

Editorial

Britain's Health-Care 'Strategy'

The *Washington Post* performed a useful service Sept. 15, when it published an article on the recent report issued by a British think tank, the Optimum Population Trust, which argues that the real way to cure pollution is to reduce the world's population. With this recommendation, the OPT, one of whose directors is the ecology advisor to Prince Charles, highlights the historical strategic issue behind the so-called health-care debate in the United States, and internationally.

For, as Lyndon LaRouche has repeatedly stressed, the real significance of the health-care issue lies in the battle between the outlook of the British Empire, from the early 18th Century on, and the emerging American Republic. We are dealing with a long-term cultural conflict between an imperial system that deals with human beings as just a more clever form of animal, and a republican system that values the human mind, and fights to create the conditions of progress that foster human intellectual development.

The British, as its London headquarters became the mailing address of the world financial empire in the early 18th Century, adopted the outlook which goes all the way back to Aristotle. Whereas the republican view, represented, in the early 18th Century, by Gottfried Leibniz, and soon after, by his intellectual heirs in Europe and the Americas, took up the outlook of Plato.

The difference couldn't be more dramatic. Plato, like Solon and other great men before him, represented the understanding that man is a creature of the mind and ideas, and thus, a truly human culture demands the constant stimulation of the technological and scientific progress that allows man to rise ever higher than the level of the beasts. It was also clear, that lifting up man's condition represented a

serious obstacle to the domination of society by empires, which turn human beings into slaves for the profit of the Emperor (or financial ruling class).

That's where Aristotle came in. After Plato's death, Aristotle's "philosophy" was promoted as a means of stupefying populations, so that they would submit, and stay in "their place" in an oligarchical society. The fact that Aristotelean doctrine led to societies being more backward, and thus, keeping their populations lower, was seen by the oligarchies as a crucial benefit.

It's from that outlook that the history of anti-population policy, best identified with the fraud called Malthusianism, derives.

Of course, there is no such thing as overpopulation—there is only *undertechology*, or lack of scientific progress. When the oligarchical principle kicks in, as it did with the killing of the U.S. space program, it destroys the ability to support the population at the standard of living appropriate to a progressing society. That, in short, is the history of the last 45 years!

Thus, in the fight to *kill* Obama's British-modelled Hitler health plan, we are actually fighting against the British imperial policy, which has been committed from the 18th Century on, to destroying the republican society which eventually became the United States of America. The defeat of the Obama policy is crucial, but it will simply open the door for reversing the whole range of anti-science, anti-technology policies which have destroyed both the U.S. economy, and the planet. By walking through that door, we can be on our way to restoring the only real threat to global imperialism which was ever established: the American Republic.

And if we lose? It's not even worth considering.