

Secretary of State Henry Kissinger last spring called the current round of conferences "an unprecedented agenda of global consultation." It is an agenda for which the United States is not notably well prepared.

Under Kissinger, American foreign policy has been primarily a "great powers" policy. But a new kind of balance of power equation appears to have developed. Third World countries remain militarily inferior to Western and socialist countries, but the developing countries appear to be protected from big-power aggression by the strategic standoff between the East and West. And Third World countries' control of oil and other resources give them increasing economic and political leverage.

U.S. relations with developing countries were badly strained by the Vietnam war and, since that period of stress, the size and motives of the U.S. Agency for International Development (AID) program have been questioned increasingly by critics in this country and abroad. Partly as a result, the assumptions that have governed the AID program have been undergoing re-examination.

For example, a study* done in preparation for the Bucharest conference by a group of anthropologists under an AID contract with the AAAS Office of International Science takes issue with the "theory of demographic transition," which has been a basic premise of development theory. The assumption has been that industrialization and urbanization in developing countries will result directly in lowered fertility rates. The study points to evidence that there are important exceptions. The point is that the AID program has been operated for nearly three decades without an adequate grasp of cause and effect in development and population matters.

All of this might have merely meant a continuing awkwardness for Americans in the delegate lounges at world conferences if the coincidence of the oil price push and two bad crop years had not made it finally clear that there is a world system in which supply threatens to fall seriously behind demand. This fact was not faced squarely at Bucharest, but, with a little bad luck and bad weather, both sides in the dispute about which should come first—population control or global social justice—may find it is later even than they think.—JOHN WALSH

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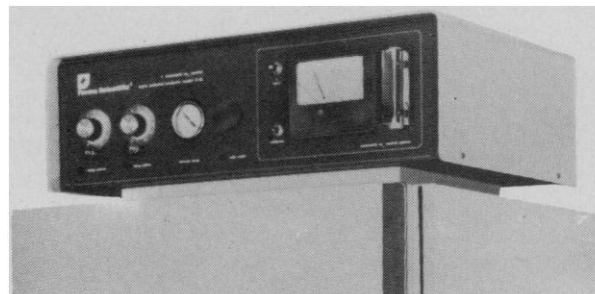
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