

BORN, CARRIED. MAMMAL LIFE BEGINS WITHIN ANOTHER.

WE KNOW A MEMBRANE OF AIR ENCLOSSES US AFTER THE BIRTH WATER BREAKS, FIFTEEN MILLION LUNG GULPS A YEAR, A BILLION IN A LIFE-TIME. ARMS, LEGS, FINGERS AND TOES TO MOVE OURSELVES, TO MOVE THINGS TOWARD US.

OUR GROUNDS ARE WITHIN THE ALL-LIVING-WHOLE.

WE DON'T KNOW WHERE WE ARE.

EARTH - Greek, to the ground - SOIL or MORTAL or LAND.

WORLD - Teutonic, human existence - EARTHLY HUMAN LIFE or ALL INHABITANTS AND THINGS OF EARTH or HUMAN SOCIETY or SOME PART OF EARTH'S INHABITANTS or SCENE OF ONE'S LIFE.

PLANET - Greek, wanderer - ANY OF 7 ANCIENTLY OBSERVED MOVING HEAVENLY BODIES (SUN, MOON, VENUS, JUPITER, MARS, MERCURY, SATURN) or BODIES REVOLVING AROUND THE SUN or HEAVENLY BODIES INFLUENCING THE FATE OF MAN.

GLOBE - Latin, something round - SPHERICAL REPRESENTATION OF THE EARTH or A WORLDWIDE SYSTEM.

EARTH IS NOT HEAVEN, MY WORLD IS NOT YOURS, A PLANET EXISTS IN OUTSIDE SPACE, A GLOBE IS A STRATEGIC MAP.

SURROUNDS



GROUNDS

We are surrounded with geopolitical locations.

The human mammal range on planet Earth is set within the confines of state power. Everyone is accountable to some nation and all nations compete for dominion. "World" tends to mean no more than a relative standing in this competition - "1st, 2nd or 3rd World."

But we all know there is more to our place within the all-living-whole than being a Canadian in the 1st, a Pole in the 2nd or a Zambian in the 3rd World. And there are common local-whole concerns which cannot be resolved through the machinations of state power.

Our identity as planetarians is overdue.

This is a review of some groups recognized by the United Nations as non-governmental organizations. All are involved in "the environment" and sent representatives to UN Conferences on the Human Environment held in 1972. Most of them use "international or "world" in their titles. They are allegedly non-political and undertake activities or projects which might be seen as having a basis in planet concerns.

Each organization responded to an inquiry for background information, objectives, current operations, and "areas of environmental concern which require a 'planetary' perspective -

a perspective inclusive of every human on the planet or the entire biosphere."

World Assembly of Youth's first reply from their New York representative came under the letterhead of The Dreyfus Corporation, a mutual funds investment firm, referring the inquiry to WAY headquarters in Brussels. They stated involvement with one "global" problem - population in 20 under-developed countries.

Addressing UN non-governmental representatives to the Human Environment Conference on "the patience of the poor," Barbara Ward warned that "on the planetary level...unless we deal with the substance of human life in a natural environment which supports the dignity of human beings...the condition of the people will end in an explosion equal to that of the 1840's."

An investment corporation executive is troubled by 3rd World population and Lady Jackson (Barbara Ward's title) fears rebellion. Aren't these geopolitical symptoms?

"Population Control" (a phrase peculiar to groups with human numbers as a central concern), "Consumers," "Environment Issues," "Industry," "Ethics" and "Conservation/'Animals'" - categories for the groups reviewed - aren't they new geopolitical containments for our planetary aspirations?

Surrounded again.

