

## ‘The Rapacious Paws Of the System’

*June 9—The prominent Russian weekly Zavtra today published an interview with American economist Lyndon LaRouche, who succinctly outlined the utter, systemic bankruptcy of the “British Empire-in-fact,” which has dominated the world through the Inter-Alpha Group banks since the final break-up of the Bretton Woods fixed-exchange-rate system in 1971. LaRouche presented the counter-potential of a Four-Power agreement among the United States, Russia, China, and India, especially stressing Russia’s leading place among “the natural partners of my United States (although excluding the Bushes and Obama).”*

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**Zavtra:** Recently all the indexes in America, Europe, and Asia crashed. Is this the beginning of a genuine, large-scale crisis? What are the crucial parameters and main contradictions causing this second wave of the crisis?

**LaRouche:** This is already an expression of the greatest breakdown-crisis in the history of globally extended modern European civilization. It is, essentially, a breakdown of the British Empire-in-fact, as that is typified by the spread of reach of that Inter-Alpha Group which was founded in 1971, to coincide with the U.S. Nixon Administration’s cancellation of the fixed-exchange-rate system launched by U.S. President Franklin Roosevelt at Bretton Woods, in 1944.

The only possibility of reversing this present global collapse of the entire world economy, lies with the presently clear possibility that the United States will be forced now, despite U.S. Presidents George W. Bush, Jr., and British agent Barack Obama, to return to that 1933 Glass-Steagall reform under President Franklin Roosevelt, the great reform which was aborted by the actions of present Obama tool Larry Summers, in 1999.



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*If the U.S.A. adopts the Glass-Steagall reform now, LaRouche told Zavtra, the British system will collapse, and Europe will form a bloc with the U.S.*

That intended action by the U.S.A. is presently typified by the McCain-Cantwell legislation now on the immediate agenda for the U.S. Senate. There is, presently, a virtual landslide of support for the return to Glass-Steagall within the U.S. political-economy. There has been nothing like this growing “political landslide” for a Glass-Steagall reform in recent decades inside the U.S.A.

The range of varieties of political and economic interests which has rallied in what is effectively a mass movement among the ranks of both Republican and Democratic parties, and also leading financial circles is broad and spreading, all with a virtual charge of political explosion of the mass of the population outside the political parties’ hierarchies. It is a movement with characteristics comparable to that of a revolutionary mass movement, including certain among the more traditional Wall Street and kindred circles.

The common denominator of this development is, essentially, less economic motives, than American patriotic opposition to the predatory role of the British empire. Something very deep in the tradition of the American Revolution, the Abraham Lincoln revolution, and the Franklin Roosevelt revolution has been prompted by the general mood among over 70% of the U.S. population, a sentiment which should be quickly recognized among Russians today: “We want our country back!”

The most immediate issue is shaped by the effects of

globalization, as energized by the 1939-1945, Hitler-modeled “health-care reform.”

### London’s ‘BRIC’

**Zavtra:** Which is most important as a mainspring of the crisis: major banking organizations like Goldman Sachs, with operations that now rival the size of the real economy and are crushing the latter; the national debt of countries; or, is it something else, like the relocation of manufacturing to China and imbalances in trade?

**LaRouche:** The hatred of the effects of that British imperialist financier interest which is best typified as the Inter-Alpha Group, (i.e., the BRIC<sup>1</sup>) launched, with backing from the U.S. Nixon Administration, by British monarchy agent Lord Rothschild in 1971.

**Zavtra:** Which sequence of collapse is currently the most probable? First Europe, then Asia, then the U.S.A.? Or would it be first the U.S.A., then Europe and Asia? Or will there be a provocation of war in the Middle East and suppression of the crisis by administrative measures?

**LaRouche:** The answer to this question lies within the domain of alternate sequences.

A. If the U.S. installs the Glass-Steagall reform now, the consequent collapse of the British imperial system, will move nations of Europe, such as, especially, Germany, into a bloc with the U.S.A., under agreements which combine President Franklin Roosevelt’s Glass-Steagall and Bretton Woods fixed-exchange-rate reforms. China will be pleased, and Russians, who are historically a natural ally of the U.S. tradition of Franklin, Lincoln, and Roosevelt, should experience a sense of relief.

B. If the U.S.A. fails to install the return to Glass-Steagall in the immediate future, the entire Transatlantic system will collapse into a breakdown-phase, which will sink a Russian economy already ruined by the control of the Russian economy by the legendary pirates of the Caribbean, and then, China and India.

**Zavtra:** What is the essence of your program, and what is the essence of the proposed Glass-Steagall plan?

**LaRouche:** Wipe out all fictitious capital, thus

eliminating hundreds of trillions of nominal U.S. dollar obligations within the international markets, thus recreating a solid phalanx of surviving banks salvaged from the present Wall Street system, and thus enabling the U.S.A. to launch a long-range system of credit, which can then be employed in concert with other members of a new global economic system, to launch, immediately, an accelerating rate of global physical-economic progress over the course of the coming half-century’s two generations.

**Zavtra:** What is the role of the current financial leadership of the Russian Federation in resolving the crisis, and how might events unfold in Russia? What could Russia’s role be in resolving the crisis, if there were a different leadership?

**LaRouche:** Russia is the most prominent of the natural partners of my United States (although excluding the Bushes and Obama), because it is a crucial building-block, as a Eurasian nation, for bridging the urgently needed—by cooperation between both—steps of long-term cooperation with Asian nations such as Iran, Pakistan, India, Southeast Asia, Korea, Japan, and China. A Four-Power leading group composed of the U.S.A., Russia, China, and India is needed to initiate a global system of long-term physical-economic development among most of the nations and continents of the world.

My proposals for this orientation are highly specific and implicitly quite feasible over a span of not less than half a century. This will be a revival of the Riemannian School of science of physical chemistry, of Mendeleyev, Planck, Harkins, Vernadsky, and Einstein: fifty years in which to breed and develop the new generation of scientists to undertake the great challenges of the half-century beyond, the challenges which shall greet those persons entering adulthood at the close of our present, young century.

It will be a world launched into its necessary future by the initial emphasis on nuclear-fission and thermo-nuclear-fusion, and yet higher orders of sources of power, and with a strong and accelerating emphasis on the scientific importance for Earth today, of the mastery of the revolutionary measures required for providing human bodies the necessary preconditions for a Mars colony by about the close of the present century. We are already entering a universe which, for scientists today, will be the universe defined by applying the science of Mendeleyev and Vernadsky to the relativistic realities of a universe defined in terms of cosmic radiation.

1. The BRIC is a sham economic alliance among Brazil, Russia, India, and China, orchestrated by the British empire’s Inter-Alpha Group as a delphic alternative to LaRouche’s Four-Power concept.