

*The plan is for world food production to be sharply contracted in the coming months, and control concentrated in a few hands, in order that a select handful of multinational companies emerge as the virtual dictators of world food supply.*

\$1.2 billion drug-money laundering scandal; Hans Robert Schwarzenbach of the large Winterthur Insurance group; Fritz Gerber of Switzerland's largest insurance company, Zurich Insurance, and a board member of the Club of Rome-linked International Association for the Study of Economics and Insurance in Geneva, the think-tank which influences French politicians such as Raymond Barre, among others. Nestle employs 146,000 in more than 300 factories in every region of the world. It is the flagship of Swiss banking and financial families.

**'A lot of gut'**

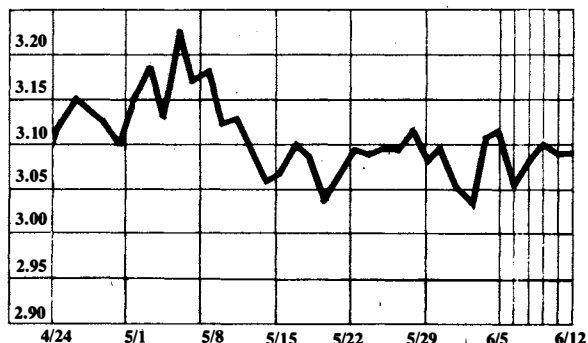
Unilever, the Anglo-Dutch group headed by Sir Kenneth Durham, has also been engaged in recent months in increasing its control over world food production, processing, and distribution—with 1984 sales of almost \$20 billion worldwide and pretax profits of more than \$1 billion. Unilever recently enlarged its global control by the nearly \$500 million purchase of the British Brooke Bond tea and beverage group. This gives Unilever enormous leverage over world food supply in addition to its previous control of Lever Brothers, T. J. Lipton, National Starch, various edible-fats companies, a total of 500 separate subsidiaries worldwide. Several weeks ago, Sir Kenneth announced that the company is now looking to invest up to £1 billion in another major U.S. food-group acquisition to add to its control over the U.S. food industry. Illustrative of his philosophy, Sir Kenneth recently commented, "Just think of the amount of gut there is out there for metabolizing food. It's huge!"

A knowledgeable insider in the Western European grain and food trading markets recently told this writer, "European Community price policies over the past decade have served the interest of the giant multinational grain and food cartels by forcing larger and larger economic concentration. In the process, EC policy in Brussels as well as U.S. Agriculture Department policy in Washington are run by these cartel companies. This is well-known." In the process, many of the most dedicated family farmers in Europe and the United States are being ground under as the price and export financing crisis of the world economy is aggravated.

## Currency Rates

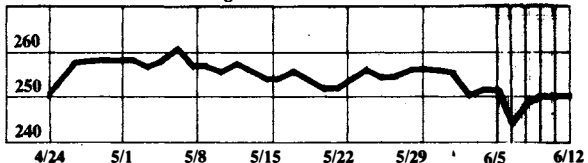
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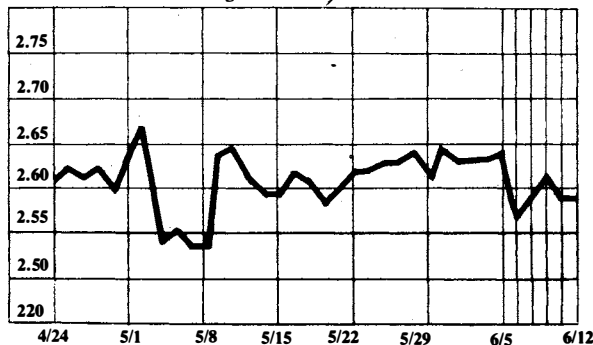
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### The dollar in Swiss francs

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### The British pound in dollars

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