

toward us. The entire International Monetary Fund system is now collapsing; a major shock could occur either during the months just ahead, or a major collapse-shock by sometime during 1996: unless the U.S. government takes certain actions which, presently, it is not inclined to do during an election-year. Unless the wave of ongoing monetary and financial speculation is stopped, the early result will remind some future historians of the Germany *Reichsmark* collapse-scenario of 1922-23; the difference is, that was in but one nation, while this will be on a world-wide scale.

Franklin Roosevelt said, "We have nothing to fear but fear itself." I prefer to say: "We have nothing to fear as much as our tendency to cling to the ignorant opinions so many of us adopt from the popular mass media." That sickening soap-opera called "The O.J. Simpson Trial," for example. Do you care enough about this nation, about yourself, to kick the *Washington Post* habit, a leading source of this nation's daily dose of political ignorance?

## LaRouche on health-care

*From a letter exchange between Mr. LaRouche and a reader:*

From a Puerto Rican reader:

. . . In spite of the fact that he became a Democrat, the governor of Puerto Rico is carrying out a GOP business platform. His administration is known for the creation of a free health ID for the poor people. The problem with this health ID is that the Puerto Rican government had previously instituted a free regional health system for the poor population. Our island had a regional health system, with one of the best life expectancy records in the world. The insurance companies are the real winners of the health ID plan. They justified the creation of the health ID plan through negative propaganda against the public health system's public services. The real problem with the health ID's is that the government is paying for it by taking loans on its non-recurrent funds. The same thing is being planned against the educational system: Slander it in order to justify its privatization.

Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.:

I can not disagree with your assessment of the impact of such types of changes in practice. Under the impact of the Gramm-Rudman tradition and the apparent 1994 electoral success of the Newt Gingrich "Contract with America," changes of the type you report have become an accelerating trend among opportunistic political figures. My historically informed view of such policies is, that Gingrich's policies are fairly compared with the same, infamous Nazi doctrine, of reducing expenditures of "useless eaters," which Colorado's Governor Lamm echoed more than a decade ago.

I make three points on that trend, as follows.

First, I cite the principle established by the post-World

War II Nuremberg-trials process. I describe that policy as follows: 1) If the standards employed by competent insurance actuaries should have forewarned government officials, or relevant private professionals, that the adoption of a certain policy would increase the death-rate, and 2) If those responsible public officials, or private professionals established, or practice such a policy, 3) They are as guilty of willful murder as if they had killed each of the victims personally, with an axe; 4) Such persons, today, are to be despised now, as no better than the very worst criminals under the Nazi regime were considered, under the Nuremberg code. . . .

Second, as an economist, I regard such policies as not only capital crimes against humanity. Speaking professionally, the arguments of people, such as the culpable politicians Senator Phil Gramm and Speaker Newton Gingrich, mark them as the worst kinds of pseudo-scientific quacks in the field of political-economy. They are a capital-criminal variety of pseudo-scientific quacks, comparable to the Nazi race-theorist, Dr. Ernst Rudin. This means, that their pseudo-scientific dogma, if applied to practice, must result in capital crimes against humanity.

It is relevant to understanding Gingrich's and Gramm's health-care policies today, that that Dr. Ernst Rudin was the same Nazi official whom the late Averell Harriman, and the George-Bush-family's late General William H. Draper, assisted in promoting as the head of the Harriman family's International Federation of Eugenics Societies. That was the same Harriman whose chief executive officer, and President George Bush's father, (Republican) Prescott Bush, brought Adolf Hitler to power in Germany through aid of a massive transfer of funds to the Nazi Party, funds supplied by ("Mr. Democrat") Averell Harriman's New York banking firm.

Third, if we are to maintain the health of citizens generally, there are two principal sets of economic facts we must address. 1) The chief cause of the rising cost of health-care, is centered in two facts about the 1967-95 trends in the U.S.A. (and, world) economy: that the per-capita physical-economic income and productivity, and tax-revenue base of the U.S.A. has collapsed during this period, and, 2) that this collapse is aggravated by forms of financial speculation which have embedded monstrously rising debt-service charges within the costs and prices of virtually everything, including physician and hospital costs. The hoax of rising malpractice-insurance rates, is a part of this.

. . . We are presently in a process of world-wide economic collapse. . . . This nation, and most of the world, could not survive such a collapse, unless the U.S. government, in particular, makes a fundamental reversal in economic-policy trends, probably during no later than 1996. The wicked policies to whose symptoms your letter referred, must be changed; the so-called politicians (and others) now have no alternative. . . .

Cutting health-care in the ways you report, reminds one of the intellectual brilliance of the accountant who discovered that he could effect a tremendous saving in the use of his automobile, if he eliminated fuel-costs.