

sary. We sense that in some cases goals of the programs were not clearly defined.

"The laboratory has organized its research programs as democratic teams with no project leaders. The panel were unconvinced that this is the best approach."

Privately, members of the international panel told *EIR* that they were shocked at the degree of conscious political manipulation and utter disregard for basic scientific principles conducted at some of these "research institutions."

This was indirectly reflected in the main recommendations to the Danish Council for Research and Planning, which said:

"To assure that the research (both basic and applied) is of high quality, two steps are needed that appear to be uncommon in Danish environmental research. Firstly, a **peer review system** [bold emphasis in the original] is needed, for use in all parts of the scientific funding, performance and reporting system. Peer review should make use of international experts whenever necessary. Secondly, increased attention must be given for the need to assure that all measurements are reliable; without demonstrable and quantifiable **quality assurance** of data, there is little credibility in extrapolations or assessments made using them."

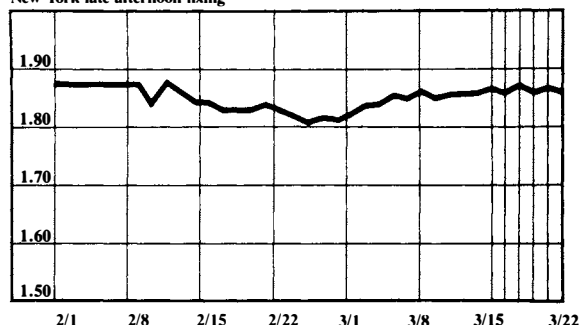
When the report was presented to the public on March 15, Dr. John Philip of Australia made clear what this meant. He said: "We cannot continue to have the mass media putting pressure on the politicians, who then in turn put pressure on the scientists. Research can only be conducted in an objective environment. It is paramount to keep research at arm's length from politics."

At the March 15 public hearing, the Danish Minister of Education, Bertel Haarder confirmed that the recommendations of the international commission will be implemented. That is good for Denmark, but the same system should apply to all so-called environmental research worldwide. Imagine if rigorous scientific principles were implemented everywhere. Myths of "greenhouse effects" and "ozone holes" could quickly be dispensed with, and humanity would stand a chance of surviving.

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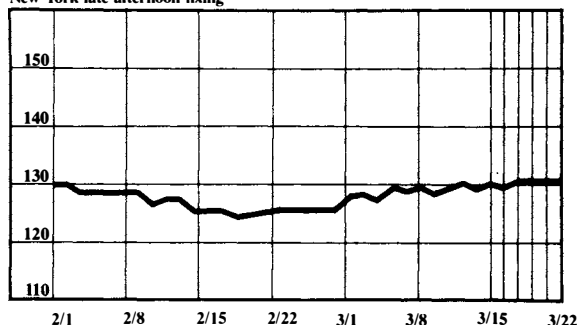
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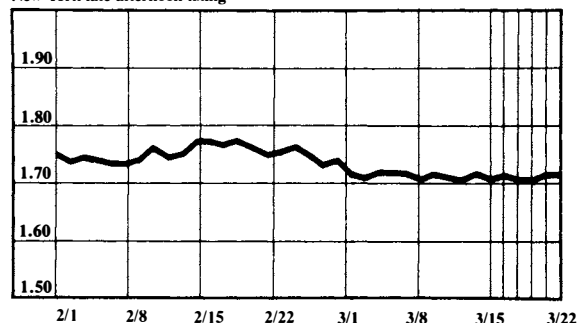
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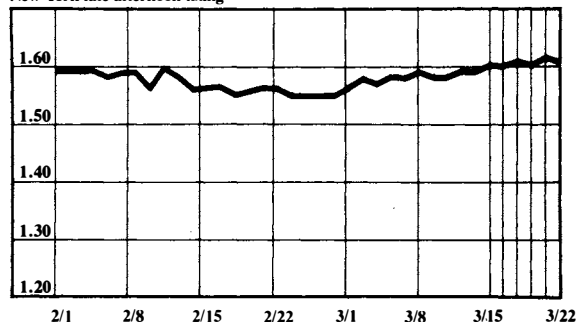
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