LaRouche economics key in anti-Cairo drive

by Nora Hamerman

Mexico's daily *El Heraldo* reported on July 27 that the Ibero-American Solidarity Movement (MSIA) is leading a campaign to gather 1 million signatures to stop the United Nations International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) in Cairo this September. The daily also ran an editorial on Sunday, July 24, supporting the MSIA campaign against the Cairo conference. The MSIA is inspired by the ideas of American economist Lyndon LaRouche.

Meanwhile, in Lima, Peru, the daily Gestión published the third commentary on the Cairo meeting by LaRouche associate Sara Madueño. Her column cites LaRouche's book There Are No Limits to Growth and names LaRouche as the one who, from the first, and consistently, took the point in attacking the genocidal proposals of the Club of Rome and Adam Smith. The article was published on July 23 and circulated widely at an international conference in Lima on the family.

El Heraldo's July 27 article reported on a July 21 news conference and seminar in Mexico City: "The Ibero-American Solidarity Movement presided over by Marivilia Carrasco said that it has already received the backing of several groups, among them clergymen from the states Guerrero, Jalisco, and Hermosillo."

Carrasco "said that the conference is based on contempt for human life, and for that reason, Pope John Paul II himself has expresed his concerns about the conference," the paper reported. "She stressed that on the pretext of sexual liberation and the rights of women, the conference aims to destroy the institution of the family and population growth through abortions, sterilizations, and euthanasia."

In Lima, the LaRouche movement was in high profile at the International Congress on the Family held from July 22-24, sponsored by the Catholic Church and the Vatican's Pontifical Commission on the Family. Besides Peruvians, the meeting drew participants from the Holy See, and a U.S. delegation which included a congressman and church leaders, to challenge the anti-growth philosophy behind the ICPD.

In his keynote speech, Cardinal Alfonso López Trujillo, the head of the Pontifical Commission on the Family, criticized the "crazy world view that prevails, where they even talk about an 'anti-baby' vaccine, because the child is seen as an unjust aggressor, a virus, and maternity is an illness that puts the mother's health at risk."

The cardinal derided the overpopulation myth "before which our impoverished countries must bow their heads, and the rulers and the parliaments must do it often, because that is the fashion." The promotion of this myth, and the various "family planning" remedies proposed along with it, constitute "contraceptive imperialism," he charged.

Cairo is a step backward from the Mexico City population conference of 10 years ago, he said. Anyone who opposes its agenda is accused of undermining "the fundamental rights of a democracy." But "we are not in the realm of democracy, but in the realm of the worst sort of totalitarianism. A democracy without morality is dangerous, it is a threat, as is a society that says that everything is possible under pluralism and that one must counterpose the rights that are supposedly granted women, against those of the child."

The next day, the cardinal gave his audience a sense of the broad anti-Cairo strategy of the Vatican. Pope John Paul II plans to meet with the Catholic bishops of eastern and western Europe, to mobilize them to move their governments against the Cairo agenda, in much the same way as he has worked with bishops in the United States and Ibero-America to lobby against Cairo. After Cairo, John Paul II's U.S. trip in October will also raise the heat on the depopulators, López Trujillo indicated.

Letter to Fujimori

Denver's Archbishop Francis Stafford said that the fight against the genocidal forces will be won, not in Europe or the United States, but in the South, where nations still retain some common sense and have not lost their souls. He praised the Ibero-American bishops for having spoken out the loudest against Cairo. Rep. Chris Smith (R-N.J.) warned the meeting that Cairo would lead to the foisting of China's "one child per family" policies on the world. The hostility to human life that dominates the Cairo agenda has reached such a pitch in the U.S. that pregnancies are viewed as "a sexually transmitted disease requiring treatment," he said.

Smith said he had met with Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori and given him a letter signed by 70 American congressmen, asking him to resist demands from the United States and the U.N. to change the provisions of the Constitution barring abortions. Fujimori assured him there will be no such change, Smith reported.

At a news conference, *EIR* correspondent and president of the Schiller Institute in Peru, Sara Madueño, asked Smith about NSSM-200, a once-secret population-control plan developed by Henry Kissinger as U.S. national security adviser in 1974. Smith replied that he was ashamed that his government had prepared such a document, and related it to the Club of Rome's "limits to growth" drive. He praised the Schiller Institute's full-page ad in the *Washington Post* calling for the Cairo conference to be stopped. Copies of it circulated at the Lima meeting.

B Economics EIR August 5, 1994