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From the Managing Editor

Have you ever wondered, “What if...?” Well, that’s just what Michael Kirsch and his colleagues in the LaRouche Basement research team asked, about what would have happened had President John F. Kennedy not been assassinated 50 years ago. The “ghost of JFK” speaks to us from the Oct. 2 LaRouchePAC Weekly Report, excerpted in this week’s *Feature*, “What His Assassins Killed: John F. Kennedy’s Program for a Nuclear America.” While we are all familiar with the Kennedy space program, how many of us knew that JFK was also passionately committed to the development of nuclear power, the desalination of seawater, construction of a vast water project for North America (NAWAPA), and other great infrastructure projects throughout the nation; or that he was devoted to carrying forward FDR’s vision of the United States as an engine to uplift the rest of the world? Kennedy’s recognition of what those who came before had left to us, in the present, and what we must accomplish today for future generations, shines through in his speeches, which are excerpted in this report.

What a sharp contrast with our short-sighted, narrow-minded—to put it kindly—so-called leaders today! In *National*, we take aim at the “non-government government” in Washington, with “LaRouchePAC Ad Hits D.C.: Pass Glass-Steagall Now!” and “Top Banker-Spokesman Discloses ‘Shutdown’ Aim: Kill Off Old Folks,” in which banker Frank Keating calls for saving money (needed for bank bailouts!) by *decreasing* the lifespan of Americans—here, the brutality of the imperial elites’ response to the growing misery around the world is laid bare. The dire condition of humanity under the foot of the Empire’s financiers is further elaborated in *Economics*: “To Rescue Greece, the U.S. Must Return to Glass-Steagall,” and “Empire’s Limes Policy Turns Mediterranean into a Cemetery.” From Asia and Africa, however, we note voices of sanity: “Japan’s Kotegawa Warns of Imminent Financial Collapse” (*Economics*); in (*International*), “China’s Silk Road Diplomacy: Lifeline for U.S. Economy,” and from Africa, “African Union Summit Lambastes ICC.”

Two additional pieces provide historical perspective: Baghdad 767-1258 A.D.: Melting Pot for a Universal Renaissance, by Hussein Askary (*History*); and a book review of *The Battle of Bretton Woods*: “It Was FDR’s Bretton Woods!” by J.P. Rubinstein (*National*).

