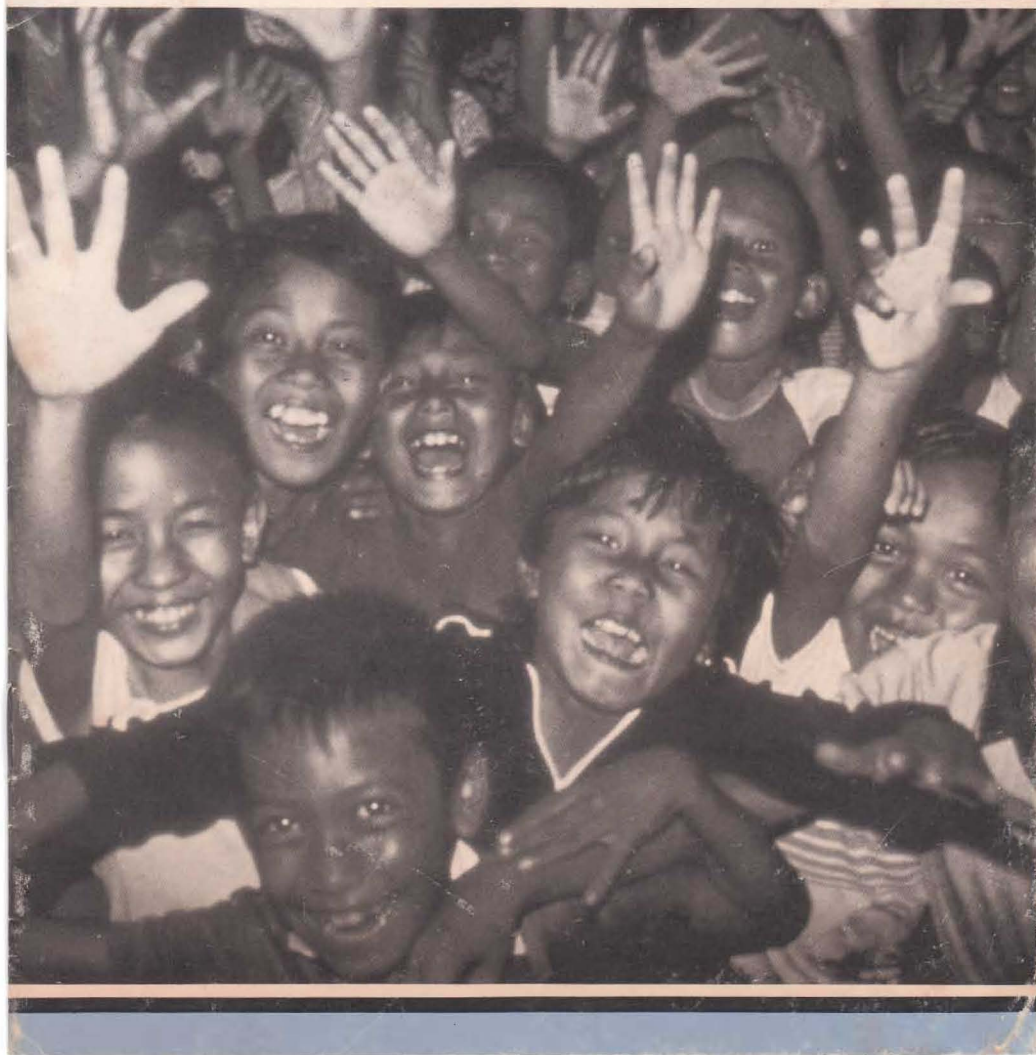


What is the **Club of
LIFE**





*Club of Life founder
Helga Zepp-LaRouche.*

The Club of Life was constituted on October 20–22, 1982, in Rome and simultaneously in nine other cities around the world. Over 130 scientists, doctors, educators, clergymen, and leaders from civil rights, human rights and right-to-life organizations, came forward as representatives from Africa, Ibero-America, Asia, North America and every major country of Western Europe. They pledged themselves, as founding members, to assume responsibility for steering the course of world events in a more hopeful direction, and rescuing humanity from slipping back into a dark age.

