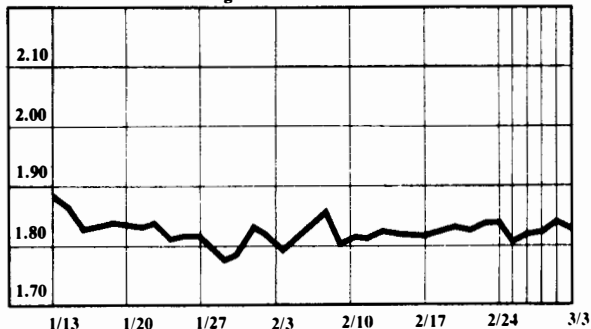


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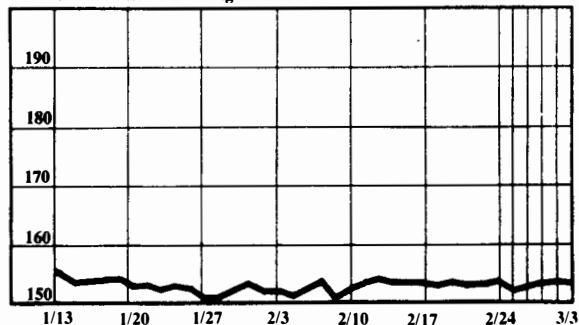
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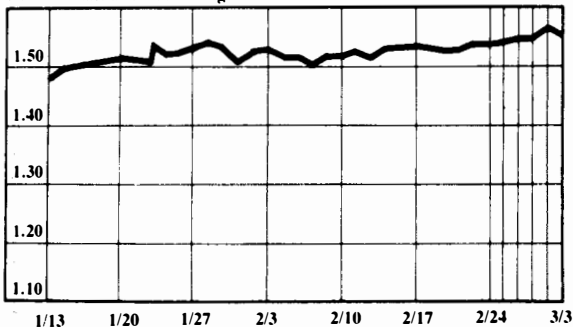
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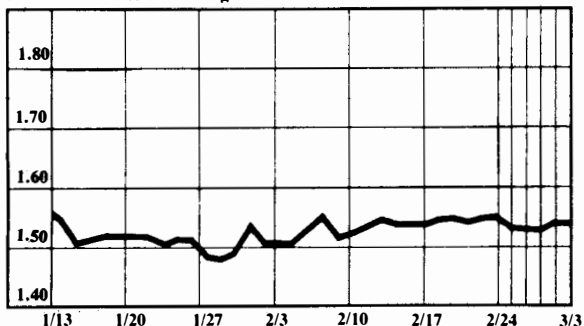
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War against AIDS: Bavaria goes it alone

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The Bavarian state government of Franz-Josef Strauss decided on Feb. 26 to implement public health measures to contain the spread of AIDS. This decision comes just after the failure of the West German federal government in Bonn to initiate a nationwide AIDS legislation including mandatory testing of broader layers of the population and mandatory reporting of AIDS cases and infections.

The Bavarian move is a slap in the face of West German Health Secretary Rita "Rubbermaid" Süßmuth, notorious for her manic insistence of a "voluntary" approach to the AIDS problem and huge public information campaign for "safer sex" and condom use. For about two months, there has been a growing debate in Strauss's Bavarian Christian Social Union (CSU), the sister party of the governing Christian Democratic Union (CDU) of which Mrs. Süßmuth is a member, to challenge the "preservative" rather than "conservative" policy in Bonn.

The measures to be taken in the state of Bavaria include:

- Testing of all applicants to public service employment;
- Testing of all prisoners in Bavarian jails and isolation of AIDS-positive inmates in separate sections;
- AIDS-positive persons are banned from donating blood, semen, and organs;
- Testing of all foreigners from non-EC countries applying for residence;
- Testing of all drug addicts, male and female prostitutes, homosexuals, if necessary enforced by police;
- Job ban for AIDS-infected male and female prostitutes;
- Strict regulations for red light districts and gay bars;
- Strict enforcement of the law against anyone spreading the disease intentionally;
- Anonymous counting of all cases of infection and disease.

While these measures do not include a general testing of the population and mandatory reporting by name, they are a first step that could be a model for other states. They also reflect the growing influence of the work of the Patriots for Germany, who for two years have demanded the enforcement