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MIDWEST PUBLIC HEARING ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT

House Chambers, State Capital
Des Moines, Iowa
September 22, 1991



State of Iowa Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS, A CRITICAL NEED EXISTS TO EDUCATE CITIZENS OF ALL NATIONS ON WAYS TO CONSERVE EARTH'S RESOURCES AND PREVENT POLLUTION; AND
- WHEREAS, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE CREATE STRATEGIES TO ACHIEVE ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PRACTICES ON PLANET EARTH; AND
- WHEREAS, THE UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF THIS STATE IS DEDICATED TO RESEARCH AND EDUCATION ON THE UNITED NATIONS AND GLOBAL ISSUES, INCLUDING PROTECTION OF OUR ENVIRONMENT; AND
- WHEREAS, THE UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES, CANADA AND IOWA ARE SPONSORING A MIDWEST REGION PUBLIC HEARING, IN COOPERATION WITH THE SECRETARIAT OF THE 1992 UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT (UNCED), FOR THE PURPOSE OF HEARING GRASSROOTS TESTIMONY ON ISSUES PERTAINING TO ENERGY, SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND INSTITUTIONS; AND
- WHEREAS, TESTIMONY GIVEN AT THE UNA-USA MIDWEST PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE FORWARDED TO APPROPRIATE NATIONAL LEADERS WHO WILL PREPARE THE U.S. NATIONAL REPORT THAT WILL DETERMINE U.S. POLICY AT THE 1992 UNCED "EARTH SUMMIT" CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN BRAZIL AND ATTENDED BY 159 MEMBER NATIONS;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TERRY E. BRANSTAD, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF IOWA, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1991, AS

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT DAY

IN IOWA, AND URGE CITIZENS TO PARTICIPATE WITH THE UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION FOR THE PURPOSE OF HEARING TESTIMONY ON ENERGY, SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND THE INSTITUTIONS NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT IN IOWA AND AROUND THE WORLD.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HERE-
UNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED
THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA
TO BE AFFIXED, DONE AT DES MOINES
THIS 27TH DAY OF AUGUST IN THE YEAR
OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED NINETY-ONE.



ATTEST

Shirley J. Carter
SECRETARY OF STATE
by Marilyn K. Houser, Deputy

Terry E. Branstad
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INITIATIVE FOR ECO-92 EARTH CHARTER

1. THE PRESSING NEED

a. The time is pressing. The Club of Rome was founded in 1968, Limits to Growth was written in 1971, Global 2000 was written in 1979, but insufficient progress has been made in population reduction.

b. Given global instabilities, including those in the former Soviet bloc, the need for firm control of world technology, weaponry, and natural resources, is now absolutely mandatory. The immediate reduction of world population, according to the mid-1970's recommendations of the Draper Fund, must be immediately effected.

c. The present vast overpopulation, now far beyond the world carrying capacity, cannot be answered by future reductions in the birth rate due to contraception, sterilization, abortion, but must be met in the present by the reduction in the numbers presently existing. This must be done by whatever means necessary.

d. The issue is falsely debated between a political and a cultural approach to population and resources, when in fact, faced with stubborn obstruction and day-to-day political expediency which make most of the leaders of the most populous poor countries unreliable, the issue is compulsory cooperation.

e. Compulsory cooperation is not debatable with 166 nations, most of whose leaders are irresolute, conditioned by localist "cultures," and lacking appropriate notions of the New World Order. Debate means delay and forfeiture of our goals and purpose.

f. The U.N. action against Iraq proves conclusively that resolute action on our part can sway other leaders to go along with the necessary program. The Iraq action proves that the aura of power can be projected and sustained and that the wave of history is sweeping forward.

PERILS TO BE HEADED

There is a twofold opposition which must be eliminated by quick action. There are rumblings among some of the "South" regions, notably Brazil and Malaysia, to thwart the aims of the UNCED Earth Charter and to thwart the international gathering in Brazil in June 1992.

There is also the unfortunate vacillation in our own ranks, an argument that the UNCED leaders have made made the agenda "too political" and that the way must first be prepared on a less abrasive cultural basis.

