

The Road to Hell Is Paved Green

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The modern environmentalist movement was intentionally created as a fascist movement to accomplish in the United States what the British-spawned Nazis never could with Germany. Other writers in the *Executive Intelligence Review* have made it clear that today's environmentalist movement is a directly commissioned asset of the same circles and families of London and Wall Street, who have actively sought to destroy the United States since even before 1787. However, what is missing from this picture, is a deeper view of the most recent historical precedent to today's environmentalist movement: the Nazi regime.

For the dignity of humanity, we are presently in a war. This war is being fought every day on the streets, and is led by the LaRouche Youth Movement (LYM), in bringing the science of Bach and Kepler to the population. Even a culture that has fallen into degeneracy can rediscover the need for mankind, and man's true, defining character, which is located in his ability to discover and actively organize the universe, as the Presidency of Franklin D. Roosevelt demonstrated. The enemy is the notion, typified by British asset Al Gore's environmentally friendly fascism, which views the majority of mankind as vermin, or worse. This notion of mankind, like a childhood disease, if left untreated by those of us who are sane enough to apply the benefits of modern science, would inevitably lead to the physical degradation of the planet, and the willful death of entire nations and peoples.

The conditions are as severe as Al Gore is clinically stupid. But what is clear, is that Lyndon LaRouche and the LYM, are moving to a position internationally where, in concert with the nations of Russia, China, and India, we could lead the shift to a modern echo of Roosevelt's post-war plans for decolonization and sovereign, physical-economic development under a fixed-exchange-rate system, and thus free mankind from the Anglo-Dutch Liberal empire, and its use of environmentalist movements, and similar cults, to destroy mankind.

Authoritarian Land Control: The Reich Nature Protection Laws

In 1935, the Third Reich passed the *Reichnatschutzgesetz* (RNG) or the Reich Nature Protection Laws, the most extensive and unified nature protection laws passed by any nation until that time. The passage of the RNG overturned

the Weimar Constitution's federalist provisions for nature protection and land planning, and laid the groundwork for authoritarian land control and later, colonization. Section 18 of the RNG allowed Reich Master of Forestry, Hermann Göring, to designate as Reich Nature Protection Areas any areas that "decorate or enliven the appearance of the landscape," or "lie in the interest of the animal world," especially if those areas protect "songbirds and small game animals (e.g., trees, groves of trees or bushes, ridges, avenues, old fortifications, hedges, parks, and cemeteries)."

Under Section 24 of the RNG, the previous owners of property that had been seized by the state and deemed protected, were denied indemnification; the people were not protected or paid compensation. Indemnification claims were ignored because, according to Nazi dogma, a person who was concerned with individual gains threatened the interest of the public welfare. This was repeated in the duplicitous mantra: "The common good takes precedence over the individual good." Furthermore, Section 20 of the RNG required that any individual or group that wished to conduct a project "which might lead to essential alteration in the free landscape" must first consult a Reich Nature Protection Officer from one of the agencies under Göring. Section 20 established the green-brown police force that oversaw the land seizures, and prohibited private individuals and organizations from developing land, unless the state deemed it necessary.

The possibility of a fascist movement cannot be understood by looking simply at the trait of authoritarian top-down control. Rather, a fascist movement exists as such because of the broad-based support for it from the population. The most vocal supporters of the RNG were typically conservationists and activists in the *Heimatschutz* (homeland protection) movement, who had for years pressured the parliament to pass unified land protection laws. Reacting to a fear of industry and technology, and believing that nothing but socialism could unite the country wrecked by war and economic devastation, this grouping called for the protection of the countryside against disfigurement from unchecked industrial developments and sprawl.

Pre-Nazi nature protection agencies in Rhineland-Westphalia and Prussia took an aggressive approach to conservationism, and under the federal provisions of the Constitution,

they passed extensive *Naturschutz* (nature protection) state legislation. Conservationists viewed these industrial regions of Ruhr, Duisburg, and Cologne, as “the bloodiest wounds of the German landscape.” Nationwide, authoritarian land laws could not have passed under the federalist provisions of the Weimar Constitution, and so required the abolition of the federal structure of Germany, as happened in 1933. Many Germans, particularly *Heimatschutz* advocates, embraced the dissolution of the parliament, which they despised for its impotence and ceaseless partisan infighting.

