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Argentina To Take Lead Vs. Rio+20 Green Fascism

May 21—At the June 20-22 “Rio+20” environmental summit in Rio de Janeiro, Argentina “will say ‘No’ to the Green economy,” said Silvia Revora, Undersecretary of Planning for Environmental Affairs of Argentina’s Environment Ministry, speaking May 18 following a conference of “Youth for a Sustainable Environment” in Buenos Aires.

At the conference, many youth groups, legislators, and government officials discussed Argentina’s anti-Malthusian position going into the Rio summit. Among the sponsors of the conference was the Office of the President.

Two days before this conference, environment ministers of the Mercosur nations (Common Market of the South) met in Buenos Aires and issued a document with a similar focus, expressing their unified stance for the summit. The youth conference’s final document will be incorporated into Argentina’s official position for the Rio summit.

The document’s first point unequivocally asserts: “We conceive of the environment not just as protection of our natural patrimony, or the result of the relationship between society and nature, but rather, fundamentally, as the right of all Argentine men and women to a quality of life that can only be attained if the State is the guarantor of the public interest, through measures that achieve a greater social and environmental equality.”

Brits To Deploy Nuclear Submarine to Argentina

May 22—With the approach of June 14, the 30th anniversary of Argentina’s surrender to the British in the 1982 Malvinas War, the British Empire is launching one provocation after the other against Argentina, flaunting its colonialist control over the South Atlantic islands.

First, the *Sun on Sunday* tabloid reported May 20 that Britain will be deploying the *HMS Talent* nuclear submarine to the islands, scheduled to arrive in time for the June 14 anniversary. The “hunter killer” sub, armed with Tomahawk missiles, will “stop by the Falklands,” according to Defense Ministry sources cited by the *Sun*, to “defend British interests,” and carry out surveillance, supposedly to dissuade the Argentines from attempting any “foolhardy” military aggression against the islands (which are 300 miles off Argentina’s coast and 8,000 miles from the United Kingdom).

The British Defense Ministry told Argentina’s Telam news agency that reports of the sub’s deployment are purely “press speculation,” but added that “we can’t make comments about our military operations.”

The imperialists are targeting the June 14 date, not only because of the anniversary of Argentina’s 1982 surrender, but also because Argentine President Cristina Fernández de Kirchner plans to address the UN Colonization Committee on that day, to demand that the United Kingdom finally show respect for the ten UN General Assembly resolutions passed over the past decade, and sit down to talk to Argentina about the sovereignty of the Malvinas.

As an additional insult, the British Foreign Affairs Secretary for Latin America, Jeremy Browne, has announced his intention to be present at the June 14 celebration of “Liberation Day” on the Malvinas, which the British call the Falklands.

Bundestag Scraps Vote for ESM; No New Date Set

May 25—An emergency meeting at the German Chancellor’s Office between government and opposition leaders on the European Union Fiscal Pact last night failed to bring an agreement on conditionalities of the Pact. Therefore, the originally planned vote in the Bundestag (lower house of parliament) today on the

Pact and the European Stability Mechanism (ESM) was called off, since the government wants both votes taken together.

The real reason for the postponement may be, however, that the government wants to wait until after the Irish referendum on May 31, the EU summit in mid-June, and the outcome of the early elections in Greece on June 17.

The government may also want to wait for the June 19 ruling of the Constitutional Court on a Green party complaint that requests better information for the Bundestag from the government on the Fiscal Pact and the ESM. The ruling is expected to contain mandates that the government grant more rights to the Bundestag.

According to the Bundestag Protocol Office, a new vote has not even been arranged for the first Bundestag sessions which begin on June 11. That means that a vote could come in late June at the earliest—a bit late, if one wants the ESM to start up on July 1, as the government does.

Russia Backs China in South China Sea Disputes

May 21—Russian Ambassador to the Philippines Nikolay Kudashev told yesterday’s *Manila Bulletin* that the Russian Federation is against any meddling by nations other than the claimant countries in the South China Sea dispute. This has been the consistent demand from China—that the territorial issues must be solved by the claimants without outside interests aggravating things by intervening.

“This is our official position,” Kudashev said, adding that Russia is “mindful” of the fact that, like the United States, it is not a party to the dispute between China and the Philippines. “Otherwise it will sound like we are interfering in the internal affairs” of the claimant countries.

This is the first time that a Russian government official has spoken directly about the conflict in the South China Sea.