

the nickname of "Vazdecta Costa" by pioneering vasectomies of millions of poor Brazilian men. Vaz da Costa sits on the board of directors of the Brazilian Family Welfare organization which directs sterilization programs around the country. He also works closely with the genocidal Club of Rome and is a former World Bank employee. The World Bank agreed Sept. 4 to provide \$100 million for a commission under his direction mandated to remodel Brazilian energy policy.

Silva, however, has his protectors among top military leaders and energy experts, according to *Tribuna da Imprensa* journalist Ricardo Bueno Aug. 28. Bueno reminded that Goldemberg, to defend and extend the alcohol program, wanted to import technology from the Soviet Union to produce wood alcohol.

Paulo Richer, a former energy official, noted in *Jornal do Brasil* Aug. 31 that the alcohol program itself consumes 22,000 barrels of diesel fuel per day, 5.5% of national diesel consumption. He calculated that if all the trucks in the canefields used alcohol, they would consume 60% of the total alcohol output. He concluded, "the idea that alcohol gives the country autonomy in the energy field is very dangerous, to say the least. . . . On the contrary, the distortions in Pro-Alcohol [the National Alcohol Program] increase our dependency on petroleum."

Richer also reminded Brazilians that sugar cane for alcohol has evicted food producers from millions of acres of the best agricultural lands since the program started in 1975, with a \$300 million loan from the World Bank. In the town of Sertaozinho, São Paulo state, for example, 60% of the land had been used for food; now 98% is planted in sugar cane. That has increased hunger and malnutrition in Brazil.

Environmentalists pollute

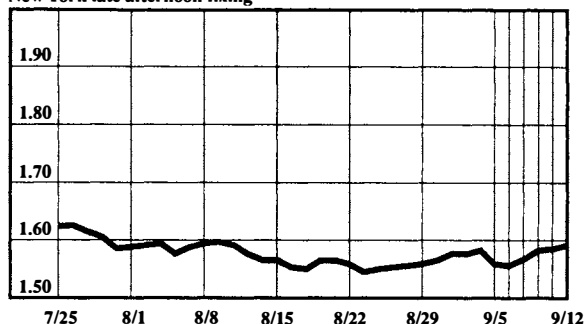
Although the "greenies" say alcohol is less polluting than gasoline, the worst polluters in Brazil are the distilleries. The residues they dump into the rivers of São Paulo state do more to "kill" the rivers by sucking up suspended oxygen than the raw sewage from 14 million people also dumped into them. "Natural, renewable" biomass energy is the most unnatural. Burning bagasse to power the sugar mills and burning wood for charcoal pumps more pollutants and carbon dioxide into the air than all of Brazil's urban industries combined. A larger area of canefields is burned each year just before cutting than Amazon forests.

The expanding cane plantations took over lands farmed by hundreds of thousands of small landowners. Many of them migrated to the Amazon frontier to burn new land, resulting in devastation of rain forests, atmospheric pollution, and deaths of many of the settlers. The "environmentalists" and the World Bank, which are successfully sabotaging non-polluting nuclear and hydroelectric energy while promoting cane and wood alcohol, are thus once again proven responsible for environmental degradation and genocide.

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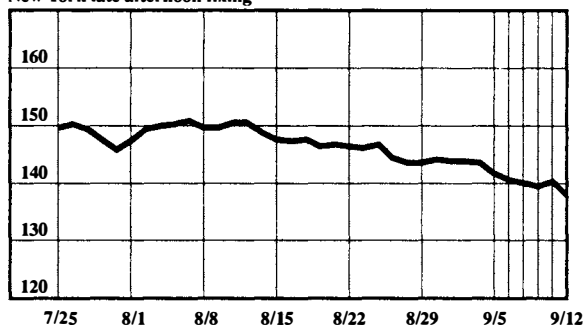
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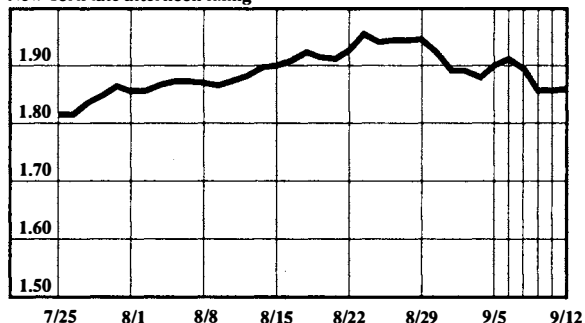
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