Population Control

THE POPULATION INSTITUTE

home office in Washington, DC
board of directors entirely US -
clergy leaders, business board
chairman, advertising company
president, SMU professor of physics,
former US Secretary of Labor who
is also a trustee of Penn Central
Railroad
endowed by HUGH MOORE FUND, non-
profit educational foundation
which first published The Population
Bomb

OPERATION

maintains a high-pressure Communication Center
in NYC

coordinates media for "leadership groups"

sponsors spokesmen to promote population control
at international conferences

develops themes for world youth group conferences,
convenes student briefings and workshops,
provides classroom materials

distributes reprints of favored articles (The
Wall Street Journal, True)

CORRESPONDENCE

"So our efforts are chiefly directed at im-
proving public understanding - particularly
among communication and opinion leaders - of
the interrelation of population policies with
almost all environmental improvement."

The Population Institute is a central propaganda agency for population control groups in the US.

Information is geared to moral hysteria and apocalyptic crises.

"WHATEVER YOUR CAUSE, IT'S A LOST CAUSE UNLESS WE CONTROL POPULATION."

"THE HIGHEST CALLING OF MANAGEMENT IS TO MANAGE THE SURVIVAL OF MAN. THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT POPULATION PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL."

"We" in "...unless we control population" equates interests of US business managers ("The highest calling of management...") with the interests of everyone else on earth.

Political anarchy is characterized (or newly defined) by having children without permission. (Anarchist bomb on their seal.)

secretariat at Department of
Psychiatry, U. of the West
Indies, Jamaica
officers and committee are
heavily weighted toward the
First World - 4 US, 2 UK,
2 Canada, 2 Jamaica, 1 France,
1 Denmark, 1 Australia, and
1 each from Iran, Surinam,
Thailand and Nigeria
tri-lingual - English, French
and Spanish

CORRESPONDENCE

"Many issues, e.g. noise pollution and over-crowding, are relevant to mental health...We have recently been taking an interest in research in the Family Planning area which is an attempt to change the environment in the direction of better mental health...."

Noise pollution, over-crowding and reducing "the whole population" are urban-focused problems, reflecting interests of the industrialized North Atlantic countries who account for nearly two-thirds of the officers and administrative committee.

Few statements of WORLD consciousness are as complete as "...everything we do is an attempt to change the environment in the direction of better mental health...."

ARCA FOUNDATION

executive office NYC
endowed privately

CORRESPONDENCE

"...the Foundation...makes grants to organizations, institutions or other groups with an IRS non-profit status...principally concerned with aspects of communication in the field of population, with a secondary concern in the area of environment...the focus is on population matters and the communication of population issues to the general public."

Without disclosing the specific origin of their funds, the organization's structure, or names of groups favored with grants, ARCA makes it clear that there is money available for population propaganda.

Consumers

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF CONSUMER UNIONS

secretariat at The Hague
funded through grants and fees
members are independent consu-
mer associations in 35 countries
executive, permanent and com-
mittee members - US, UK,
Austria, West Germany, Sweden,
Netherlands

OPERATION

conferences of members

reports consumer product evaluations

International Consumer, magazine reporting con-
sumer tests, legislation

CORRESPONDENCE

"The environmental issue poses a conflict of aims for the consumer movement itself. For while consumers may want an enjoyable environment, and speak of clean air and water as consumer goods, they also want to consume. Environmentalist policies which entail restriction of economic growth necessarily mean cutting consumption...Consequently a long drawn-out battle seems inevitable."

International Consumer

With executive members and committees from exclusively North Atlantic countries, International Organization of Consumer Unions maintains positions for people in one place on the planet to feed on the rest of it.

IOCU represents a point of view that totally differentiates between products and what it takes to make them. "Environment" is never where the products come from, it is a characteristic of something consumed. "Summer time again - meaning, for conscientious gardeners, a weekly session with the lawnmower!" reads the blurb accompanying a photograph of a man in white shirt and tie giving his lawn a haircut.

