

Archbishop of Manila calls for boycott of Cairo conference

by Lydia Cherry

A crowd estimated at anywhere from a million to a million and a half Filipinos joined Cardinal Jaime Sin, the Roman Catholic archbishop of Manila, in a protest on Aug. 14 against the U.N.'s Cairo International Conference on Population and Development. Protesters held signs denouncing the conference as "the devil's work," and speakers burned copies of the Cairo draft and of pornographic magazines that have flooded into the country in the recent period. Although high-level clergy from at least a half-dozen countries in Ibero-America have issued strong statements demanding significant changes in the language of the Cairo draft document, Cardinal Sin demanded that the Philippines *boycott* the Sept. 5-13 U.N. depopulation shindig.

The speech of the Philippine archbishop makes reference to the "faceless backroom engineers of purported human development" and to an "arrogant global dictatorship which tampers with our most cherished values according to the pragmatics of its demographic goals."

The Philippine Bishops Conference, since at least August 1993, has become aware of a genocidal campaign behind the liberal-sounding verbiage of the anti-population lobby.

For example, Sen. Francisco Tatad told *EIR* in an interview in September 1993, that the Bishops Conference had found out about Henry Kissinger's National Security Study Memorandum 200—a U.S. government document from 1974 outlining the aim of reducing population in the developing sector for geopolitical reasons—at about the same time as some of the senators did. Together, the Bishops Conference and key members of the Senate then held press conferences and congressional hearings to expose this document.

During the week following the Aug. 14 Manila demonstration, President Fidel Ramos began to make concessions, although he is thus far refusing Cardinal Sin's proposal that the government boycott the conference. One of the first concessions announced is that the Cairo delegation will not be headed by the widely despised health secretary, Juan Flavio, but instead by Mr. Habito, a Roman Catholic who heads the Economic Development Authority. More concessions are expected.

Documentation

Below are excerpts from Cardinal Sin's homily held at the Quirino Grandstand, Luneta, Manila on Aug. 14:

Before the Filipino people, before the peoples of the world, before the God who rules the world and our consciences in this world, we gather today to give unambiguous witness to values which are essentially ours, values which collectively we treasure, values, therefore, which it is our most solemn responsibility to shepherd, nurture, and defend. These are human values anchored ultimately in our relation to God, the Source, the end and sustenance of our very human existence on this globe. We gather today impelled by the voice of conscience, crying to be heard in a world that increasingly scoffs at conscience.

We gather today in solidarity with His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, who . . . has labored tirelessly to proclaim the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ and its inexorable imperative for human solidarity the world over, especially with the poor, the oppressed, the embattled, the marginalized, the sick, the weak, the elderly and infirm, the victims of HIV-AIDS, the poor women hurt by birth control technologies, the voiceless, and most of all, the poorest of the poor—the unborn babies threatened with abortion. . . .

We have come before the world, its governments and our own, in a context where human values are increasingly defined by the secular, the pragmatic, the cynical, the interests of the established, the whims of the Godless, and the faceless backroom engineers of purported human development. We have come to combat insidious forces that invade our airwaves and pervade our daily life, forces that pound into our consciousness of our children day in and day out that it is now "modern" to enjoy sex outside of marriage, "normal" to be pregnant on the wedding day, that it is but "provident" and socially "responsible" to use contraceptives, that it is a piece of "insignificant tissue" that is discarded when an unborn baby is aborted. . . .

We raise our voices in the face of the global ideals of development which value material prosperity and well-being

more than children; which favor the diminution of population of the developing world before the serious redistribution of resources of the developed world; which chalk up the accessibility to and use by more and more people of contraceptive devices as a substantial victory for human development, and parade the expected negative growth rates of such as Germany, Italy, Hungary, Spain, and Belgium as a victory to be emulated by developing countries. In this skewed world, we must ask ourselves: Where do we as Christians and Filipinos wish to make our contribution to the world?