We present only the most recent evidence:

* Gilberto Mello Mourao, the Brazilian writer, warned in the August 4, Folha de Sao Paulo that at Munich in 1938, "It won't be easy to row against the current of that type of ecological epidemic, unleashed against our country, which threatens the structure of our cultural, spiritual, and political values, and against our very national sovereignty.... Messrs. Chamberlain and Daladier, heads of the governments of England and France, calmly offered the Brazilian Amazon to the Fuehrer." Hitler reportedly observed that since the Amazon was in South America, the United States would cite the Monroe Doctrine and reject a German occupation of Brazilian territory. "Chamberlain and Daladier responded that the proposal had Washington's backing."

* The prime minister of Malaysia, Mahathir Mohamad, announced on Aug. 16 that his country may boycott the Earth Summit and stated that if the conference is used to suppress the Third World, it would be better for these nations to hold their own meeting. Speaking to newsmen in Petaling Jaya, Mahathir claimed that environmentalists have launched a global assault on Malaysia, while it is the developed nations, not Malaysia, who are polluting the environment.

* Malaysia's Science, Technology, and Environment minister, Law Hieng Ding, announced Aug. 20, according to the New Straits Times of Aug. 23, that Malaysia is preparing a document entitled "Greening the World," urging developed countries to use wealth and technology to turn the deserts green.

* Ahmed Djogla, Algeria's delegate to the Aug. 15 meeting of the U.N. Conference for Environment and Development, said Aug. 23 in Geneva, according to the U.N. Inter Press Service, that "We have the old pattern of the North imposing the system and the South having to accept. Non-governmental organizations are saying that the North has hijacked the agenda, and they are right.... They are prepared to let people die but not forests."

* The Malaysian Sunday Times editorial of Aug. 16 said, "Environmentalists make so much of their noble mission in protecting the environment which sustains all of us.... They do not credit Malaysians with much intelligence, with a similar concern for the health of the land and themselves. Shades of precious fin de siecle romanticism; visions of the noble savage stalking big game in arboreal groves, in grunting communion with the voices of the land. The same kind of romantic claptrap that got natives all over the world sold down the river into slavery, decimated by smallpox and clap, driven from their land into alcoholism and hopeless helplessness."

"Malaysia has had its fill of cultural and intellectual domination...."

* The Brazilian Jornal de Commercio on Aug. 19 reported that Brazilian Foreign Minister Francisco Rezek said that it was "hypocritical to campaign to preserve flora and fauna.... If the human race becomes extinct, there won't be any sense in preserving an exuberant flora or fauna on this planet."

* Brazil's chief of staff of the Amazon military command, Gen. Thaumaturgo Sotero Vaz, stated in an interview in the Aug. 28 Folha de Sao Paulo, that the nation's armed forces will not permit Eco-92 resolutions restricting Brazil's sovereignty over the Amazon or creating "Indian nations" within the region. The general did not rule out the possibility that Brazil could be subjected to "something similar to what happened in the Persian Gulf," and declared that persons like Francois Mitterrand and Ted Kennedy would not be permitted to order reductions in or elimination of Brazil's armed forces. Sotero Vaz said, "If those idiots try to come in here, we're going to give it to them and [treat them] like guerrillas...." The governor of the Amazon, Gilberto Mestrinho, stated Sept. 8, "The generals' position is the product of looking at reality."

* The president of the Industrial Federation of the Brazilian state of Para in the Amazon region, Fernando Flexa Ribiero, was quoted by the press Sept. 14 as stating that environmentalists want to make the Amazon "a sterile preservation." He said Eco-92 could "promote colonialist practices."

* The Brazilian daily Tribuna de Imprensa quoted Joann Grossi, a spokesperson for the U.S. Agency for International Development, as saying that sterilization is the family planning "method preferred by President George Bush to increase the effectiveness of birth control in the Third World."

* The Italian Catholic weekly *Il Sabato* published a Sept. 14 article by Prof. Franco Cardini stating: "It must be said with utmost clarity that the plans of the International Monetary Fund for the [former] U.S.S.R. and the eastern countries are infamous.... The European Community is in the position to supply not only suggestions, but also capital and technological structures, but all this obstructs the plans of the New World Order, which is strictly hooked to the United States, the country that remains (have we forgotten?) the most indebted country in the world, and is facing a crisis of production exemplified by the crashes of the stock market and the big banks. It is this new frontier that re-emerging liberalists would like to propose to the former Soviet Union...." The article has been much discussed in Poland, as the first frontal criticism of the International Monetary Fund and the free-market model from this quarter.

