

Population control is a 'Rockefeller baby'

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I have often maintained, that if an ordinary middle-aged or older citizen of today could somehow be introduced to himself as he was in the sixties, he in all likelihood would not recognize himself at all, so fundamental and thorough was the induced paradigm shift, that occurred during the last 30 years.

It is important to recall, that in the sixties, the idea that the horrible underdevelopment of the so-called Third World had to be overcome, was prevalent, and found its expression, for example, in the concepts articulated by UNO Secretary General U Thant's "UN Second Development Decade." And, in the years that Kurt Waldheim was the secretary general of the UN, the UN had quite a different character than it does now. There was also, in 1967, the beautifully culturally optimistic encyclical by Pope Paul VI, "Populorum Progressio," titled "On the Development of All People," which outlined a vision for all people on this planet to develop and progress.

The Bucharest Conference

The First United Nations Population Conference in Bucharest, Romania, in 1974, was a full-fledged attack on that very idea, using the quack arguments of such genocidal institutions as the Club of Rome, and the MIT study *Limits to Growth*. In that report by authors Dennis Meadows and Jay Forrester, the assertion was made that the "limits to growth" had been reached, because the natural resources of the planet were about to be exhausted. This book had been thrown onto the markets in many languages, with a budget of millions of dollars. Meadows and Forrester admitted, years later, that they had fed their computers in such a way as to achieve the result they desired, deliberately omitting the role of technology in the definition of new natural resources. They blatantly confirmed, later on, that they had simply created two assertions, both of which were false, in order to create a debate, artificially.

At the Bucharest Conference, there was the official government conference, but also two parallel conferences, in which I participated.

At the conference of non-governmental organizations (NGOs), the keynote speaker was John D. Rockefeller III, then already quite aged, who presented his views on why there had to be reduction of population in the "developing

countries," as they were still called in those days, and why only "appropriate" technologies should be given to these people.

At this point, in summer 1974, the brainwashing of the population on this issue had not yet been accomplished, so even among the various leftist groups among the NGOs, it was a commonplace view that the issue of population control "is a Rockefeller baby," as people said ironically, talking among themselves.

Since I had come to the conference with an intervention paper of my own, outlining the ideas of Lyndon LaRouche for the development and industrialization of the developing countries—proposals which absolutely corresponded to the vital interest of the majority of the world's population—I was astonished to hear what John D. Rockefeller III had to say. I managed to catch his attention, sitting in the first row, and he called on me to ask the first question in the discussion period.

"Are you not aware, that the policies you are advocating here, will mean the death of hundreds of millions, if not billions of people in the so-called Third World?" I confronted him in approximately these words. "The policies you propose mean that many more people will die than were killed by Hitler and his programs. Therefore, I indict you for genocide! You should be put in front of a Nuremberg Tribunal, for what you are doing!" The slimy grin of John D. turned into a nasty grimace, absolute pandemonium broke out, and other people felt encouraged to ask critical questions, since the carefully orchestrated environment had been broken. The discussion period was ended soon after that.

A run-in with Margaret Mead

At the second parallel conference, which was mainly for about 200 representatives of the media, there was a whole group of such people assembled on the podium as a panel, among them Lester Brown of the Worldwatch Institute and anthropologist Margaret Mead, who went into a disgusting and fundamentally racist portrayal of the population question. When I pointed this out in the discussion period, as well as the genocidal consequences it would have, if you were to deny the larger portion of the human species any access to development, a similar explosion occurred.

Half of the journalists present applauded wildly, coming over to me, shaking my hand and thanking me for my courage, while others raised their fists in the air. But then, waddling from the podium as fast as she could go, came Dame Margaret Mead, in an effort to hit me with the Isis stick that she carried around, as either a walking aid or a cult object—which one, was not clear to me. In any case, given my youthfulness, I had nothing to fear from this waddling dragon, and gracefully moved away.

In retrospect, I must say, that I learned more about politics during this conference, than in several years at a university studying political science, and I am proud to say, that I have put this knowledge to good use, ever since.