

## Third World Wins Victory For New Economic Order At Vancouver UN Meet

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, June 12 (NSIPS) — The United Nations Habitat conference ended here yesterday with a clear victory for Third World forces backing the new world economic order. The closing plenary session adopted by a vote of 89 to 15 the Declaration of Principles of the Group of 77, the organization of developing nations — thus officially burying the zero-growth, labor-intensive program of the conference organizers.

The Group of 77 Declaration demands the immediate implementation of the new world economic order and calls for industrialization, the exchange of technology, mechanized agriculture, nuclear disarmament, and a new international monetary system. A resounding slap in the face for U.S. Secretary of State Kissinger, the document incorporates most of the points forcefully laid out in the keynote conference address by Mexican President Luis Echeverria as well as the widely read resolutions circulated by the International Caucus of Labor Committees.

The Mexican delegation was disappointed at the passage of what they considered a "compromise" Declaration, partly because debt moratorium was not explicitly mentioned but only implied.

### Kissinger Ploys Defeated

Kissinger and the World Bank forces threw an incredible array of diplomatic and other maneuvers at the governmental delegates to try and split the Group of 77 and stop the vote for development: A group of American Indian militants staged a raid on the plenary just as the vote was being taken on the Declaration; aspiring Elizabeth Ray "hostesses" tried to divert the attention of Third World delegates during political discussions; troupes of hippies, whose way to the conference was paid by the Canadian government, called Third World delegates "elitist" and caricatured Echeverria as a Mexican bandit; a Kissinger flunky from Kenya left a suspicious suitcase at the conference site, setting off a bomb scare during the debate.

These clownish happenings were accompanied by steady armtwisting and plugging away at zero-growth proposals by the big-wig Kissinger agents. "The import of industry will open up your country to the multinationals," Kissinger's European agents told African delegates, while his blackface agents from Kenya asserted in Committee One session, where the Declaration was fought out, that "technology is imperialist penetration."

Kissinger's hand in trying to stop pro-development politics was far from invisible. Whenever Labor Committee organizers would try to talk with one member of Sweden's delegations who is a relative of Kissinger Social Democrat Olof Palme, Sweden's Premier, guards would intervene to remove the organizers.

During the closing plenary when the vote was being taken on the Group of 77 Declaration, the conference secretary general Enrique Penalosa, and the session chairman Danson

forced a recess to coincide precisely with the raid on the hall by the militant American Indians. Danson gave the game away when after he called for a recess and was booed by the audience he nervously whispered to Penalosa, "They won't go for it." To his dismay, his remark was carried to the audience loud and clear on the sound system.

Despite the frenzied efforts, the Declaration was supported by all of the developing nations except a handful of puppet regimes like South Korea, and by all of the Comecon countries. The splits that occurred were among the usually staunch Kissinger supporters, with the Vatican voting for the declaration and Austria, Spain, Switzerland, Portugal, and Japan among the ten abstentions. Indicating the tremendous pull of development programs versus genocidal zero-growth, Japan issued a special press statement on its abstention stressing that it was committed to development but "unsure of the ramifications" of the new world economic order.

One of the delegations closest to the Rockefeller zero-growth camp was that of Italy about half of whose delegates were members of the Italian Communist Party, including a longtime editor of the PCI paper *Unita*. In the true spirit vkupistorical compromise participation in a bourgeois government, the Italian delegation pushed labor-intensive construction for the rebuilding of slums. One Italian reporter, a Mr. Nebbia (fog) from *Il Giorno*, went so far as to write a letter to the Vancouver Sun praising labor-intensive methods.

The Habitat defeat for Kissinger and his World Bank genocide planners was compounded by an out-and-out rejection of slave-labor policies by delegates at the International Labor Organization conference in Geneva. At latest reports, the strong opposition led by the Soviets is admittedly what forced AFL-CIO representative Irving Brown to withdraw the global work-camp proposals from the conference agenda.

The only police shred left for Kissinger at Habitat after his enormous lobbying effort, was a patently fascist resolution that passed as a result of a tactical blunder on the part of the pro-development forces. Coming out of the Conference's Committee on National Programs, the minor resolution includes labor-intensive local-control measures that are the antithesis of the unequivocal development principles in the Group of 77 Declaration.

