

what I saw in the paper, you'll find sand all over people's farms, thanks to nature, showing her respect for the farmers and those who do that kind of work. But nevertheless, to get at gold you have to go deep into the ground. You have to break open the rock and maybe in little tiny fissures, not like Senator Fisher back there, but little spaces in the rocks, you have to crush a lot of that rock, find these little fissures where gold might be hiding and bring it out. Because gold is in such relative short supply, it is so difficult to get the gold, a value is accorded it that is not accorded sand and other things that you can just walk out here and find. So scarcity adds to value, but we can find an artificially created scarcity as is the case with diamonds. There are so many diamonds available that if they were all allowed on the market the price of diamonds would plummet. Countries like the Union of Soviet Socialist Republic's before it was dismembered said that they hated South Africa. In fact, the Communist Party in South Africa was one of the leading fighters against apartheid, or legalized racial segregation and discrimination, but even while saying they hated it, they let their diamonds, and the Soviet Union is one of the leading producers of diamonds, be funneled through Oppenheimer's-DeBoer's Corporation. So all over the world those who are producing diamonds entered a conspiracy whereby they would let only so many diamonds onto the world market and artificially keep the price very high and all of them benefitted. Well now there is somewhat of a fragmenting of that cohesiveness and there are some countries that produce diamonds and they feel that the interests of their countries outweigh what the rest of the world wants to do in keeping the prices artificially high so they may put more diamonds on the market. And when you start seeing the price of diamonds fall and these jewelers offer specials on these various rings, it's not because they're being good, it's that they've got to get as much as they can and they'll get more that way than by admitting that the price of diamonds is diminishing. Now to get this hidden tax you've got a lot that you must go through before you can achieve that end. This tax is the pot of gold that you want to find. It's at the end of a rainbow but you don't know where the end of the rainbow is located. You see the rainbow, but you can't see one end and you can't see the other end. All you see is the bow and you know some place that bow is touching the ground at two spots, but you don't know-how much space is between one and the other. You don't know how long this discussion is going to occur. I told Senator Vrtiska every human being has a limit to his or her endurance. I'm going to get tired at some point. I