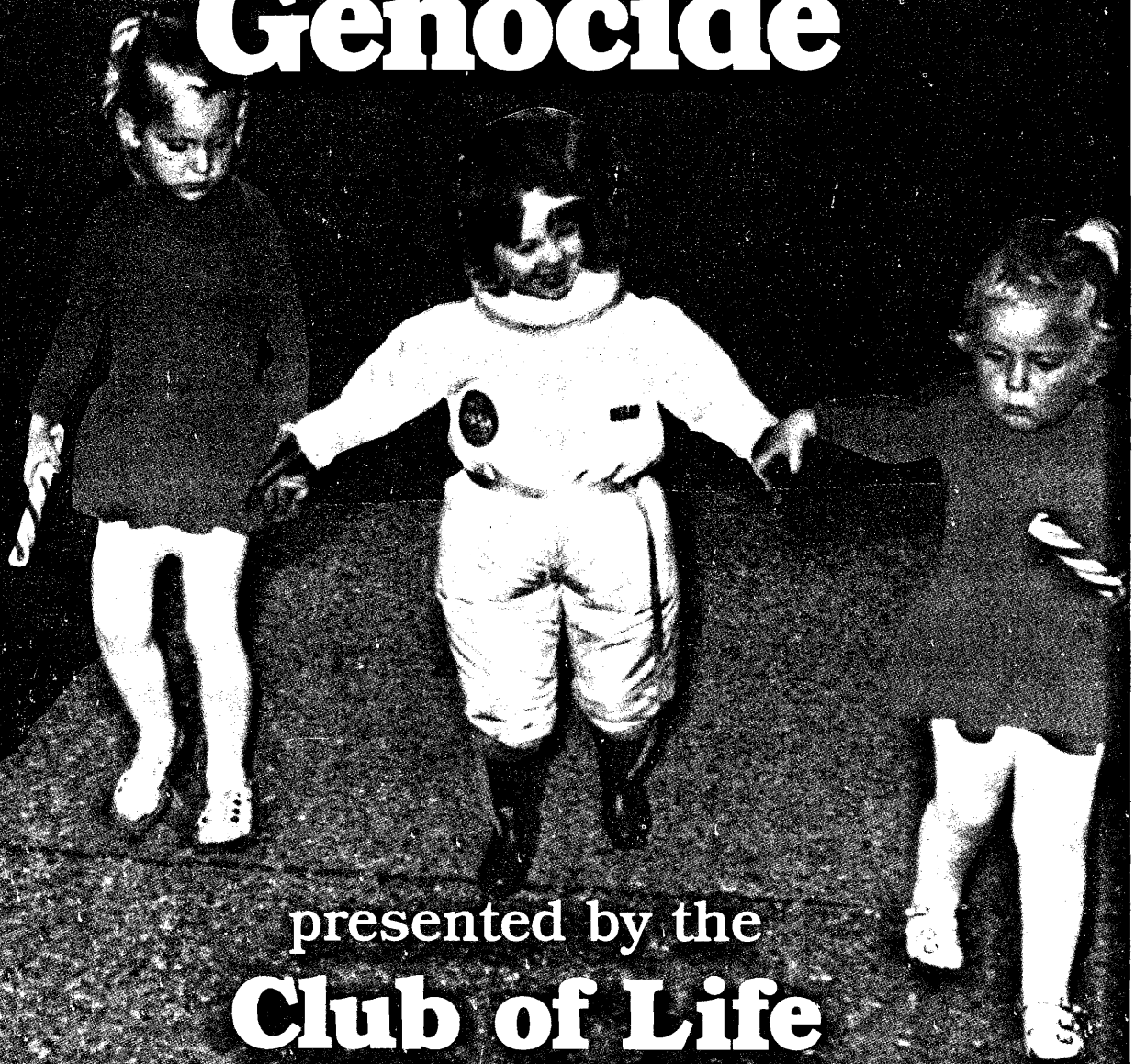


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Preface

Helga Zepp-LaRouche, founder of the Club of Life

Dear Reader,

The Club of Life has only existed for six months, and yet it has already become an explosively growing mass movement opposing Malthusianism and cultural pessimism of all kinds. The Club of Life is active on four continents, in more than 30 countries, and organized parallel conferences in 50 cities on February 18–20 of this year, from Buenos Aires to Anchorage, Alaska, and from New Delhi to Paris, with more than 3,000 participants worldwide. We are publishing here some of the speeches from these conferences on the subject of medicine.

