

When you see a starving African, think of the Club of Rome

by Mark Burdman

The Club of Rome, the command-center of the global neo-malthusian movement, will be holding a quiet by-invitation-only conference in Paris Oct. 25-28, to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the founding of the group. The meeting has received the blessing of the Soviet Union—no surprise, since the KGB has had everything to do with the Club's creation and activity.

Approximately 100 individuals will attend. These will include Britain's Dr. Alexander King, the co-founder of the Club; Orio Giarini, head of the reinsurance cartel's Geneva Association; Meechai Viravaidya, Thailand's "condom king" population-control advocate; Spain's Federico Mayor Zaragoza, head of UNESCO; Canada's Maurice Strong, ARCO magnate and president of the World Federation of United Nations Associations; Russian-born Ilya Prigogine, a scientific quack who talks about things like the "primacy of chaos"; Switzerland's Jacques Freymond of the Nestlé's interests; and representatives from the United States, Egypt, Algeria, France, Mexico, Poland, Italy, and elsewhere.

The official Soviet delegation will be headed by Yevgeni Primakov, formerly head of the Moscow Oriental Studies Institute and now director of the U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences' Institute of World Affairs and International Economics (IMEMO) in Moscow. Recently, a leading Soviet publication praised the Club of Rome and affiliated organizations as the "guardians of mankind."

Italy's Aurelio Peccei and Altiero Spinelli, France's Bertrand de Jouvenel, and West Germany's Eduard Pestel, all—especially Peccei—instrumental in the founding and early development of the Club, have died during the 1980s, undoubtedly gone to meet the fate that the poet Dante would have imagined.

Genocidalists

The conference theme is, "The Great Transition: Reasons to Live and to Hope in the New Global Society."

That is a sick joke. It was the Club of Rome's early-1970s *Limits to Growth* reports, and numerous others since that time, that set the stage for the current genocide in Africa, Asia, and other regions of the world.

The Club of Rome is a special arm of cultural warfare created by the "Trust"—in the West, by the families behind the large insurance companies and banks. But, from the East,

instigation for the whole project came from Soviet Dzhermen Gvishiani, the son of a KGB general and son-in-law of the late Premier Aleksei Kosygin. It was created to de-sensitize Westerners to the reality of genocide. The Club provides respectable-sounding "explanations" for why genocidal solutions are necessary. The fraudulent methodology of the original *Limits to Growth* is a paradigm. The organization's formal founder, Peccei, was wont to boast, that, yes, the *Limits to Growth* report was a hoax, but the massive publicity it received in the news media constituted a successful "psychological shock" to Western peoples' commitment to the idea of scientific and technological progress.

Take the continent of Africa. Club of Rome co-founder Alexander King's advocacy of the theory that African peoples' number (450 million) exceeds the "carrying capacity" of the land, has helped foster the mythology of an overpopulated continent, when in fact, Africa is greatly underpopulated. (With use of modern technologies, it is hard to specify how many *billions* of people resource-rich Africa could "carry.")

The late Peccei liked to boast that his Club of Rome had launched the "environmentalist" movement. It's success in having DDT and dieldrin banned has killed millions of people (by malaria, for example) and ensured that the current locust plague in Africa would reach biblical proportions. The Club of Rome's support for "appropriate technology" (i.e., backward technology) has created the conditions of poverty on the continent, in which AIDS can spread rapidly through much of black sub-Saharan Africa.

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Club co-founder King is a plain-spoken racist. He frets that "non-whites" might overwhelm his "Caucasians." In numerous private discussions during the 1980s, King touched on this theme. Once, he spoke highly of fomenting ethnic and tribal warfare in the Third World, including the Indian Subcontinent, as a means of eliminating "non-white" people.

As a senior policy official at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris during the 1960s, King was one of the authors of the "reforms" that undermined classical education in Europe, and laid the foundations for the proliferation of the rock-sex-drug counterculture.

When the Club of Rome's notorious *Limits to Growth* report was released in the early 1970s, U.S. political figure Lyndon LaRouche denounced it as a "blueprint for extinction." How prophetic that denunciation was, is seen around the globe today, in the devastation wrought by the malthusian ideology of the Club of Rome, the International Monetary Fund, and various U.N.-linked organizations!

Internal Club of Rome memoranda have pointed to LaRouche and associates as the most worrisome of the organization's enemies.

