How EIR exposed the Harrimans' Nazi record

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Until this year Averell Harriman had an international reputation among his admirers and detractors as a pro-Soviet statesman who supported environmentalist causes as one expression of his liberal commitments. This picture was destroyed in 1982, as an *EIR* investigation brought to light a series of startling facts, revealing, among other things, a 30-year effort by the patrician Harriman family, including Averell Harriman, to create and put in power a Nazi-modeled fascist movement to turn the United States into a "Nordic race state." The *EIR* investigation also documented extensive Harriman involvement in promoting the Hitler movement in Germany itself, and collaboration between the Harrimans and the Nazis in assuring the extermination of six million Jews, among others.

The intelligence breakthrough which brought the Harrimans' secret to light occurred as follows. *EIR* founder Lyndon LaRouche, focusing on Harriman's current central role in organizing the green-fascist movement in Western Europe, had in December 1981 identified the Harriman grouping as a key target for investigation. The key to the Harriman puzzle emerged when it was noted that an extensive overlap existed between Harriman linked "population control" organizations such as the Draper Fund, ZPG, and the Club of Rome, and anti-immigrant groups such as the Federation for American Immigration Reform.

On the basis of this overlap it was hypothesized that the Harrimans, as the leading patrician sponsors of the "population control" movement in America after World War II, would be found before the war in the forefront of those running the Nordic race supremacist agitation which led to the Immigration Quota Acts of 1921. Following up this thread enabled *EIR* to unwind the well-hidden truth about the Harrimans. We discovered:

- That in 1910, Mary Averell Harriman, Averell's mother, had donated an 80-acre estate and \$500,000 to establish the Eugenics Record Office in Cold Spring Harbor, which was to function alongside the Harriman-Morgan-run American Museum of Natural History as the leading institute of Nordic race science in the world.
- That from 1910 through 1939, the Harriman funded Eugenics Record Office (ERO) pumped out a stream of fraudulent racial studies, which served the purpose of creating Nordic race supremacist movements in the United States and Germany; and that ERO publications continued to openly and vocally support Adolf Hitler throughout the 1930s.
- That the Harrimans organized numerous anti-immigrant conferences, notably including the 1921 Second International Congress of Eugenics in New York City in 1921, on whose executive committee Averell Harriman served, along

with such leading American race ideologues as Madison Grant and Henry Fairfield Osborn. That conference was responsible for drafting and assuring the passage of the anti-Semitic, anti-Italian Immigration Quota Acts of 1921 and 1924.

- That the Harriman Third International Congress of Eugenics in 1932 honored as its president leading Nazi race scientist Prof. Ernst Rudin, who trained the personnel who ran the Nazi death camps.
- That the Eugenics Records Office wrote the forced sterilization laws for Nazi Germany and attempted to have similar laws passed in the United States.
- That in 1927, Averell Harriman met with Benito Mussolini and returned to the United States to tell the *New York Times* that he was "very impressed" with Fascism.
- That it was Harriman's business partner, Montagu Norman, who arranged for the financing of Nazi rearmament, going so far as to defy the consensus in the City of London by transferring to Germany all of Czechoslovakia's gold reserves after Hitler violated the Munich Pact in 1939.
- That Harriman personnel from the ERO successfully lobbied to prevent German Jewish children from being allowed to leave Nazi Germany for the United States, and were directly responsible for turning back to certain doom 937 Jewish refugees on the ship St. Louis in 1939. In all, about 3,000,000 Jews who might have escaped the holocaust through immigration to the United States were killed as a result of the Harriman agitation.
- That Harriman ERO personnel successfully discredited for 20 years the cure for pellagra discovered by Dr. Joseph Goldberger in 1914, thus murdering about 3 million blacks and 3 million poor whites from the American South.
- That as late as 1963, Averell Harriman held a meeting of the same eugenicists who built the 1930s movement at his home, Arden House.
- That after World War II, it was eugenicists from the Harriman ERO and allied eugenics organizations who were responsible for setting up the entire array of Harriman-run post-war "population control" and environmentalist groups—a fact that completely blows the cover of these supposedly liberal formations as being anything other than racist operations committed to destroying the Third World.

This documentation was published by *EIR* in its Sept. 7, 1982 issue and then brought to the public in millions of leaflets by the National Democratic Policy Committee, whose advisory board LaRouche heads, playing havoc with the Harriman control over the ethnic minorities who comprise the majority of the Democratic Party in the United States. The *EIR* exposé has initiated a process of ridding U.S. politics of the "families" who created Mussolini and Hitler as experiments in their New Dark Age project.

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