

of the Poles, which has been seen abroad as almost incredible up to now, could lead to mutiny in the coming weeks.

By early March, three mines in Walbrzych were on strike. The strike broke out spontaneously when the miners learned their wages were lower than the month before. No union started the strike. Strikes were also in progress at the Niwka and Czerowone Zaglebie mines in Upper Silesia.

Support for the Mazowiecki regime is flaking away, even inside Solidarnosc. But what will become of the peaceful revolution in Eastern Europe, if chaos reigns in Poland?

The question posed to Western governments is whether it would not be better to end this gruesome experiment and to encourage a similar economic program for Poland, with aid and credit, to what West Germany is already mapping out for East Germany. Poland needs Western help to modernize its agriculture and industry, to quickly build up small and medium industry, and above all, to get infrastructure under way, from transportation to telephones—which is going to cost plenty.

Such a program, as already sketched out by Lyndon LaRouche in the fall of 1988, is not some charitable throw-away, but will more than pay for itself in the medium term. But this means taking measures which are in part diametrically opposed to the Balcerowicz Plan. For starters, for about a decade Poland will need to import more goods, and especially more capital goods, than it exports, and credit has to be put up for that. The so-called credits which up to now have been given by the European Community, the International Monetary Fund, the Bank for International Settlements, and other countries, were all chained to the IMF austerity package.

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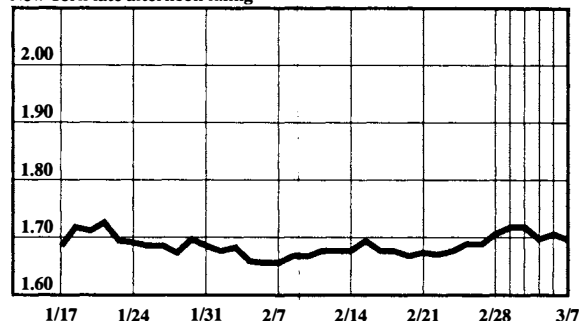
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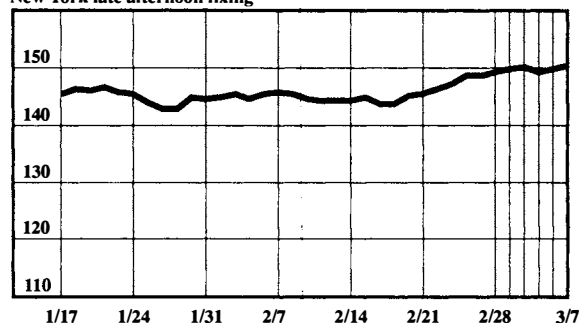
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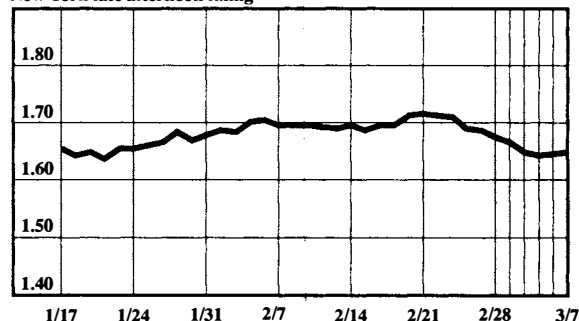
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