

Kingsley Davis, "The shifting balance of world population" Part I, *Forum*, January 1946

On the proliferation of Asian populations (p. 422):

Since there are already teeming millions in Asia, the future increments will be staggering. Coming at a time when the western peoples are reaching a stationary point, the increase will greatly raise the proportion of Asiatics in the world.

Kingsley Davis, "The other scare: Too many people," *New York Times Magazine*, March 15, 1959

On population growth and the spread of communism (pp. 108-110):

Not only is the glut of people in the poorer areas itself conducive to communism, but in the past communism has made its gains by conquest rather than by population growth. In 1920 it held less than one-tenth of the world's people under its fist: today it holds more than one-third. The lack of unity in the rest of the world against communism suggests that Red expansion may continue. If this happens, and if the conquests are made in the poorer countries, superior population growth will join territorial expansion in increasing communism's share of the world.

On population growth and the "yellow peril" (p. 110):

[T]he picture of a [Chinese] communist elite organizing and driving an ocean of humanity evidently frightens the Russians themselves. If the venture succeeds, China, with a projected 1975 population almost double the expected figures for the United States and Russia combined, would be the strongest contender for world leadership. Such a mass, equipped with modern arms and disciplined by a dictatorship, if bent on conquest, could be stopped only by a united world outside.

Kingsley Davis, *Rotarian*, April 1959

On the link between population growth and armed struggle (p. 10):

The island of Taiwan, for example, now has 10 million people. Its rate of increase is such that, if continued, this figure will double in 21 years, raising the average density to 1,420 persons per square mile. If you live there, and if you still have time to think after trying to get enough to eat and wear, you will see that something has to change soon. Unless Taiwan's population growth is reduced or outside help is steadily increased, the people may find life so intolerable that they will support a policy of bloody revolution, suicidal war, or migratory conquest.

Kingsley Davis, *Rotarian*, April 1959 (cont.)

On population growth and World War III (p. 12):

One possible way in which population growth may halt is by a third world war, fought with weapons capable of quickly wiping out whole nations. If there is such a war, it may arise partly from population pressures; and in this sense one can say that “the population problem tends to solve itself”---but with such unimaginable human suffering that no sane person would prefer it.

On peasants’ desire to control their fertility (p. 12):

If one loves children, one will not be so cruel as to have as many as possible. Children are loved in every society. Actually, modern field studies show that women in peasant societies, no matter how poor or uneducated, are not dumb beasts. They are human beings, and as such they do not wish to bear, nurse, and care for an endless number of children.