The mandate at both the Habitat and ILO conferences supporting the basic questions of technology and development — following closely on the defeat of Kissinger's World Resources Bank proposal at the UNCTAD conference in Nairobi, Kenya — leaves the way clear for the leaders of the Group of 77 now to take unilateral action to begin implementing the new world economic order.

### Comecon Initiatives

The Soviets and the Comecon sector took an increasingly active role at Habitat to prevent Kissinger and the World

Bank from busting up the Group of 77 vote. Socialist sector delegates working behind the scenes effected a compromise on a "Zionism is racism" resolution brought forward by the Iraqis, defeating a time-worn U.S. tactic to use anti-Israel allusions to split the Third World nations.

One compromise resolution attacked all racism without a reference to Zionism, while another denounced the uprooting of native populations in occupied territory.

Not surprisingly, bourgeois press coverage of Habitat has focused on the so-called anti-Israel resolution without a word on the development vote.

Comecon nations including Mongolia on the last day of the conference proposed and pushed through a resolution on international cooperation that called on the UN secretary-general to prepare a report for the upcoming fall session of the general assembly on the financial implications of the development program. Third World delegates at Habitat told Labor Committee organizers yesterday that the Soviet Union will push for a new monetary system at the UN General Assembly in the fall.

#### **Decontrolling the Habitat**

The defeat of the World Bank proposals for deurbanization and deindustrialization — putting people to work in labor-intensive agriculture projects — was prepared during the initial days of the two-week long Habitat conference, at the non-governmental part of the conference directed by British zero-growther Barbara Ward. Ward announced that "the new world economic order is a little hard for everybody to understand. ....Water is an issue we can all agree upon...water for all human settlements." After a few non-governmental forums where Labor Committee members set the record straight on Ward's genocidal proposals her only remaining supporters were a gaggle of hippies and "friends of the earth."

The zero-growth forums became so unpopular that when Aurelio Peccei, head of the Club of Rome, arrived at his speaking spot there were so few people present that he left. Later at his press conference, Peccei announced that "new anti-bodies are forming, spreading across the crisis-ridden planet, like the non-governmental organizations here...." There were very few bbdies to hear him, however, and the

only new anti-bodies were the zero-growthers involved in the conference from the start.

The few hundred hippies present at the conference were imported, housed and fed by the Canadian government which provided \$1.65 million for the job, assisted by International Planned Parenthood and the Manchester Guardian. Housing accomodations were readied for 4,000 such hippies although about one-fourth of that number arrived. The government funding also paid for the printing of a confrence swamp newspaper called "Jericho" and presumably for its well equipped reporters.

The high point of the hippies and their support for Ward's water was a march of about 200 assorted hippies, American Indians, zombies, and members of Parliament led by Prime Minister Trudeau's wife Margaret. Trudeau carried a bucket of water on her head, and was decked out in green leaves.

Even the bourgeois Canadian press labeled the entire non-governmental conference a "fiasco."

The Habitat conference later passed a proposal introduced by a mixed group of developed and developing nations setting up a world conference on water for March 1977.

#### **Few Fall**

Governmental delegates shunned the non-governmental meetings, a tendency that rapidly increased after leading Mexican newspapers featured an article on the Labor Committee intervention entitled "Genocide Plot Denounced in Vancouver," and Ward's swamp newspaper "Jericho" attacked Third World delegates as "elites which don't represent the people" and ran a racist cartoon portraying Echeverria as a Mexican bandit.

Feeling against the water-on-the-brain Ward hippies was so strong that many governmental delegates initially refused to buy New Solidarity, telling organizers "I don't want that Jericho paper!" During the conference period, the Labor Committee sold more than 1,500 newspapers to delegates plus a good number of programmatic documents. By the end of the conference when the Labor Committee organizers distributed copies of the U.S. Labor Party presidential candidate LaRouche's statement calling for an oil boycott if Israel invaded Syria or Lebanon, there was a tremendous openness toward the organizers and a recognition of the role of the Labor Committees in international affairs.