Since its first international conference series, the Club of Life has experienced an explosion in membership. National founding conferences took place in May and June of 1983 in Spain, Italy, the Federal Republic of Germany, Sweden, Denmark, and the U.S.A. Plans are being finalized for official founding conferences in Zaire and Nigeria, while functioning national organizations have already been officially founded in India and France.

The founding of the Club of Life was a declaration of war against the neo-Malthusian Club of Rome, sponsor of the modern-day hoax of "limited resources," and all other institutions espousing the irrationalist notion of zero growth, be it in the guise of population control, environmentalism, or championship of the age of the "post-industrial society." A set of founding principles was adopted to guide the Club's international battle plans.

Founding Principles

We, the undersigned, declare:

1. Never before has the existence of human society been more threatened than today. The danger of global nuclear war as well as regional wars in the developing sector potentially threatens life on all continents of this earth.

2. A new world economic crisis and the effects of an unjust world economic order have massively increased hunger, epidemics, social chaos and regional wars throughout the world, particularly in the developing countries, and threaten the physical existence of more and more people.

3. Through the concurrence of a new world economic crisis and a growing cultural pessimism, **there exists a great danger that the value of the life of the individual and the dignity of man should no longer be held inviolable.** The brutality which de facto relegates whole groupings of men to the category of "useless eaters," whether they be old and sick people or people in the so-called Third World, reveals the danger of a new fascism.

4. While the physical existence of mankind is threatened militarily, economically and morally, the "spiritual death" of a greater and greater portion of the population, particularly of the youth through drug addiction, constitutes an evil of the first order, which places in question the reproduction of the humanity

of the human species, since an unacceptably large part of the next generation is spiritually destroyed.

We, the undersigned, therefore agree to the following principles:

1. The inalienable right to life for all the peoples of our planet must be defended. This means not only averting the danger of a global, thermonuclear war, as well as regional wars in the developing-sector countries, but also averting the dangers and conflicts, caused by Malthusian policies, which arise from a lack of economic development, and therewith finally eradicating war as the means of carrying out conflicts between states.

2. Human society has reached the point where only a just new world economic order can secure peace. The absolute sovereignty of nations, their absolute political and economic self-determination and the safeguarding of their legal equality by international treaties must be guaranteed. The legitimate pursuit of national interest should not contradict the interest of the world's population, but must contribute to an order of international cooperation which promotes the interest of all for freer, more sovereign development.

3. We require the renaissance of a new, worldwide humanism, based upon the principles of Judeo-Christian humanism and their reflections in the cultures of Asia and Africa, as well as upon the moral obligation to a new, just world economic order, for only thus can the inviolability of the life of the individual once again become self-evident. Human life must be defended from the time of conception up to the time of death. These principles are embodied in the Book of Genesis, which commands: "Be fruitful, multiply, fill the Earth and subdue it." We reject the ideas of Malthusianism and their modern worshippers as evil and unscientific. The belief that today we can solve some of the most pressing problems in the world, the economic crisis and underdevelopment, through technological development, goes hand in hand with the belief in the perfectability of man. Only man's stress on his own spiritual nature, the cultivation of the gift of reason in all men, can create an atmosphere of cultural optimism, in which the highest good of man—life itself—is held inviolable.

The Club of Life in its First Six Months of Activity

Highlights

OCTOBER

20-22 More than one thousand people gather in conferences on three continents to inaugurate the Club of Life. Conferences take place in Rome, Wiesbaden, Paris, New York, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, Mexico City, Guadalajara, Bogota, Medellín, Buenos Aires, and Caracas.

NOVEMBER

12 Club of Life activists launch a mobilization to save the life of Begum Bhutto, widow of the former Prime Minister of Pakistan who had been assassinated by coup d'état leader Zia ul-Haq. Mrs. Bhutto, under house arrest, needed urgent medical attention available only abroad.

