

But the world has changed. East and West division has almost completely disappeared. Politics and its related military postures are no longer as important. Economic matters now dominate and everyone is concerned with giving their people a better life, materially certainly, and in some cases, spiritually.

NAM, the Group of 77 and other organizations of the South have therefore to take stock of their role. We too must change. Ideologies should no longer occupy our time. Admittedly there are still many who have to be liberated from the oppression of alien domination. We will continue to support their struggles. But we must now turn our eyes to the well-being of our people.

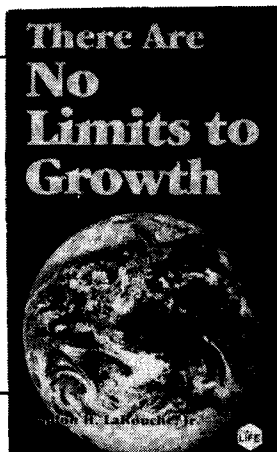
It is not impossible for the poor to become rich. We have seen how some countries have pulled themselves up literally by their bootstraps. If they can, others too can. The time span may vary, but it would be defeatist to assume that some are just incapable of developing.

We must continue our dialogue with the North. We must solve our debt problems and the deteriorating terms of trade. We must together strive for fair trade. But above all, we must create new approaches to enable the South to benefit from the wealth of the South. We must learn from each other. And we must stand together when faced with common problems.

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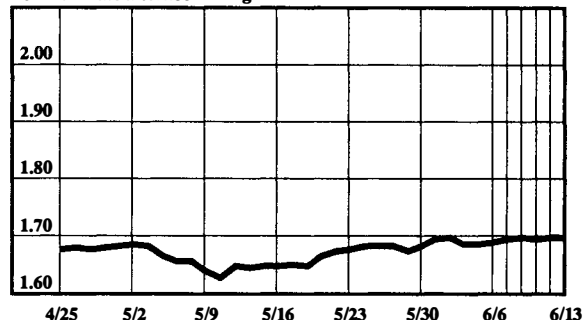
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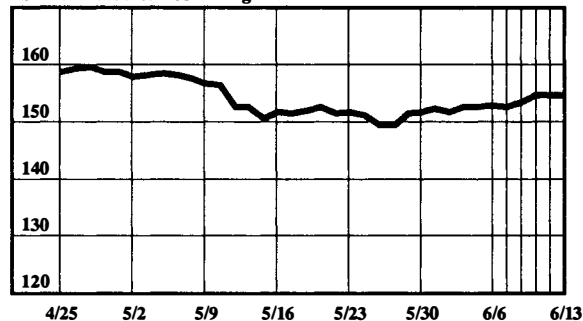
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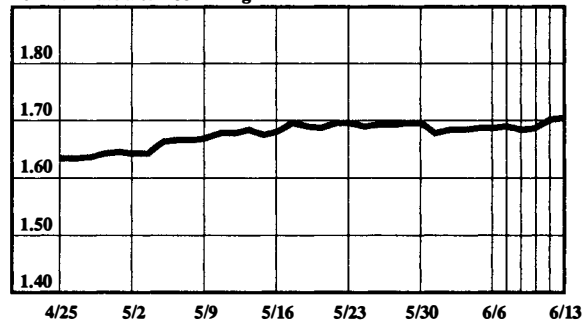
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