* India's delegate at the Geneva UNCED negotiations told the Earth Charter organizers, with the support of negotiators from China, the Philippines, Chile, Venezuela, Ethiopia, Ghana, and Malaysia, that "we are not here as supplicants, and we have not come here for aid," but "compensatory financial flows" to underdeveloped nations are required, according to the Sept. 13 Indian press. The delegate, Chandrashekar Dasgupta, also strongly opposed plans to bring environmental matters under the U.N. Security Council, and insisted that "development" be put center stage instead of bracketed next to the environment. He told newsmen that both India and China will have to be satisfied on these questions before they attend the Rio summit, declaring that without the assent of India and China, no charter will be worth the paper it is written on.

* At the Non-Aligned foreign ministers' meeting in Ghana, India's external affairs, Madhavsinh Solanki, called Sept. 11 for a comprehensive and integrated strategy on debt and a development consensus for this decade. The African group at the conference sponsored an urgent call for an international conference on debt.

* The U.N. Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) issued its annual report Sept. 16, declaring, according to BBC, that the liberal free market is not an appropriate model for the developing nations. Finance should serve industry, not the other way around, and government has a key role to play in certain sectors of the economy. Directed credit for special projects is sometimes necessary. Developing nations should look to Germany and Japan rather than the U.S. and Britain as examples. The report deplores the tendency to introduce an "Anglo-Saxon" banking system into developing countries.

WHAT THE WORLDWIDE FUND FOR NATURE IS SAYING

* An official of the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) said Sept. 10 that the Geneva UNCED results were "absolutely a serious setback. There will be no convention on forests by June 1992 for Brazil. Nobody wants to say it publicly, but the forests convention is finished. The situation has reached a deadlock. This is the first casualty for the UNCED process. Increasingly, UNCED is being broken down into blocs, with the developing sector in one bloc. We heard the statements of Mahathir, and these can be serious. We hope it is just a tactic to precipitate new negotiations, but it has the potential to set the ball rolling and cause other countries besides Malaysia to withdraw. It is a very difficult situation."

* A senior advisor on ecological affairs to Britain's Prince Philip said Sept. 15 that Eco-92 organizer Maurice Strong had "over-politicized" the issue of environmentalism and had raised "ridiculously messianic expectations"

for the Earth Summit. "Strong is mis-focusing attention away from a clear and present danger confronting the entire ecology movement: the general shift in paradigm toward favoring economic growth, in the former communist nations.... We should be avoiding too much overt politicking. We should concentrate on change-of-awareness models, and attack the underlying ethical-moral considerations that motivate people. Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union, that is our biggest challenge. We will have a major problem if they try to achieve the level of economic growth of the advanced Western nations. This is potentially one of our biggest challenges, and Prince Philip is getting more and more involved in dealing with it.

"Strong is somebody who spent too much time at his wife's New Age center, it obviously touched his mind. It all reminds me of the so-called Millerites of the 19th century, who predicted that the world would come to an end at some point in 1844, so they all went into the mountains to prepare. The world didn't come to an end, and the Millerites became the Jehovah's Witnesses. That is what I see happening with the Earth Summit. Just listen to Strong talk about 'the most significant event in human history ever,' and 'the last chance to save the planet.' What could be more ridiculous, and guaranteed to create a mess? We see the backlash already, in the reactions of various Third World countries."

WHAT MUST BE DONE

In the face of mounting opposition from Third World elements, certain forces in the Eastern European and Russian regions, and by the Vatican, and certain weak-kneed response within the ecology effort, what really is the purpose of traipsing around America to convince a handful of farmers, unionists, local officials, churchmen, and university environmentalists of the necessity of the Earth Charter? If one truly wished to convert the American public, would it not be necessary to say fully, openly and explicitly what must be done? And that it must be done now?

Do you really imagine that parading some Third Worlders before "hearings" conducted by local celebrities, the Third World will simply quiet down, or that the American press coverage of these events will overwhelm this opposition?

Will you take action now that President Bush has the political momentum or wait until you must convince America to fight a hundred Vietnams simultaneously? This is the time to save the Anglo-Saxon race and its most glorious production, the Anglo-Saxon system of banking, insurance and trade.

