

Second World War, is now disintegrating, and a process of disintegration has been in place essentially since the middle of the 1960s, especially since 1970. Since 1970, by using physical parameters, not these deceptive monetary figures, we see that the United States has been in an accelerating process of internal decay over the past 20-25 years.

We see a similar process in Europe, beginning with Britain, which is the worst case. Britain is now a formerly industrialized nation, a garbage heap, in which large parts of the populations of England's cities are reduced almost to the gibbering level of culture of baboons, no longer having man-like features. We see the spread of the same disease, the collapse of industry and agriculture willfully, by mad policies, on the continent of Europe.

### **We must rebuild this planet**

And thus, my friends in Russia, I ask you to turn your attention to the world as a whole as well as the time of troubles which confronts you, and perhaps perplexes you, inside Russia itself. Those of us around this world who are concerned with such matters, must devise and put forth a clear policy of reconstruction not merely for one nation or another, but for the planet. And as to the nations in each case, each nation must find its place, its indispensable role, its historical role in rebuilding this planet and pulling human civilization back from the abyss toward which it is veering—like a mudslide heading toward the edge of a cliff.

I think the solutions exist. I have indicated in various of my writings, what those solutions are. I think we can say, that the policy, under which the nations of North Eurasia are played against one another in conflict, must come to an end. The past 200 and more years of that kind of game must come to an end. The nations of continental Europe such as France and Germany and others, together with the people of the former Soviet Union, must work together to establish a zone of economic development based on application of scientific and technological progress to improve the habitability of this planet, and to improve also the yields of physical-consumption needs and productive potential per capita and per square kilometer.

From Brest in France to Vladivostok, we must create such an order involving Japan, China, and other nations, to spread this new direction upward in our planet's affairs from that center, the heartland of North Eurasia. We must do this not as some kind of utopian global system, but we must do this as a set of nations based on the principles of a sovereign nation-state republic managing its own affairs, but in cooperation with other nations to the common benefit of all.

I hope that during the coming period, my wishes for the well-being of a nation in its time of troubles may come true, and I would hope that I should be able to contribute some thoughts and ideas which will be useful to you, in your efforts to make those wishes of mine come true.

Thank you.

# Historical dilemma institutional crisis

by Mark Burdman

London *Financial Times* senior commentator Joe Rogaly put his finger on what is essential in the current political crisis erupting in Britain. Rogaly warned on Jan. 18 that 15 years of Thatcherite free trade have effectively wrecked the "civic infrastructure" of the United Kingdom, destroying all morality, undermining all sense of the laws of political economy, and shaking all institutions to their knees, including the monarchy, the Church of England, the government, and the Parliament.

Rogaly thereby identified the underlying dynamic in the wave of scandals erupting in Britain. Implicitly, he also identified the political and historical dilemma now facing the British establishment, whose upper echelons, including individuals closely linked to the House of Windsor, have determined that it is impossible to have Prime Minister John Major remain in power, at a time of profound institutional crisis in the United Kingdom. However, it is precisely the process involved in removing Major, by a systematic multiplication of damaging scandals, that has the simultaneous effect of drawing more attention to the moral bankruptcy of the House of Windsor and the Church of England. This is a downward vicious spiral, made worse by the fact, underscored by London sources to *EIR*, that the British elites, in their present mode of thinking, have really *no alternative* to Major, including the thought of having Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd act as a transitional Conservative prime minister for some months.

Sources close to Royal Consort Prince Philip confess privately that the monarchy is now in its worst crisis in at least 100 years. One London source reported to *EIR* on Jan. 18 that the entire institutional structure dating from the 1688 "Glorious Revolution," involving delicate power arrangements among Parliament, church, monarchy, and the City of London, is disintegrating. This structure includes the 1701 Act of Settlement, by which arrangement it was mandated that no Roman Catholic could ever become monarch of Great Britain. It is a sign of the times, that the Jan. 14 conversion of the Duchess of Kent to Roman Catholicism, has catalyzed a number of calls, published in the *London Times*, *Daily Mail*, and elsewhere, for the Act of Settlement to be set aside.

