

## Editorial

### Today's Opium War

The LaRouche political movement literally “wrote the book” on the British imperial policy of the Opium War, a policy which led to the death of at least 20 million Chinese in the 19th Century, when the Empire imposed its policy of free trade in deadly drugs on China, through force of arms. As the underground bestseller *Dope, Inc.* laid out, despite treaty arrangements in the early 1920s, which allegedly banned trade in dangerous narcotic drugs like opium and heroin, major British banking networks, linked to the monarchy, have maintained their deadly trade to the present day.

There are three reasons why the war against Britain's dope trade lies at the heart of the world strategic situation today.

First, as we note in our feature story, the British-controlled dope trade plays the decisive role in providing the financing for the world's leading terrorist entities. From Afghanistan's Taliban, to the Chechen rebels, to the genocidal FARC guerrillas of Colombia—just to name a few—the illicit drug trade buys the weapons, the officials, and the other needed matériel to facilitate the wars against sovereign nation-states. It has been consistently documented that these drug networks have more resources at their disposal than the targeted governments themselves.

There is no way to defeat terrorist groups, without eliminating their source of income: the highly lucrative drug trade.

Second, the British-controlled drug-money flows represent the most significant support for the bankrupt world financial system. According to the most recent estimates available from the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in 2008, the proceeds from the illicit drug trade amounted to at least \$800 billion—nigh onto a trillion. This is an income stream based on

putting huge amounts of drugs on a growing market.

Much of these drug-money flows operate “off-shore,” in locations such as the Cayman Islands, Isle of Man, and other unregulated (largely British protectorate) centers. There they enter a world financial system which, through usury, gambling, and other kinds of speculation, turns them into trillions more in financial obligations, now sucking the blood out of the dwindling real physical economy.

To bankrupt the British imperial monetary system—a central aspect of LaRouche's program, and essential for putting a credit system in place—eliminating the drug trade is a number one priority.

But it is the third reason for wiping out the British Empire's illicit drug trade which speaks directly to the needs of humanity at this time in history: the urgent task of reasserting the identity of mankind, as the creative species responsible for developing our universe for the future.

The British Empire never justified its assertion of its “right” to trade in mind-destroying drugs simply because it was a means of making money, or even of maintaining power. The real reason behind their drug-pushing was to *degrade* the human race to the level of animals that can be herded, and culled; to literally rob human beings of their minds, and of futures worthy of an ennobled mankind. They have done the same by taking over our education systems with positivism, and by turning our economy into a degraded “service” sector. But none of this works, unless they destroy the human quality of mind.

So, don't be a dope! Join LaRouche's campaign to get the impeachable British dope out of the White House.