

its death rate will be prodigious.

In fact, the problem will be worse than anyone can imagine, precisely because of the conditions of unemployment and underemployment today. With the shrinkage of regular employment, with its attendant benefits such as social security, pensions, and health care, and its replacement with informal, daily catch-as-catch-can grubbing for an income, millions of Mexicans are now going to face retirement age with absolutely nothing to fall back on—not social security, nor anything else. They will face the prospect of having to work until they die, i.e., they are expected never to retire at all, or to die soon after retirement from starvation or disease in the absence of any source of retirement income.

These projections show beyond a doubt that it is not an honest error which leads the Mexican government to claim there is no unemployment. It is simply reaffirming its policy of genocide.

Employment crisis, or population crisis?

Mexico's economic problems are not the population's fault. These problems stem from a top-down decision, made back in the mid-1970s, to impose the dogma of malthusianism, ostensibly as a factor of development and social stability. In 1975, for example, William Paddock, author of *Famine 1975! America's Decision, Who Will Survive?* stated bluntly that all efforts to increase Mexico's food supply would only "increase future suffering, because there will be more people. . . . Mexico simply can't handle 60 million people." Since that time, successive Mexican governments have been operating under the assumption that they cannot accept, or cannot maintain, a population greater than 100 million by the year 2000. Mexicans "in excess" of this figure must perish.

These malthusian policies generate a universal equation, and its results are the same, whether for a developed or an underdeveloped country: The low end of the population pyramid is reduced, the middle segment of working-age people grows for a while, and the high end of the pyramid also expands rapidly, until premature death overtakes it.

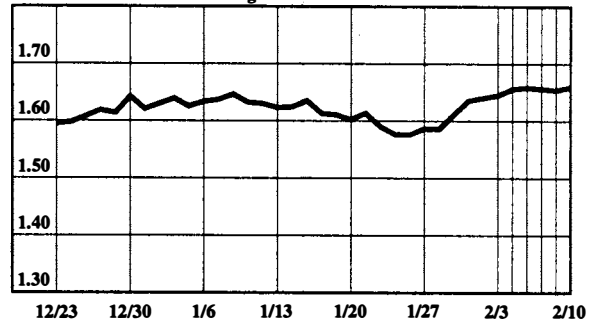
The present employment crisis, combined with the growing number of Mexicans living in extreme poverty, the millions of peasants who emigrate yearly in search of work, the children dying unnecessarily, are nothing but the conclusion of 25 years of population control policies that have been applied, and are being applied, supposedly so that by the end of this century, the Mexican population will not be living with the problems they now suffer.

But the tragic demographic reality is that if these malthusian policies are pursued any further, Mexicans will either be dead or suffering far worse than ever before. Mexico has now reached the point beyond which millions will begin to die of a combination of undernourishment and communicable disease, just as they began to die in droves a decade ago in Africa.

Currency Rates

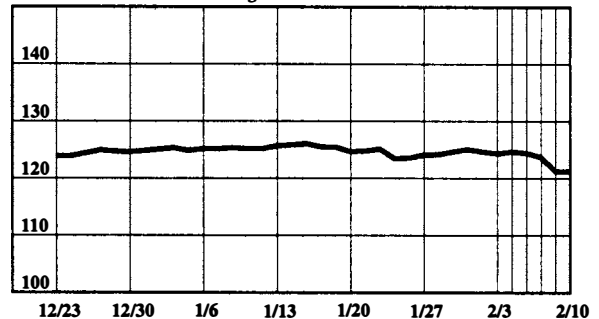
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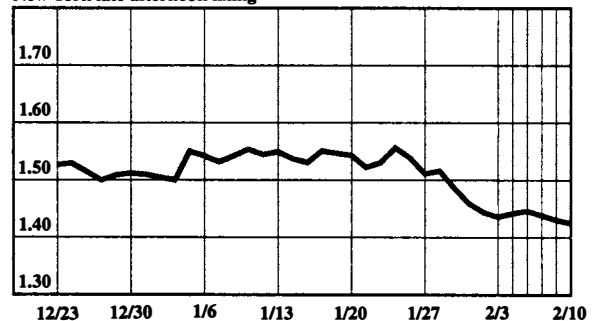
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