

Do cow farts really cause global warming?

by Our Berlin Correspondent

The United Nations Climate Convention opened on March 28 in Berlin, in a snowstorm of near-blizzard proportions, to discuss the alleged threat of "global warming." As participants arrived from around the world, they were greeted by demonstrators from the Schiller Institute, and the inflatable yellow steer whose picture you see below. The steer was equipped with a sign that read, "Do you really think my farts are causing global warming? That's bullsh—t!" The demonstrators distributed an open letter from U.S. environmental scientist Dr. Hugh Elsasser, in which he outlined the scientific untenability of the global warming theory.

News media reports of the demonstration showed what

lengths the "free" press goes to, to cover up reality. The German Press Agency ran a retouched photo of the "environmental steer," in which he had been delicately turned into an "environmental cow." But it didn't end with a sex change: The caption accompanying the photo neatly turned the intent of the demonstration into its opposite.

The daily *Westdeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung* misreported: "Environmentalists demonstrated in front of the Berlin Congress Center where the Climate Conference is taking place. They want the "environmental cow finally to be pulled from the ice" (*die Kuh vom Eis bringen* is a German expression meaning to finally get something started). In order to maintain the deception, the text of the steer's signboards was air-brushed in the accompanying photo, to make it illegible.

The Schiller Institute responded by distributing a press release entitled "German Media Lie Like a Rug, and Touch Up Photos, Too!" "Environmental campaigns are intended to terrorize people into accepting financial deprivation and economic retrogression," the release declared. "Through such measures, the speculation-riddled financial system hopes to repair the holes through which the 'hot air' of derivatives and other fictitious values is escaping."

For a report on the agenda of the Berlin meeting, see *EIR*, March 10, p. 9.



Schiller Institute activists and friend demonstrate at the U.N. Climate Conference in Berlin.