

will be resistant to the isoniazid.

Is there hope? Will we in several years have a rampant TB epidemic in the United States comparable to conditions before drug therapy? Given AIDS and the degree of economic breakdown, might it not, in fact, be worse?

Dr. Ryan expresses the belief that if governments take the problem seriously, they can bring TB under control. He proposes several measures: 1) Make sure that all persons given TB drugs are supervised through out their treatment to ensure that they take all of the required drugs and for the required length of time. 2) Develop new anti-TB drugs. 3) Industrialized nations should provide extensive medical assistance to developing nations to help them provide adequate treatment.

However, his approach, which he calls a compassionate one, will necessarily fail, because it views TB as being basically the same disease as it was 20 years ago. In fact, TB is now just one part of a much larger problem, the biological holocaust, which has been unleashed through out the world by the insane looting policies of international financial institutions.

At this point, we will never be able to stop TB, unless we can control AIDS. This alone requires a large-scale program which includes three basic points: 1) A crash program in biological research for AIDS control including clinical trials. Trials should include the use of oral interferon. We will need a lot of fundamental biological research which should include routes of transmission. 2) Public health measures applied to AIDS and tuberculosis to identify infected persons and routes of transmission. AIDS must be declared a reportable infection. 3) We need to construct special hospitals for the care of persons with AIDS and tuberculosis.

But these measures, costly as they may seem, are only a small part of what is required. In many parts of the world, the biological holocaust is a complex pattern of ill health which includes such major contributing factors as malaria. To address the problem will require adequate housing, building transportation and water infrastructure, control of the insect vectors of disease, providing clean water free of bacteria and other disease vectors, such as the snails that spread schistosomiasis. We will need productive agriculture for people to have health-giving nutrition.

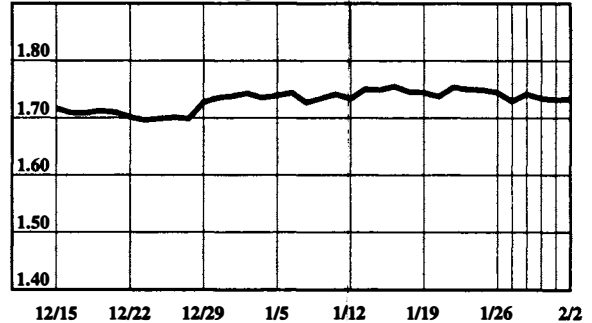
Therefore, we have to honestly address what it is that will be required to cause a global economic recovery. When *EIR*'s task force first formulated the problem, we said that as long as there was a weak link, that is, a part of the world where a devastated population was breeding new diseases, that weak link would be a source of uncontrollable disease for other parts of the world. We still assert, on the basis of the situation 20 years after our initial report, that this is the only way to address human health. The standard of living of the entire human population must be brought up to an adequate level to ensure the health of all.

Morality and the science of public health coincide.

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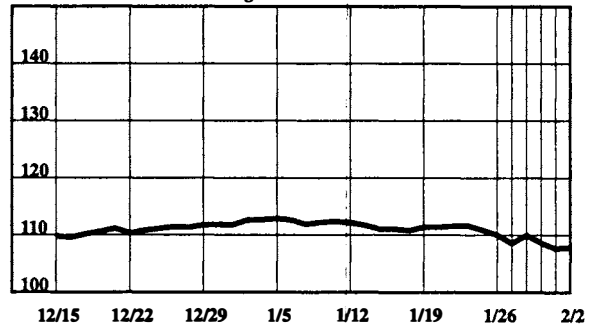
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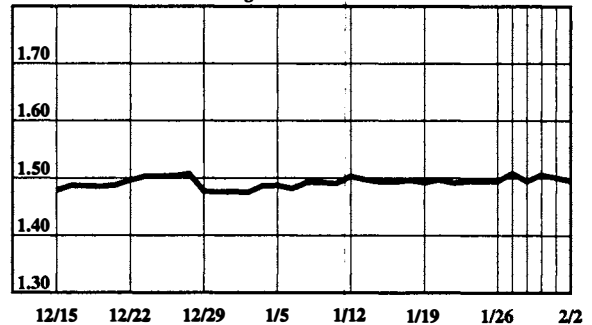
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