

held the same day in the same city, organized by a group called "World Media" and the Club of Rome. The Club of Rome's co-founder, Britain's Alexander King, was in attendance, holding discussions with top ecologists like Ripa di Meana; German Green Party "moderate" Joshka Fischer, minister of the environment in the state of Hessen; two representatives each from Russia and from Czechoslovakia; and, a bit later, with French Environment Minister Segolene Royal (with such a name, how could she refrain from meeting King?).

King had an ostensibly "progressive" approach to eastern Europe, since he was supporting "industrial renewal," and what he called a "reindustrialization" of eastern European countries. Unlike the GLOBE conference, his audience was mainly composed of young and impressionable students.

However, for a more attentive and scrupulous listener, some dissonant notes were heard. King specified what he meant by "renewal of industry": an industry based on communications, using less material and less energy in order to "reduce pollution." He also stressed the fact that the environmental problems of eastern Europe were merely "local" problems, related to the pollution of rivers or factories. But there is another level, the global one, pertaining to the "ozone hole" and the "greenhouse effect." Such "global" problems, according to King, can't be solved either by the United Nations (because it's too bureaucratic), or by any other international institution like the EC, or by the "free market" forces. The conclusion to be drawn from this British understatement? That a one-world dictatorial government is the only solution to the "ecological crisis."

'No to the Rio summit'

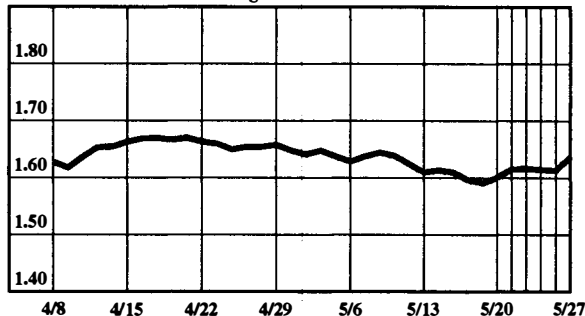
After the conference concluded, it was a most unpleasant surprise for King, an old enemy of Lyndon LaRouche, when he was greeted by a demonstration in front of the conference building led by the Schiller Institute, which was founded by LaRouche's wife Helga Zepp-LaRouche to counter the New Age depredations of oligarchical groups like the Club of Rome. A handful of Schiller activists came up to him, asking whether he was still supporting the elimination of half of the world's population. His face became even paler than usual, and he grumbled some inaudible words. When then told that when one has blood on his hands, no one can wipe it away, the panicked Dr. King rushed back into the conference room.

The Schiller demonstration greeted people with banners reading, "Stop Bush's Green Police!" and "No To the Rio Summit!" A lot of people were either openly receptive to the intervention, or at least were interested in the optimistic, pro-growth alternative represented by LaRouche, especially as the conference, they said, was "so boring." Even BBC's correspondent, disappointed by the "one-sided, unilateral" orientation of the debates, was pleased to interview the only people around who were opposed to the Rio summit, those from the Schiller Institute.

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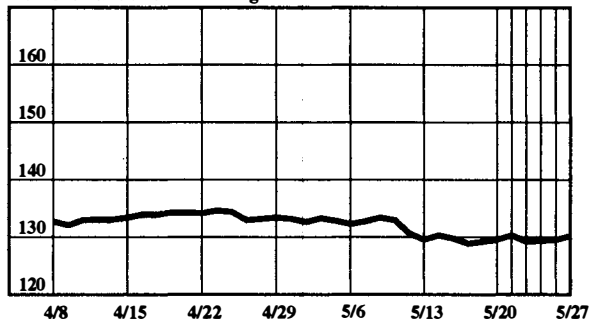
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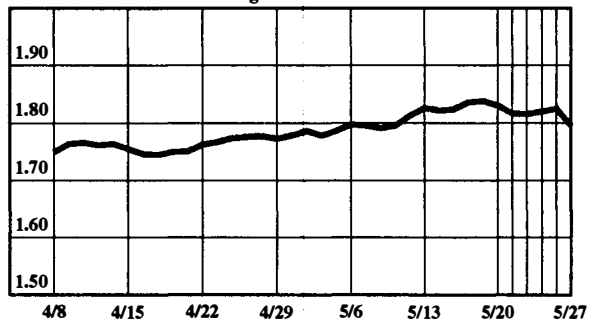
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