

The Infrastructure Road to Recovery

Populate or Perish

Prince Philip and Other Great Apes

Forced to confront the evidence of population growth throughout history, the greenie might whine, "Yes, the evidence of all human history is of rising absolute population and rising population-density. But, we here in Australia are different because of our geography." One has only to open the newspapers any given day, to see where the greenie gets his ideas. For instance, *The Australian* of April 30, 1994 reported about the just-concluded conference of the Australian Academy of Science's Population 2040, "Biological evidence was presented that Australia had already far exceeded its biological limits, and ought to aim for as few as 6-7 million people in the very long term." On March 4, 1999, the Chair of the National Biodiversity Council, Dr. Harry Recher, told the *Canberra Times*, "The Australian environment is neither highly productive nor capable of withstanding the kinds of intense exploitation imposed on it over the past 200 years".

The quackademics are just mouthing what they are paid for. For the reality is that "population control" has always been a doctrine of the oligarchy, which desires dumber and far fewer people, because they are then much easier to control. This doctrine began in the modern era with attacks against the great Republican and American Independence leader Dr. Benjamin Franklin.

In 1751, Franklin published a pamphlet, *Observations Concerning the Increase in Mankind*, in which he argued for rapidly increasing the population of North America. Franklin's work was also published in Italy, where it was harshly attacked by the monk Giammaria Ortes, a leading spokesman for the powerful rentier-financier families of Venice.

Ortes' work was later plagiarised by an ambitious young graduate of Oxford University's divinity school, Thomas Malthus, who published Ortes' arguments as his own *Essay On the Principles of Population*. At that time, Malthus was in the service of the British Prime Minister, William Pitt the Younger, who sponsored the first, 1798 edition of Malthus' famous work. This work led to the 1800 reform of the British Poor Law where Britain ceased to give financial assistance to its own "useless eaters".

Malthus argued that the growth of population would always, sooner or later, outstrip the food supply, and therefore we should just kill off some of the population. As he wrote in his *An Essay on the Principle of Population*:

"We are bound in justice and honour formally to disdain the Right of the poor to support.

"The infant is, comparatively speaking, of little value to society, as another will immediately supply its place.

"All children who are born, beyond what would be required to keep up the population to the desired level, must necessarily perish, unless room be made for them by the death of grown persons.... Therefore ... we should facilitate, instead of foolishly and vainly endeavouring to impede, the operations of nature in producing this mortality; and if we dread the too frequent visitation of the horrid form of famine, we should sedulously encourage other forms of destruction, which we compel nature to use.

"Instead of recommending cleanliness to the poor, we should encourage contrary habits. In our towns we should make the streets narrower, crowd more people into the houses, and court the return of the plague. In the country, we should build our villages near stagnant pools, and particularly encourage settlement in all marshy and unwholesome situations. But above all we should reprobate specific remedies for ravaging diseases; and restrain those be-

nevolent, but much mistaken men, who have thought they are doing a service to mankind by protecting schemes for the total extirpation of particular disorders."

The Malthusian concept of "carrying capacity", which is interchangeable with the now-omnipresent buzz word, "sustainability", has been propagated by the oligarchy, through such fronts as Prince Philip's World Wide Fund for Nature, or through the Club of Rome, which was founded in 1967 by Italian businessman Aurelio Peccei and British intelligence operative Alexander King. As Prince Philip, founder of both the WWF and of the Australian Conservation Foundation, has said, "You cannot keep a bigger flock of sheep than you are capable of feeding. In other words conservation may involve culling in order to keep a balance between relative numbers in each species within any particular habit. I realize this is a very touchy subject, but the fact remains that mankind is part of the living world.... Every new acre brought into cultivation means another acre denied to wild species."

In 1991, in its publication *The First Global Revolution*, the Club of Rome openly identified its real enemy: "In searching for a new enemy to unite us, we came up with the idea that pollution, the threat of global warming, water shortages, famine and the like would fit the bill.... But in designating them as the enemy, we fall into the trap of mistaking symptoms for causes. All these dangers are caused by human intervention and it is only through changed attitudes and behavior that they can be overcome. The real enemy, then, is humanity itself." Or, as Prince Philip was reported as saying, by *Deutsche Presse Agentur* in August 1988, in his inimitable callous style, "In the event I am reborn, I would like to return as a deadly virus, in order to contribute something to solve overpopulation."

A second motive in population control, is so that the oligarchy can control the planet's raw materials, many of which are in lands inhabited by the "darker-skinned races", in the words of Club of Rome co-founder Alexander King. In the 1970s, then-U.S. National Security Adviser Henry Kissinger sponsored National Security Study Memorandum 200, which proclaimed that population growth in the developing world is a strategic threat to the United States, because it threatened to consume raw materials upon which the United States depended. The memo called for holding world population at eight billion instead of the 22 billion then projected for 2075, and specifically targeted 13 developing sector nations for "population reduction".