How can the sudden success of this new international institution be explained? Well, the Club of Life incorporates an idea “which was necessary and whose time had come.” There is no doubt at all that the world is going through its worst crisis ever, as shown by the danger of a global nuclear war, conventional wars, civil wars, the international economic crisis and a widespread increase of irrationality, just to name a few examples. Leading representatives of the developing sector have correctly stressed that the effects of the international economic crisis could lead to consequences which would endanger mankind as a whole, and that only a global solution, a just new world economic order, can offer a way out of this situation.

These problems are all too real, but the cultural pessimism spread by the Club of Rome and similar institutions not only does not help anyone, but actually represents the very root of the problem. History has shown that nations infected with cultural pessimism have lost their inner vitality and capacity of resistance, which would have enabled them to find a positive answer to the problems facing them.

The Club of Life considers itself bound to the humanist ideals, as represented by the great humanists of the past, like Solon of Athens, Plato, Saint Augustine, Dante, Nicholas of Cusa, Leibniz, Schiller, and the Humboldts, just to name a few. We believe, despite all the current difficulties, that Man is distinguished from a beast by the gift of Reason, and that he is capable of self-perfection. **The Club of Life is determined to fight attitudes of morbidity and disrespect for human life,** such as the attitude that the human mind is a “mistake in evolution,” with scientific arguments and humor.

We believe that mankind has in the past brought forward and is capable of bringing forward now the concepts which are necessary to overcome the crisis. Besides all the concrete tasks of the Club of Life, which include the demand that medical research on the preservation of human life should



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have a major role, we have set ourselves the task of initiating a new world-wide humanist Renaissance.

Dear Reader, in this epoch, when—as Schiller described it—the great tasks of mankind are being taken up, do not remain a passive observer of events, but work with us, so that things can perhaps be improved after all. Join the Club of Life! Our contribution to these great tasks, rather than concern with our own small problems, is what counts in the end.

Helga Zepp-LaRouche
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Introduction: Secure the Right to Life through Science!

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The most significant asset of the Club of Rome and its associated lobbyists for the right to die and massive depopulation in areas of the world designated as "unfit to survive" has been the suppression of the scientific discoveries available to bring about a technological revolution in both industry and medicine. With this pamphlet the Club of Life intends to begin to reverse that suppression by publishing the contributions of numerous prominent doctors and scientists who have been involved in creating new knowledge for conquering disease.

It is our intent that this publication, featuring contributions made at a series of international conferences on the new world economic order on Feb. 18-20, 1983, will be just the beginning of a global education campaign to revive the commitment to life through science.

We are buoyed in this hope by the world historical announcement made on March 23 of this year by U.S. President Ronald Reagan. As he announced the commitment of the United States to end the era of mutually assured destruction by nuclear missiles through the development of space-based defense systems, President Reagan lifted the inquisition against fundamental breakthroughs in science in the United States, and put U.S. scientists on mobilization both for U.S. defense and for the benefit of all mankind. In particular, the first generations of laser and particle beam technologies which have been under development since the Second World War have now been declassified, and are potentially available to be applied to all areas of the world requiring rapid industrial development.

It is no secret to those who have been privy to what is going on in the major laboratories of the U.S. and other industrialized countries, that laser and these technologies will open new vistas in not only medical treatment, but also in the basic scientific understanding of living processes. With the use of laser light, it is possible to pinpoint processes smaller than those of an atom, and thus also a human cell. It becomes possible to both "observe" and "operate" with a level of precision previously totally inconceivable.

Equally significant will be the industrial and agricultural revolutions available from bringing these new technologies on line. The health problems that are due to lack of employment, lack of food, and lack of fundamental services to provide a sanitary, safe environment are not only solvable, but will cost a fraction of what appeared to be their cost before.

Have these highly optimistic benefits of President Rea-



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Nancy Spannaus addresses the Feb. 1983 Club of Life conference in Washington, D.C.

gan's new strategic doctrine been publicized in the world's press? Of course not. The press, and the associated media, continue to act as part of the Club of Rome Malthusian conspiracy—the conspiracy to create ignorance and despair. While mankind stands on the edge of a scientific breakthrough more revolutionary than that of electricity, they are inundating us with stories "proving" that it's inevitable that billions of people have to die.

Conspiracy to Murder

Not even in Germany under the Hitler regime has the propaganda climate for mass murder been as thick as it is in the so-called advanced sector today.

