to task over the supreme arrogance implied by attempting to force an issue as morally divisive as destroying the lives of unborn children upon other nations.

• September 1, 1994—Catholic and Moslem leaders join in a statement which condemns abortion as "evil."

The Practical Outcome

Dr. Daniel R. Heimbach, a theologian from Clinton's own denomination, watches the events unfold as the American agenda causes ripples in the conference during the first two days and a sudden explosion after compromise language — which is no compromise — is proffered by abortion-friendly European Union delegates. The new language would read that "abortion will not be used as a method of family planning. . . but where it is legal, it should be safe."

Thinking members of the conference begin asking key questions; If apartheid is legal, should we also recommend it be safe? If rape is made legal, ought governments to assure that it is done in the safest manner possible? "Legal abortion" is tantamount to "legal robbery" and very much equal to "legal murder."

The conference comes complete with a scheduled "religious" panel discussion, sponsored by International Planned Parenthood, on the difficult issue of selling abortion as a fundamental right to the world. However, the panelists can only be described as pseudo-religious leaders on display in order to give a hint of legitimacy to the U.S. agenda. Aside from this spectacle there is a concerted effort to keep the discussion steered clear of moral concerns. The debate centers on what to do about "unsafe abortion" and encourages what draft committee members consider a medical rather than criminal response.

Hidden under the surface of the debate over language and the slick, sick, smooth rhetoric about "empowering women," for the many small nations who depend on U.S. aid, there is an implied threat.

In fact, abortion as a right is a cudgel with long-lasting possibilities. Since it would be a "fundamental right," those nations failing to show aggressive support and promotion would be pressured to either accommodate by changing their own domestic policies to uphold "a woman's right" to destroy her child or risk losing monies until they do comply.

Some delegates fear that the threat goes beyond forcing a nation to accept abortion as an alternative. They fear that laws which might favor the unborn child could be seen as coercive to the mother, another reason to withhold aid. The subtle bullying effort on the part of the U.S. is cause for anger among some of the delegates.

Almost the entire conference is monopolized for the sake of those who seek to institutionalize fetacide around the world, and after nine days of wrestling against them, there are guarantees of money for the agenda and compromise language that is a partial rejection of the U.S. program to force abortion as a fundamental right for the world's women.

Since Clinton took office the U.S. has more than doubled Third World aid for "family planning" purposes, and projections are that $585 million taxpayer dollars will be spent over the next year to promote America's sexual policy world wide. Further, the U.S. has pledged one billion in aid by the year 2000. Only Germany, with their own eugenics-rich history, has pledged more (2 billion). "Empowering women" in reality means providing dollars to diminish their rate of fertility and dispense with the occasional "unwanted" offspring.

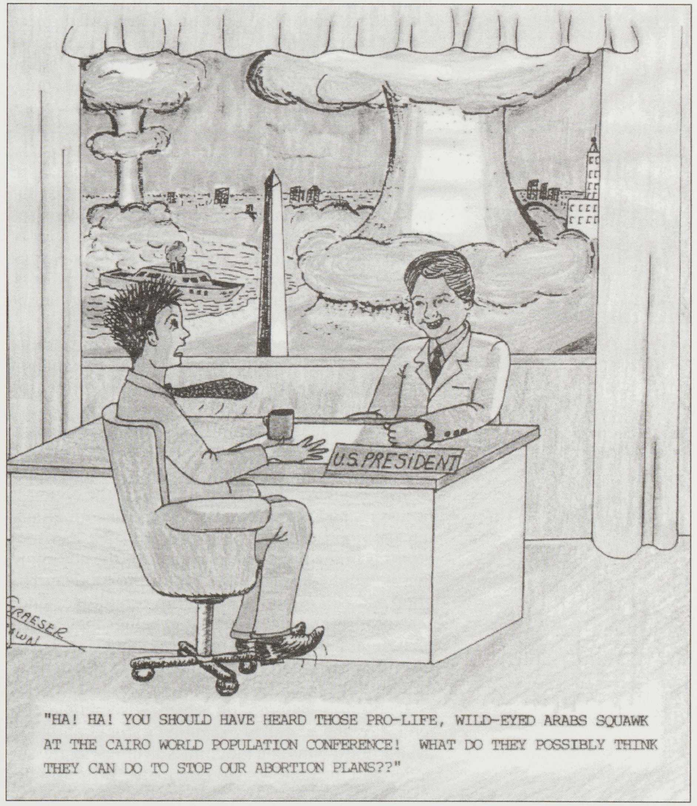
In Egypt the women have been "empowered" by $170 million U.S. dollars for "family planning" purposes and is suffering the consequences. Many women are given pills without being informed about the potential side affects. "Egypt is [also] concentrating on IUDs, and a lot of the women are developing infections that are not treated," according to Mona Zulfikar of the Women's Health Improvement Association, a Cairo based family planning advocacy group. The solution? Send more money.

The final document reads: "In no case should abortion be promoted as a method of family planning. All governments and relevant intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations are urged to strengthen their commitment to women's health, to deal with the health impact of unsafe abortion (see footnote) as a major public health concern and to reduce the recourse to abortion through expanded and improved family-planning services. Prevention of unwanted pregnancies must always be given the highest priority, and all attempts should be made to eliminate the need for abortion. Women who have unwanted pregnancies should have ready access to reliable information and compassionate counseling. Any measures or changes related to abortion within the health system can only be determined at the national or local level according to the national legislative process. In circumstances in which abortion is not against the law, such abortion should be safe. In all cases women should have access to quality services for the management of complications arising from abortion. Post-abortion counseling, education and family planning services should be offered promptly, which will also help to avoid repeat abortions." ■

Footnote: "Unsafe abortion is defined as a procedure for terminating an unwanted pregnancy either by persons lacking the necessary skills or in an environment lacking the minimal medical standards or both." (World Health Organization)

In the end, though abortion is not embraced as a "fundamental right," the U.S. agenda to promote abortion on an unprecedented scale around the world is hugely successful. The compromise reached — but still not approved by many nations — avoids dealing with abortion as a criminal issue, mother against child, and advances the idea that someday all women everywhere will have legal access to abortion.

Almost 25 years have passed since I put away the booklet on eschatology, and while I still view Russia with an element of suspicion, I now understand all too well that the United States has abdicated its position as a moral light or beacon to the world. I don't know enough about the subject of eschatology to make claims assigning geographic destruction to one third of the world over another, but it is clear that America is in peril. In her tacit rejection of God's standard of justice — to protect the innocent and punish the guilty — America has become like some great evil and greedy beast which, in fact, is fit only for destruction.

"Then I heard another voice from heaven say: 'Come out of her, my people, so that you will not share in her sins, so that you will not receive any of her plagues; for her sins are piled up to heaven, and God has remembered her crimes.' " Rev. 8:4,5

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