

Outrage spreads to Mexico and Colombia

by Carlos Wesley

The outrage against a U.S. government-sponsored population control program that caused millions of women to be sterilized in Ibero-America, has now spread beyond Brazil, to Mexico and Colombia. Those three countries were among the 13 Third World nations targeted by the U.S. National Security Council for population reduction, according to recently declassified NSC documents. Because of his role in the scheme, George Bush is becoming known as "The Sterilizer" all over Ibero-America.

In Mexico, the daily *Unomasuno* reported on May 23 that Brazil's Congress has launched an investigation of the U.S.-sponsored depopulation program. The report, based on a release by *EIR*, was accompanied by an *Unomasuno* editorial: "A New World Order of Sterilization." One is no longer surprised, it said, "by the malthusianism that guides the population policies imposed by the United States on Third World countries." But the millions of women sterilized in Brazil, "as revealed by Brazilian Health Minister Alenci Guerra to the American weekly *Executive Intelligence Review*, can only encourage reflection on the terms along which the relationship of our countries with the U.S. superpower should proceed."

The editorial stressed that one of the authors of this policy, which sterilized millions of women in Brazil and who "knows how many more women in the other 12 countries—including Mexico," was George Bush, "the same one who is now proclaiming a new era of hemispheric friendship."

In a statement issued on May 13, the Mexican Bishops Conference warned that large multinational pharmaceutical companies were preparing to invade Mexico with new and dangerous techniques for birth control and abortion. Church spokesman Genaro Alamilla blasted the United Nations, for first promoting genocide in the Persian Gulf, and now "the extermination of innocent beings in the maternal womb and the proliferation of abortive substances which destroy women during their productive years."

The Empire strikes back

This prompted a counterattack by the advocates of depopulation. The head of the United Nations Fund for Population,

Nafis Sadik, told Mexicans they'd better chop their rate of population growth from 2.1 to 1.1% in the next nine years—or else. She said that population control must be a higher priority than economic progress in Mexico.

On May 31, the press reported that the administration of Mexican President (and Harvard graduate) Carlos Salinas de Gortari said it would fulfill the United Nations' extermination demands—and more. Population growth will be cut to 1% by the year 2000, "whatever it takes," said Manuel Urbina Fuentes, head of Mexico's National Council on Population (Conapo). To get the extermination program on the fast track, Mexico will receive a huge influx of funds from the U.N., he said. A lot has been accomplished since "family planning" started in Mexico in 1974 (that was the year Henry Kissinger, Brent Scowcroft, and George Bush finished drafting the depopulation policy), but more is needed, he said. He announced a big push to increase both female and male sterilizations and said that a new contraceptive will be administered to women via monthly injection.

Fight joined by Colombian Church

On June 2 in Colombia, *El Catolicismo*, the paper of the Catholic Church, distributed in every parish during Sunday mass, published the full text of an *EIR* release on the Brazilian congressional investigation, under the headline, "The United States Supports Mass Sterilization Programs."

News on the NSC extermination plans was also published on the same day, June 2, in the Sunday edition of Medellín's *El Colombiano*, under the headline: "*EIR* Reveals: U.S. Imposed Population Reduction on Colombia." According *El Colombiano*, the depopulation plans were carried out "with abundant financing from official bodies, such as the USAID [U.S. Agency for International Development], and 'private entities' such as the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), whose Colombian subsidiary is the Association for the Welfare of the Colombian Family, Profamilia, the country's main birth control agency because of its distribution of contraceptives, and which is calling for the legalization of abortions."

Earlier Radio Caracol, Colombia's largest radio network, broadcast several reports on the secret NSC documents. An *EIR* representative, Patricia Paredes de Londoño, was interviewed on the NSC anti-population plans, on the "Noches, Buenos Días," a national nightly broadcast by Caracol. That was followed by interviews on May 29 and 30 with *EIR* representative Edilson Herrera, on the morning rush-hour news show on Noticias 1020, a Bogotá affiliate of the network. Herrera described the depopulation policy in detail, and he also reported that one of the main opponents of the depopulation programs, *EIR*'s founding editor Lyndon LaRouche, had been jailed by the same "administrative fascism" policies used by the Bush administration to implement the extermination programs against Iraq and the mass sterilizations in Ibero-America.