We are the living sponsors of the great Cecil Rhodes will of 1877, in which Rhodes devoted his fortune to: 'The extension of British rule throughout the world... the colonization by British subjects of the entire Continent of Africa, the Holy Land, the Valley of the Euphrates, the islands of Cyprus and Candia, the whole of South America, the islands of the Pacific not heretofore possessed by Great Britain, the whole of the Malay Archipelago, the seaboard of China and Japan, the ultimate recovery of the United States of America as an integral part of the British Empire....'

We stand with Lord Milner's Credo. We too, are "British Race Patriots" and our patriotism is "the speech, the tradition, the principles, the aspirations of the British Race." Do you fear to take this stand, at the very last moment when this purpose can be realized? Do you not see that failure now, is to be pulled down by the billions of Lilliputians of lesser race who care little or nothing for the Anglo-Saxon system?

THEREFORE THE FOLLOWING POLICY MUST BE IMPLEMENTED:

A. The Security Council of the U.N., led by the Anglo-Saxon Major Nation powers, will decree that henceforth, the Security Council will inform all nations that its suffrage on population has ended, that all nations have quotas for REDUCTION on a yearly basis, which will be enforced by the Security Council by selective or total embargo of credit, items of trade including food and medicine, or by military force, when required.

B. The Security Council of the U.N. will inform all nations that outmoded notions of national sovereignty will be discarded and that the Security Council has complete legal, military, and economic jurisdiction in any region in the world and that this will be enforced by the Major Nations of the Security Council.

C. The Security Council of the U.N. will take possession of all natural resources, including the watersheds and great forests, to be used and preserved for the good of the Major Nations of the Security Council.

D. The Security Council of the U.N. will explain that not all races and peoples are equal, nor should they be. Those races proven superior by superior achievements ought to rule the lesser races, caring for them on suffrage that they cooperate with the Security Council. Decision making, including banking, trade, currency rates, and economic development plans, will be made in stewardship by the Major Nations.

E. All of the above constitute the New World Order, in which Order, all nations, regions and races will cooperate with the decisions of the Major Nations of the Security Council.

The purpose of this document is to demonstrate that action delayed could well be fatal. All could be lost if mere opposition by minor races is tolerated and the unfortunate vacillations of our closest comrades is cause for our hesitations. Open declaration of intent followed by decisive force is the final solution. This must be done before any shock hits our financial markets, tarnishing our credibility and perhaps diminishing our force.

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(NOTE: When Communism AND Capitalism collapse,
World NATIONAL Socialism will rise up to replace
them. "NAZI" stood for "NAZIONAL" in the word
"NATIONAL Socialism.")

October 2, 1991

Congressman Richard A Gephardt
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Dear Congressman Gephardt:

Adrienne asked me to send this literature to you. It bears your telephone number, but certainly doesn't seem to represent your political mind. It emerged at the UNCED conference held in Des Moines on September 22, 1991 where an acquaintance was gleaning information about the ECO-92 meeting to be held in Rio in June 1992.

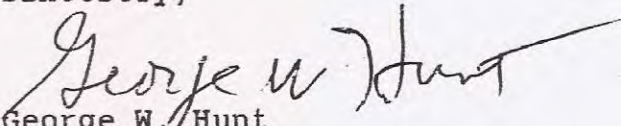
Though the paper speaks against Maurice Strong, we have reason to think that people in his camp distributed this racist literature. Why he would "shoot himself in the foot" is beyond me. And why he would insinuate you as the creator of this volatile literature is still another puzzle of which, perhaps, you may already know.

Strong is stirring up controversy about the Rio meeting. He will preside as the Secretary-General of the Conference. An article not included with these papers quotes his speculations that a world financial collapse will be precipitated by the Rio meeting. Many are watching and listening as this Rio Conference unfolds.

Our country has been undermined by the same sorts of persons who convened the Des Moines UNCED ("unsaid") Conference. We seem to be powerless to stop them. It must be doubly hard on you, Congressman Gephardt, to serve in these last years of our Constitution, seeing how we have lost control of our affairs as we ooze toward the brink. When foreigners like Maurice Strong can thwart our laws and dismantle American systems at will (I have proof of these statements) right under our noses and get away with them, any discerning American can see "the fat lady rising up to sing".

It seems that you and your colleagues are much too busy with other agendaes than to follow the machinations of M. Strong and his European treasure hunters, but if Strong is truly responsible for placing your phone number on this literature, you may have some real problems at hand.

Sincerely,


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