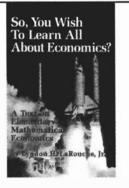
cha's government is now being praised for dropping its opposition to the IMF "reforms," which he inherited from General Babangida, and adopting a successful pragmatic return to the reform of previous governments. At the same time, the Western press has departed from its normal shrill complaints about human rights violations in Nigeria, and has been relatively quiet of late. There are also reports from Nigeria indicating that General Abacha is being pressured to give major support to privatization in his 1997 budget. Unfortunately, at times, Nigerians have shown a weakness in occupying themselves in endless debate over Chief Abiola and the June 1993 election, while ignoring the real culprits responsible for destabilizing Nigeria: the British oligarchy. This was disturbingly evident at the Carnegie symposium, when none of the Nigerians present even raised a challenge to the plans by Shell, Chevron, Mobil, et al., to loot Nigeria's oil resources. If this lack of response reflects the prevailing attitude of the nation's leadership, then the future bodes ill for the Nigerian nation and its people.

After Nigeria's long period of compromise with the World Bank and IMF, which has led to nothing but suffering and hardship for the Nigerian people, one hopes that there are enough sane, patriotic forces in the capital city of Abuja to reject these schemes.

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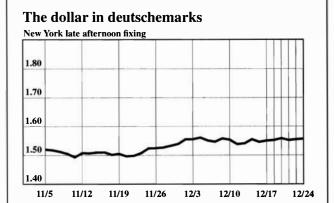
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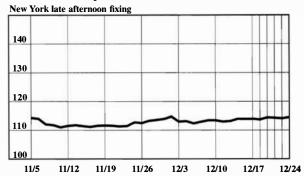
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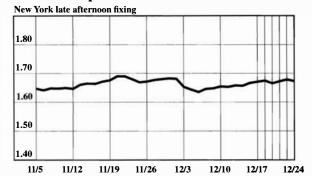
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