Most virulent are the so-called economists, who are now prescribing the death of entire nations as the only solution to the current world depression. Under the dictates of the IMF

and World Bank, any technological advance that could improve living standards has been written up as "too expensive." Privately the bankers acknowledge that such austerity is not going to improve the debt position or "fiscal management" of any of these countries, and that it will instead result in millions of deaths and social unrest. These countries are too populated anyway, the Swiss and other bankers confide.

There was a time in the history of the industrialized countries when such deliberate cutoffs of countries from resources that mean life or death, including food, would have caused cries of outrage. But not now. Confronted with a deliberate depression in the advanced sector as well, people have abandoned their moral commitment to fight for the dignity and well-being of life anywhere in the world. **Having been convinced that it is necessary to pull the plug on their grandmother because she is no longer "cost-effective," the average citizen is all the more willing to let the bankers pull the plug on nations, or even whole continents such as Africa.**

But it is not only the economic realities, dictated by world finance, which lead individuals to accept such mass murder. Economic privation within a healthy culture is not sufficient to eliminate respect for life, nor to eliminate the spirit of great enterprise and overcoming technological difficulties which can lead to new periods of prosperity. What has destroyed the morality of our citizens is the destruction of the institutions and culture created by the Judeo-Christian ethic that has fed every great and creative civilization over the past 2000 years.

The Judeo-Christian ethic can be summarized in the simple injunction from Genesis: **"Be fruitful, multiply, and dominate the earth."** This simple statement is not just a moralism; if it is not followed by mankind using his reason to increase every individual's potential to master nature and increase the potential for more individuals on the earth, the civilization that dares to spurn it is doomed to die. This has happened too many times to mention. Perhaps the best example is the Roman Empire itself, which, while professing to become Christian, violated the injunction by suppressing advanced technologies like the water wheel, and thus condemned themselves to depopulation and eventual death.

Perhaps the best example of a nation state built on the commitment to man's reason epitomized in the Judeo-Christian ethic is the United States of America, born of the efforts of republicans throughout the world as a "beacon of hope and liberty to the rest of the world." It is in fact due to that culture that the U.S. was able to develop itself into the most advanced industrial nation up until recent decades.

When we ask how our Judeo-Christian culture has been destroyed, it is not difficult to find the culprits. We can begin with the historians—those who have erased the trace of causality within science and human history, leaving us to believe that civilizations arose and fell through the survival of the fittest, or perhaps some accident of nature. **Since the time of Friedrich Schiller in the Weimar Classic of early 19th century**

Germany the oligarchy has controlled history, and thus destroyed our understanding of ourselves.

It took a number of decades for the history of Western Civilization since the Renaissance to be eliminated, and replaced by the frauds created in Oxford and Cambridge, England. For one thing, up through the end of the nineteenth century, there was **a very active battle between the American republic and the British oligarchy** which made it impossible to claim that history was merely the result of the working out of the Hobbesian principle of each against all. Many individuals had to be silenced; others had to be allowed to die out, before the consolidation could be complete.

Side by side with the destruction of history came the gutting of republican institutions based on the Judeo-Christian ethic. The further we proceed into the twentieth century, the more rapidly we see the tradition of the republican commitment to progress eliminated. When we reach the end of the second World War, the consolidation of new institutions committed to Malthusianism begins to occur at breakneck speed.

The central institutions for this consolidation are not national, but the supranational institutions leading with the United Nations. Committed in fact to the destruction of the nation state, the UN agencies have worked gradually to take over the planning and research functions of nations. Gradually, the national governments have found themselves set up to be unable to handle "complicated, intergovernmental" issues. Increasingly, the UN bureaucracy, staffed by an extraordinary number of "ex"-British government officials who are explicitly committed to turning most of the developing sector into a "game preserve," is finding itself in the position of dictating policy.

This process was somewhat interrupted by the period of intense space exploration by the superpowers that took place during the 1960s. Through the NASA program in the United States and the Sputnik program in the Soviet Union, dramatic technological and scientific breakthroughs were made which revolutionized certain areas of industry and medicine, and created enormous potential in other areas, such as energy. The major breakthroughs which we have made in medicine, reflected in the speeches on the artificial heart and genetic engineering in this pamphlet, in fact derive from the work which was done in the NASA period and spun off into civilian applications.