If the secretary of health has already practically approved . . . the Cairo Conference program of action, if he has given his official nod to its definition of the family, and has already begun to allow this to color his administration of our Health Department, we must now declare our . . . abhorrence of this approval, and pray for the secretary's enlightenment. Should our call for an outright boycott of the Cairo conference not be heeded, we now declare we would much rather be represented there by persons sensitive to the central values of the Filipino Christian family. . . . Our representatives to Cairo should pro-actively and passionately speak against any possibility of the world body accepting abortion as a means of birth control. Should this murderous proposal ever be formally accepted, the morality of our continued participation in the world body and of our receptiveness to initiatives and influences coming from that body shall have to be seriously questioned. . . .

Here at home, we insist that our government reassess its population control program. . . . We are here because the disturbing agenda of Cairo . . . is already being implemented in the Philippines! We have come together horrified at what is now actually going on in our schools, influenced by the program's mandate to bring "population education" to the most impressionable years of high school, and even down to the tenderest of grade school years. It is you, mothers and fathers of our children, who have brought your complaints to me . . . ; it is because of you that I know what is going on—despite the sanguine denials of health and education officials. . . .

In a Quezon City high school, a mother complains that urban poor students are asked to view hard-core pornography as a way of learning about sex! A deluge of offensive "educational" comic books, seminars, leaflets, and posters now find their way into the hands of students, produced by the sterile dollars of internationally funded NGOs and sold in bookstores—sleazy propaganda portraying prostitution, masturbation, and homosexual acts as "normal". . . .

We reject the idea that the goal of impeding the spread of the AIDS virus, however laudable this might be, justifies the massive distribution of condoms and contraceptives among our youth. The condom, we know, does not make sex absolutely safe against the AIDS virus. The tiny AIDS virus can pass right through the pores of a condom to contaminate another person—fatally! Government and allied NGOs mislead our people, by campaigning for "safe" and "safer" sex. While the threat of an AIDS pandemic is real, these institu-

LaRouche: Will the Cairo conference fail?

This commentary was issued by Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. on Aug. 18:

During the 1950s, the London Tavistock Institute's experts were of the opinion that if a population were subjected to a relevant degree of psychological stress, many of the victims of that targeting could be induced to accept wildly irrational beliefs of a form they would have rejected outrightly under normal conditions. So, once McGeorge Bundy, in his capacity as U.S. national security adviser, had ensured the U.S. commitment to a militarily purposeless war in Indochina, Bundy shifted to become head of the wealthy Ford Foundation, where he played a leading role in supervising the funding of relevant, targeted groups of draft-age youth in the anti-war movement. Those are the typical facts key to understanding how it became possible to launch such an abomination as the September 1994 Cairo International Conference on Population and Development.

I was there, teaching on university campus during the 1966-68 interval, between the launching and the mid-1968 collapse of the U.S. anti-war movement. That movement was chiefly college-age, pampered youth from the families of my World War II generation. What moved them was the nightly major television network broadcast of pictures of the prospect facing any draftee who was inducted into military service and shipped into Vietnam. These pampered youth were terrified. This was the psychological stress which induced them to accept the wildly irrational forms of belief responsible for the launching of the Cairo population conference.

To assuage the fears of these college youth, the Ford Foundation and like-minded "establishment" institutions provided some suggestions: the "rock-drug-sex counterculture" and the closely related, utopian delusion called the dogma of "post-industrial society." Under my eyes, students whom I knew as rational 1966 opponents of the Vietnam atrocity became drug-dependent aberrants, no

tions have found it convenient to use so-called "AIDS education" to push population control. There is deception here. This, together with pornography, can only accelerate the pandemic instead of stopping it! . . .

Today . . . we come together in great numbers to expel from our midst a new type of cultural dictatorship being imposed on us by interests alien to our well-being. This

longer functional human beings of summer-fall 1968. This formed the hard core of the first U.S. terrorist organization of 1969, the "Weatherman" bandits.

By late summer 1968, following the Chicago Democratic Convention riots, organized by the Yippies, the anti-war movement in the United States was dead. The election of President Richard Nixon ended it, but for a blip on the screen, after Henry Kissinger's extension of the war into Cambodia, during a few weeks of 1970.

