

## Vatican decries U.S. anti-baby 'racism'

*The official magazine of the missions of the Roman Catholic Church, Mondo e Missioni, published an article entitled "NSSM—War Against Newborns," in its December 1991 issue. Excerpts follow, in translation:*

. . . In 1986, the Brazilian Institute of Geography and Statistics (IBGE) gave out the following figures: 44% of Brazilian women who used birth control methods were sterilized. The figure corresponded to 15% of the total number of women of childbearing age. It is noteworthy that sterilization was the most practiced contraceptive method, a bit more than the pill (41%), and far more than natural methods (6%).

The fall in birth rates (to which abortion also contributes in a decisive and threatening manner, another sad "first" in Brazil, which has 10% of the world total), has been vertical in recent years. IBGE revealed that in the decade 1970-80 it was 25%, while in the four-year period immediately following that it fell by another 19%.

"We have seen that in 1986," stated Lilibeth Cardoso Robala Ferreira, an IBGE technician who took part in the investigation, "2% of women between 20 and 24 years of age, 15% of the 25-29 year olds, and 26% of the 30-34 year olds have resorted to surgery to keep from having children." In poorer regions the percentage of sterilization among young women is even higher.

The states with the highest sterilization rate: "Maranhao, with a black, Indian, and mestizo majority of population, has first place in sterilization (75.9%)," charges Dr. Jurema Werneck. "The other part of Brazil, the Rio Grande do Sul, with its famous European colonization, takes last place in sterilization (18.2%). Racial and income differences per capita in these states keep us from believing that these indices are pure coincidence."

In fact, the publicity campaigns in favor of birth control clearly reveal a racist mentality.

Even though the Constitution forbids sex discrimination, the case of businesses which demand from women a certificate of sterilization as a condition for employment is more and more frequent. In Rio de Janeiro alone, more than 50 have been discovered. They do it to avoid paying the four months legally mandated maternity leave.

Frequently, sterilization is carried out without the woman's knowledge, and profiting from lack of information on

physiology and birth control methods. Many doctors present it as the only way not to have more children. This explains the very high number of caesarian sections performed, without real need. According to data from the Brazilian Institute of Social and Economic Analysis (IBASE), some 75% of sterilization operations occurred during the last childbirth. A large number of women regret having agreed to be sterilized, an obvious sign that they were victims of psychological pressure. Behind these facts and figures there is a well-architected international plan. This is no conjecture, but a broadly documented fact.

Recently *Executive Intelligence Review* published a memorandum of the United States Security Council, which was secret until last year. The documented, coded NSSM 200, is from 1974 and bears the significant title, "Implications of the Growth of World Population for the National Security and Foreign Interests of the United States." At that time Henry Kissinger presided over the Security Council and George Bush was director of the CIA [sic].

NSSM-200 calls for birth control in 13 Third World countries: India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nigeria, Mexico, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand, Egypt, Turkey, Ethiopia, Colombia, and especially, Brazil. The goal of the document was to keep these countries from developing to the point of becoming a world power, and to preserve the natural resources of these nations, so that later, they could be exploited by the U.S.A., and to promote a racial improvement of humanity. It seems like science fiction, but it is a sinister reality.

In the document the racist attitude of the American government is transparent, when it foresees that birth control will serve to "regulate the hereditary aspects of human capacities."

The philosophy which inspires another document drawn up in 1988 under the Reagan presidency gives one the shivers. It is entitled, "Discriminate Deterrence," and has been published by the same *Executive Intelligence Review*. It . . . concludes: "The United States is in a time of limited resources. It must, therefore, draw the greatest profit from every dollar spent in national security. The politicians must employ all efforts on behalf of the development of demographic planning, *through new weapons.*" [Emphasis added, *Mondo e Missione.*]

Returning to NSSM-200, . . . they are concerned to avoid . . . the appearance of U.S. governmental involvement. They propose acting via multilateral institutions, such as the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) and private agencies, such as the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), founded by the father of George Bush, Prescott Bush. . . .

To give greater stability to the execution of this secretive policy, NSSM-200 says that "the United States could work with respected and credible international organizations, such as the World Health Organization (WHO), the World Bank, and Unicef."