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From the Managing Editor

The new Special Report produced by LaRouchePAC, “NAWAPA XXI,” which we excerpt as our Feature, is a stunning work—both visually and conceptually—which should receive the widest possible circulation. It provides an intensively researched and updated Bill of Materials for a North American Water and Power Alliance, showing where the skilled labor and industrial capacity still exists that is required for a project of this generational magnitude and great complexity. But it goes further: It offers the American people the only genuine plan for economic recovery that is being discussed in this insane election year. Paired with Lyndon LaRouche’s call for a credit system and restoration of the Glass-Steagall Act, NAWAPA is the only thing on the table worthwhile for citizens to even consider, as a way out of the crisis.

But there’s more. Every major initiative that LaRouche has ever launched, has had as its core the idea of using breakthroughs in scientific research and development to upshift the economy to a new qualitative platform. By introducing technologies at the forefront of science, tied to a program that will employ millions, the skills and creative abilities of our increasingly dumbed-down population would also be uplifted. NAWAPA is no exception, as you will see.

Our *Strategy* section is a useful counterpart to the LPAC document: Paul Gallagher and Harley Schlanger retell the suppressed history of the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), the program devised by LaRouche in the late 1970s and early 1980s for exactly such a “science driver,” which required cooperation with the Soviet Union in the common interest. It was accepted by President Reagan, rejected by Soviet General Secretary Andropov, and ruined by the free-traders and Nuclear Freezers who stupidly called it “Star Wars.”

Yet astonishingly enough, LaRouche’s central concept is back again today, this time coming from the Russian Federation. See *International* for what Russian leaders are doing to create defense systems based on “new physical principles,” and what they are saying about international cooperation for a Strategic Defense of Earth (SDE). Is anybody over here listening? You see none of this in the so-called mainstream media; so stick with *EIR*!

