According to *Jornal*, "the Brazilian environmentalist consortium is made up of the Institute of Amazon Studies, SOS Mata Atlantica, the Brazilian Foundation for the Conservation of Nature, the Pro-Nature Institute, Oikos . . . Biodiversitas, and others."

Feldmann judges the Brazilian nation

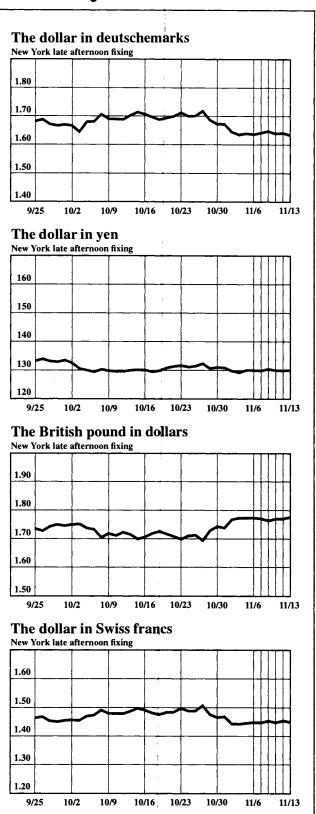
During this same period in 1990, Jornal de Brasil reported that "the only Brazilian especially invited to Washington to attend the launching of the action program of Conservation International was São Paulo congressman Fabio Feldmann, who expressed support for the work of the institution. When a journalist asked him a question about the Yanomamis [an Indian tribe living in the Amazon], Feldmann answered that he held the Brazilian government responsible for true genocide. He went so far as to say that Brazil should be brought before an International Court of Justice to answer for what has happened to the Roraima Indians."

Indeed, in October 1990, Feldmann served as a "prosecutor" against Brazil before the Permanent People's Court, presided over by Belgian Francis Rigaux, for supposed crimes of genocide against indigenous peoples. At Feldmann's side in the accusations against Brazil was Danielle Mitterrand, wife of the French President and one of the most active promoters, during the recent holocaust in Iraq, of the French call for creating a Kurdish enclave in northern Iraq, alleging "humanitarian reasons" in arguing for the limitation of sovereignty of that nation.

The May 23 Gazeta Mercantil reproduced an article from the London Financial Times which is an example of the implications for national sovereignty of these kinds of schemes. Entitled "Indians Propose Debt Conversion to Take Control of Their Lands," the article reports on a three-day meeting held in Iquitos, Peru, "called by the Coordinating Body of the Indigenous Peoples of the Amazon Basin (Coaica), which incorporates representative organizations of 220 indigenous nations from the five Amazon countries. The conference included the participation of such ecological groups as Greenpeace, World Wide Fund for Nature, National Wildlife Federation, Conservation International, and Friends of the Earth."

Such service to the international financial elites is not without its rewards. Congressman Feldmann's fight for Anglo-American environmentalist causes has won him a promotion in the world environmentalist hierarchy, as indicated by the fact that Britain's royal consort and head of the World Wide Fund for Nature, Prince Philip, has invited Feldmann, together with José Pedro de Oliveira Costa—the same who attended the 1987 Denver, Colorado summit which raised the idea of a World Conservation Bank—to Kew Gardens, London. The purpose of the invitation will be to allow him "to study ways of expanding the activities [of the WWF] in Brazil," according to the June 18 edition of *Correio Brasiliense*.

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