

Who are the fanatical Malthusians today?

The mentality of the United Nations Malthusians was perhaps most starkly displayed during a discussion that an *EIR* correspondent had with one of the influentials stalking the corridors of the Mexican foreign ministry, where the Second International Population Conference was held.

Asked which of the population-control organizations was the most fanatical in its preachings, David Poindexter, head of the Population Institute, answered, "I guess mine is, since I'm a minister of the United Methodist Church."

Poindexter was one of the most active in corralling Third World delegates into private discussions on population control, and he served as the chairman of the Steering Committee of the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), whose role "at the forefront" of population-control programs was praised on Aug. 6 by United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UNFPA) head Rafael Salas, the conference chairman.

Asked how he as a clergyman could reconcile advocating genocide with the injunction of the Book of Genesis that man should "be fruitful, multiply and replenish the earth," Poindexter answered angrily: "That Command was given when there were two people on this planet! That is one Command, I dare say, we've already fulfilled. Man is not replenishing the earth, he is devastating it, with all this modern agriculture, over-urbanization. . . . I know for a fact that the world can never sustain more than 8 billion people, even if all the arable land all over the world were cultivated to maximum production. . . . All talk of new global economic systems and large development projects is a waste of time, a distraction from avoiding population catastrophe."

Behind these words stands the prestige of the **Population Institute International Advisory Council**, whose members include: Britain's Lord Caradon, the director of the Foreign Office Arab Bureau; investment banker George Ball, an advocate of reducing Mexico's population by half; Lester R. Brown, head of the ultra-Malthusian Worldwatch Institute; John Kenneth Galbraith, the One-World-federalist former U.S. ambassador to India; Sol M. Linowitz; Robert S. McNamara; Alberto Lleras Camargo and Carlos Lleras Restrepo, two leaders of the Club of Rome Association in Colombia; and a number of quack scientists and liberal members of the U.S. Congress.

Other organizations present in Mexico City might protest Poindexter's assertion that his institute is the most "fanatical" on the population-control question. The **Population Crisis Committee**, established in the 1960s by the **Draper Fund** of U.S. Gen. William Draper, was represented by, among others, Fred Pinkham, Larry Kagan, Philander Claxton, and Fred Sanderson, most of whom stayed at the same Camino Real Hotel where Robert McNamara resided during his unpublicized three-day stopover in Mexico City. The Crisis Committee divided its time between intensive consultations with members of the American delegation in Mexico City, particularly Export-Import Bank head William Draper III and Agency for International Development (AID) boss Peter McPherson, and with gullible or culpable Malthusians implanted within developing-sector delegations.

A third Malthusian organizing pulse-center was the coterie of **World Bank** economists. Speaking for the group as a whole, Bank head A. W. Clausen, former head of the Bank of America, insisted that the primary aim of the Bank during the next decades would be a "tripling or quadrupling" of aid for population-planning programs.

Operating through the pores of the conferences were, of course, the NGOs that form the heart of the population-reduction cult, including:

- **The International Union for the Scientific Study of Population**, based in Liegè, Belgium, which was set up in the interwar years as a proponent of "eugenics"—race science;

- **The Transnational Family Planning Institute**, based in Maryland, headed by abortionist and jesuitical psychologist Dr. Henry David, who had just returned from a trip to Cuba;

- **The International Planned Parenthood Federation**, the "grandmother" of the population-control cult;

- **The International Federation for Family Health**, based in Bandung, Indonesia, and Geneva, Switzerland. The conference hall was saturated with a U.N.-sanctioned document circulated by the IFFH, which consisted of reprints of writings of Stephen Mumford, head of the North Carolina-based **Center for Research in Population and Security**. The writings emphasized the need for a policy of "induced abortion" to be applied in the developing sector, to achieve the rate of one child aborted for every three conceived and called for the United States to take on a "strategic commitment" of enforcing population control around the world, including by opposing the Vatican's pro-natalist policies on a global basis and by "the creation of a NASA-type agency, modeled on a military organization, and with a wartime sense of urgency," capable of carrying out such policies ruthlessly.