

# Third World Wrap-up

by Ray Harvey

"Triage" - that's polite for "mass murder."

"Triage" is a term used in military medicine, developed during World War II. When there is a limited supply of anything (food, water, medicine), the authority segregates the "salvageable" humanity from that to be discarded.

"...the concept of 'triage' is darkly fashionable...one making the rounds of the inner policy circles here Washington," writes Georgia A. Geyer in her syndicated column (Oregonian, October 5th). Triage is currently being planned for those Third World countries considered expendable - countries which have been forced out of the world's reproductive process. Of course, triage cannot end with the "humane withholding of food" from the targeted Third World populations. Triage is the unwinding process of international trade and development. Its advocates accept the notion that human progress is no longer achievable - or even worthy of achievement. Triage finds no takers in the Third World.

Georgia Anne Geyer offers her readers what is known as a "Reesian choice" - that is, no choice at all. The title of her article puts it nicely: "Forced Poor - Country Cooperation Better Than 'Triage Treatment'." Arbeit macht frei. Hey, you might ask, ain't there something else? Forced "cooperation" or death? The seventy-seven non-aligned nations asked this question too, and they came up with an answer.

Third World countries: it is policy where payment is non-industrial linked banks takes precedence over maintaining social services (medical, education, sanitation, fire and police, etc).

During 1973-74 the triage disciples were allowed out of their "dark corners" to push the 'humane' termination of credit and food for the "basket cases". Garret Hardin, the brothers Paddock (Famine - 1975), and 'moderate' Lester Brown et al were being slipped in as State Department policy. But the Third World countries objected. For a while triagists retreated to their inner sanctum in Washington, though unadmitted. According to the triage bible, Famine - 1975, Haiti, Egypt and India, for example, should receive no food or credit (the book lists 108 countries on its critical list). But India has just unpegged its rupees from the British pound sterling and has tied its currency to a group of currencies, including the ruble and the yen; a move toward continuing India's increased trade and productive investment.

Rather than triage (starvation, plague, nuclear war, etc.), Geyer offers the 'moderate' Lester Brown's plan: "forced cooperation" via a food bank, where food and credit will go to the countries obediently paying their dollar debts, limiting their population, and producing the assigned crops or raw materials at prices dictated by the IMF, the World Bank, the Chase, etc. Such is the stuff But triage is not being confined to the

of fascist economies, Lester Brown. It maintains that there is a surplus of people. It maintains that only force will be effective in limiting the growth of populations. It maintains humanity to be an ever increasing burden and liability ("useless eaters") rather than the creative potential and reality humanity is.

Zero growth advocates such as Lester Brown do not in fact analyze how populations increase. Population growth is commensurate with the nature of the economy; more children are essential to an agricultural economy than to a family in an industrial one; the rate of maturation (amount of time it takes for the children to develop the skills appropriate to the technology) is much lower, in general, in the Third World agricultural economies - enforcing large family size. So even from the most bitter reductionist zero population growth standpoint, if z.g. advocates could think clearly they would advocate expanding non-inflationary production and international development.

October 5th United States Treasury Secretary William Simon told the New York Times that some form of debt moratoria must be worked out regarding New York City debt. This statement gives the green light for Third World calls for debt moratoria, which through the proposals of the International Development Bank (IDB) will have the effect of restarting production: in the first, second and third world.

Why triage - are there too many of us?

Advocates of triage - or "forced cooperation" such as Geyer, omit the notion of human progress from their Reesian choice. Rather than progress, slated sections of humanity are to undergo "voluntary sterilization" Roger Freeman of Stanford University advocates that welfare mothers be bribed with cash in order to undergo sterilization. Queens University biology professor (Ontario) proposes that "sterilization should be psychic rather than physical," that is the "Clockwork Orange" method.

Robert Malthus (1798) maintained population increased geometrically, while food production increased only arithmetically. The scientific and industrial revolution reduced Malthus' scribbling to so much hysteria. Likewise the contemporary Malthusians do not envision human progress, as typified by the development of controlled thermonuclear fusion technology (not to be confused with the fission) and hence, for example, the liberating food production capacities through energy-intensive hydroponics, through energy-intensive desalinating processes which will reclaim desert lands for agricultural-recreational use - and so on.

The Third World countries, led by Iraq, Algeria, India, Mexico and others have opted toward development rather than accept the Reesian choice: triage (the polite name for mass murder) or 'forced cooperation'.

# The Guns of White America

by Dr. Nathan Wright, Jr.

It seems nonsensical on its face for anyone to advocate gun control in White America. Guns are as fixed a part of the "wild west" and "compulsion of others" complex in the American personality as the proverbial taste for apple pie. Hence, when apparent assassination attempts are made, such as the recent fiasco in Sacramento, California, it would appear as nothing more than idle talk to speak of stricter control of guns.

