

# Vatican takes lead against Cairo agenda

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Pope John Paul II, who has been sharply criticizing the genocidal agenda of the United Nations-sponsored International Conference on Population and Development slated for Cairo next September, escalated his attacks on abortion in an address delivered at Vatican City on April 24. In March, the pontiff had sent a letter to heads of state calling the draft resolution for Cairo a grave setback for humanity (*EIR*, April 8, 1994, p. 18). The White House also reported, according to Reuter wire service, that the pope made a rare telephone call to President Clinton on Friday, April 22, to discuss the abortion issue.

The pontiff's latest remarks were made at a ceremony beatifying Gianna Beretta Molla, an Italian pediatrician who died in 1962 after refusing to have an operation which might have saved her life, but would have resulted in the death of her unborn child. Beatification is the first step toward sainthood.

Molla died at the age of 39 of complications from a uterine tumor, days after she gave birth to her fourth child. Dr. Molla had decided against life-saving surgery after doctors told her any surgery would pose a grave risk to the fetus she was carrying. The Catholic Church's teaching has never condemned an operation to save the mother's life, when the death of the child is an unintended secondary effect in such cases as the removal of a cancerous uterus or ending an ectopic pregnancy; nor does it consider this as an abortion. (Molla did not refuse a "therapeutic abortion" as most media have misrepresented the story, but sacrificed her life for her child's in an exceptional act of courageous love.)

The one-world geopoliticians planning Cairo are appealing to women's health concerns by using such language as "reproductive rights," "family planning" and "safe motherhood," in order to impose a 20-year plan to limit population to 7.27 billion by the year 2050, by spreading abortion, sterilization, and other ruthless means to promote what is in fact an agenda of Nazi-modeled eugenics and euthanasia, as *EIR* has recently proven (see April 8 and April 29 issues).

In his April 24 address, the pope suggested that abortion

is the work of the devil. He said that women today were suffering "attacks against the life they are about to bring into the world," and he prayed for divine help to defend "every human being in the maternal womb who is threatened."

He invoked the protection of St. Michael the Archangel (who expelled Satan from Paradise, in the Apocalypse) over women, mothers, families, and the unborn. The pope prayed: "St. Michael the Archangel, protect us in our battle against evils and the snare of the devil." He invited the faithful to say the prayer "to obtain the help needed in the battle against the forces of evil."

## Final draft is blocked

Although the Holy See has observer status, and no voting rights at the United Nations, the pope's intervention did succeed in blocking the approval of the final draft coming out of the last three-week-long preparation meeting for Cairo in New York in April.

A high-level delegation of Vatican family and population experts was sent to New York. It was led by Irishman Msgr. Diarmuid Martin, who was quoted in the press saying that the U.N. draft resolution "does not seem to take into consideration, or fully grasp, the extent to which cultural, ethical, spiritual, and religious values are deeply rooted in the traditions of other peoples, especially developing countries."

Wire services reported on April 25 that Nicaragua, Honduras, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Ecuador and, to a lesser extent, Argentina and Venezuela, backed Vatican positions on outlawing abortion under any circumstances and circumscribing family planning to married couples. This group was supported by Malta, Benin, and Mali and at times Morocco and the Ivory Coast. Nicaragua went further than the Vatican by insisting the word "reproduction" be replaced by "procreation."

## Timothy Wirth, minister of globaloney

At the last population conference 10 years ago in Mexico City, the United States refused to support any family planning programs that offered abortion. George "New World Order" Bush, a lifelong population-control fanatic, eroded the Mexico City policy de facto while maintaining it de jure; and since President Clinton assumed office, the United States reversed these policies. Although Clinton promised in his presidential campaign to make abortions "safe, legal, and rare," the U.S. State Department's instructions to its delegates to the New York Cairo preparatory meeting make it clear that abortion will be anything but rare under the U.N. new world order.

As quoted in newspapers, the telegram instructing U.S. delegates reads in part: "The priority issues for the United States include assuring family planning and reproductive health services . . . and access to safe abortion." And, "The department wishes to reiterate . . . that the Clinton adminis-

tration views international population policy as a major issue in U.S. foreign policy. Accordingly, the advancement of U.S. policy interests will require senior diplomatic interventions. . . . The United States believes that access to safe, legal, and voluntary abortion is a fundamental right of all women. . . . The United States delegation will also be working for stronger language on the importance of access to abortion services.”

Former senator from Colorado Timothy Wirth, the State Department’s new undersecretary of global affairs, is the pointman for these British-inspired policies. Asked by a journalist at an April 25 State Department press briefing whether the Vatican “has singled out the United States a particular target,” Wirth said that he expects the Vatican to lose the battle.

“The Vatican clearly is not going to agree with any kind of language related to abortion,” Wirth said. “As I pointed out, 172 out of 189 countries in the world allow abortion in some point, and there is language in the document that will clearly lay out the responsibilities of states to make their own rules on this. The Vatican, by the way, insisted on bracketing that language. The Holy See is represented in New York, and the Vatican had bracketed language that referred to condoms, bracketed all language that referred to family planning, and had bracketed the language related to safe motherhood. *And I think that those brackets will come out* [emphasis added].

“There are very few countries that, as I pointed out earlier, do not agree. I think that the countries in New York that were most visible, opposed to the general consensus, were Malta, Benin, Côte d’Ivoire, Nicaragua, although that policy changed in Honduras, and that it was hard to find others who were aggressively opposing the consensus in New York.”

### A yuppie Parson Malthus

Wirth then burst into an incoherent rant portraying human population growth as the biggest threat to democracy, jobs, and Mother Earth—a yuppie version of the disproven theories of the British East India Company’s Parson Malthus: “If we do nothing about the population problem, the current world population is at 5.7 billion, it’s growing at the equivalent of 100 million a year, or a China every decade. If we do not stabilize the world’s population, one, chances that governments have to maintain any sort of opportunities for their peoples will be dashed, the population growing much faster than most economies are growing, so if—as population grows, you see declining standards of living, and I don’t think governments want to see that happen for their citizens. Second, the political instability that results is clearly reflected around the world, where you have large populations of unemployed and individuals with no opportunities for the future. And third, if we are going to be—if we are serious about the environment and as some—myself included—have said, the preservation of God’s creation.”



Pope John Paul II: “Protect us from the snare of the devil.”

“Development,” part of the title of the Cairo conference, will not be a subject until the programs to cull the human herd have been put in place, Wirth makes clear. “It was said 20 years ago that economic development is the best contraceptive, and that was an idea that sounded good if we said it fast enough, but . . . if you look carefully at what’s going on in terms of population growth, it is on a very up—in many countries on an upward increase and the economies are going very level, and that gap between the population and the economy grows and grows and grows, so therefore you have a relative decline in standards of living.

“This is no longer a north-south, rich-poor, you know, white-non-white, whatever it may be. Almost every country in the world is today committed to population stabilization and are asking for help. . . . There is major consensus that this is a serious, serious issue demanding attention with great urgency at the highest level everywhere around the world.”

Such a “consensus” will be won by crushing constitutional governments. The Lima daily *La República* reported on April 27 that Peruvian Congressman Enrique Chirinos Soto sent his country’s foreign minister an open letter demanding the “disauthorization” and “replacement” of the Peruvian delegation to the New York preparatory meeting for Cairo, headed by Carmen López, president of the National Population Council of Peru, for “having assumed an openly abortionist position” in violation of the Peruvian Constitution’s Article 2, which defines abortion as a crime.