When the RNG was passed, Rhineland cultural affairs

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officer Hans Kornfeld said that the new law was “a load off the minds of nature’s friends. Their decades-long efforts had finally found the resonance that raised the care of nature from a hobby to a duty for the entire people. . . . It was left up to the National Socialist state, which is founded on *Blut und Boden* [blood and soil] to pass the Reich Nature Protection Law. The ‘parliamentary system’ had repeatedly endeavored to do this, but the spiritual conditions were missing to make it a reality.”

The RNG laws were supposed to “protect nature,” but actually just gave the Nazis license for their murder policies. With sense enough to see the absurdity of an anti-industrial policy, Paul Shultze-Naumburg, president of the Homeland Protection Association, argued that it was possible to attain “harmony” between nature and technology through careful planning and land use. Schultze-Naumburg was later responsible for “modernizing” the conservationists, by helping them integrate their environmental goals with the goals of racial hygiene. He taught that land disfigurement was caused by the impurities in the people living on the land. Sick people stamped the land with their sickness, their factories, hotels, and shops. He argued that Jewish capital and American industrialism had disfigured the German landscape and diverted Germany from its organic foundations. It was the advocates of *Heimatschutz* who were indispensable in planning the land-

scape of “incompetence, capitalist thinking, and all Jewish-American relics of a bygone era.”

The conservationists of the *Heimatschutz* movement were likewise indispensable for what followed the passage of the RNG. Beginning in 1936, the Third Reich launched the “Battle for Production,” which required massive land reclamations and land-planning schemes to ensure self-sustainability in food production, transportation, and industrial capacity leading into the war. During the Reich’s period of Inner Colonization, the Battle For Production’s land reclamation extended into the protected areas. Soldiers and paid public servants drained marshlands, rerouted streams, and built dams and dikes, under the motto: “Change wasteland into arable land!”

The conservationists argued for the rights of the fish and small birds; they argued for *Heimat* (love of homeland), and their spiritual connection to the land, and cited the provisions from the RNG, but nature was suddenly less important than the drive to war.

With the invasion of Poland, Sept. 1, 1939, the regime required even greater expansion of military installations and raw materials consumption. Before colonizing in the East, the military made much use of the Reich’s protected areas. The open fields of Wahner Heath were transformed into a shooting range. In the Haardt Forest in the Ruhr, the linden and acacia groves were used to hide anti-aircraft artillery. In late 1939, in Bonn, a district nature protection officer pleaded with the local anti-aircraft division not to destroy a nearby acacia grove. The officer cited the RNG, and *Heimat*, and memory, and the spiritual connection to the fatherland.

But it was never about *Heimat*, though the feeling-state helped. It was never about protecting nature, though it gave people a false, warm sense that they were doing good. Environmentalism was a predicate for war, genocide, and empire.

Eugenics

To put the subject at hand in context, look back at Abraham Lincoln’s defeat of the British-backed Confederacy, and consider the subsequent spread of the American System of Political Economy throughout a major portion of the planet. Consider the relations between the continental powers, an international alliance of sovereign nation-states. Consider, from the other side, what this alliance implied for the existence of an empire.

In the late 19th Century, Sir Arthur Balfour, with the British Round Table of Cecil Rhodes, founded the Eugenics Society. Beginning at the turn of the century, with the U.S. traitors, the Rockefeller and Harriman families, the British Eugenics Society bred in its likeness a second generation of eugenics societies throughout the United States. Americans like Stanford University president David Starr Jordan, and other influentials, were recruited to validate the pseudo-scientific theory that there was no difference between a man and an animal, but some (i.e., the rich and white), were more fit to survive.



A pre-Nazi euthanasia poster reads, "Look who you're carrying. One person with birth defects costs an average of 50,000 Reichsmarks by the age of 60."

So, these prestigious men of science at Harvard, Yale, Princeton, and so on, were recruited to the fancies of Darwin's cousin, Sir Francis Galton, and claimed that, just as the characteristics of plants and animals are transmitted hereditarily, so human characteristics, like intelligence, criminality, and poverty, were passed through the blood.