But this push to abrogate the Act of Settlement brings up the same dilemma. The values of the "Glorious Revolution" embody a philosophical rejection of the values of the 15th-

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century Golden Renaissance, which rejection began to take root under King Henry VIII's Venice-manipulated reign in the 16th century. Ideologically, it took the form of the so-called "British Israel" belief-structure, whereby Britain was defined by its elites as "God's chosen Protestant nation," in eternal conflict against Rome. Philosophically, it was expressed in a nominalist-Aristotelian worldview, in the philosophies of Thomas Hobbes, John Locke, David Hume, Adam Smith, Jeremy Bentham, John Stuart Mill, and, more recently, Lord Bertrand Russell.

The British have devoted enormous energies to erecting this gnostic worldview, which has underpinned the British Empire from its inception. Tossing it aside would present grave risks, throwing overboard a gigantic historical investment. Yet paradoxically, *not* doing so, and continuing to venomously oppose the ideas of the Golden Renaissance, will ensure Britain's own continued deconstruction over the period ahead.

## 'The civil infrastructure was systematically destroyed'

It is all this, which makes the Jan. 18 Rogaly commentary so compelling. The piece had a polemical title, "It Is a Moral Issue," attacking the Thatcherite attempt to decouple morality from economics. The author affirmed that "the discipline of what was once called political economy, and is now described as economics, has become amoral, a series of algebraic abstractions designed by the most expensive witchdoctors in history. The more abstruse their equations, the less they tell us." He says this would have "horrified" every past economist, whether Adam Smith, Karl Marx, John Maynard Keynes, or even Friedrich von Hayek, "whose morally driven deconstruction of collectivist modes of thought laid the foundations of late-20th-century anarchic individualism. All would have doubtless felt obliged to agree that while cash flow is fine on paper, we carry something more in our hearts."

Rogaly reported on the recent statements by Michael Portillo, chief secretary to the Treasury, who warned about a spreading "cynical poison" that is affecting all institutions, undermining respect for them—the "new British disease." What Portillo omitted, however, Rogaly stressed, was that it was "his heroine, Lady Thatcher," who contributed massively to this process of deconstructing institutions in Britain.



*The Duke of Kent, head of the United Grand Lodge of Freemasonry. His wife has converted to Catholicism, as scandals and political intrigues are ripping apart the British establishment.*

Charged Rogaly: "During the 1980s, Thatcherites de-professionalized the professors, destroyed the sense of vocation of teachers and nurses, and poured scorn on social workers. The civic infrastructure was systematically destroyed, anything with a tradition was regarded as a vested interest to be 'taken on' and, ultimately, 'privatized.' The Tory right's political pantheon infected the decade with the false belief that everything good is bought and sold, while nothing that does not have a price is of value."

Now, Rogaly noted with irony, the Thatcherite right wing, typified by Portillo with his "moral crusade," is "panicking" at the effects of their own policies, as the nuclear family, notions of responsibility, and respect for authority collapse. The reason is that "if for 14 years you preach disrespect for everything save the profit and loss account, the result is the 1990s." The "extreme Anglo-American model" is "nihilistic in its effect," he warned, expressing the hope that Portillo and Hurd could get together and work out a new approach for Britain.

## 'Bring the buggers down!'

The state of affairs in Britain is underscored by the fact that Portillo is himself the central protagonist in a story that has been making the rounds in London for the past several weeks. While *EIR* has no information that would lend confirmation to the story, the fact is that it is being widely discussed throughout high-level British gossip circuits that Portillo has been the homosexual lover of another member of the Major cabinet, Social Affairs Minister Peter Lilley, also a Thatcherite true-believer. The story being circulated is that

Portillo and Lilley share a home in northern France, where they receive a regular supply of young boys from southern France. The story was supposed to have broken in a British tabloid's Sunday edition Jan. 16, but did not, for reasons unknown. One well-informed British journalist told *EIR* Jan. 18 that "the government would fall like a house of cards" if the story were published. A confidant of the British royal family commented Jan. 17 that "many hope that this Portillo-Lilley matter will be big enough to bring the buggers down," i.e., collapse the Major government.

