

Nuremberg trials for British malthusians?

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The constant drumbeat of British propaganda that Saddam Hussein is “the new Hitler” and should be tried at new Nuremberg tribunals, is truly a case of “the pot calling the kettle black.” Throughout the summer, beginning before the Gulf crisis erupted, leading British spokesmen mounted a propaganda offensive for radical malthusian population-reduction policies. Such advocates of genocide are, indeed, good candidates to be put into the docks, should Nuremberg tribunals be reconstituted.

The tone for the malthusian offensive was set in late June, when the chancellor of Scotland’s University of Strathclyde, Sir Graham Hills, proposed in a letter to the London *Times* that contraceptives be inserted into the world food supply, to cause a global reduction in population. Hills was justly denounced as a “fascist” by Catholic spokesmen and others in Scotland. But he was not alone. Prominent London commentator Sir William Rees-Mogg authored a commentary in the *Independent* asserting that the world would be entering the “malthusian century” in the next millennium. Rees-Mogg labeled Parson Malthus’s writings “delightful,” and bemoaned the fact that population growth in the 20th century has outpaced the murderous effects of two world wars and the policies of Hitler and Stalin.

Also in late June, the Ditchley Foundation group, a leading policy body for the Anglo-American oligarchs, elaborated a malthusian agenda for the 1990s. What was discussed at the Ditchley Park estate in Oxfordshire, England, was the conceptual core for what has since become known as the “Bush-Thatcher new world order.”

According to a synopsis of the conference discussions authored by Dr. William Wallace, deputy director of London’s Royal Institute of International Affairs, the central themes at these deliberations included:

- The future would be dominated by North-South conflicts. One speaker asserted that “the politics of rage and frustration” would dominate those areas where “North and South meet,” with Eastern Europe being economically classified with “the South.” Instability was forecast for Asia and Africa, in the latter case because of “the disruptive potential of an unstable China or India,” due to “the implications for their neighbors of their failure to control their own rate of population increase.” Africa was seen as “the world’s disaster continent.”

- “The demographic explosion, it was agreed, lay at

the heart of most environmental problems: Environmental degradation was itself becoming a major impetus to global migration, and population control was an essential part of any strategy of international adjustment.”

- “Migration and population pressures” would be “a central problem for the 1990s,” especially because of a “clear ‘threat’ from the South.” Western European governments would have to consider re-erection of barriers at borders, to stem a massive flow of immigrants and economic refugees from the Slavic regions.

- The “successful management of a highly integrated global system” would depend on removing “populist resistance to cosmopolitan internationalism.”

- The U.S. and Britain would have to engage in economic warfare with Japan, East Asia, and Europe.

Participants at this gathering included British Ambassador to the U.N. Sir Crispin Tickell and U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Thomas Pickering; British Deputy Prime Minister Sir Geoffrey Howe; and Bank of England Governor Robin Leigh-Pemberton.

‘We have not yet been frightened enough’

Since the Iraqi seizure of Kuwait on Aug. 2, the British have exploited the crisis to force through their “new world order” agenda.

On Sept. 24, the London *Times* editorialized on the virtues of a new book, *Less People, Less Pollution*, written by former Conservative Party parliamentarian Richard Otway. The *Times* pointed to this as one example of the “malthusian tendency” spreading among conservative ranks, noting that its main theme is that “overpopulation and environmental degradation can be prevented by a crash program of world family planning.”

On the same day, British newspapers reported that one William Stewart had become Mrs. Thatcher’s chief scientific adviser. Described as a committed environmentalist, Stewart was quoted: “Life has been present on Earth for 3-4 billion years, and during that time, there’s been survival of the fittest. It’s not going to change in our lifetime.”

On Sept. 23, British Energy Secretary John Wakeham blurted that the threat posed by global warming could “make Saddam Hussein’s current territorial ambitions pale into insignificance.” He insisted that “we have not yet been frightened enough” by the threat of global warming.

In mid-September, a secret meeting was held in Santander, Spain, of the executive of the Club of Rome, the mother-organization of the malthusian movement, which was founded in the late 1960s by Britain’s Dr. Alexander King, a racist who is committed to the reduction of populations of non-white races through famines and regional wars. According to Spanish press accounts, a central theme at that meeting was that the underlying cause of the Gulf crisis was too-rapid population growth in the Arab world—a “problem,” of course, than can readily be “solved” by a new war.