countries, and they correctly emphasized that the problem does not consist of supposed overpopulation, but of a catastrophic lack of economic development.

The year 1974 was when Henry Kissinger, as national security adviser to President Nixon, signed that infamous document NSSM-200, in which control over worldwide raw materials was defined as the strategic security interest of the United States. The document terms population growth one

of the greatest threats to the national security of the United States, against which, therefore, the food weapon may be applied.

Governments of the Third World which would not voluntarily submit to the population reduction program, were to be forced into submission by that means—denial of credits by the IMF, incitement of rebellion of starving populations, etc., just to cite some of the weapons in this arsenal.

Prince Philip: Revert to paganism

How is such bestiality of thinking possible? Prince Philip, husband of the nominal head of the Anglican Church who himself wants to be reborn as a deadly virus, in order to be able to actively contribute to population reduction, summed it up: At a conference in Washington, D.C., where the topic was religion and the environment, he demanded a return to pre-Christian pagan cults.

This is incredible! What is hidden behind this cynical sentence is the thesis that the pagan cults—for example the Gaia cult—consent to decisions for the “protection of Mother Earth,” whereas Christianity hinders such “pragmatic solutions” because of its fixed idea that human life is inviolable.

This is the same cyclical concept of nature which pervades the pre-Christian cultures and eugenics, and which the followers of Darwin, Nietzsche, and the Nazis have in common.

At the international conference on population which was held in Berlin in 1935, Clarence Campbell, the American member of the British Eugenics Society who headed the U.S. delegation, put it this way: “All life is nothing but the reaction of a biological organism with its environment. All life, individual, and collective, is nothing but the aggregate of such reactions. Human beings, insects, and plants are identical in the fact that some individuals of a species are more apt than others to react well to the environment. Therefore, we must get rid of the ill-born and raise the best.” Campbell states that the survival of “social groups” depends on how they “control the soil on which they subsist,” and on the group’s battle to “acquire additional land and broaden their geographic extent.”

This is the essence of British imperial geopolitics, but also of the Nazis’ *Lebensraum*.

Naturally, the axioms from which the bestial thinking of the oligarchy derives—and with it, empiricism—arise from a bestial conception of man. If human behavior is organized only around the hedonistic calculus, which aims at maximizing pleasure and reducing pain to the minimum, where is the difference between mankind and the beast? This concept is a hoax, just like the idea that good sense owes its knowledge only to sensory experience. It is not the concrete fact which proves something, but the way in which it is interpreted. Ordinarily, it is not an individual question, but a question of culture and of values and axioms which that culture transmits.

British empiricism is also a fraud, as are malthusianism, Darwinism, and the liberalism of Adam Smith. All these ideologies only serve the exploitation policies of the British

Empire, even though epistemologically they are a fraud; and these theories are responsible for almost all evil in history.

What distinguishes man from the beasts

In reality, history is the result of the creation of ideas; the human race lives from the generation and transmission of ideas, which are not communicated with formalistic definitions, but in the form of metaphors.

Human civilization is uniquely based on the monotheistic concept of the first chapter of Genesis, which contains in essential form all the laws of Creation, and whose legitimacy is demonstrated by the fact that man is made in the image and likeness of God. The fact that man is *imago viva Dei* does not derive from the physical aspects, but rather, as Philo of Alexandria stresses in his commentary on Genesis, lies uniquely in his power of creative reason.

By imitating the creative capacity of the Creator, man arrives at fundamental discoveries which are more and more appropriate, which transform not only the physical universe, but also the behavior of man and the way in which he provides for his subsistence. Only man, and no other living species, is capable of this.

It is creative reason that makes man the image of God, furnishing the best argument against the concepts of the oligarchy. This confirms the inviolability of all human life, and the fact that there can be no slaves or useless eaters. Creative reason is also the only source of social wealth, because it leads to scientific and technological progress and its productive application.

Raw materials are not limited, as the neo-malthusians maintain, given that every raw material is defined by the technological level which produces it.

But another essential concept of the Book of Genesis, which commands man to “be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it,” is not a possible option, but an ironclad law of Creation.

Christian economy

As my husband Lyndon LaRouche, the economist, has demonstrated, in his book *The Science of Christian Economy*, and in other writings, demographic growth is indispensable for the survival of humanity, and it is the principal parameter for measuring economic development.

To cite only one central aspect of the book: In a functioning economy, both the energy-density of the productive process and the free energy of the process must increase. This is possible if potential population density increases—that is, if the productive process is in the hands of persons who become more and more skilled and live longer and longer. “Be fruitful, multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it,” also means that human beings must increase the degree of effectiveness of their dominion over nature. This is the law of the order of Creation, sanctioned by the Book of Genesis, and which can be demonstrated today beyond any doubt with the method of economic science.

