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## Last Chinese Christmas

Like every year for the past decade, it will be a Chinese Christmas in the Czech Republic. Chances are that at least half of the items under the tree in a typical home will come from the Middle Kingdom. Ah, if only this were the last Christmas dominated by junk that never should have been made, much less bought. No one knows for sure what impact the Copenhagen climate-change conference will have, but let's hope it leads to a general realization in the West that we will soon be paying cli-

mate ransom to developing countries so that they can keep making high-emissions products that we can only afford to buy because of the money China lends us. The simpler solution would be to quit making most of that crap. Of course that would require the nations of the world to agree on a list of allowable low-carbon-footprint products. Another reason to call a global summit that China can dominate.

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