20 Mrs. Bhutto arrives at Munich airport, accompanied by her personal physician, and is greeted by an enthusiastic delegation of the Club of Life. Ghulam Hussein, President of the Pakistani People's Party, issues thanks to the Club of Life at a Frankfurt press conference, for freeing Mrs. Bhutto.

DECEMBER

10 The Club of Life declares war on the Nobel Foundation, picketing its prize-awarding ceremonies in Stockholm and in Oslo, and distributing documented evidence of the Nobel group's heritage of race science eugenics. The Club of Life particularly protests the awarding of a new abortion-provoking pill, slated for massive use in the developing sector.

- Ghulam Hussein tours the United States, leading spirited rallies and press conferences coast to coast, to protest against the visit to the U.S.A. of dictator and drug runner Zia ul-Haq.



Begum Bhutto being greeted in West Germany by a Club of Life representative in West Germany.

- Club of Life founding member Uwe Friecke of West Germany presents petitions for the founding of a Club of Life North-South Labor Committee to Pedro Rubio of the Colombia Confederation of Labor. The petitions bear the signatures of thousands of European workers, and support cooperation in the new world economic order, to overcome joblessness in the North, and underdevelopment in the South.

JANUARY

- The Club of Life launches a mobilization to intervene in the pre-conference debate among the Non-Aligned Movement, aiming at providing support among the nations of the North for debt reorganization and technology-transfer policies for the South. The Club of Life plans international conferences focusing on the North-South dialogue for February. A series of White Papers are issued by COL experts and circulate widely throughout diplomatic circles of the Non-Aligned Movement. The studies include "The Non-Aligned Movement Must Act—Africa Faces Collapse"; "The Role of a Debtors' Cartel in Bringing President Franklin Roosevelt's Anti-Colonialist Policy into Actuality"; "The Club of Rome—the Malthusian Menace Today"; "International Bankers' Real Agenda: Global Depopulation."

20 Over fifty right-to-life activists, engineers, students, businessmen and church representatives attend the first Club of Life conference in Madrid, which features speakers on Spain's role in developing the Southern hemisphere.

29 The Club of Life officially endorses the call issued by Moroccan King Hassan for the transfer of nuclear energy as a way to provide cheap energy source to green the desert: a project the king identifies as prerequisite to tripling the Moroccan population over the next hundred years.

FEBRUARY

18-19 Paris and Washington, D.C. host international speakers at COL conferences. Helga Zepp-LaRouche and her husband, American economist and politician Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., address the Paris conference, outlining the crucial role of the Non-Aligned Movement in detonating the "debt bomb," a concept first elaborated by Lyndon LaRouche in his celebrated August 1982 policy proposal "Operation Juarez." Joining with the LaRouches are prominent spokesmen from India, Africa and Western Europe. Parallel conferences gathered over 3000 peo-



Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi addresses the March summit of the Non-Aligned Movement, where the Club of Life's campaign for a new world economic order had a major impact.

ple. A resolution to be sent to New Delhi, is voted up by participants at fifty conferences.

MARCH

- As the Non-Aligned Movement summit convenes in New Delhi, the Club of Life resolution is officially sent to the organizers. Club of Life-affiliated journalists attend the New Delhi proceedings, amid serious discussion of the debt reorganization policies proposed. Final documents of the summit reflect the impact of the Club of Life's ideas, particularly in the call for an international conference on debt, and in the endorsement of peaceful use of nuclear energy for development.

- Protest actions spring up throughout West Germany against the television propaganda for euthanasia organized by death priestess Elizabeth Kubler-Ross.

23 Ronald Reagan announces on national television his commitment to a new strategic doctrine of "Mutually Assured Survival" based on development of beam weapons, whose economic effect will be to open the way for the new world economic order the Club of Life has campaigned for.



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...in the Press

ENERGI & UTVECKLING (Sweden) November 5–6, 1982: “For more than a decade Lyndon LaRouche and Helga Zepp-LaRouche have worked to create the institution which can lead and win the struggle for global development.”

BERLINSKE TIDENE (Denmark) November 13, 1982: “The newly founded humanitarian organization intends to mobilize global support for Begun Bhutto to leave Pakistan, says the Danish spokesman of the Club of Life.”

