

tionally for his work on aboriginal, environmental, and human rights issues. Berger received a distinguished achievement award from the Sierra Club of North America in 1978. Hugh Brody, a British anthropologist at the University of Cambridge who has written and directed anthropological films for British and Canadian television, was designated as the senior adviser for "resettlement and rehabilitation assessment" for the independent review.

'Just the beginning'

A second press conference, entitled "Responding to the Review of the Sardar Sarovar Project," was held the same day by the well-financed Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) in conjunction with Asia Watch and the "International Rivers Network." EDF lawyer Lorie Udall, who has coordinated the campaign to kill the Narmada project and is the daughter of the environmentalist former U.S. Interior Secretary Stuart Udall, began by commending the team on the "seriousness with which the team went about their review. From what I can tell about the recommendations, they support many of the issues that we've been raising over the last six years. . . . The project should be suspended; the bank should withdraw completely; there is overwhelming evidence that this project can never be implemented."

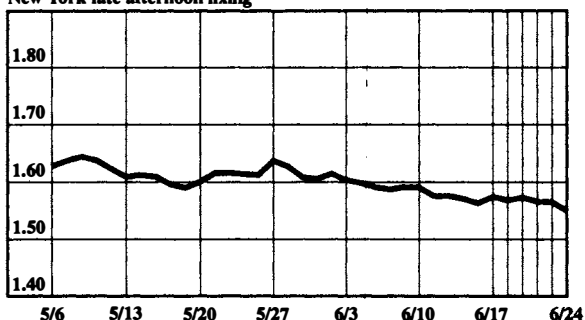
Udall said that the decision to even have an independent review was precedent setting; that she and others had finally convinced two World Bank executive directors "who convinced [then president] Barber Conable that this independent study was a good way to settle things." The study "will have far-reaching implications for other Bank projects. . . . In India alone the World Bank is financing over 20 projects; the situation in some of these other projects is worse than Sardar Sarovar. In other countries, projects such as the Pak Moon Dam in Thailand, the Katamonga Dam in Indonesia, also have serious environmental and social problems. What we have seen today is just the beginning," she said.

Smitu Kothari, an Indian member of the steering committee of the International Rivers Network, gave more details about the internationally coordinated non-governmental organization (NGOs) battering ram against large Third World development projects. "Lorie Udall, the Environmental Defense Fund, and the International Rivers Network on whose behalf I am standing here are part of close to 50 to 60 organizations around the world who have taken an extremely strong stand around projects like this." Never has the world seen until recent years, he continued, "the coming into being of popular movements and democratic forums that have become consolidated all around the world, never has one witnessed anything on the scale of this global alliance. This is a global alliance that extends itself horizontally across national boundaries to hold global institutions accountable." He claimed that there is a very active "movement across India," with which he and Udall are closely involved, to close down all of the Narmada Valley projects.

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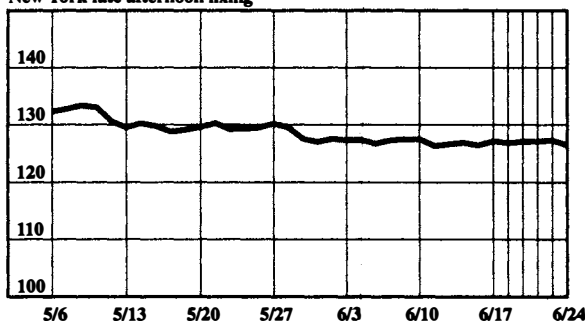
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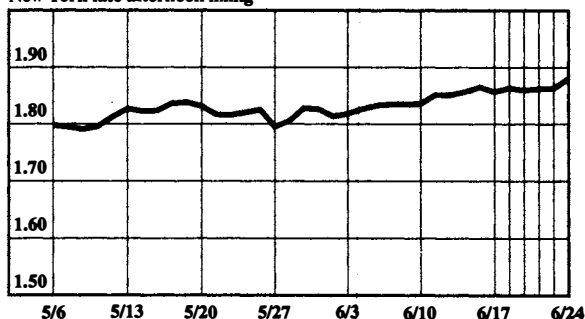
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