Singapore derivatives market. It is no coincidence that during the same week, Thailand significantly aided the government of Myanmar (Burma) in its military mop-up of the Karen National Union (KNU), the only ethnic army in Myanmar which had persistently refused to make peace with Yangon. Thailand last month prevented KNU soldiers from crossing the border for refuge without first being disarmed, leading to an hysterical outcry from the Bush-linked networks running the destabilization of Myanmar. Not only have the Karen historically been tools of the British (even fighting with the British against the Burmese independence forces), but their bases now serve as headquarters of the opposition groups associated with British puppet Aung San Suu Kyi. These opposition operations, both within Myanmar and abroad, are financed primarily by Soros personally and the International Republican Institute, connected to Bush. Soros, the world's leading sponsor of legalized drugs, is desperate to prevent the Myanmar government from uniting the country and cutting off the world's largest source of opium and heroin.

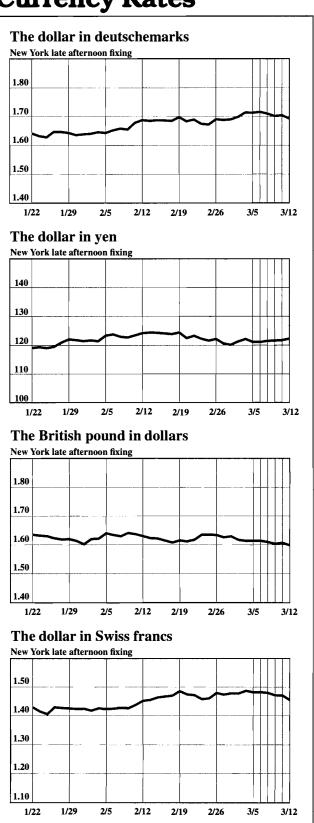
Thailand's refusal over the last year to carry out Western demands to cut relations with Myanmar have provoked threats against Thailand in the West. Thai help to Myanmar's army in wiping out the Soros-funded insurgent base camps could well have provoked Soros's special targeting of Thailand's already faltering currency.

## **Target: the Eurasian Land-Bridge**

The British hand is thus visible in every manipulation and dirty trick against Thailand over the past year, leading up to the March trip of the IMF's Camdessus and the massive bailout in Bangkok. This must be seen in the context of Britain's primary objective in Asia: the breakup of the extraordinary momentum for the construction of transportation and development corridors, connecting Asia with Europe and Africa, called by the Chinese, "the Land-Bridge." There is considerable support within Thailand and in other ASEAN nations to link Southeast Asia with the various Land-Bridge routes, opening up the Mekong region of northern Thailand, northern Myanmar, Laos, Cambodia, and Vietnam for development. However, if both public and private credit within the ASEAN nations are under the control of British or British-linked foreign interests, the investments needed for the Land-Bridge development will be sabotaged.

On the other hand, such foreign control is running up against the reality of the ongoing global economic breakdown and the pending financial collapse. It is in such moments of crisis that people and nations—as in Thailand—can break from the deeply entrenched assumptions and political arrangements, which have brought on the crisis. The Land-Bridge project provides an orientation through which Thailand, in league with China and other nations, can begin the process of real development of its nation, while breaking the century-long stranglehold of the "Dope, Inc." apparatus of British finance.

## **Currency Rates**



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