

U.S. Military: Walking In Philip's Hoofprints

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Oct. 31—There was a time in American history when most people would have recognized a call to reduce the world's population as the Nazi policy that it is. This appears to no longer be the case, as exemplified by a speech delivered yesterday by Director of National Intelligence Michael McConnell. McConnell claimed that, "Both economic and population growth will put increasing pressure on a number of highly strategic resources," to include energy, food, and water. These shortages, exacerbated by global warming, will be the drivers for future conflicts, as states and populations seek to acquire what they need to survive. New technologies, meaning biofuels, clean coal and so forth, won't come on-line fast enough to avoid these conflicts. As a result of these tensions, "out to 2025, the probability for conflict between nations and within nation-state entities will be greater. Given the confluence of factors from a new global international system, increasing tension over natural resources, weapons proliferation, things of this nature, we predict an increased likelihood for conflict."

It would appear from McConnell's argument that the intelligence establishment has swallowed, hook, line, and sinker, the British empire's line about the future. While the globalized economy is disintegrating, as a result of the popping of the financial bubbles of the last 20 years, the predatory financier interests of the British empire lie that it's all happening because the planet is overpopulated, and all those people are using up Earth's resources. The U.S. national security establishment, instead of following the American tradition of recognizing the British enemy, follows its line and prepares the American military for such a Dark Age future.

This outlook practically outlaws any of the measures laid out by Lyndon LaRouche in his "A New Dark Age Is Now Near: Today's Brutish Imperialism" (*EIR*, Oct. 31, 2008) that would prevent such a future: a rapid bankruptcy reorganization of the global financial

system, led by the U.S.A., Russia, China, and India, on the principles of Franklin Roosevelt's original Bretton Woods agreement.

The Malthusian Outlook in the U.S. Military

The British Malthusian outlook has been penetrating the U.S. military establishment for some time. One example is a document produced by U.S. Joint Forces Command, entitled Joint Operating Environment (JOE). The JOE document, as reported earlier in *EIR* ("Parson Malthus Joins the U.S. Military," July 11, 2008), purports to lay out what the world that the U.S. joint force will have to operate in, will look like in 2030. It is pessimistic and Malthusian in outlook, and ignores history, in favor of sociological explanations and scientific frauds such as global warming. "The logic of trends and shocks will allow us to examine a number of models of potential future operating environments by combining different trends together to form plausible alternative futures," it declares at the outset. In typical Malthusian fashion, this document assumes an entropic future, in which there is no change in the mode of production. From that assumption, it extrapolates a future in which conflict results from growing shortages of the basic commodities of life, particularly food and energy, where those who have little (especially in "failed states") become the major threat to those who still have plenty, and national governments have little authority or power to defend the welfare of their populations.

By declaring the inevitability of mass migrations, climate change, ethnic and religious radicalism, more failed states, the decline of state sovereignty, growing competition for increasingly scarce resources, and so on, it practically outlaws creative thinking to invent new technologies, or even the use and further development of currently existing technologies, such as nuclear power, that would help to improve the lives of the vast majority of the people on the planet.

The JOE document is not primarily a product of the U.S. military, however. It cites all sorts of other, including British, sources, which it references non-critically. For example, it draws from the infamous report, released on Oct. 30, 2006, by British government economist Sir Nicholas Stern, to claim that the economic impacts of global warming "will range from those associated with resource availability, to increased health costs, and the potential failure of the insurance industry, the world's largest economic sector." Nevermind that

today the insurance industry is collapsing, not from global warming, but rather, from the blowout of quadrillions of dollars of financial derivatives, which is driving the breakdown of the global financial system. Instead of addressing this reality, the Stern report helped pave the way for former Vice President and current hedge fund manager Al Gore's "carbon swaps" fraud.

Another key source for the JOE document is the "Global Strategic Trends Program," issued by the Development, Concepts and Doctrine Center of the British Ministry of Defence in 2007. "Sustained population growth, aggressive economic competition and increased consumption, together with rapid modernization and urbanization *will* result in intensive exploitation and pressure on resources of all kinds," the document claims (emphasis in the original). "These tendencies *will* be aggravated by the consequences of climate change, environmental changes and an increased human footprint," and so on. The JOE document draws from this, that because of climate change, "Food production, cultivation and animal husbandry patterns will be affected and some regions will be unable to grow current food staples, such as rice and green vegetables; fish stocks will diminish or migrate." Other sources for the JOE document include the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and various UN agencies.

Malthusianism Takes Over Force Planning

This Malthusian outlook has become embedded in the Defense Department's force planning methods. A "trends and shocks" study has been undertaken by the Undersecretary of Defense for Policy, as one Pentagon official described it at a conference at the National Defense University last June, to serve as an "alternative futures approach to force planning, not as point prediction but to stretch what forces may be called on to do." The same office develops "defense planning scenarios," which are then fed out to the services to serve as the basis for their force structure planning. The services use these scenarios to develop possible alternative futures against which future capabilities are decided on. The



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Army's annual Unified Quest war game is one case where such future scenarios are played out, and the results are used to inform decisions about future force structure and capabilities.

The outlook of the JOE document isn't just for policymakers. The Army has recomposed the JOE concept and made it a part of its "human dimension" project at U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TraDoc), thereby making it part of how the Army is reshaping itself for this Dark Ages future. *The U.S. Army Study of the Human Dimension in the Future*, issued as a TraDoc pamphlet last April, declares, "It is an unfortunate fact that 98 percent of the world's population growth is in the less developed regions of the world." Furthermore, it

complains, most of that population is not Christian, noting that Muslim population growth has duplicated the tenfold growth of Europe from 1500 to 1900, but has done it in just the last 100 years, leading to a "youth bulge." "Combined with a stagnating economy and ineffective governance, the youth bulge sets the conditions for discontent leading to instability and potential conflict," it claims. Following logically from this, is the warning that "Humans are consuming the world's resources at an alarming rate." Water is the most important because "fresh water sustains life," and there is no substitute for it. "Fresh water is a zero sum game; increasing population and increasing demand lead to water scarcity." While the sources cited for this conclusion are not explicitly British, its Malthusian origins should be obvious.

All of the conclusions of the JOE document and the Army human dimension study are perfectly coherent with the new World Wide Fund for Nature *Living Planet Report 2008*, which demands a reduction of human consumption by one-third, and ultimately, the reduction of the world's population itself, just as LaRouche has been warning will happen if this Malthusian genocide is not stopped. The existential question for the U.S. military establishment is, will it be an accessory to this genocide, or will it return to its anti-British, patriotic roots?