PARLEMENT ET CORPS CONSTITUES (France) November 15, 1982: “Before this rising tide of irrationality, in front of the return of words and practices like ‘euthanasia,’ ‘eugenics’ and ‘geopolitics,’ the Club of Life is gathering together all those for whom ‘development is the new name for peace,’ as Paul VI had written in *Populorum Progressio* . . . to promote a humanist renaissance, in conformity with the Judeo-Christian ethic, to render all men capable of recognizing the laws of the universe and acting in conformity to reason, harmoniously with its laws.”

KINSHASA AU JOUR LE JOUR (Zaire) November 17, 1982: “The aim of the Club of Life is to push humanity along the way towards the establishment of justice on earth. In conformity with the spirit defined by John Paul II in his pastoral letter ‘Familiaris consortio,’ science has as its vocation the need to ally with wisdom. In fact, this Club appears as a pole of reference located opposite to the Club of Rome, both as far as its world view is concerned, and its political design.”

IL TEMPO (Italy) October 20, 1982: “The Club of Life . . . has its own program . . . and above all . . . a very clear objective: to ‘destroy’ (dialectically and ideologically speaking) the Club of

Rome . . . identified by Webster Tarpley and Muriel Mirak as among those mainly responsible for moral decay, and, specifically, for a contraceptive program which, along with abortion, is considered by the 'Club of Life' something to be removed and . . . defeated."

EL SOL (Mexico) October 6, 1982: "The Club of Life will have the dual responsibility of defeating the unscientific notions promoted by the international genocide organization, the Club of Rome, and promoting the idea of technological progress as the unique means by which man has improved the conditions for the whole human species."

LA GAZETA DEL NORTE (Spain), December 19, 1982: "LaRouche promotes among economists a kind of new crusade against monetarism and against the postulates of the Club of Rome. . . . Married in 1977 to Helga Zepp, a German, his marriage is perfect, since Mrs. LaRouche had already had an active participation in the U.N. Conference on Population held in Bucharest in 1972. . . . The persistence in their joint effort to implant their theories and ideas crystallized last October, in a new organization known as the Club of Life, whose founding conference was held in Rome as a parallel, counter institution to the Club of Rome."

YÁ (Spain), January 23, 1983: "The Club of Life, a politically and economically independent international association which works for the creation of a new world economic order as the only way to guarantee world peace, yesterday made its official debut in Spain. This organization, opposed to the Malthusian policy of the Club of Rome, is financed by private means and is composed of citizens from around the world."

BÚSQUEDA (Argentina) November 1982: "Perhaps some day the 21 and 22 of October 1982 may be remembered as key days in the struggle of humanity against the propagators of death. On those dates, in the city of Rome, was founded the Club of Life, an organization whose fundamental objective is the articulation on all continents of an active response to the doctrines that propose as panacea for the happiness of the planet the reduction of the world population by 2 billion people. As is known, the ideological pulp of this massive extermination project was elaborated in the Club of Rome, an institution created 10 years ago by the most notable representatives of world economic power. . . . The creation of the Club of Life . . . obeys the need

to pose a dynamic philosophical resistance to the ideological conceptions elaborated by the Club of Rome."

October 1982: "The founding conference of the Club of Life will take place in Rome on the 18th of October. Mrs. LaRouche explains the urgency emphasizing that 'if the principles we have formulated constitute a simple concept, which require more refinement and deepening, nevertheless they address the decisive aspects of our present strategic situation. If we do not overcome this economic crisis, the world will plunge into a catastrophe perhaps without precedent in the history of humanity.' "

DIARIO LAS AMÉRICAS (United States), publishing an EFE wire, January 26, 1983: "The 'Club of Life' organization that proposes to support the creation of a new economic order and that is opposed to 'the Malthusian policy of the Club of Rome,' began its meetings in Madrid. . . . The Club proposes, to support the creation of a new world economic order, beginning with granting moratoria on the foreign debt of third world countries, particularly Ibero-American countries."

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