Black Americans have a tremendous stake in keeping down the incidence of the misuse of deadly firearms. Black Americans cannot afford to engage in the effectively idle talk of so much of the American gun control debate.

There's an old expression which we all know and which may be helpful to us as Black Americans concerned with a realistic or workable approach to the White American gun craze or pathology. The expression is: "Monkey see; monkey do." All we have to do is to see how the British and the Scandinavians keep down their murder rate.

Here's what they do. They discourage the use of deadly bullets, even for the military, except in actual warfare. They encourage the use of rubber bullets, which stop persons and animals "cold in their tracks," rendering them dazed and powerless but not dead. Perhaps every Black newspaper in America should help in a steady campaign for the outlawing of hard or steel bullets and encourage the use of rubber bullets instead.

All of us can write to our own Congressmen or women, telling them of our concern that non-death-dealing rubber bullets may be the most workable approach to the handgun menace. A number of surveys have indicated that the American public emphatically is not going to give up its handguns.

Indeed, our state police, as well as local ones are adding more deadly steel

bullets to their current hard bullet arsenals. They are adding steel bullets which explode inside their target, making death almost a certainty. It is within the province of the police to detain for trial, not to mete out a summary execution.

Even in their policing of Northern Ireland, the British troops use rubber bullets. We should have legislation on our national books outlawing the use of hard bullets by anyone within the territorial limits of the United States, except in wartime. Our army target practice can do quite well with rubber bullets.

The outlawing of metal bullets and the mandatory use of rubber bullets would allow a "gun happy" White America to shoot to their heart's content. But few would die, including Presidents in shooting plots. The penalty for the keeping or carrying of hard bullets would have to be severe. But that should be no problem.

Advocates of the use of guns could still more than adequately protect their homes. Sportsmen could still hunt but have the choice of killing their prey after stunning it or of taking it to the forestry service or humane society for patching and release. Rubber bullets emphatically would not kill the joy of the hunt.

Congressman John Conyers, chairman of a congressional sub-committee on firearms should be contacted by every concerned person in this regard. His address is: Congressional Office Building, Washington, D.C.

Truly humane legislation and reforms must come most often from oppressed or alienated minorities. "Power corrupts," so Lord Acton has reminded us. Hence we as Black Americans have a trust to fulfill in many ways, including the continuous bombarding of the Congress and the education of the public concerning the need for rubber bullets.

# African nations support peace

"Forty-four Black African countries support the world peace movement," said Romesh Chandra, Secretary-General of the World Peace Council and Nobel Peace Prize nominee for 1975, in an exclusive interview Tuesday by an National Newspaper Publishers Association representative.

Africans support it strongly not only because they need to use their resources for economic development rather than arms, but also because the cause of peace is in keeping with their long tradition," he explained.

This same tradition among Blacks in America, the fifty-six year old continued, grows out of the Black

# Haas asks victim's ombudsman

Multnomah County District Attorney Harl Haas has requested Governor Bob Straub to appoint an ombudsman to represent the victims of felons. The District Attorney revealed his request before the Annual Banquet of the Seaside Chamber of Commerce Thursday night.

Noting the Governor's recent appointment of a third ombudsman for inmates in the Oregon State Correctional Institutions, Mr. Haas urged "consideration of the appointment of at least one ombudsman to represent the victims of those inmates."

The ombudsman would present the victim's perspective to those corrections officials involved with decisions on inmates' eligibility for work release programs and parole. The District Attorney blamed a preoccupation with the rights of offenders for the tragic neglect of the victim's plight.

"In the last twenty years a growing zeal for those accused of crime and an increasing tendency to lay the blame of crime not so much upon the criminal as on the society have combined to create a severe imbalance in favor of the rights of those accused of crime over the rights of those of the public."

As the extent and seriousness of America's crime problem continued unabated the chances for arrest, conviction and punishment diminish.

Statistics indicate that there is only a one in seven chance for an offender to get caught, and an even lower probability of being punished.

"Not only does the growth of violent death taint the whole society but the increase and spread of crime engenders a fear that constantly overshadows nearly all of us, denying our right to venture forth at night for recreation, prohibiting us from many areas in our cities, and raising the cost of goods and services."

The impact of this fear has been compounded by a cruel system which concentrates its attention upon the offender. "All too often the victims of crime have become a vast class of forgotten Americans overlooked in official proceedings, generally ignored by the public, the bureaucrats and the politicians."

In the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office, Mr. Haas has initiated the state's first and only program providing assistance to victims of serious crime.

In a little over a month since the program began it has provided over \$10,000 worth of referral services, personally aided over sixty victims of crime, and kept over 700 victims and witnesses informed of the progress and results of their cases.

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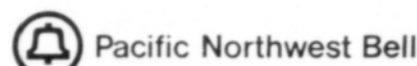
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