Chaired, staffed and funded by the US, International Institute for Environmental Affairs is barely beyond being an American possession. It grew out of Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies which was originated, presided over, and funded by Robert Anderson, the chairman of Atlantic-Richfield petroleum corporation. Anderson became a co-chairman of IIEA. Robert McNamara is on the advisory council. "Communist World" members are completely absent. Third World members seem to be plugged in diplomatically; "former Indonesian ambassador to the United States," "Past President, Inter-American Bank," "Chairman, World Congress of University Professors." IIEA plans

"...to be added, a third Co-chairman, a scientist from Asia" and additional offices in "Stockholm, Geneva, New Delhi, Tokyo, and cities yet to be selected in Africa, Latin America, and the Mediterranean." A 1st World group expanding outward.

IIEA was established to prepare the "Free World" position at the UN Environment Conference. An elite of experts was selected to provide reports and write statements which were presented to the Conference Secretariat and at the Conference as "major documents." This effort was called "an independent, unofficial study."

Environment Issues

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

headquarters in New York
members are heads of environ-
mental groups, scientists,
university presidents, leaders
of international service
groups, former high government
officials, and business
executives

5 US, 2 UK, Switzerland,
Greece, 2 Mexico, Venezuela,
Brazil, Argentina, Thailand,
South Korea, India, Indonesia,
Philippines, Malta

co-chairmen - US (chairman,
Atlantic-Richfield), UK (former
Chancellor of the Exchequer)
advisory council - US (president,
International Bank), Canada
(secretary-general of UN Environ-
ment Conference)

regional vice-chairmen - Japan,
Italy, Indonesia, Chile, Ghana
staff - 5 US

non-profit organization (funded
through Anderson Foundation?)
offices in New York, District
of Columbia, and Aspen, Colorado

OPERATION

begun in 1971 to develop information and reports
for UN Environment Conference

The Human Environment: Science and Interna-
tional Decision-Making - prepared for UN
Environment Conference Secretariat, "insti-
tutional arrangements" required by Conference
The World Report on the Human Environment -
"conceptual framework and a focus for the
work of the Conference," drafted by Barbara
Ward with Rene Dubos

sponsored lectures, information sheets, pamphlets
during UN Environment Conference

CORRESPONDENCE

"...maximize unifying effects and minimize
divisive effects of new ecological awareness."

"bring together representatives of many
countries and disciplines, particularly on the
decision-making and policy level."

"to manage our relations with Earth's envi-
ronment on a multi-national basis..."

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES

secretariat in The Hague
members are city officials

OPERATION

sponsors seminars and conferences

publishes occasional reports

CORRESPONDENCE

Local Government and the Environment (report of 1972 conference)

nations represented - Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, West Germany, Great Britain, Greece, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, US, Zambia

areas of concern ("tasks") - air pollution, water pollution, refuse disposal, noise, city planning, parks, and monuments

"Who will pay?...The principle of 'the polluter pays'...is slightly misleading...as it is the consumer who will finally have to pay for the fines and charges as well as the costs of new anti-pollution devices. This is obviously unsatisfactory from the point of view of equity as poorer members of society will pay more, relatively speaking, than the rich... If part of the costs were to be covered by public funds...the result would redress to some extent a balance likely to be weighted against the less wealthy...There is no reason, however, why governments should not...act here as redistributors of the national wealth.

TULA is a principal forum for urban standards. With only bare representation from 2nd and 3rd World nations, these standards are predominantly 1st World.

Air and water pollution, garbage, noise, city sprawl, and elimination of parks are set out as inevitable negative effects. No redefinition of city of new visions of city inhabitation are sought or offered. The city is taken to be a hopelessly self-abusive case, the suburb's mad grandfather.

INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL ON SOCIAL WELFARE

secretary general in New York
members are national committees
and voluntary social welfare
organizations
officers - 2 US, UK, Canada,
France, Spain, Japan, India,
Ethiopia, Brazil, Nigeria, Peru
funded through quota-assigned
membership fees for activities
bi-lingual official languages -
English and French

OPERATION

convenes biennial world forums, regional conferences and seminars

maintains consultation and information services

offices in New York, Geneva, Rome, Paris, Bombay, Rio de Janeiro, Lome, Nairobi

CORRESPONDENCE

"The world is being constantly transformed by scientific and technological advances which create and intensify human problems. As advances in communication draw the peoples of the world closer and closer together, the need for international cooperation in social welfare takes on added importance. Poverty, population, growth, illiteracy, absence of vocational training, under- and unemployment, inadequate health facilities, lack of appropriate legislation and need for social welfare policy and planning - these are problems which affect most nations of the world."

