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## Editorial

### *Will We Let Insanity Reign?*

The dominance of so-called political discussion in the United States after the election, by the charade known as the “fiscal cliff,” should prove to any sane person that the criminal lunatics have taken over the asylum. As former Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan admitted recently, the whole purpose of the negotiation is to “get U.S. lawmakers to accept spending cuts to entitlement programs”—i.e. slash Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security payments to those considered “not worthy of life.”

Indeed, President Obama is back to his old murderous mantra from 2009, talking about cutting “excess,” “useless” spending from the Medicare budget, by measures ranging from penalizing hospitals for readmissions, to reducing the amount of spending at the “end of life.” Where that’s going is writ large in Britain, where Tony Blair’s Liverpool Pathway program is leading to a cheap death for tens of thousands of elderly patients considered not worth the money to keep alive.

Such cuts will definitely kill people—but do *nothing* to revive a moribund economy, being crushed by the worthless debt obligations run up by banking institutions whom the taxpayer is still supporting.

But to get the full picture of insanity, you have to look at the bigger picture. Leaving aside the U.S.-British-NATO provocations toward thermo-nuclear war in the Middle East for a minute, just take note:

- A British countess has just launched a new international drive for drug legalization internationally—i.e., a “debate” on “decriminalization.” In a world where hundreds of millions of lives and minds are being destroyed by narcotic drugs,

and drug-financed terrorism, Countess Fielding was nonetheless able to lure seven former presidents from various nations (including Jimmy Carter), twelve Nobel Prize winners, six British MPs, and others to sign on.

- British ex-Defense Minister Lord Gilbert (under Callahan and Blair’s first government), has called for dropping neutron bombs on the Afghan-Pakistan border, in order to create “*cordons sanitaire* along various borders where people are causing trouble.” Never mind that there are people trying to live and raise families in these areas; the British oligarchy finds them inconvenient.

- The British-spawned Green movement is rapidly dismantling the remaining industrial capacity of Western Europe, so necessary for reviving the world economy, and sustaining civilized life. The latest two examples are the moves toward the shutdown of Europe’s largest steel plant (Ilva in Italy), and the threatened collapse of Germany’s energy grid, due to its insane policy of shutting down its nuclear power plants.

Can these lunatic British imperial policies be stopped? The alternate policies for economic growth and war avoidance—Glass-Steagall, a credit system, and huge infrastructure projects—are obviously available. We in the LaRouche movement have presented them for years, and many world leaders clearly agree.

But to defeat this lunacy will take more than the right ideas. A relative handful of leaders must find the courage and the passion to step forward and champion them, against all public opinion to the contrary, and inspire their fellow citizens to join them. People will follow sane leadership, but will we find those leaders in time?