Scandals are erupting in Britain at the rate of one or two *per day* at this point. They range from the matter of British arms sales to Iraq in the 1980s and the attempts by John Major to clumsily claim, before an official inquiry into the matter, that he was unaware that such sales were occurring; to suspect British military and economic dealings with Malaysia dating from the Thatcher period; to the "gerrymandering" practice of Tory-run municipalities, such as the Westminster City Council of London, which sold housing selectively to potential Tory supporters and denied these buildings to the homeless; to shadowy financial dealings and sexual liaisons of various cabinet ministers and leading Conservative parliamentarians. One "wild card" scandal, is the government's role in the coverup of Syrian responsibility for the Dec. 21, 1988 bombing of the Pan American Flight 103 jet over Lockerbie, Scotland; certain intelligence-linked influentials in Britain are trying to expose this sordid story, and should the full details emerge, this would have consequences far beyond the Major government as such.

### **A Michael Novak option?**

In such an atmosphere, it is not surprising that a public figure like the Duchess of Kent has become a moral rallying point for many, in the sense that her conversion seems to have been motivated by moral motives, as a positive resolution of numerous personal crises over the recent period. It is also not surprising that certain Britons, mainly but not exclusively British Catholics and/or recent converts from the Anglican Church to Catholicism, should speculate that there could be a large-scale conversion to Catholicism in the United Kingdom. Such speculation is further fuelled by reports that Princess Diana is involved in preparations for conversion to Catholicism, the prospect of which has leading lights of the Church of England trembling, because it could catalyze a wider popular move toward Rome.

Were such a spiritual movement to be linked to the worldview expressed by Pope John Paul II on such matters as opposition to malthusianism and his characterization of Thatcherite free trade as "savage capitalism," there could be an uncharacteristically positive evolution in Great Britain. Recall that in May-June 1992, in the days leading up to the so-called Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, the spiritual head of the Church of England, Archbishop of Canterbury Dr. George Carey, attacked the Vatican for its opposition to

British moves to place the population control issue prominently on the agenda. This becomes all the more important in 1994, the year of the U.N. Third International Conference on Population, a malthusian extravaganza planned for September in Cairo.

Should leading Britons not have the courage and moral integrity to bring about such a positive shift in policy, the Catholic conversion issue could quickly be judoed in the manner characteristic of the British establishment, to bring about the opposite result in terms of policy content. Especially as it is known that the current pope's health is failing, certain wily Britons would obviously hope to shape the papal succession by a classic "penetration from within." The fact that the Duchess of Kent's husband, the Duke of Kent, is head of the United Grand Lodge of Freemasonry, the "Mother Lodge" of Freemasonry which has been involved in various battles with the Catholic Church over the past decades, is germane to such a possible strategy.

The same threat is underscored by the fact that some of the most vocal British Catholics are themselves confirmed Thatcherites. Lord William Rees-Mogg, who penned an article in the *London Times* Jan. 13 promoting the abrogation of the Act of Settlement and the possibility of a Catholic becoming monarch, is a business partner of speculator George Soros and Lord Jacob Rothschild. During 1993, Rees-Mogg was notorious for campaigning for Thatcher to make a bid to return as prime minister. Unless Rees-Mogg is deciding to repent for his former ways, his praise for the Duchess of Kent as representing an alternative to the "scrabbling around for short-term gains, sexual or financial," reads hypocritically, in light of his outspoken Thatcherite commitments.

By the same token, the *Daily Mail*'s Paul Johnson, another advocate for ending the Act of Settlement, is a former Fabian turned Thatcherite, who authored an article in October 1993, reprinted in the Italian weekly *L'Espresso*, promoting the establishment of U.N. "protectorates" over destroyed Third World nations, with one big power appointed to administer it "like a colony." He bemoaned the absence of leaders like Thatcher from the world scene, saying that "there is not the necessary vision to face the geopolitical problems in the world."

What such nominal Catholics would be hoping to do, as was hinted at by the *London Times* Jan. 15, is to use their influence to shift the worldview of Catholics, in Britain and internationally, away from that of the current pope and toward the views expressed by Catholic neo-liberal Michael Novak in the United States (see *EIR*, Jan. 29, 1993, "Anti-Christian Economics: The Case of Michael Novak"). But if the British are playing around with such an option, they should only be aware that having a "Catholic cover" for the same genocidal policies the British elites have promoted over the past few centuries, and with passion during Thatcher's reign, will only ensure Britain's own destruction as well.