

be, this new Bonn approach contains two elements that point in the direction of a sound investment policy. The two elements could capture the popular imagination through projects of a symbolic character with which the whole nation could identify.

The first element is the moved-up timetable for turning Berlin from the nominal into the living capital of the nation, in the next few years. Implying investments in the range of several billion deutschmarks, the decision in favor of moving substantial government and legislative functions from Bonn to Berlin is due before the July summer recess this year.

Further, a Bonn government decision in favor of the initiative launched in mid-February by Josef Duchac, the prime minister of the state of Thuringia, for the DM 8-10 billion project of a 600-kilometer-long Transrapid maglev rail track through east Germany, is expected soon, according to senior sources in the administration.

The Duchac project already received an important endorsement from Economics Minister Möllemann, who said in his keynote address to the Leipzig Industry Fair on March 17 that this city had "the great chance of becoming a trade pivot and servicing center for all of Europe, on the condition that it is supplied with a functioning system of transportation."

"The realization of a Transrapid line from Berlin via Leipzig and Erfurt to Frankfurt, could create between 25,000 and 40,000 new jobs," said Möllemann, who declared the commitment of his ministry to lend whatever financial resources were available to such a project.

On hand at the Leipzig Fair was Günter Gross, the chairman of German Boxcar Manufacturing, Inc., who said March 19 that such a modern railway technology project should be welcomed, because it would send a signal to the entire transportation sector in east Germany.

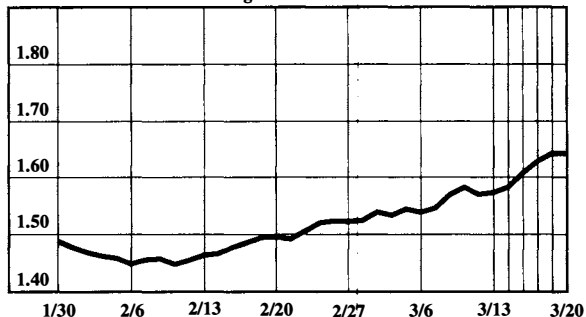
The signal goes beyond that. The "Berlin Capital" and the Berlin-Frankfurt Transrapid projects are leading the way from the pragmatist approach which is only capable of reacting to the disasters caused by an inappropriate economic policy, toward a systematic approach of developing the nation's infrastructure, industry, farming, research and development, as well as stable trade relations with Germany's eastern neighbors.

Helga Zepp-LaRouche, in her address to the Schiller Institute's Berlin conference, emphasized that the resurrection of the economies of the East from the "rubble-heap of socialism" will only be possible with such a coherent policy, an inspiring policy. "Over one year ago," she said, "I emphatically pointed out that, in my view, we would only succeed in seizing Europe's great historic opportunity if we tied the prospect of a comprehensive European development plan with a Christian-humanist renaissance. The events of the last year have shown us where the lack of these values has brought us. It is high time that we correct our errors."

## Currency Rates

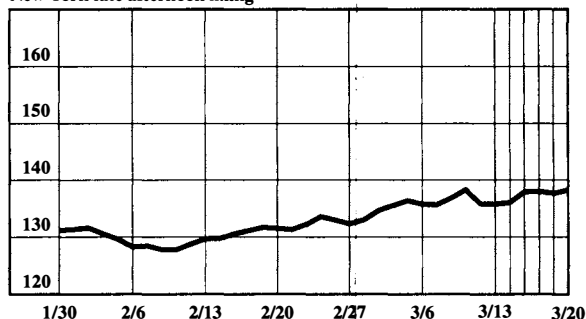
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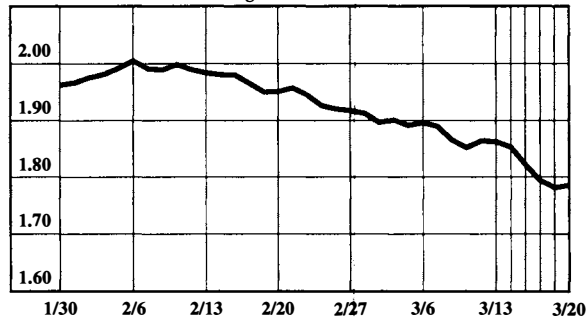
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