

may be dominated economically by the three economic colossi of North America, Europe and Japan; but how will these entities, with their low-growth and perhaps soon declining populations, cope with the new high-growth demographic colossi of China, South Asia and South America? Migration will be only one of the many subjects of controversy between them.

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Note to Section III

1. The relationship between population growth and migratory pressures is discussed further in Section VI.
2. This is not always realised. Iraq until a few years ago thought that larger population would add to its military strength, and accordingly eschewed family planning; so did its rival Iran. A Syrian leader recently told a visiting minister that in the long term, time was on the side of the Arabs vis-à-vis Israel, and tried to prove his point by noting that every five years the population of Syria increases by more than the entire population of Israel.