

Editorial

The British Empire Is the Disease

The swine flu (H1N1) continues its non-seasonal spread in such diverse locations as England, Thailand, Mexico, and the United States. While not yet so deadly as the 1918 flu, which killed between 50 and 100 million people worldwide, this virus must be watched closely as a marker for a pandemic condition brought on by global economic collapse.

Considering the dynamic of the planet as a whole, set into motion by the British-inspired reversal of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's policies, beginning immediately after his death in April 1945, there is every reason to believe a deadly pandemic will indeed occur.

The process at work here has been put forward by economist Lyndon LaRouche, with great clarity, since at least 1974, when he set up a task force to study the worldwide biological-ecological breakdown, and emergence of new diseases, that could ensue if the "zero-growth" economic policies then being imposed upon Africa, were maintained, and came to prevail more widely. As that study demonstrated, the outbreak of new diseases is a reflection of the failure of the man-made economy, to invest in the technological progress required to compensate for the depletion of resources as a whole.

There is no such thing as equilibrium, LaRouche has stressed. Mankind and the biosphere are either progressing, or they are regressing. We are now regressing, because the British global financial system has imposed post-industrial policies and conditions, which have led to a collapse process. If we want to improve the potentiality of the planet—including its ability to fight the emergence of new diseases—mankind has to advance, specifically by going to a level of higher energy-

flux density, with nuclear power.

There is no reason to worry about disease *per se*, LaRouche recently commented. With a healthy biosphere, and healthy organisms (including people), you have the natural ability to overcome disease. If the breezes flow, and fresh water flows, you don't have a problem. You can maintain sanitation and general health conditions, and you will be all right. The problem arises from the unhealthy condition of the physical economic relationship of man to the biosphere, which has resulted from the British Empire policy. *This is the disease.*

And, as every sane person knows, the degradation of conditions of life is accelerating, all over the planet. Conditions that have condemned Africans to rapidly *decreasing* life-expectancies, are now spreading throughout Ibero-America, and in parts of Asia as well. Vast swaths of the so-called industrialized countries are being deconstructed as well, through the shutdown of industry and agriculture, and the throwing of the formerly employed workers on the human scrapheap. The process of devolution is also being sped by the general dis-investment in the infrastructure appropriate to a high-technology, prosperous society, especially in transportation, power sources, and water management and supply. Not to mention the need for public health and hospital infrastructure.

So, how do we prepare to fight an onrushing pandemic? The *only* sane solution is to overthrow the British imperial monetary system, and install an American-style credit system which can fund the revival of technological progress in the world economy. That means, first, bringing the American Presidency under control of sane forces—and then doing what Americans do best, getting to work rebuilding our nation and the world.