

to him, nor to me. Go to the limit. From working at the limit, then bring it back home to benefit people on Earth. That's the way to make progress.

EIR: Many people look at the collapse of American cities, the collapse of industry and agriculture, the decline of societal values, and they throw up their hands. They say, "We can't even solve these problems. Why should we be thinking about space travel and space development?"

LaRouche: If you look at the history of the 1960s Kennedy crash program for the manned lunar landing, we got, back on Earth—effectively in the pockets of the average American—14¢ for every penny we spent on space. The logic is: Spend on space, it automatically comes back to Earth, if you've got a viable economy.

Our problem today on this planet is not that we have a shortage of money, though some people will tell you so; particularly, those people who are trying to rent money out to you at exorbitant, usurious prices; the people who call you up and ask you to take a credit card, when you don't have a job; that kind of theory.

If we look at the composition of the employment of the labor force as a whole, we find that the percentile of people who are producing physical goods, or maintaining them, has *collapsed* over the past 30 years. And that, of the number of people who are employed, not counting the growing 17-20 million people who are *unemployed* of the labor force—just taking the people who are employed, we find that the composition of the employment includes a lot of make-work, like hamburger-flippers; that's not employment, that's make-work. It doesn't contribute any wealth to the economy, but we all have to pay for it. We pay for it taxes; we pay for it in food stamps, for people who are underpaid and so forth, and so on. We pay for it in the loss of tax revenue base, to maintain school systems, to maintain other essential public functions. For example, we have sewer systems and water systems, all over the country, which are collapsing of old age under pressure of this cold snap recently.

Everything is rotting away, because we have the wrong economic policy on Earth. So, it's not a matter of saying, "We can't afford to go into space": We can't afford *not* to go into space.

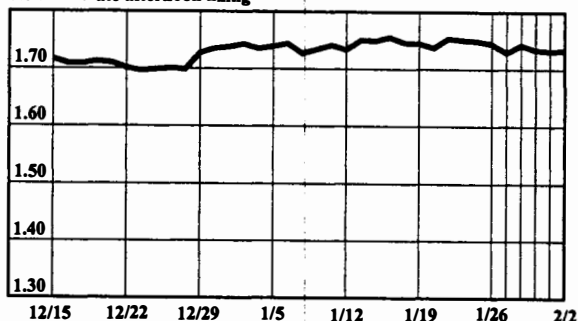
Of course, we have a shortage of money. Why do we have a shortage of money? Because too many people are still listening to people like Phil Gramm, and let Phil Gramm dictate their ideas on national economy, national budgets, and the way the economy is run.

Get rid, in the United States, of the free trade, and deregulation, and privatization policy, which we see has destroyed the economies in eastern Europe over the past four years; and is now destroying Russia, and turning Russia into a hate-filled adversary, a global thermonuclear power, brimming with hate against us for the cruel things we've done to it. Why should we do those things to ourselves?

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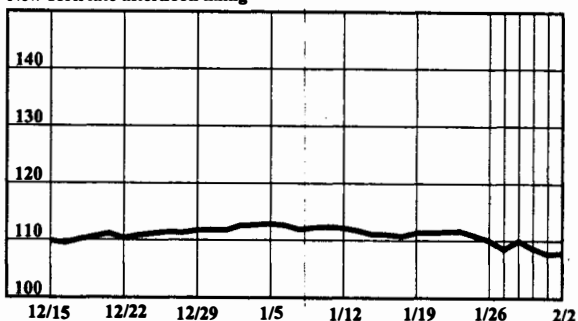
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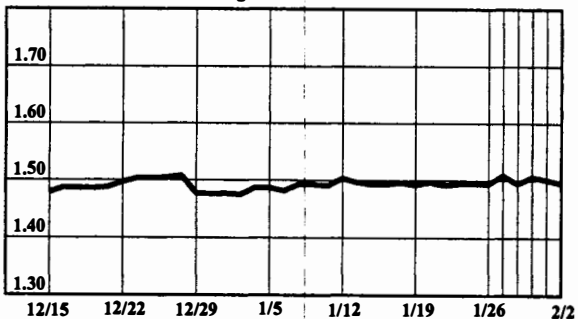
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