By the 1966 to 1968 period, however, the world government crowd—the new banner for the empires of the 19th century—had reasserted control. One key nodal point was the establishment of the Club of Rome in 1968, a group which was in fact an extension of the kook-science division of NATO. The Club of Rome did what the UN crew had only insinuated—they insisted that the function of institutions, including what was left of the nation state, was to allocate scarcity because the age of technological progress was not only over, but it was destroying mankind. The other was the

Nuclear Test Ban treaty of 1963, which banned peaceful uses of nuclear explosives, thus consigning one of the major technologies for technological progress to the dustbin.

Since then this limits to growth ideology, and its concomitant emphasis on "get yours while you can" since the world is going through a collapse, has permeated every pore of the mass media. It has entered the school curricula, the video games, the bestseller book market, the movies in a celebration of irrationalism unknown since the flagellants of the fourteenth century. Our once-moral citizens have lost faith in the ability of science and reason to solve problems, or of existing political institutions and others to give them a way of acting according to the morality with which they were raised.

The result is popular acquiescence to euthanasia, suicide, and withdrawal of medical treatment from "marginal" people. In the United States this has reached the point where a patient who goes into the hospital for a routine operation faces the possibility of being taken off all life-support systems if he loses consciousness for as much as a day and a half. Cost-effectiveness—the logic of the Nazi concentration camps—is the order of the day.

Rebirth of Reason

The world has entered into a period where our ruling institutions must be changed on pain of civilization's death. There

are two words for the crux of the transformation that must be made—reason and science.

That transformation is so clearly only inches from our grasp. Our scientists have uncovered the laws of nature which will allow us to turn our earth into a beautiful place in which famine and poverty are eliminated, and then provide us the capability of conquering and colonizing space. They have given us the capability to realize our purpose as reasoning, loving human beings—to develop the creative potential of every living individual, and create the conditions for even greater potential for our posterity.

It is for the realization of this purpose that we in the Club of Life are fighting for a new world economic order that will allow the development of this potential. It is our hope that publication of this fruit of human reason will accelerate this process before the Malthusian merchants of death destroy us all.

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The Club of Life

Founding Principles

We, the undersigned, declare:

1. Never before has the existence of human society been more threatened than today. The danger of global nuclear war as well as regional wars in the developing sector potentially threatens life on all continents of this earth.
2. A new world economic crisis and the effects of an unjust world economic order have massively increased hunger, epidemics, social chaos and regional wars throughout the world, particularly in the developing countries, and threaten the physical existence of more and more people.
3. Through the concurrence of a new world economic crisis and a growing cultural pessimism, there exists a great danger that the value of the life of the individual and the dignity of man should no longer be held inviolable. The brutality which de facto relegates whole groupings of men to the category of "useless eaters," whether they be old and sick people or people in the so-called "Third World," reveals the danger of a new fascism.
4. While the physical existence of mankind is threatened militarily, economically and morally, the "spiritual death" of a greater and greater portion of the population, particularly of the youth through drug addiction, constitutes an evil of the first order, which places in question the reproduction of the humanity of the human species, since an unacceptably large part of the next generation is spiritually destroyed.

We, the undersigned, therefore agree to the following principles:

1. The inalienable right to life for all the peoples of our planet must be defended. This means not only averting the danger of a global, thermonuclear war, as well as regional wars in the developing-sector countries, but also averting the dangers and conflicts, caused by Malthusian policies, which arise from a lack of economic development, and therewith finally eradicating war as the means of carrying out conflicts between states.
2. Human society has reached the point where only a just new world economic order can secure peace. The absolute sovereignty of nations, their absolute political and economic self-determination and the safeguarding of their legal equality by international treaties must be guaranteed. The legitimate pursuit of national interest should not contradict the interest of the world's population, but must contribute to an order of international cooperation which promotes the interest of all for freer, more sovereign development.
3. We require the renaissance of a new, worldwide humanism, based upon the principles of Judeo-Christian humanism and their reflections in the cultures of Asia and Africa, as well as upon the moral obligation to a new, just world economic order, for only thus can the inviolability of the life of the individual once again become self-evident. **Human life must be defended from the time of conception up to the time of death.** These principles are embodied in the Book of Genesis, which commands: "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it." We reject the ideas of Malthusianism and their modern worshippers as evil and unscientific. The belief that today we can solve some of the most pressing problems in the world, the economic crisis and underdevelopment, through technological development goes hand in hand with the belief in the perfectability of man. Only man's stress on his own spiritual nature, the cultivation of the gift of reason in all men, can create an atmosphere of cultural optimism, in which the highest good of man—life itself—is held inviolable.

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