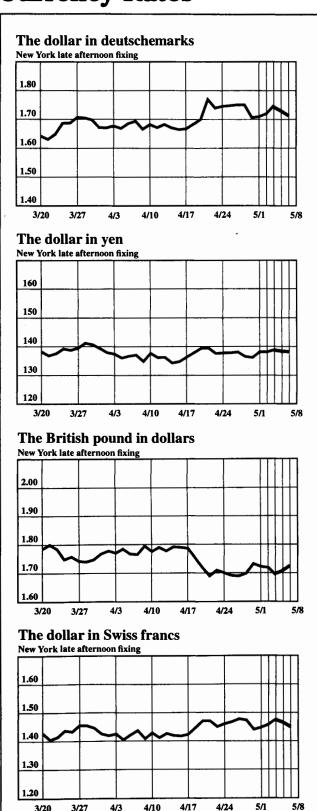
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Volcker named new Trilateral chairman

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David Rockefeller chaired his last meeting as head of the Trilateral Commission April 20-22, announcing to an assembly of about 300 members and guests gathered in Tokyo that he was retiring as North American chairman and passing the mantle to former Federal Reserve Board chairman Paul A. Volcker—the man whose usurious interest rates during the 1980s did more than any other single policy to destroy the U.S. economy.

Rockefeller's address, and other speeches and documents presented at the conference, revealed the kind of "new world order" that the Trilateralists intend to impose: a "free trade" regime in which a supranational bankers' dictatorship sweeps away the sovereignty of nations, while a policy of deindustrialization is pursued under the rubric of "saving the environment."

In Volcker's day at the Fed, this program was given the name "controlled disintegration."

The Trilateral Commission and the 'new order'

Founded in 1973 as a private think tank and lobby drawing members from the United States, Canada, Western Europe, and Japan, the group gained notoriety when one of its members, former Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter, won the 1976 presidential elections and promptly appointed 17 members of the commission to key Executive positions.

Four years later, George Bush's membership in the commission was a key factor in his loss to Ronald Reagan in the New Hampshire Republican presidential primary election in February 1980.

Described as an "action committee" of the New York Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) and its London counterpart, the Royal Institute for International Affairs (RIIA), the commission has been devoted to peddling a variety of world government schemes. Now, with the emergence of George Bush's "new world order" in the aftermath of the Gulf war, the Trilaterals are jumping into the fray.

Targets: Europe and Japan

Addressing the closing session, Rockefeller said that a free trade accord at the "Uruguay Round" of the General Agreements on Tariffs and Trade is the number one Trilateral priority, and blasted the European governments for their intransigence at the GATT negotiations.

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