

U.S. Club of Rome plots an organizing take-off

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The U.S. membership of the Club of Rome, the supranational NATO-backed organization that initiated the official zero-growth movement in the 1960s, met in a Maryland suburb of Washington, D.C. and mapped plans to take over the chief policy-making institutions of the United States. According to accounts of the Nov. 17-18 meeting made available to *EIR* by participants, members of the subversive Club already assert a powerful influence over sections of the government, the Congress, and the private sector, using a network of influential Club of Rome moles. The Club and its leadership stated that the organization would emerge from the shadows and make a direct pitch for allegiance from broader sectors of the American public next year.

EIR's informants reported that the Club of Rome functions like an Oriental secret society, centered around the personality and "teachings" of its co-founder, Aurelio Peccei. Peccei, a former Fiat executive who publicly endorsed cannibalism in 1974 as a viable solution to the so-called population crisis, is the leading figure in a conspiracy backed by European oligarchs to revive the discredited theories of 18th-century Britain's Parson Malthus. Malthus and his latter-day cult followers claim that population growth necessarily outstrips food supplies, and therefore the population must be curbed, by any means, however brutal. The history of the United States industrial republic proves that technological progress overcomes every Malthusian "limit to growth," but this has not stopped the evil Club of Rome cult from gaining the positions of power in the U.S. government to influence, and even determine, policy.

Members of the Club boast that they created the policy doctrine of the Carter administration's *Global 2000 Report*, which calls for the elimination of 2 billion people from the world by the year 2000, and that their networks in the Alexander Haig State Department are carrying out the Malthusian doctrine on which the report was based. The Committee for the Year 2000, the elite group run by former Secretary of State Cyrus Vance and former Ambassador to Britain Elliot Richardson, functions as a Club of Rome front promoting the Global 2000 doctrine. Henry Kissinger and his circle are also conduits for Peccei's policy. The threat to U.S. national security is dramatized by the fact that high-ranking Soviet officials are active in the Malthusian organization. Dzhermen Gvishiani, the deputy chairman of the Soviet State Committee on Science and Technology and co-director (with the U.S.'s McGeorge Bundy) of the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, and Yevgenii Fyodorov, an active leader of Soviet "peace fronts" as well as scientific institutes, recently became members of the Club of Rome executive board.

The two-day meeting Nov. 17-18 began with a business session attended by nearly 40 members. The agenda: how to expand the influence of Peccei and his Malthusian ideas into every section of American society. According to Club leaders in the U.S.A., the membership is selected for its ability to influence institutions, since the Club's goal is not to recruit but to take over institutions. Those that cannot be taken over must be either destroyed or neutralized.

"We cannot be a Peccei cult," said one member to the

business meeting. "We must continue to expand our influence beyond those who accept Peccei as we do. This is how we spread our ideas." It was pointed out repeatedly by members that the Club of Rome is the mother of all environmentalist and population-reduction-advocating organizations. For example, Donald Lesh, the Kissinger operative who was previously Executive Director of the U.S. Association for the Club of Rome, "runs the Global Tomorrow coalition for us," a Club member reported. Each member of the Club, it was stated, places his or her allegiance to Peccei and the Club's doctrine above loyalty to any other institution—including the U.S. government. And according to a private communication to members from Peccei dated July 28, 1981, the Club should push the creation of regional governing structures as a transitional phase to a new world order based on scarcity. "We must see ourselves as part of an international conspiracy," said one Club member. "We are not Americans in that respect."

The U.S. organization had been viewed by Peccei's European adherents as a "weak sister." Now, orders have come down from Europe that the Club must mobilize for a show of force in the United States. To accomplish this, the business meeting discussed a leadership reorganization that selects 49 of the 189 select U.S. members as an "advisory council." The advisory council then chooses a 7-member executive council to run day-to-day activities. Advisory council members will also coordinate relations with Club of Rome supporters in the government, such as Jim Buckley in the State Department, who cannot come out in the open yet.

This restructuring was required for the Club's major organizing project—a March 2 celebration of the 10th anniversary of the genocidal *Limits to Growth* report at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington. The event is being shepherded by Peccei personally, who plans to deliver big names to the event, such as former West German Chancellor and green fascist sympathizer Willy Brandt. The U.S. association must deliver 500 to 1,000 prominent individuals from its network—with, as was stressed at the meeting, a healthy number of non-whites. This is necessary, Club members stated, to answer repeated (and accurate) charges that the Club promotes policies of genocide against non-white races.

The rest of the two-day meeting was a brainwashing indoctrination session on the theme of "positive images of the future." This will be the theme of the Club's new "Made for America" manifesto, a book titled *Making It Happen*, to be released coincidental with the March celebration. The first session, called "What is to Come?" was conducted by Carol Christensen, whose theme was the need for the Club to create its image of utopia, or "utopia-ing," as she called it.

The group was then divided into smaller "T-groups," in which each member was asked to write his or her

images of the future on a blackboard. Some members thought the process ridiculous, yet all went along. After it was completed, Christensen hammered home the message: "We are all too mental. That creates roadblocks. . . . It is the carrot not the stick that we need, and we must use images to captivate people." One veteran Club of Rome member explained that "we have a real chance now." "The recession has shattered their reality. People will turn to us like they turn toward religious groups. We must give them an image to cope with horrible reality." Christensen argued with a conference participant who protested that many of the facts in such reports as *Limits to Growth* and *Global 2000* are wrong. "That has been our problem," she stated. "We fixate too much on facts. We must do better at projecting the images of the future in the visions of Peccei. Facts are meaningless. It is the image that is important."

At the banquet Nov. 17, a private affair, new members were inducted into the Club. They were introduced by the new Executive Director, Faye Beuby, who professes to be a disciple of "that great man to whom we owe our existence, Aurelio Peccei," bidding each new inductee say a few words about why they were worthy of membership in the exclusive Club. "I have been a foreign-intelligence officer for nine years," said one David Burris. "I have worked another nine years in social service. I have spent the last nine years as a consultant on energy matters. I have devoted myself to propagating the ideas of the Club of Rome and Aurelio Peccei." "I work in the office of the Undersecretary of Defense," said Donald Dewitt. "I am your man in the Defense Department." Another, a professor of management at George Washington University, stated, "I am devoted to spreading the ideas of Aurelio Peccei in the private sector." Still another boasted of her influence over policy circles in the Democratic Party.

The next morning, participants in the conference had a rather nasty brush with reality. As they were about to be treated to a multi-media presentation on how science fiction comic books are key to understanding human consciousness, a representative of former Democratic presidential pre-candidate Lyndon LaRouche walked up to the microphone and announced, "I am indicting everyone here in this room under the Nuremberg statutes for crimes against humanity 100 times worse than Hitler. You are all murderers and genocidalists." The young man walked out the door.

Outside the meeting hall were picketers from the National Democratic Policy Committee of LaRouche, carrying signs saying "Give the Club of Rome the Right to Die." Pandemonium broke out in the room. Soon calm was restored, but for the rest of the conference, there was a steady undercurrent of talk about the LaRouche group and the problems of organizing openly in America.