This notion of locking up raw materials has been applied in Australia as well, under the rubric of "land rights", "economic rationalism", and "environmentalism". The chief funder and organiser of all three is Her Majesty's minerals cartel, Rio Tinto. These policies are already depopulating huge sections of our continent, just as intended. (See map at right.)

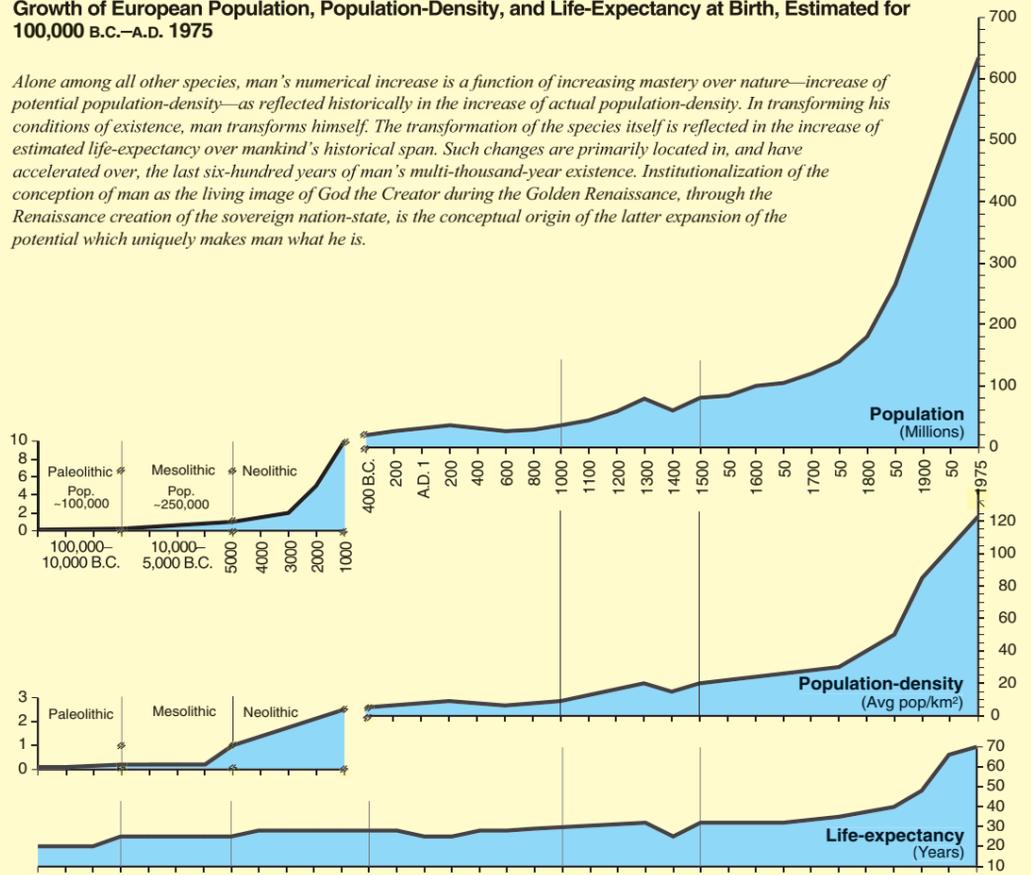
Is there any danger in reality of "raw materials running out", or of "the earth becoming overpopulated", if the population keeps rising? Well, what does man have a brain for? It has been the history of mankind, that unlike kangaroos, man constantly develops new raw materials through scientific and technological advances. What was titanium (see "Great Water Projects" section) to the kangaroo, or even to most Australians, until recently? And, should mankind ever threaten to "run out of room", there are billions and billions of galaxies, each with billions of worlds in them, which we can colonise, beginning with "earth-forming" Mars over the



Photo Left: AP Photo/Gorilla Foundation via San Francisco Chronicle. Right: Gorilla Foundation Buckingham Palace

Graph 4
Growth of European Population, Population-Density, and Life-Expectancy at Birth, Estimated for 100,000 B.C.—A.D. 1975