Then, the rock-drug-sex counterculture and post-industrial dogma were spread into the younger generation of secondary-school pupils, and then the younger strata of youth and children.

A similar pattern is found in western continental Europe, a pattern which spread into eastern, Soviet-dominated Europe. So, 50 years after the Weimar of Versailles-occupied Germany, the same disease of Spenglerian cultural pessimism which fed both the Communist and Nazi parties of that period, was spread among the children of my World War II generation.

It is now 30 years since McGeorge Bundy's crew marched over the murdered body of President John F. Kennedy, to escalate the militarily purposeless war in Vietnam. Kennedy was a representative of my generation, which both ruled and misruled the nations of the Americas and Europe during the 1960s and 1970s. During the 1980s, my generation began to be replaced by the generation which administers governments and other relevant institutions today, those who came out of either the anti-war movement of the late 1970s, or the counterculture into which the anti-war movement degenerated from mid-1968 onwards. The lunacy which the terrified U.S. draft-dodgers of the late 1960s accepted during that time, the rock-drug-sex counterculture, and post-industrial utopianism, has become the lunacy with which, to a large degree, the presently dominant social strata of institutions has been "brainwashed." It is this history which produced the possibility that the proposal for a Cairo population conference could be tolerated.

It is only fair to say that that Cairo conference is virtually a Nazi eugenics rally, like the pro-Nazi, 1932 New York City rally held by the family of Averell Harriman, where Nazi eugenics policies were praised, and the lead-

ing Nazi eugenicist Ernst Rudin was elected head of a new international group which declared in the pages of the *New York Times* that they admired the Nazis' "racial purification" dogmas. These New York families acquired their admiration for eugenics from the British Huxley family and similar circles. Bertrand Russell repeatedly advocated mass extermination of "excess" population, especially those with black, brown, and yellow skin-colors, following his return from China, during the early 1920s. It is the British racism of the Huxleys, Russell, et al., which is the immediate source of doctrine of the Club of Rome, and of the proposals for the Nazi-like dogmas presented at the Cairo conference.

The ideas on population, which Bertrand Russell and Adolf Hitler represented, were introduced to Germany by Voltaire crony Maupertuis during the mid-18th century. Thomas Malthus's notorious 1798 work *On Population*, was a popularization of the ideas of a Maupertuis collaborator, the same Venetian monk, Giammaria Ortes, whom Karl Marx praised so vividly in Volume I of his *Capital*. It is the ideas of Ortes, not Malthus, to whom the authors of the Cairo proposal have returned with their argument of "carrying capacity."

There is a deep connection between the possibility of daring to present such a disgusting dogma at Cairo, and the ongoing collapse, toward disintegration, of global financial and monetary institutions. The ideas of economic practice behind the vast, cancerous financial bubble of speculation in "derivatives," and the ideas of the Cairo conference, are two theorems derived from the same set of underlying axiomatic beliefs. Just as the growth of the financial bubble is bringing about the impending disintegration of the world's monetary and financial systems, so a set of nations which would tolerate a Cairo population conference's genocidal proposals, is a set of national institutions which has abandoned the moral fitness to survive.

So far, Pope John Paul II has found many allies among powerful forces around the world, in rallying against the Cairo abomination. The indications are, that probably the overwhelming majority of humanity is showing, through this opposition to that conference, that it is still morally fit to survive. It would be a horrible thing to contemplate, if that were not so.

dictatorship would like to redefine our families, have us ape the degenerate sexual mores prevalent in so-called "developed" countries, condition us toward accepting abortion as a means of family planning. We reject the cultural arrogance of this super world body that shamelessly tampers with our most cherished values according to the pragmatics of its demagogic goals. . . . We resent the brazen attempts to buy

our government and our people—the billions of dollars poured into this deluge of contraceptive drugs and instruments throughout the developing world, and distributed among our people against our will. We deeply resent the insensitive and uncritical collaboration our government has extended to this arrogant global dictatorship, whose corruptive effects on our children we today roundly protest. . . .