

David Duke: State Department socialist

by Kathleen Klenetsky

David Duke isn't just any fascist. He's a particular brand of fascist that is becoming increasingly prevalent on the U.S. political scene: a green fascist.

The former Ku Klux Klan leader and American Nazi, who was elected to the Louisiana legislature in 1988, turns out to be a radical environmentalist who supports measures such as the Clean Air Act amendments, which will wipe out the very white working-class and other disaffected constituency to whom he has attempted to sell himself as some kind of champion. In this, Duke is simply following in the footsteps of another green fascist, Adolf Hitler, whose Nazi movement was rooted in the back-to-nature paganist revivals of the 1920s.

Duke's abiding interest in ecology dates from the period in which he worked for the liberal pantywaists at Henry Kissinger's State Department. It seems that these days, if you scratch a neo-Nazi, you find just another State Department socialist.

Duke makes no attempt to hide his pro-environmentalist views. He recently asserted that he if he wins his current race for the U.S. Senate seat held by Sen. Bennett Johnston (D-La.), he intends to compile a "record as the best defender of the environment" in Congress. He said that he works with a number of environmentalist groups, and that he has extensive contacts with greenies in Europe and Canada.

Nor is Duke shy about recommending the police-state measures which the environmentalists are promulgating. "We have to adopt much stricter laws, with tougher penalties" to stop pollution, and get a "lot tougher" by ending economic assistance to countries that don't adopt strong anti-pollution measures, Duke said.

'Where left and right meet'

Duke insists that the question of curbing population growth, especially among the world's darker-skinned peoples, is of paramount importance. He believes that the United States should not only cut off its own financial assistance to Third World countries that aren't slashing their birth rates at a fast enough rate, but should also pressure Japan and Western Europe to do the same. "You can't solve environmental problems without stopping this excess population growth in the Third World," he says. "Why should we give aid to Brazil, when it is destroying the rain forests? Why shouldn't we halt aid to Kenya unless it takes steps to save the great elephant?"

Duke recently asserted that ecology "is the place where

right and left meet." That is definitely true. In the environmentalist movement, "left" fascists and "right" fascists find a basis of agreement in their common hatred for creative human reason, and its reflections in science and technology.

Duke admires Garrett Hardin, the neo-malthusian who came up with the cynical concept of "lifeboat ethics," based on the premise that there will never be sufficient resources to support all the world's people, and thus, the less fit should be triaged.

That philosophy—and not his supposed concern for guaranteeing "equal rights" for white Americans—is what drives Duke. Duke has repeatedly called for terminating welfare to people who continue to have children, and for making sterilization of welfare mothers a precondition for their continuing to receive public assistance.

Duke's appeal, of course, is blatantly racist; his underlying message is that he will see to it that blacks and Hispanics are prevented from reproducing. But his real agenda is to use his slick combination of racism and populism to convert to the green movement those who wouldn't touch environmentalism in its liberal form.

Henry Kissinger's friends

Duke is a far cry from the "average white working-class Joe" image that he has carefully cultivated. That is underscored by his affiliation with Foggy Bottom. Duke worked for the State Department as a teacher in Laos in the 1970-71 period, which was not only during the height of the U.S. war in Indochina, but also during Henry Kissinger's tenure as secretary of state.

Duke revealed recently that he first started writing articles on ecology (under a pseudonym he refuses to divulge) while employed by the State Department.

His connection to the State Department, coupled with his eco-fascism, tends to support the analysis that Duke is nothing but an intelligence operative deployed by the U.S. government's counterinsurgency apparatus, for the twin purposes of whipping up racial tensions, while spreading the greenie disease to recalcitrant constituencies.

Observers point out that two of David Duke's close associates in the past, Bill Wilkinson and Donald Black, were both admitted government agents, and that the Louisiana-area right-wing/neo-Nazi nexus was organized by Guy Bannister, the former head of the FBI's Division Five in the New Orleans region.

The Anti-Defamation League, with its history of fomenting anti-Semitism, is having a field day with Duke's campaign. Duke is getting tons of free publicity from a group called the Louisiana Coalition Against Racism and Nazism, which has links to the ADL. During Duke's state legislative campaign, terrorist Mordechai Levy of the Jewish Defense Organization came to New Orleans to denounce him. That created resentment about "outside interference," which translated into an election victory for Duke.

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