

LaRouche: Right. Absolutely true. Those are the things I think about.

Babookhanian: So the whole question for our nation is this: How can we preserve our independence, without letting the IMF influence dissolve the existence of our nation as such?

LaRouche: We have to fight this on an international level, not just a national level. We have to outflank the enemy. I'm doing everything I can in that direction, as you know. Make the enemy's head spin, is the name of the game. Keep hitting him in different directions.

Babookhanian: The United Nations has really turned into a kind of horrible weapon.

LaRouche: It was no good from the beginning. You just had to understand it. It was supposed to lull the babies of the small nations to sleep, so they wouldn't organize against the danger.

Roosevelt knew what the problem was. But he died in April 1945; and his successor, President Truman, was a stupid fool, who was totally controlled by Winston Churchill. And for over 50 years, we've lived through idiocy, because President Roosevelt died too soon. We've lived through a thermonuclear conflict for almost 50 years, all because of this.

In 1945, Stalin wanted to start a war!? No! No, not Stalin. But Stalin was pushed into a corner. And when you push a man like Stalin into a corner, he fights. It's the Russian mentality. They haven't been conquered since the Tatars. Ukrainians have been conquered; not the Russians. And that determines their mentality. When they're pushed into a corner, they fight. And Churchill pushed Stalin to fight, which had *devastating* implications for the interior of the Soviet Union.

Stalin created the most brutal war economy ever imagined. For war; to be prepared to fight another war. Not because he wanted a war, but because he was pushed into a corner. So, for 50 years, we had a thermonuclear war threat. All because of bad policy. We've lived through *hell*. Most of my adult life, we've lived through hell. And all of *your* adult life. For no good reason. And if we understand that, it makes it easier to cope with the present situation. Let's use our heads. We have to use our brains. We have to maneuver; we have to maneuver according to principle. You have to understand the dangers. But our enemy is about to die.

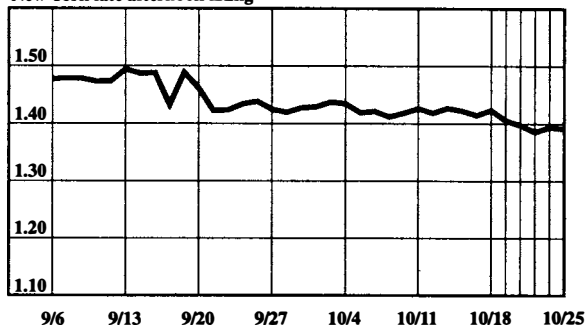
Babookhanian: I think that somewhere, subconsciously, the population *is* aware of this. And, as we discuss ideas, as we've been doing for the last two or three years, we're finding, that even in our own circles, people seem more capable of grasping them than they did two or three years ago.

LaRouche: Sure. Absolutely.

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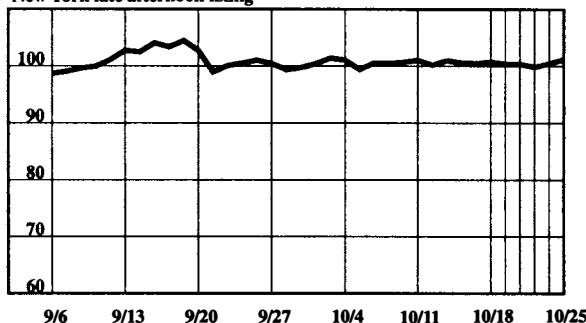
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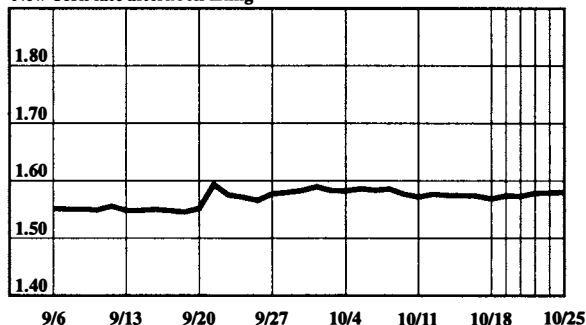
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