

## Editorial

### *Crimes against humanity*

It's popular nowadays for those who are attempting to impose the British feudal globalization system on the world, to bandy about the term "crime against humanity," selectively, and usually totally falsely, applying it to governments which maintain active control over their economies in order to try to protect their populations. But meanwhile, these so-called opinion-makers ignore the systemic genocidal premise behind the thinking of economic advisers the world over—especially those associated with the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, and other supranational financial institutions: the Nazi-style outlook of eliminating "useless eaters" *en masse*.

Back in November 1996, speaking at a meeting of the FDR Political Action Committee in Washington, D.C., Lyndon LaRouche put the problem this way:

"What is happening, is the collapse of the economy has been used as a pretext, in the name of such bogeymen as 'budget balancing,' in order to destroy human beings by a policy which has not been seen in European civilization generally practiced since the Nazis in the 1930s." LaRouche and several other speakers at that event discussed the leading example of such Nazi-like policies, those of the health maintenance organizations, and other institutions of managed care.

Today, there is scarcely a household in the United States that does not directly understand what LaRouche was polemically arguing then. The issue of medical mistreatment, and totally unnecessary deaths, as a result of cost-cutting by health maintenance organizations, has inflamed popular passions. People understand very well that for-profit medical companies are prepared to sacrifice lives for the sake of improving their balance sheets.

This is the very same philosophy that has been behind the denial of decent health care for Third World nations over decades. It "costs too much," the bankers say, to provide the public health and medical infrastructure to the nations of Africa on the scale of an "industrialized" country. What that's really saying, is that the people in those nations are not considered to

have lives worthy to be saved.

And now, the same policy is taking over in the nations of western Europe and the United States. Europe is not hit as hard, yet, although the draconian budget cuts being put into effect in Germany, for example, are taking things in that direction. Here in the United States, however, we see the Nazi-style philosophy going into effect whole-hog.

How dare health maintenance organizations take decisions out of the hands of qualified doctors, to decide who should get adequate care, and who shouldn't? How dare these organizations buy up public hospitals, and then shut them down when the revenues don't come up to their expectations? How dare HMO executives get away without having any personal liability for the decisions which they are making over the life and death of millions of people?

The health maintenance organizations—and the insurance companies and banks behind them—would have you believe that an improvement in care will necessarily result in gigantic increases in fees. This is blackmail, pure and simple. They are simply objecting to any intervention in their right to steal health care money, and to kill.

How should we approach this crisis? First, as LaRouche said in 1996, we must "call a bottle of milk a bottle of milk." Tell the truth about the Nazi actions of the HMOs, to begin with. And then eliminate the *system* which both permits and encourages such actions to occur. The guidepost is the concept of the General Welfare of the population, as outlined in the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution, and embedded in the concept of the sovereign nation-state going back to the period of the 15th century.

It's time the line be drawn. Those politicians now stepping forward to protect the genocidal HMOs must be politically punished. The HMOs must be made liable for their crimes. The General Welfare must be fought for and protected. Any other policy is to accede to crimes against humanity, with consequences worse than those which followed the rise of Hitler to power.