

image, as was the case in the 15th-century Italian Renaissance,” will we be capable of effecting the moral regeneration of society we require. The challenge posed by the AIDS threat is the challenge to “search for and understand biological processes, the very processes of life.” Such a scientific effort involves the noblest of human labor, as defined in the Papal encyclical *Laborem Exercens*. By exercising the powers of our creative intellect, we can “master an understanding of those laws of nature,” which have been violated, and in so doing, “participate in the process of self-perfection, which is indeed the characteristic of creation itself.”

Press Response

The Italian press gave extensive coverage to *EIR*'s Rome conference, noting especially the speech there by Lyndon LaRouche and his role in mobilizing an international effort for a crash program to halt the spread of the AIDS disease.

Newspapers reported the criticism by conference participants of the failure of the world's governments to act in the face of the crisis—prompting an official denial by the Italian health ministry Feb. 13. “Referring to news spread by the press about a conference held in Rome on Feb. 12, organized by *EIR*,” the press release said, “the National Commission on AIDS communicates that it never failed to study the documents produced by the named agency, particularly concerning supposed transmission risks through blood-sucking insects, aerosols, saliva, etc. The figures reported in the document refer to some seropositive cases and/or AIDS cases described in the literature and known to the commission. Those are isolated cases, and it is not certain that they cannot be ascribed to high-risk categories, while there is much clinical evidence which shows that there is no transmission through professional contacts.” The statement also emphasized that the health ministry is against the free distribution of condoms as an anti-AIDS measure.

The following press coverage of the conference was monitored by *EIR*'s Rome bureau:

Corriere della Sera, Feb. 13, “From the U.S., Alarm About Saliva and Mosquitos.”

Il Giornale, Feb. 13, “A Magnetic Field Against AIDS.”

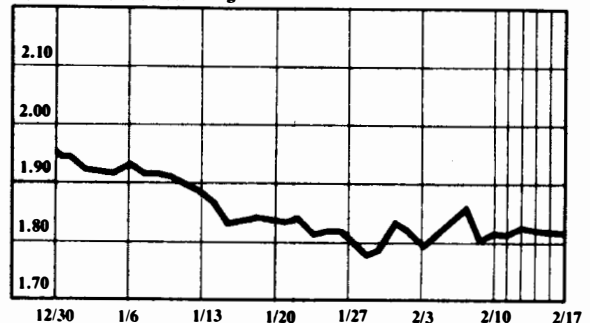
Il Tempo, Feb. 13, “AIDS Worse Than Nuclear War.”

Il Giornale, Feb. 14, reported that “LaRouche is not wrong when he says, ‘If no measures are taken to check seropositives, we will soon see gangs killing gays in the streets. Something like that is already happening. In New York the violence against homosexuals doubled last year. . . .’”

Currency Rates

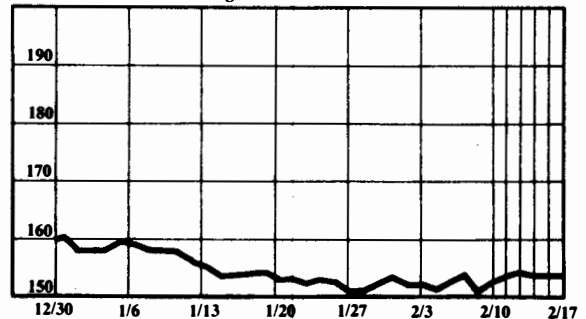
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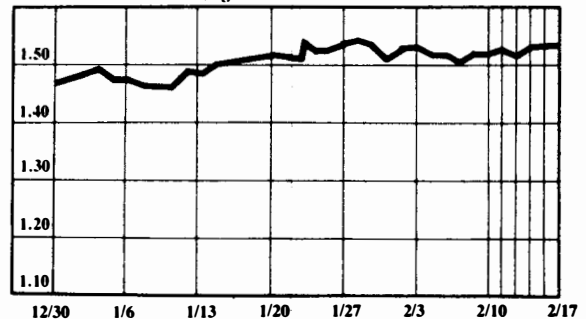
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