

The nation's most candid planner of genocide

In 1976, one of the leaders of the zero population growth movement in the U.S., agronomist William Paddock, told an interviewer that the "Mexican population must be cut in half. The way to do this is by closing the border. Close the border and watch them scream." When the interviewer asked how closing the border translated into the deaths of over 30 million Mexicans, Paddock replied calmly, "The usual way. Through famine, war and pestilence."

Paddock is not, unfortunately, an isolated homicidal Malthusian. He is at the center of a nexus of Washington lobbying groups—including Zero Population Growth, the Environmental Fund, and FAIR—which are coordinating the renewed drive toward a crackdown on undocumented workers.

In a recent interview made available to *EIR*, Paddock had this to say:

Q: What's your view of the current situation in Central America and Mexico?

A: I think Central America is down the tubes. In a reasonable amount of time the same can be said of Mexico. If you look at the recent rate of population growth, there is no, absolutely no logic that will show that stability is going to remain there. Take Mexico City. How can you visualize Mexico City not exploding over the next five, ten, fifteen years.

Development is impossible with the current rate of population growth. Unless you let everyone into the U.S.—and [in that case] there's going to be a reaction in the United States. It's coming, and it should. One of these days, there's going to be a very violent reaction toward Mexico. Look at the Cuba thing [the protests against Cuban refugees].

Q: Isn't there a possibility of economic growth rates to keep pace with the population growth?

A: Well, I don't think that's a very mature question, really, for someone who's knowledgeable about the area. Some problems there are no solutions to. Maybe 25 years ago, something could have been done. Now the problem is here. Even if you stopped all births, they're here, they're eating, they're walking around the place. . . . I believe there is no country on earth that is not overpopulated.

ago demonstrated that the temperature of public opinion is now right for a major crackdown program.

The second view is the predominant one in the new flurry of debate. And the Select Commission is definitely the "big boy on the block" in shaping this debate.

Hesburgh and Co.

The Commission was created in October 1978 on the initiative of Sen. Edward Kennedy, with the concurrence of Congress and the White House. The Commission was structured for maximum "blue-ribbon" prestige. The 16 members are drawn one quarter from leaders of the Senate, one quarter from the House, one quarter from the Executive Branch—the secretaries of State, Human Services and Labor and the Attorney General—and one quarter from private life. There is a careful mix of Democrats, Republicans and "independents." Among the individuals from "private life" are Jack Otero, the AFL-CIO's leading Hispanic lobbyist, and the Commission's chairman, the ubiquitous Father Theodore Hesburgh. Hesburgh is also chairman of the Rockefeller Foundation and a director of the New York Council on Foreign Relations.

Though the final report is not due until March 1981, the statements of members of the Commission such as Civiletti, press leaks, and reliable private sources, reveal the following composite of the Commission's hard-line recommendations:

- Some form of worker ID system;
- Federal sanctions against employers of undocumented workers;
- A specified total of legal immigration per year, perhaps 750,000;
- Some form of amnesty for undocumented workers currently residing in the U.S. with a job history;
- Additional resources for the border patrol;
- No program for a seasonal work pass system, called by some a "guestworker" system.

Despite the inclusion of an amnesty provision, the thrust is toward "turning off the spigot" in an atmosphere of heightened labor controls across the country.

The hard core

Working in parallel with the Commission is the hard core of rabid zero-growth ideologues, based in an interlocking nest of lobbying groups in Washington. These include the Zero Population Growth organization, the Environmental Fund, and the Committee for Fair Immigration Laws, generally known as FAIR.

The mentor of the group is William Paddock, an agronomist who *explicitly* states that he sees shutting the border with Mexico as a required measure for the elimination of half of Mexico's population through "famine, war and pestilence." (See box.)

Paddock, who used to be on the board of ZPG, is