

gland, as the politics of nothing but wild emotion—like that of Midlands football fans with great boots—cladding itself with the forms of symbolism, rather than reason. Think of the Fourteenth-Century maddened hordes of Flagellants, roaming like all-destructive bands of locusts, from place to place across the surface of ruined Europe. Think of current English political insurgencies, as real issues expressing themselves explosively as madly impassioned unreality. Think of the myth of the mass-suicidal lemmings.

Then, think of those in England, Oxonians, for example, who understand what I have just said, very well, who have taken it into their minds to rid their sceptered isle of this intolerable, used-up excrescence, known to them as Bloody Blair. What means might they employ to such a distinguished end, but to play the game of British politics the very way the rules of that game prescribe? For such an occasion, something truly fancy must be summoned from the legions of mad masses who dwell below. To alarm the maddening mass, set the witches to stirring the pots. It was often done before; it is being done again.

So, don't suddenly go all pompous and stupid on me. The word of the day is "Witch way, England?"

### **Meanwhile, from behind the veil of illusion . . .**

Look at the world as a whole around us all. Those poor dolts who insist they know anything at all from viewing the popular entertainment and news media (there really is no difference between those two), are poor fools playing the mythical ostrich, with their heads stuck either under the sands, or who might know where else beside. While such folk wander in the escapism of fantasy-land, things which they would rather not know, are determining their fate in the real world. (I recall vividly 1928-1929, when most Americans I knew were filled with similarly deluded belief in the durability of either their own, or someone else's Wall Street "investments." People then were generally less deluded, less unintelligent than most Americans today: for one thing, they were much better educated and nurtured.)

Take the case of the Japan yen for example. Imagine the day, in which the spokesman for a Japan central bank states, with utter shamelessness, that the objective of his bank's utterly lunatic monetary and financial policies, is to keep the discount rate of the yen at virtually zero percent! Think of the interlock of the Japan yen with every leading part of the world's financial system! There has never been such insanity shown by any leading banker in the history of the Twentieth Century. The next likely round of deposits likely there in Japan, would be a mass depositing of utterly maddened bankers into Mount Fuji.

The euro is collapsing, chiefly because there is nothing left to support it, as long as current Maastricht policies are continued.

Brazil is blowing up, in worse financial ripeness for explosion than ever before.

There is no way that the Russian debt crisis can be prevented from blowing out the world's financial system, under present IMF and G-7 policies.

Wall Street is the biggest financial bubble of them all, the last domino in the chain, the "balloon note" whose worthlessness will put the entire, City of London-dominated world financial system down the toilet.

The pressure on London, therefore, is the following.

Anyone who is not a babbling lunatic, or simply a simple-minded dolt, knows, that the present world financial system can not be saved. Therefore, in order to have a world in which the existing nations could live, it is first necessary to be rid of this financial system, to replace it by what, in principle, would be a New Bretton Woods agreement of the type which I have prescribed.

However, such a reform is impossible, as long as the present Wall-Street-type lunatics remain in the dominant positions of political power. Therefore, to make way for the needed negotiation of the desperately needed new world economic and matching monetary and financial system, one must cut down the present political power of the lunatic monetarist faction of Wall Street, London, et al. The appropriate place to start the process of dumping those monetarist lunatics from their present positions of power, is London. To be particular, begin with Bloody Blair.

Someone who is more sensible than either woodenheaded Al Gore or George W. Bush, in London, has decided that, therefore, Bloody Blair must go. Naturally, getting rid of Bloody Blair becomes, for England today, a matter of witch way to go.

## **Toil and trouble for Tony Blair**

by Mark Burdman

British Prime Minister Tony Blair had hoped to emerge from NATO's war in Kosovo as a great conquering hero in the United Kingdom. But the opposite is proving to be the case for the man known among certain British circles as "Bloody Blair." No sooner had the NATO bombing in Kosovo ended, than a time of troubles began for him. In the article above, Lyndon LaRouche observes that "clearly, a section of the English establishment is in the process of dumping a desperately frightened Prime Minister Tony Blair."

This "section of the English establishment" is resorting to typically British, if highly "irregular" means, to oust him from power.

It was, ironically, right about the time when NATO suspended its bombing against Yugoslavia, claiming to have

scored a major victory against Serbian leader Slobodan Milosevic, that Blair received a clear message that he was on the skids. On June 10, Britons voted in the European Parliament elections. The result was a crushing defeat for Blair's "New Labour," which lost 33 of the 62 seats it held in the Euro-Parliament. The London *Times* called this a "disaster," the *Daily Telegraph* called it a "humiliating defeat," and the *Sun* tabloid headlined it as a "fiasco."

