

Elephants & Donkeys by Kathleen Klenetsky

State lawmakers rebel against Duke 'miracle'

Democratic presidential candidate Gov. Michael Dukakis's vaunted "Massachusetts miracle" got a strong kick in the teeth on Oct. 25, just two weeks before the presidential elections. The Massachusetts House, which had come back into session in open defiance of the governor's wishes, voted to override his controversial veto of \$91 million in state and local aid.

The House voted against Dukakis by a whopping 85-68, just 17 votes shy of the two-thirds majority required by state law to overturn a gubernatorial veto.

Nevertheless, the House action proves extremely embarrassing to Dukakis, who has bragged constantly about his "Massachusetts miracle" during the presidential campaign.

The House session, which was broadcast live by C-Span cable television network, was punctuated by strong denunciations of the governor, many of them coming from fellow Democrats. At one point, Rep. John Flood, the Democratic chairman of the tax committee who had led the drive to get the House to reconvene before the Nov. 8 national elections, compared the Dukakis administration to a rock star who sings, "Be happy . . . Don't worry," backed up by his brothers 'Bob' and 'Weave.' "

Another Democrat, Rep. Richard Voke, chairman of the House Ways

and Means Committee, compared Dukakis's local aid cuts to "cutbacks in revenue sharing by the Reagan administration."

Dukakis vows war on 'overpopulation'

Democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis has vowed to declare war on "excess" population growth, targeting especially non-whites in the Third World, once he gets into the White House.

Dukakis made this promise in a statement which he issued earlier this year, in response to a request from the Washington, D.C.-based Population Institute for his position on population and environmental issues.

Dukakis promised to overturn the Reagan administration's "Mexico City policy"—a reference to the administration's decision not to allow U.S. taxpayers' funds to pay for the mass abortion and sterilization activities carried out by the United Nations. Dukakis said that, if elected, he will put "overpopulation," and "economic degradation" at the top of his policy agenda.

"I strongly believe that in years ahead we will cease to think of" issues like overpopulation and "global warming," as purely domestic, but as "overarching concerns on a par with defense and foreign policy," Dukakis wrote. "Future Presidents will need to understand" the "direct relationship between overpopulation and economic development," and act to bring down population growth.

Asserting he would be such a President, Dukakis went on to promise that he would make the United States once again a leader in the war on population (like Jimmy Carter, he might have added: The Carter administration issued the infamous *Global 2000* report calling for a cut of 2 billion in expect-

ed world population by the year 2000).

Dukakis's statement could have come straight from the Club of Rome, or one of the other fanatical zero-growth outfits which have sprung up like poison mushrooms over the past 20 years, and whose preachings about the need to kill off billions of people in the developing sector in order not to waste the Earth's resources have been discredited by one scientific study after another.

Dukakis's embrace of the neo-malthusians' genocidal campaign—a campaign which has already killed more people than Hitler's drive to eliminate "useless eaters"—gives a vivid indication of just how close to the fascist mentality he comes.

The population control lobby expects great things of a President Dukakis. Population Institute President Werner Fornos told a reporter that Dukakis would have "great opportunities" to promote population control, although he did express dismay that the Duke hadn't made a bigger issue of "overpopulation" on the campaign trail.

That's hardly a surprise. Cynical hypocrite that he is, Dukakis realizes that the black and Hispanic voters he's desperately trying to court, know that "population control" means genocide against those whom Dukakis's backers in the Eastern Establishment consider "less desirable elements," i.e., the poorer and non-white people of the developing sector—and of this country.

His administration has also dipped into state pension funds to cover up its financial mismanagement. On Oct. 25, Massachusetts State Treasurer Robert Crane admitted that he may be forced to raid the pension fund again to pay short-term bills. The week before, the state treasurer admitted he has grabbed \$650,000 in "loans" from the state's pension fund to cover the shortfall.