

malnutrition, and an explosion of other infectious diseases. A recent Italian newspaper article cited a report from the Royal Medical Society of Great Britain, that cholera has tripled in five years in Africa. It adds that tuberculosis is rampant all over the continent, and there is an "unstoppable pandemic of malaria and other illnesses, that, [taken] all together, researchers suspect to be the cause and the effect of the transmission of AIDS."

Why? Long before WHO's director general, Dr. Halfdan Mahler, appeared before the public in November 1986 with his confession of having "erred" on the matter of AIDS, WHO knew that whole districts of Africa are about to become depopulated. Whatever may have been Dr. Mahler's motive, *the actions* that follow his confession do not correspond in the least to the immediate measures that would be necessary.

### Economic breakdown

The Berlin newspaper *Der Tagesspiegel* carried the following report at the beginning of January:

"Today, almost all infrastructure and public facilities are destroyed. Uganda has regressed by decades. Annually, around 70,000 children die from hunger and disease. Malaria and sleeping sickness are again running rampant. In Nebbi District, in northwest Uganda, rat-borne bubonic plague has broken out. No one knows if 30 or 300 men have so far died of the plague.

"The new scourge of Africa is spreading panic and fear: In the southern districts Rakai and Kyotera, the law of the jungle already is in effect. In every family, one member is sick with AIDS. Witches and healers are doing a booming business, and aggression and madness proliferate in the hot-house climate of fear.

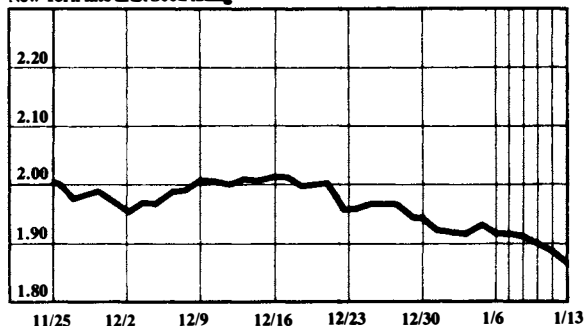
"In the tribal area of Bagezu, where during the last war cannibalistic excesses flared up, shamans have provoked murderous hunts for human beings. All the tribal males are to be circumcised on instruction of the medicine men, in order to forestall an evil oracle. Hunters, armed with knives, are active throughout the district, attacking men on the streets, while at work in the fields, in bars, and in bus stations. The robbing of corpses has unleashed fear and horror in the Luvero triangle. In the misery of this devastated landscape, a brisk trade in human skulls, which are smuggled to Kenya and Zaire, is flourishing. Human skulls, hidden under vegetable and sugar cane, roll out of some trucks onto the highway during the journey. Witches in Zaire and foreign universities have discovered Uganda as a source for the skull and skeleton trade. . . ."

In southern Uganda, 40-50% of the population are stricken with AIDS. Thousands are sick, hundreds are dying. The dead are buried between banana and coffee plants, because the cemetery is full. Hardly any of the sick are treated medically. There is really nothing to treat—anyone who comes down with the disease, dies. The hospitals are virtually AIDS free. Whoever has the disease is released, sent home to die.

## Currency Rates

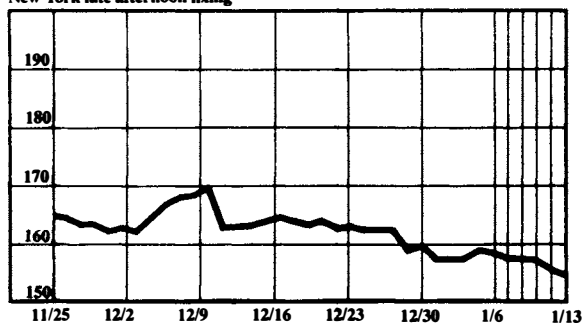
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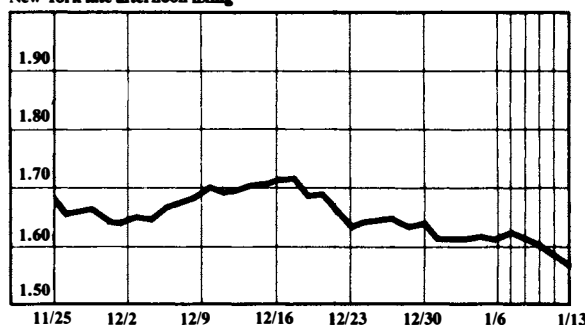
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