"Human Settlements. The interests and concerns of ICSW fall more fully in this aspect of the environment field than in the others."

ICSW does not have representatives from the "Communist World" with the exception of Yugoslavia. The distribution of 1st and 2nd World members has a curious drift within the organizational structure. Sixty per cent of the officers and 80% of the advisory board are solidly 1st World, but an even half of the offices are in "developing" countries. Dues are allocated according to an annual quota which comes mainly from 1st World members. The International Council on Social Welfare is itself a kind of "Free World" welfare agency.

Social welfare is defined in stock urban-centered industrial terms. ICSW is committed to mopping up the human damage of global technology. People must be trained in industrial roles. There is no alternative for human welfare but to become part of global technology. You either join or become a victim.

NEW YORK BOARD OF TRADE

(Correspondence did not include information on membership, funding or organization.)

OPERATION (environment)

distributes Toward a Quieter City, findings of a task force to recommend noise abatement measures in NYC

sponsored Recycling Day in New York with the National Association of Secondary Material Industries

contributed a "Business Speaks" Dinner to Environmental Expedition 2, a tour of US environmental installations by Swedish government and industry representatives in 1971

CORRESPONDENCE

"Being business-oriented, we are approaching this total concept (air, water, land, and man's relationship to it) as it relates to each individual community and the constituents comprising it - business, public, government."

Environmental Expedition 2 was a classic in camouflage. National Business Council on Environment took 14 Swedish presidents of major industries and government environment agency chiefs on a 10 day tour of US government and industry showcase projects. A new paper mill outfitted with experimental pollution control equipment, a large detergent manufacturer's water research project, a waste recovery equipment manufacturer, a nuclear power plant - interspersed with helicopter rides around Manhattan, jazz concerts, cocktails at the NY Banker's Club. Patrons included Standard Oil, Atlantic-Richfield, Proctor and Gamble, American Can, The New York Times. NY Board of Trade contributed a luncheon at the St. Regis Hotel where U thant was awarded a citation for the UN's environmental efforts and guests were served smoked brook trout, roast beef and gateau glace fraisetete.

NY Board of Trade is a 1st World champion of course, and its strong environmental play is to concoct approbation for industry by shuffling issues into areas already occupied by business interests. Recycling Day is co-sponsored with scrap companies who stand to make considerable profit from collection of garbage created initially by other industries.

Industry

UNION CARBIDE CORPORATION

OPERATION

produces alloys and metals; electrodes, batteries, and carbons; industrial gases and synthetic gems; silicones, synthetic organic chemicals, inorganic chemicals, and plastics; electronic products; and nuclear products

consumer products include plastic wrap and bags, anti-freeze, and insect repellent

operates coal mines and coal treatment facilities to obtain chemical constituents of products

CORRESPONDENCE

"To choose a single biosphere concern to describe the philosophy of our program, I would have to say that we are attempting to improve the quality and quantity of the food supply with the least environmental impact and no biomagnification.

(Technical Manager - agricultural products & service division)

Union Carbide and West Virginia states a \$9 million "operating expense for pollution abatement" per year.

The \$9 million a year Union Carbide spends to clean up a fraction of its own prodigious air and river fouling is only 4% of \$203 million that Moody's shows as net profit for the corporation in 1971.

Union Carbide proposes "to improve the quality and quantity of the food supply" with coal tar derived chemicals. The environment has become a product.

ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE POUR LA PROTECTION DE LA PROPRIETE INDUSTRIELLE (International Association for the Protection of Industrial Property)

"...this organization has not yet done work in this field (environmental problems). The subject is broadly on the agenda of the Association but it is doubtful that we will have any activity on it before 1975."

Treasurer General, NYC

THE INTERNATIONAL HUMANIST AND ETHICAL UNION

secretariat in Utrecht
funded through donations
members are various national
societies and organizations
full - US, UK, West Germany,
Netherlands, Belgium, Italy,
India
consultative - UK, Norway,
France, Netherlands, South
Korea
associated - 4 Australia,
Canada, France, Austria,
West Germany, Denmark, Italy,
India, New Zealand, Argen-
tina, Philippines

OPERATION

congresses of members

publishes pamphlets on humanism and issues (nu-
clear weapons, peace)

sponsors individuals with favored views to in-
ternational conventions

CORRESPONDENCE

"...an alternative to the religions which
claim to be based on revelation on the one hand
and totalitarian systems on the other."

"IHEU...aims and aspirations...include efforts
to make the world a clean and healthy habitat for
man and all creatures."

"The choice of Nairobi as the site for the en-
vironmental secretariat disappointed us but it
nonetheless does not diminish our zeal to make
it work through the cooperation of ALL the 132
members of the United Nations."

The romance of Ethical Humanism is that social
problems can be overcome through cultivation of a
morality that stresses both personal liberty and
social responsibility.

IHEU is a "Free World" group. Its members are
almost entirely from 1st World countries. Refer-
ences in its literature to "totalitarian systems"
are directed at "Communist World" governments.
Disappointment that Nairobi will be the site of the
UN Secretariat for the Human Environment is a re-
sponse indicating distrust and antipathy for the
aspirations of 3rd World governments.

Although IHEU does not spell out a program
relative to "environmental problems," it can be
assumed that "a clean and healthy habitat for man
and all creatures" is an affirmation of consumer
values in industrialized societies. IHEU sent
Barry Commoner as its representative to the UN
Environment Conference in Stockholm.

Conservation/ "Animals"

INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR CONSERVATION OF NATURE
AND NATURAL RESOURCES

secretariat in Morges, Switzer-
land

members are conservation and
environment agencies of
national states (29), inde-
pendent national groups (200
plus), and several interna-
tionals

executive board - 2 US,
2 USSR, 2 Netherlands, Canada,
India, France, Kenya, Senegal,
Iran, Norway, Egypt, Venezu-
ela, Brazil, UK, Switzerland,
Indonesia, Chile, Spain -
1972

commissions - 3 US, 3 UK,
2 USSR, 2 France, Australia,
India, Sweden, Switzerland,
Netherlands, West Germany,
Canada - 1972

funded through membership
fees and World Wildlife Fund

OPERATION

convenes triennial general assemblies of members

maintains commissions on ecology, environmental
policy, environmental planning, endangered
species, national parks, and conservation
education

conducts special research and surveys on conser-
vation, resources and environment

monitors and documents conservation data

formulates conservation and environment policy
directed to national governments

publishes reports on research, assemblies, tech-
nical meetings, endangered species invento-
ries, habitats, landscapes, and parks

acts as an expertise liaison to the UN

issues monthly bulletins on conservation topics

CORRESPONDENCE

"The rapid increase in human population coup-
pled with higher rates of consumption of natural
resources are threatening quality of life. Des-
truction of habitat, over-exploitation, and
wanton killing are eliminating species of ani-
mals and plants at a faster rate than ever
before, wasting genetic resources and reducing
diversity and future options."

"IUCN continually reviews and assesses world
environmental problems, and promotes research
relating to their solution. From this base it
formulates statements of policy on conservation
and provides governments and organizations with
advice and technical assistance...Conservation
is defined...as management of the resources of
the environment - air, water, soil, minerals and
living species including man - so as to achieve
the highest sustainable quality of human life."

INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE PROTECTION OF
ANIMALS

offices in Boston and London
members are national animal
protection agencies
directors - 6 UK, 5 US, Sweden,
West Germany, France, Scandina-
via, Spain, India, Nigeria
funded through membership fees,
dues, grants

OPERATION

investigation of wild animal hunting and trapping
practices

investigation of domestic animal handling and
slaughtering, animal rescue

publishes a quarterly newsletter

CORRESPONDENCE

"Our organization has been actively involved
in the endangered species convention which will
result in a treaty for the global protection of
endangered species..."

*ISPA has representation from 1st, 2nd, and 3rd World
countries. Its directors and funding are mainly from the
"Free World," but apparently ISPA operates with even-handed
concern for animals all over the planet.*

"US Government employees annually club 45,000 to 60,000
Northern Pacific Fur Seals to death on the US Government-
owned Pribilof Islands in the Bering Sea."

"ISPA has always felt that in any hunting based industry,
the likelihood of suffering is always present...This Society
feels the ultimate solution to the cruelty lies in the abo-
lition of the hunts...Although it is doubtful that the US
Government seal hunt will be abolished this year, ISPA is
cooperating in an international program aimed at the women
who buy and wear wild animal furs."

Peter Berg



Ethics

FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION

headquarters in London
FWCC officers and vice-chairmen
are from US, UK, West Germany,
Ireland, Australia, New Zealand,
Japan, Kenya, India, Mexico
funded by members of Quaker re-
ligion (Society of Friends)

CORRESPONDENCE

(FWCC restricted their corres-
pondence to reporting observa-
tions from the UN Environment
Conference.)

"We who represented Friends in the Stockholm Conferences believe that our religious tradition requires all of us to clarify our corporate positions on international development and environmental commitments - personal, local, national, global."

"Friends' increasing interest in environmental matters arising partly from their concern for the right sharing of world resources but also from their desire to see that the world remains a fit place in which to live."

"...grieved (by) the growing polarization of developing and industrialized countries."

"National sovereignty is the biggest stumbling block on the path of quick progress in environmental matters."

The Society of Friends is a "Western World" group with some 3rd World affiliates.

Quakers want to play an intermediary role between industrialized and developing countries. "Promotion of understanding on environment issues between developing countries and more affluent areas should rank as an important task." But this is more a commitment to pacifism and fear that resources and commodities discrepancies will escalate into hot "polarization" than a notion of new planetary identity.

FWCC represents a moderate position in the spectrum of Quaker activism. "Right sharing of world resources" could mean almost anything.

WORLD FEDERATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF ANIMALS

headquarters in The Hague
members are individuals from
38 nations
officers - 3 Netherlands, 2 UK,
US, France, Belgium, Austria,
West Germany, Switzerland,
Argentina, India
bankers in Amsterdam and Zurich

CORRESPONDENCE

"Our organization's primary concern is protection of animals from cruelty...we have concern for animals who are threatened with cruel extinction: seals, whales, tigers, panthers, kangaroos, etc.

We believe in a continuous nature reserve belt, stretching from continent to continent. We believe in the necessity of immediate "Raum" planning for every country and continent in the world...Enough space for generous living, enough space for sports and traveling and any other form of recreation, and enough space for our fellow creatures to roam around without this threat of extinction...out of a new moral responsibility."

World Federation for the Protection of Animals is predominately a 1st World group, more European than American, and committed more to representing an ethical position than working with animals.

Human domination of the planet is accepted explicitly, but the idea of continuous nature reserve belts with disregard for national "territory" is a genuinely planetary vision.

1st, 2nd and 3rd World nations are represented and participate on the executive board, but the commissions are slanted toward "Western" expertise.

IUCN is an authority on questions of biospheric management. Special research projects employ recognized specialists and usually involve unique data. National governments and the UN make decisions about conservation, resources, environment, and even parks with reference to IUCN data and criterion. Although oriented toward whole ecological systems rather than industrial production, these criterion project "Western" scientific and cultural values onto large areas of the planet.