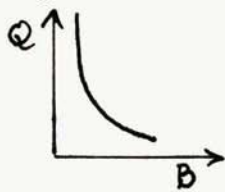


## QUALITY OF LIFE INVERSELY PROPORTIONAL TO BIRTH RATE

It is well known that the current population explosion is mainly the result of high birth rates in the so-called developing countries, where roughly half of the population is below 15 years of age. It is also well known that the most effective way of keeping down the birth rate is through indirect means, mainly improving the standard of living and education, in particular williness and ability to practice family planning techniques. If we could compress the various indices of quality of life into a single number  $Q$ , we could propose the law " $QB = \text{constant}$ ", where  $B$  stands for the birth rate. (If the quality of life is conceptualized as a vector, its length or absolute value could be taken as  $Q$ .)



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