This law holds not only for one part of the population, which is born with light skin, and which, in order to maintain its own power, uses junior oligarchies of black or yellow skin, the so-called “hangers-on to power,” or aspiring oligarchs. God has created only one human race, whatever the color of the skin, and has made it in His image and likeness.

If the curve of demographic development is studied over 2 million years of history of civilization, we discover something significant. Up until the 15th century, the curve was very low, whereas in the last 600 years, from the Italian Renaissance forward, it has increased in a nonlinear way.

What makes the Italian Renaissance so important, and why has no other civilization given comparable contributions to the development of the human species? The answer is that only the Italian Renaissance, thanks to the spiritual conquests of the Council of Florence, found a social expression in creating institutions which are inspired by natural law. This made it possible for everyone to have access to the national literary language, and fostered the emergence of the national sovereign state as the condition for the participation of the individual in self-government. The Renaissance created institutions based on the Christian concept that all human minds are *imago Dei*, and turned this into a political reality. Despite the fact that the forces of evil—who in that period were centered in Venice—mobilized against the Renaissance, all progress in science, culture, and political life goes back to this Renaissance golden age.

We have reached a turning point

History has now reached a decisive point, from several standpoints. Above all, the world financial and monetary system is arriving at its final breakdown. The bankruptcies which have been reported in the last period, such as Ferruzzi in Italy, Banesto in Spain, and Metallgesellschaft and the Schneider real estate group in Germany, are not isolated events, but are symptoms of the collapse of the financial system which prove that the speculative bubble is a cancer that keeps on growing until it kills the patient. The collapse is not just the result of neo-malthusian geopolitics based on “free trade,” but is also the result of errors committed in economic policy over the last 30 years—for example, the emphasis placed on the post-industrial society, and the culture of rock, sex, and drugs which has undermined the foundations of our civilization. The race for quick profits has become manifest itself in the last 20 years in all kinds of financial speculation, such as junk bonds, derivatives, and so forth, and is now reaching the day of final reckoning. Before long—in the coming weeks, months, or perhaps next year—we must expect a global financial crash.

The true danger, however, is not so much the crash, but the fact that no government is getting ready for this eventuality, or thinking about how to reorganize the financial system. When I speak of a financial crash, I refer also to the collapse of payments, such as pensions and the health care system. If

I may allow myself to make a joke in this serious context, I might say that there won't even be enough money for the U.N. bureaucrats' paychecks.

What we, as the Solidarity Movement, the Schiller Institute, and the LaRouche movement, are proposing, is a program for global reconstruction of the economy with projects which we have drafted over the last 25 years, starting with the project the British hate the most: the infrastructural development of Eurasia. This means integrated systems of high-speed railways, roads, and waterways which go from western Europe to Russia, to the East, to China, to Southeast Asia, forming one bloc of development. This Eurasian bloc is in fact the area of the highest concentration of technology and highly skilled manpower which, if developed, could bring the world out of the hell of this depression. This is also the area of the greatest population density, which could be a nucleus capable of feeding development arms reaching the western coast of the United States and Africa; and it is via these arms that massive technology transfers toward the developing countries should in fact take place.

This proposal of ours is a program for global rebuilding, for the creation of a New World Economic Order inspired by Paul VI's encyclical *Populorum Progressio*. We want not only to keep the Cairo conference from happening, but also, with this initiative, to launch a movement for global development and reconstruction.

The idea of the Book of Genesis that man is made in the image and likeness of God, who must grow and multiply and subdue the earth, is not a new idea. In the 18th century, there was a heated debate between this current, represented on the one hand by Ortes, Malthus, and later by the Darwinians, and on the other side by such thinkers as Johann Peter Süssmilch, a German priest who wrote the book *The Divine Order*, taking off from Genesis to demonstrate that this is the only basis for founding an economic system. In 1742, Süssmilch foresaw that the carrying capacity of the earth would be 5 billion people, whereas it was only 1 billion in that period. We can state today that with existing technologies alone, the “carrying capacity” of the earth is at least 40 billion people.

My husband, Lyndon LaRouche, has proved in various texts, including *The Science of Christian Economy*, that demographic development and the idea of the Book of Genesis are truly the proof of economic development. You might possibly say that God does not need Lyndon LaRouche to prove that Genesis is right; but it does not hurt if somebody proves it from the economic standpoint, and thus makes it more intelligible. I am deeply convinced that the world will only overcome the deep crisis into which we have fallen today, if it makes the political and economic order coherent with the laws of Creation. We are at a decisive moment: The oligarchic order must end. For us, stopping the Cairo conference is only the first step. I would like to invite all of you to make the next step, which is that of bringing into being a program of global reconstruction.