

view from June 30, 1981:

**Ball:** We must "halt the unrestricted growth of industry in the Third World. It is more than many of those countries are able to administer. It creates political instability."

**Q:** "Are you saying the problem is overpopulation?"

**Ball:** "Yes, the overpopulation of the Third World is in itself the most important strategic issue today confronting the United States. Immediately, this is especially true in Latin America. . . ."

These statements were made a while ago, but their message is quite current. Do they not make you think that this highly publicized campaign for Third World birth control responds to these philosophical statements, which the IMF also responds to?

**Monsignor Vargas:** I agree completely. These quotes say precisely, in a certain sense, that there is genuine racism in these philosophic assertions. They undervalue the races of the so-called underdeveloped countries. In this regard, I have said many times that the distinction should be made, that we are materially underdeveloped, but spiritually, possibly it is the powerful who are underdeveloped, because they live off of matter, solely from the economic resources they take from others.

This has been shown in the way they are dealing with the foreign debt issue. That is why the document issued by the *Justitia et Pax* Commission of the Holy See, fell like a bombshell on these plans, since it says: Beware! Responsibility lies not only with the debtor countries, but also with the creditor countries. And when we know, as we know, that they are arbitrarily raising interest rates on a debt that came about under different interest conditions, one realizes that what they want is that we never manage to pay the debt. And when we simultaneously learn of the maneuvers of the powers of world commerce, to impose the lowest prices on the raw materials of our poor and underdeveloped countries, there is a convergence of interests determining that we never escape from the economic slavery of the developed countries.

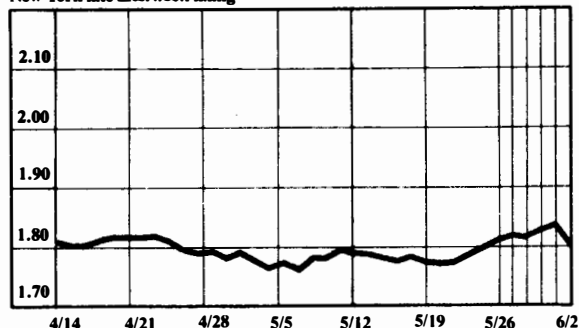
Then, recalling that quotation of Russell that you read to me, where he insists on the need for a disease comparable to the Black Plague, referring concretely to Africa and to the black race; and when the population growth of the underdeveloped countries is seen as a threat to the developed countries, then one understands that, yes, they want a plan for birth control, but birth control applied primarily to the poor countries, under the pretext that they are not going to have the means to live.

They say, as that last quotation of the former U.S. under-secretary of state said, that if we have industries, and we continue growing, we are not going to be able to manage them. This is an undervaluation of the human beings who live in the so-called underdeveloped countries, and we must therefore offer our protest. We do not accept this. This is the mistaken philosophy which we bishops have warned we cannot follow as the basis for a population plan.

## Currency Rates

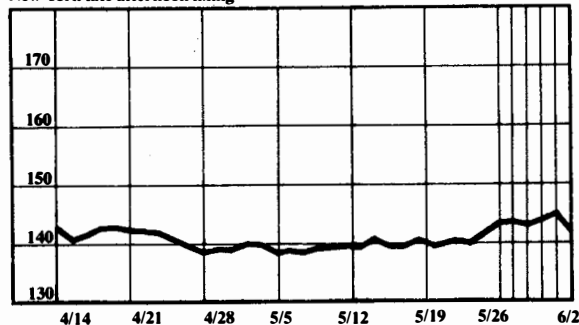
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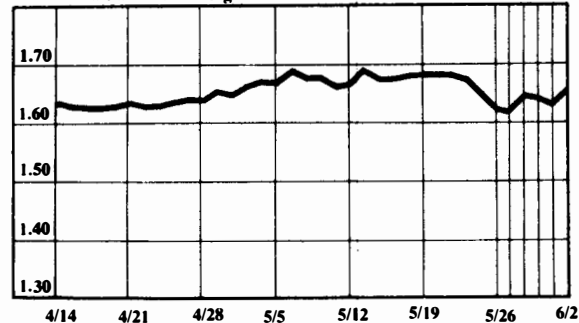
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