

KGB officer and son-in-law of the late Soviet Premier Kossygin, co-founded the Vienna-based International Institute of Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) with White House Special Assistant for National Security McGeorge Bundy. Gvishiani also helped found the Club of Rome International, with the late and unlamented Aurelio Peccei of the Fiat-Olivetti interests in Italy.

The Soviet priority granted to such efforts, was evident in the large delegation they sent to Varna. Aside from Frolov and "nuclear winter" Prof. Moiseyev, they sent journalist Smirnov from the Science and Technology division of the government newspaper, *Izvestia*; Professors Los, Kelbassov, Sokolov, and others from the Soviet Academy of Sciences; Vladimir Balshakov, director of the Institute for the Ecology of Plants and Animals of the Soviet Academy of Sciences; and three individuals representing the Holy Mother Russia cult of the U.S.S.R.: Viktor Komissarov and Ivan Baryshpol from the All-Russia Society for the Protection of Nature, and Gennadi Kovalenko from the Byelorussian Society for the Protection of Nature.

The latter individuals, as well as Frolov, represent what one Central European Soviet watcher calls the "growing Black-Green movement in the U.S.S.R.—black because they are reminiscent of the 19th-century Russian-nationalist 'Black Hand' groups, 'green' because of their ecological views."

The Soviet delegation was bolstered by an 18-person Bulgarian delegation, evolving out of the Bulgarian State Committee for the Protection of Nature, described by one participant as the "Bulgarian version of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency." This group is believed by some observers to derive, ultimately, from the mystical-cult layers in Bulgaria, formerly run by the daughter of Soviet President Todor Zhivkov, Ludmila Zhivkova, who died in the early 1980s. Zhivkov himself sent a welcoming address to the Varna conference.

None of this signifies, by any means, that there is a scarcity of Western partners for the Soviets and Bulgarians, in these neo-Malthusian efforts. What is involved here, is what *EIR* has identified as "The Trust," the common grouping of oligarchs, spanning the "East-West" divide, which sponsored the Bolshevik Revolution and the Nazi seizure of power, and which has, in the past two decades, teleguided the "New Age"—"Age of Aquarius" movement, out of which came the rock-drug-sex counterculture, the environmentalist movement, the "Greenies," etc.

As *EIR* reported last week, Prince Philip of Great Britain is personally sponsoring one week's worth of ecological-cultist events in the Italian town of Assisi, from Sept. 22-29, nominally to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the World Wildlife Fund International. Some of Prince Philip's minions

## The Basel mother-cult of the conservation movement

*EIR* investigators have discovered that one of the more curious control-points for the international "environmentalist"/"conservationist" movements, is an entity based in Basel, Switzerland, called the "Swiss League for the Protection of Nature."

Its office, today, is headed by Dieter Burckhardt, a scion of one wing of the Basel-based Burckhardt oligarchical banking family, which produced, among others, a key polemicist against the 15th-century Golden Renaissance, the University of Basel's Jakob Burckhardt. The League was founded in 1909, as a project spawned out of something called the Swiss Nature Studies Society. Both entities were headed by members of one of Basel's most entrenched banking families, the Sarasins.

In the post-World War II period, the Swiss League sponsored the international meetings, out of which were born, in the late 1940s, both the U.S.-based Conservation Foundation and the Geneva-based International Union for the Conservation of Nature. The latter is the mother-agency behind Prince Philip's World Wildlife Fund. The Con-

servation Foundation, which re-grouped 1930s leaders of the pro-Nazi eugenics and race-superiority organizations, is the main controller of the environmental organizations in the United States.

According to a Swiss League collaborator, the organization was created in 1909, more or less simultaneously with a "preservation of nature" group in Holland, and with various "nature preservation" groups in Germany, including elements of the *Wandervogel* movements. The latter are notorious as an early spawning-ground for later recruits to the Nazi movement, more or less as today's counterculture is the breeding ground for recruits to fanatical proto-fascist or proto-Bolshevik political movements.

The League collaborator said: "There was something happening in the years before World War I. From the 1880s, through 1900, everybody was still extremely enthusiastic about technological progress. But, from 1900-10, more and more people realized the dangers of technological progress. As the world war approached, the conservation of nature movement grew."

He cited as one important influence on this development, the early Anthroposophs of Rudolf Steiner, based in Dornach, Switzerland, near Basel. Steiner's Anthroposophs are, today, among the more important cults within the "New Age"—"Age of Aquarius" counterculture.