### **The floodgates are open**

The defeat in the European elections opened a floodgate of attacks on Blair from within the Labour Party itself. Blair came under concerted attack from a number of leading trade unionists, including the president of the national Trades Union Congress (TUC) confederation, John Monks, formerly a Blair loyalist. Writing in the pro-Labour *Observer* on June 20, commentator Andrew Rawnsley reported, from interviews he had had with Labour stalwarts, that the reaction to Blair has become "violently negative" in traditionally hard-core Labour constituencies in England. The *Telegraph* wrote on June 22 that this is "the most serious outbreak of Labour Party infighting since the general election" of May 1, 1997. The paper noted that "the Labour leadership has been badly rattled by the bitter recriminations within the party and the unions in the wake of Labour's disastrous showing" on June 10.

In response to these signals, Blair—the man whose spin doctors had been emphasizing his "great courage and conviction" all throughout the Kosovo conflict—began to panic. In a June 20 interview, he precipitously reversed his previous support for Britain soon joining the European single currency, the euro, saying it would be "daft" to rush into the euro continental bloc. On June 21, Blair's 10 Downing Street office was forced to put out a statement denying that Blair was "hitting the panic button," and characterizing as "garbage" the idea that Blair was retreating on the euro, because of the poor Labour showing in the European elections.

On June 23, a senior British establishment insider reported, during a private discussion, that "certain establishment circles" are becoming fed up with Blair, that there is a rapidly spreading "deep dissatisfaction" with him in the country, and that this mood reflects a "general sense of disquiet" that was seeking outlets for expression.

### **Riots in the City and Stonehenge**

Between June 18 and June 21, there were two singular, "irregular" events, that, according to the traditions and methods used in what passes for British politics, signalled, as LaRouche puts it, a time of "toil and trouble bubbling up for Blair."

On June 18, some 6,000 anarchists, leftists, and kindred species gathered in the City of London, for what was billed as a "Carnival Against Capitalism." The gathering was pulled together, via Internet communication, by a coordinating

group calling itself "J18" (the name connotating "June 18"), which was nominally formed to protest the June 18-20 Group of Eight summit in Cologne, Germany.

The "Carnival" began in what seemed to be a convivial atmosphere. But as the day wore on, it turned into full-scale riots, with attempts to storm the headquarters of the London International Financial and Futures Options Exchange (LIFFE), where vast amounts of financial derivatives trading takes place each day, and other key centers of financial power in the city. There were several bloody confrontations with police, office security, and/or financial traders, at the various spots. An estimated £2 million of damage was done, and about 50 people were injured.

Levene, the Lord Mayor of London, who asserted that he was mingling with the crowd under cover, denounced the demonstrators as "terrorists. . . . It was highly organized violence. I cannot divulge much of the information that I have, but they were trying to use a fairly sophisticated way of attacking the LIFFE trading system. The people who were doing it knew how to try to render such a sophisticated system inoperable." In other parts of the city, Lord Levene went on, "I saw lines of men urinating in the street, defecating in the street, and hurling missiles at the police."

The British press claimed that this was the worst violence seen in the City of London since the 1780s "Gordon riots." The latter were organized by Lord Shelburne and friends, to overthrow then-Prime Minister Lord North and his landed aristocracy friends, so as to initiate a more sophisticated strategy for dealing with the American revolutionaries.

The June 23 *Guardian* lauded the riots as being in the grand old tradition of English protest, and specifically compared it to the 19th-century anti-industrial riots by the Luddite movement.

London police sources were quoted in the June 22 *Times*, saying that they expect another upsurge of such "anarchist" activity next month.

Following the June 18 riots, some of the City rioters were among some 400 "New Age travellers" who turned a Druid/pagan yearly ritual at the ancient site of the Stonehenge stone monuments to greet the Summer Solstice, into a violent confrontation with police. Bricks and bottles were thrown at police and security guards who were trying to prevent access to the site. The trouble began at 2 a.m., when the crowd pushed down metal fences and charged the stones. This all dismayed the Druids, "white witches" (from the "Covenant of Earth Magic," "British White Witches," and other groups), astrologers, and other New Age freaks who had been given permission to go to the site, for the last Summer Solstice of the millennium.

It was the worst violence at Stonehenge in ten years, with all the attendant political symbolism of "black witches" and "white witches" involved. The riots have now propelled the politics of witches and witchcraft into the center of the British political scene.