

2.5 million people and the standard of living is dropping. We want to bring people other than farmers into our movement: everybody who is threatened by the present government policy. We've had some successes. There is a food-processing company that was supposed to be sold very cheaply. The workers were afraid they would be laid off. They established "Samoobrona" in their enterprise; thanks to their action, it was then not sold off. They said that this type of privatization was just selling out. It has to be carried out in another way. And in this way, we protect national wealth. We don't want everything that was accumulated over generations now just to be sold off.

EIR: You also mentioned earlier that there is a party connected to the "Samoobrona" movement. What is the program of this party?

Wywrót: The party "Przymierze Samoobrona" (Self-Defense Alliance) was registered in June this year. It is the political arm of our movement, because we realized that traditional actions by trade unions don't work anymore; we can sign all kinds of agreements with the authorities, but they never respect these agreements. Therefore, we created a party in order to have the ability to run in elections and to have some direct impact on policies. The program is the same as the one for our movement.

EIR: Your movement is, as far as we know, the only one directly attacking the International Monetary Fund so far; it is also remarkable that, in your basic program, you attack the connection between the IMF policy and population reduction.

Wywrót: In fact, the standard of living in Poland is dropping; there is rampant poverty, a growing number of cases of tuberculosis and other diseases; infant mortality is rising. Moreover, the growing number of suicides shows that the psychological strength of the population is weakening. If present policies continue, this evidence of poverty will increase even more.

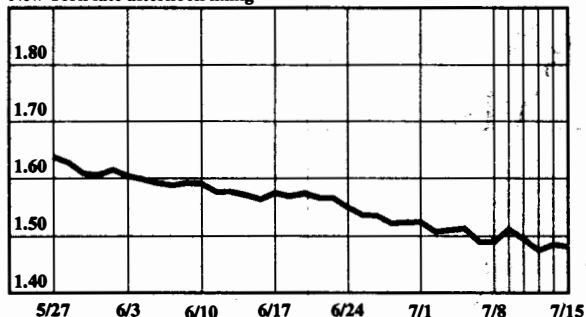
EIR: In Poland, there is a miners' strike going on in Katowice; in France, farmers are mobilizing against the Maastricht Treaty [on European Union] and the EEC reform of agricultural policy; and there is the private farmers' organization, the "Verband Deutscher Landwirte" in East Germany. What perspectives do you see for cooperation internationally, as well as cooperation among different layers of society within Poland?

Wywrót: Within Poland itself, "Samoobrona" has connections with the miners in Katowice, although I am not the one who is dealing with this aspect. With respect to other countries, we would like very much to establish cooperation. It would be great to have an official, European-wide, i.e., not underground, organization that would openly present its policy proposals. That would be very helpful for us.

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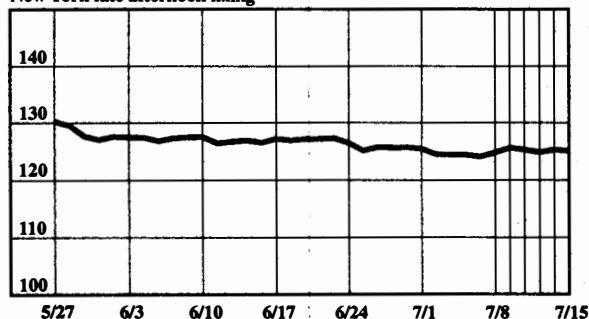
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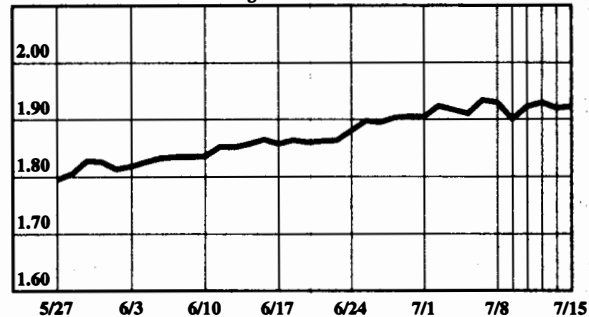
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