

## Australians work to restore their soil

Land degradation is a major environmental problem in Australia, yet it appears that attitudes have changed and with it a new enthusiasm to repair the damage from two centuries of farming.

To help farmers in Western Victoria, school students spend weeks weeding, planting seedlings and small trees, and mulching.

Another scheme, the Soil Action Project, has also undertaken a huge community education program. Four hundred schools in Victoria are

## NDE creates 1.5 million jobs

### Nigeria

The National Directorate of Employment (NDE), Nigeria's job creation agency, says it has licked the huge unemployment problem which has

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## Reducing acid rain in Finland

Finnish people feel at home in a wild, natural environment and spend most of their leisure time close to nature. It was no wonder that the growth in the damage of their forests from acid rain caused a rush of concern through the nation.

Finland, and its neighbours in Europe, are working to reduce the emissions of sulphur dioxide. These have steadily fallen since the 1980s. This has been possible by restricting the use of heavy fuel oil, which has a high sulphur content, and transferring to a low sulphur coal and peat.

Changes in pulp manufacturing processes have led to a decline in sulphur emissions from the forest industries.

De-sulphuration plants are expected to

## Green revolution has helped the poor

India: While there has been criticism that the Green Revolution has adversely affected the rural poor, recent evidence clearly shows that this is not the case. As a general rule the green revolution has resulted in a very significant improvement in the material conditions of the poor.

In fact, the Green Revolution has helped the rural poor through changes in the varieties of rice and wheat they grow and the price they pay for their produce, irrespective of farm size.

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## China's leaders aim for zero population growth by 2000

Despite a continuing increase in fertility rates, planners hope to achieve zero population growth by the year 2000 and a slow decline over the following Century.

China's current population growth rate is 1.5% per year. Planners are optimistic and suggest that a combination of birth control and economic development will lead to zero population growth by 2000.

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Soviet television last night showed the  
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...been reduced to rubble.

Troops and civilian volunteers tore at  
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