In celebration of this pseudo-scientific breakthrough, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1927, in favor of national eugenics laws, giving legal justification for the forced sterilization of criminals, the feeble-minded, and other "degenerates." As Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., stated: "It's better for all the world, if instead of waiting to execute degenerate offspring for crime, or let them starve for their imbecility, society can prevent those who are manifestly unfit from continuing their kind. . . . Three generations of imbeciles are enough."

So the science was used to justify the political end of eliminating the unfit—the insane, the feeble-minded (i.e. the poor), African-Americans, Italians, Poles, Jews, criminals. In the period from 1908-14, the United States brought in more than 7 million immigrants, while the eugenicists declared that

there was simply not enough space, not enough employment, not enough housing, and certainly not enough resources for people, especially the degenerates, to procreate.

Margaret Sanger, a tireless advocate of population control, wrote in 1926, that if the U.S. government would offer yearly pensions or bonuses to individuals who would allow themselves to be sterilized, "The number of feeble-minded would decrease and a heavy burden would be lifted from the shoulders of the fit." Sanger was the founder of the anti-population Planned Parenthood organization.

With such success in the United States, the Rockefeller Foundation began flooding millions of dollars into German eugenics institutions, to individual scientists and researchers. In 1926, the Rockefeller Foundation contributed \$317,000 to turn the Institute for Brain Research, which had previously operated out of a single room, into the central training institution for the German eugenicists. By 1934, the German institutions had taken root, and doctors were performing more than 5,000 sterilizations per month.

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Harmony vs. Balance

A formula for conjuring Hell on Earth: Start with an axiomatically fixed model. Invest your mortal identity into making that model a reality. If a paradox arises in the process of fulfilling the ideal, ignore the paradox and push ahead even harder, or address the paradox with lofty justifications for why you ignored it. It is a simple formula that has produced an extensive web of sophistries from the Nazi regime to the modern environmentalist movement. To build a society, we must work, in truth, toward a dynamic organization of human and non-human life. With a more rigorous understanding of that conception, we avoid the Hell on Earth that has been grossly misnamed "harmony with nature."

Musical harmony is discovered through motion. The common belief that musical harmony can exist in a vertical chord, is incompetent and dangerously so. The chord is a fixed unit, within a pre-established key. If a note from a foreign key should possibly be introduced, the harmony is broken, and cannot be resolved except by its removal. Consider, then, J.S. Bach's conception of harmony as expressed in the "Trotz" section of "Jesu, meine Freude." Consider the dissonance of

“Ich steh hier und singe,” which, if taken as a fixed thing, in and of itself, would appear as an unsolvable crisis. But this crisis arose from a motion within a lawfully ordered composition. Through the continuation of the piece, we find that what had appeared as a dissonance, was a necessary inflection point for the elaboration and lawful development of the composition as a whole.

The idea that careful land planning and population control could establish “harmony with nature” should be seen in this context.

Eastward Expansion

In February 1920, Gottfried Feder, an urban theorist and founder of the pre-Nazi German Workers Party, drafted the Nazi platform entitled “The 25-Point Program.” This program was used as a rallying point for recruiting the core of the Nazi Party, and gaining support throughout the population. Some crucial points: First, “Only a member of the race can be a citizen. A member of the race can only be one who is of German blood, without consideration of creed. Consequently no Jew can be a member of the race.” The Program called for colonies to provide the sustenance of “our people,” and also called for the expulsion of non-citizens from Germany, in the event that it became impossible to sustain the non-Germans. In his book *The New City*, Feder elaborated how the program would be carried out in practical terms, proposing that the country should be organized into decentralized, self-sustaining “Garden Communities.” This type of organization was supposed to bring man back into “harmony” with nature, and solve the great crises of modernity: alienation and class conflict.

Nazi landscape planner Alwin Seifert took the landscape plan a logical step further and said that these Garden Communities could have only native plants, in order to produce a healthy tribe of industrial workers. Between 1933 and 1936, the Rhenish Regional Planning Society and the German Labor Front completed 6,850 small houses and garden suburbs, the layout of which, it was said, encouraged workers of limited means, but sound racial health, to produce large, racially pure families.

After the September invasion of Poland, Hitler signed the secret decree of October 1939 outlining the three major goals of eastern expansion. The intention was to repatriate German citizens and ethnic Germans living abroad, eliminate the harmful influence of alien portions of the population on the Reich, and establish new German territories for the resettlement of Germans returning from abroad. Essentially, the goals of expanding the Reich were based on British-styled imperial colonization.