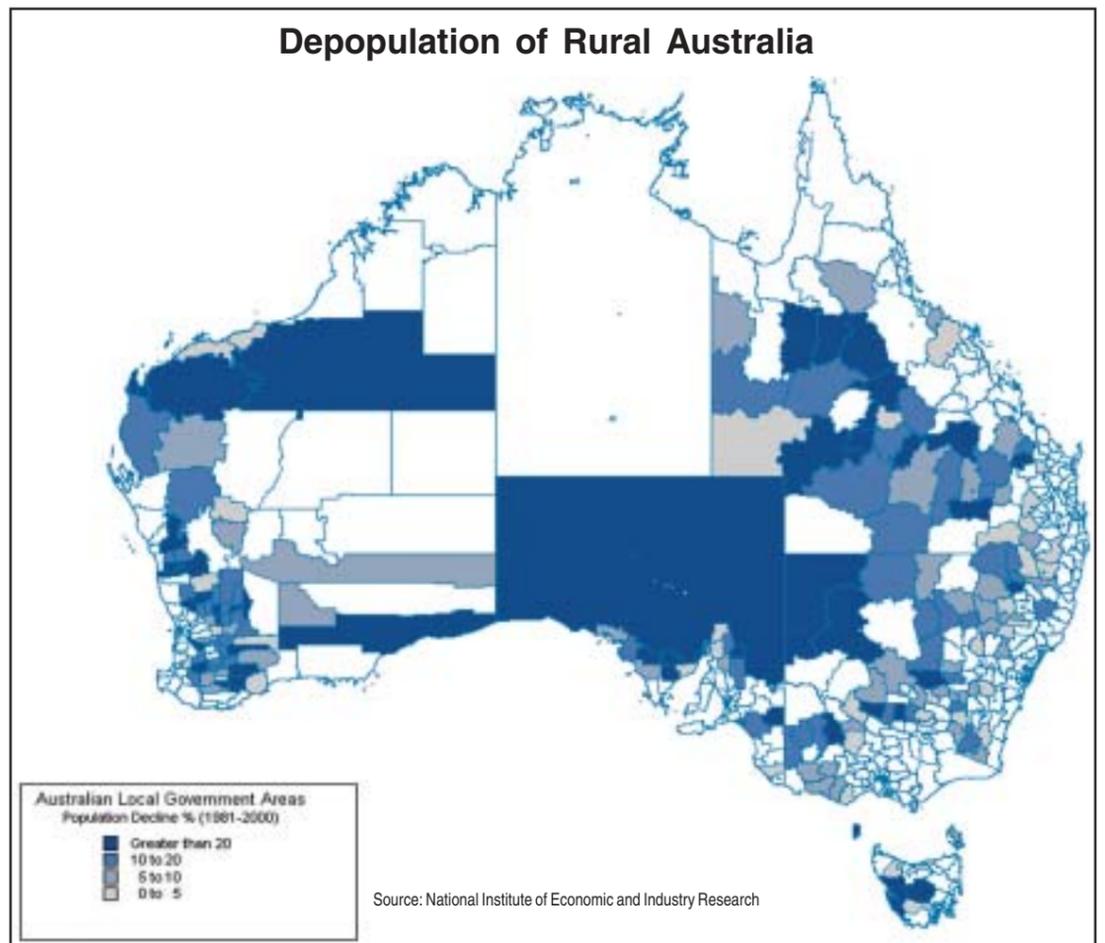
Alone among all other species, man's numerical increase is a function of increasing mastery over nature—increases of potential population-density—as reflected historically in the increase of actual population-density. In transforming his conditions of existence, man transforms himself. The transformation of the species itself is reflected in the increase of estimated life-expectancy over mankind's historical span. Such changes are primarily located in, and have accelerated over, the last six-hundred years of man's multi-thousand-year existence. Institutionalization of the conception of man as the living image of God the Creator during the Golden Renaissance, through the Renaissance creation of the sovereign nation-state, is the conceptual origin of the latter expansion of the potential which uniquely makes man what he is.



All charts are based on standard estimates compiled by existing schools of demography. None claim any more precision than the indicative; however, the scaling flattens out what might otherwise be locally, or even temporarily, significant variation, reducing all thereby to the set of changes which is significant, independent of the quality of estimates and scaling of the graphs. Sources: For population and population-density, Colin McEvedy and Richard Jones, *Atlas of World Population History*, for life-expectancy, various studies in historical demography.

Note breaks and changes in scales.

Depopulation of Rural Australia



Source: National Institute of Economic and Industry Research

The Coalition/ALP policies of economic rationalism have systematically depopulated rural Australia.

decades ahead.

In fact, the danger today, after three decades of Malthusian policies, is not overpopulation, but underpopulation, both in terms of the work force required to support an aging population, as well as in

the just plain radical shrinkage of the human race. As a January 28, 2002 article in *The Age* by Pamela Bone pointed out, if an average fertility rate of 1.5 births per woman (the actual rate in a number of advanced sector countries at present) is main-

tained over several generations, then the population declines by a quarter in each generation. "According to demographic projections," Ms. Bone points out, "if Japan's very low fertility rates persist for 200 years, there will be no Japanese left."