

Editorial

On crime and rage

Brutality is increasingly characterizing daily life. War, disease, hunger, but also the specter of unemployment, create the dreary prospect of bare survival for the economically poor and the elderly—conditions which provoke rage and despair.

Under these circumstances, we see situations typified by the elections in Italy, where Mussolini's granddaughter has made considerable electoral gains by citing her Fascist heritage as reason to vote her into public office. Communism is also again attracting a large following. In the United States, the same rage is typified by approval of "tougher" legislation on crime, and proposals to throw ghetto youth into work camps as a "preventive" anti-crime measure.

But if republican government is to be preserved and if crime is to be fought effectively, then the true causes for the economic and cultural erosion which we now face must be identified and remedied. In the United States, a necessary first step is to reestablish the kind of economic policies still prevailing when John F. Kennedy was President. The Federal Reserve System must be stripped of its independent status as an institution representing international financial interests, so that monetary and economic policy again become the prerogative of the national government—a move that Kennedy is rumored to have considered making before his death.

In Europe, this would include a return to the policies of Charles de Gaulle, Konrad Adenauer, and Enrico Mattei. The arguments by French economist Maurice Allais and other French political figures in this regard are directly to the point, as of course are the economic policies of Lyndon LaRouche. Free market ideology—most vigorously touted by Margaret Thatcher, but rampant throughout the West—must be exposed as a vicious cover story for a mammoth looting operation.

The real crime is usury, pure and simple, as practiced by speculators and certain international banking interests. Yes, the crazed guy on the street who mugs an old person must be stopped, and all drug trafficking

is evil; but we should look at the dramatic escalation of the crime rate since Kennedy's assassination and reflect upon the changes which have taken place, perhaps most noticeably in the United States.

The murder of Kennedy not accidentally coincided with the rise of the rock-drug-sex counterculture, which is consolidated today under the rubric of the New Age shift in the cultural paradigm. Where Kennedy reflected the aspirations of the American people for scientific and technological progress, not only for themselves but also for their children and grandchildren, today despair characterizes a situation in which the institution of the family itself is being ripped to shreds. People are enraged because their children are being brainwashed by the schools, in defiance of their parents, to accept immorality as an alternate lifestyle.

It is easy to understand how the average American comes to endorse a policy of "getting tough" on criminals, as a way to vent his or her rage at an out-of-control situation. The result is the spectacle that the major drug-money launderers are either left alone entirely or given token sentences, while some poor slob who was set up by a sting agent, who might have bought drugs to sell to a police informant or potential informant, gets 15 to 30 years in prison for his crime.

People are enraged, whether they understand it or not, because insanity reigns in the top reaches of government; because government is submitting either to the powerful foundations which are associated with drug-money laundering, the banking and the financial community, and with the big agro-cartels which loot the farmers out of existence, and with the junk bond artists such as Michael Milken who rip off pension funds and are tearing what is left of the economy to shreds.

Any government rightly derives its power from its willingness and ability to defend natural law on behalf of the entire population, and not from its status as arbiter of one national grouping pitted against another on the basis of class war, national origin, skin color, or religion.