The town of Auschwitz in 1940, prior to the Nazi “cleansing.”

However, in order to colonize Poland, the Nazis had to first cleanse the landscape, creating “empty space,” a concept that fascinated land-planners. Seifert wrote in 1941: “If the East is to become home for Germans from all over Germany, and if it is to flourish and become as beautiful as the rest of the Reich, then it is not enough just to cleanse the towns of past Polish mismanagement and construct clean and pleasant villages. The entire landscape must be Germanized.”

This meant the obliteration of all relics of Polish culture.

At a conference at Poznan on Jan. 24, 1940, the Reich Commission released a report entitled “Basics of Planning for the Building-Up of the Eastern Areas.” The report announced: “In the following material, it is taken for granted that the entire Jewish population of this area, roughly 560,000 people, has already been evacuated or will leave the area in the course of this winter. Therefore it is practical to count on a population of 9 million people. . . . At the same time, 3.4 million Poles should be deported, little by little.”

This expulsion left millions homeless.

Some towns were evacuated so quickly that the people didn’t have time to take their possessions with them. Despite the progress in creating “empty space,” Nazi administrators noted insufficient cooperation in implementing the evacuations. A memorandum from the Reich Office for Spatial Order, to the planning staff of the Reich commissioner, ordered: “The evacuated persons should not be put to work. They should be taken directly from the transport trains, divided into small groups, spread as evenly as possible across the country,



A survivor of the 1939 German bombardment of Warsaw. Nazi “environmentalism” was always a predicate for war, genocide, and empire.

and then left to fend for themselves. One can thereby avoid a massing together of troublesome elements, in view of possible turbulence throughout the country.”

The Germans had no idea what to do with so many people, and so whole towns and villages were put into boxcars, shipped to various, remote parts of the country and “unloaded.” That same year, in Germany, eugenicists began implementing an extensive program of euthanasia for the elderly and the insane, using poison gas chambers.

The colonization project included landscape planners and architects, and was proposed to German university students. Heinrich Friedrich Wiepking-Jürgensmann, chair of the Institute for Landscape Design at the University of Berlin, wrote *The German East: A Priority Task for Our Students*, predicting “a golden age for the German landscape and garden designer that will surpass everything that even the most enthusiastic among us had previously dreamed.”

As the policy of the RNG revealed itself in practical terms, the architects and land planners had access to full knowledge of their designs. In sanity, no one could deny the violence used in creating the new German settlements, but because the Nazi maenads were brainwashed by their Romantic attachments to their mission, they were totally disassociated from the actual atrocities they were committing. As the planners drafted new designs to meet the industrial and agricultural needs of the war mobilization, they included in the layout of new towns and villages, space for satellite work camps and death camps.

The Requirement of Man for Science

As horrifying as the *Heimatschutz* environmentalist movement was, it is not phenomenal. What it shows us is the extreme effects of a typical folly of man, who, in absence of a commitment to the knowledge and use of universal principles, attaches himself to a fantastical, impossible ideal. The development of the modern environmentalist cult, which is not separate from the post-industrial, utopian cult of globalization, is characterized by such folly, but it can be remedied. The political intervention by the International LaRouche Youth Movement, is driven by our intent to master the works of Kepler and Bach, making it the only force on the planet capable of applying the necessary remedy. I explain: If not for passion and rigor in both science and music, which is to say, love of truth for truth’s own sake, then how does our society take shape? And in whose image is mankind, when we organize ourselves around a common

fantasy, rather than what is universally true?

On April 3, 2007, the United States Supreme Court ruled, in the case of *Massachusetts v. the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)*, that carbon dioxide—what people breathe out and plants take in—is a harmful air pollutant(!) and, according to the 1990 Clean Air Act, it must be regulated and reduced. According to the court, it is possible to overturn the ruling, only on the grounds of science: “EPA can avoid taking further action only if it determines that greenhouse gases do not contribute to climate change or if it provides some reasonable explanation as to why it cannot or will not exercise its discretion to determine whether they do.”

It is for this reason, that we commit ourselves to a science of discovered universal physical principles; and in waging our fight on those grounds, this generation has a good shot at building this planet out of Hell.

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