Blessings from Mother Russia

Soviet ties to the Club of Rome are manifold. During the Gorbachov years, there has been much talk, from influentials both East and West, of forging a "Caucasian Alliance" against Asians and other "non-whites." The Soviets, of course, also want to spread self-destructive malthusianism in the West. Two chief officials of the Soviets' Global Systems Analysis organization, Dzhermen Gvishiani, who was the catalyst bringing together Peccei and King to create the Club of Rome, and Ivan Frolov, have maintained contact over the years.

Together with mid-1960s U.S. National Security Adviser McGeorge Bundy and British government scientific adviser Lord Solly Zuckerman, Gvishiani also helped found the International Institute of Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) in 1972, in Laxenburg, Austria. IIASA has produced reams of "studies" and "analyses," which provide a "mathematical" justification for malthusian policies in the areas of agriculture, energy, health care, and demographics.

Frolov has been the Soviet contact-man for radical "New Age" elements, including the pro-drug Esalen Institute of California founded by the late Aldous Huxley, the West German Green Party, and others. Beginning in the mid-1980s, Frolov served as the head of the "Eco-Forum for Peace," also known as the "Varna Group," a collection of greenies and peaceniks, East and West, who maintain their headquarters in the Bulgarian port city of Varna. In 1987, Frolov was appointed one of Communist Party General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachov's small coterie of official advisers.

In mid-September, a signal article supporting the Club of Rome appeared in the Soviet foreign-language publication *New Times*. The article was written by Prof. Askold Silin, a co-founder of the V.I. Vernadsky Ecology and Co-evolution Problems Center. He described the Club of Rome and its international counterparts as the "guardians of mankind." Silin reported how impressed he was with Alexander King, when he met King at a world peace conference recently in Ireland. "We should expand ties with our counterparts abroad—the Club of Rome and its national associations, which exist in almost twenty countries of the world. They have accumulated a great deal of experience," he wrote.

The Soviets formally announced that they were setting up a chapter of the Club of Rome in March 1987—almost 20 years after Gvishiani's precipitation of the Peccei-King or-

ganization. Under Gorbachov, they have also set up a number of malthusian institutions, such as the Aitmatov Foundation, congregated around the writings of the mystical Central Asian, Ginghiz Aitmatov; the International Fund for the Survival of Humanity, on whose board sits Armand Hammer; Raisa Gorbachova's Soviet Culture Fund; and others. All of these have high-level Western board members and/or collaborators. Alexander King, for example, has become a frequent traveler to the U.S.S.R., primarily for meetings of the Aitmatov group.

The Russians have also stepped up coordination with the U.N.O., including the U.N. Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), whose senior theoretician, Hungarian-born Erwin Laszlo, is a Club of Rome member and professional LaRouche antagonist; the U.N. Committee on Trade and Development (UNCTAD); and the World Federation of United Nations Associations. The president of the latter, the Club of Rome's Maurice Strong, was lavishly praised in *New Times* (No. 17) April 1988.

The Club of Rome's in-house publisher is Pergamon Press. Pergamon owner Robert Maxwell was recently named the publisher of the in-house journal of Raisa Gorbachova's Soviet Cultural Fund, *Our Heritage*.

Beginning Oct. 11, 1988, the U.S.S.R.'s Council for Environmental Affairs sponsored a several-days-long meeting with ecological organizations, including Greenpeace, Friends of the Earth, and various "green" parties of Western Europe. In September, Greenpeace formally set up an office in Moscow.

A backlash?

As the time approaches for the ghouls' get-together in Paris, Club of Rome members might consider carefully the reception that one of their ideologues recently received from the French population. Hugues de Jouvenel, son of the late futurist Bertrand de Jouvenel and himself a Club of Rome theoretician, was on a French radio interview Oct. 4, espousing euthanasia against the elderly. The younger de Jouvenel charged that the "inactive" population in France was achieving higher standards of living, while the "active" population was experiencing a lowering living standard. He said that this situation must be "re-balanced," and praised Jacques Attali, the French Socialist Party adviser who advocated euthanasia policies in the early 1980s, as a "prophet."

That afternoon, the radio station broadcast reactions from callers—all enraged. De Jouvenel was denounced as "that aristocrat" and "a man who wants to build concentration camps in France." One outraged caller stressed that modern technologies allow "fewer" to produce "more," and so the distinction between "inactive" and "active" populations was a fraud.

In France, there are, needless to say, strong anti-Nazi sentiments. Let that be kept in mind by the Club of Romers, as they arrive in Paris.