

# *Reintroducing the American System*

In introducing his legislative initiative to prevent the President from unilaterally launching pre-emptive war in the name of “humanitarian intervention,” on May 9, Senator Jim Webb, Democrat of Virginia, made a crucial historical point of which all Americans and others need to be reminded:

*“One of our strongest adjustments from the British System was to ensure that no one person would have the power to commit the nation to military schemes that could not be justified by the interests and the security of the average citizen [emphasis added]. President after President, beginning with George Washington, has emphasized the importance of this fundamental principle to the stability of our political system, and to the integrity of our country in the international community. The fact that the leadership of our Congress has failed to raise this historic standard in the past few years, and most specifically in Libya, is a warning sign to this body that it must reaffirm one of its most solemn responsibilities.”*

In fact, Senator Webb understates the problem. Over decades, actually from the time of the death of President Franklin Roosevelt, that clear sense of the distinction between the British *imperial* system, of both economics and politics, and the American System of economics and politics as defined by the U.S. Constitution, has been almost eliminated from the schools, public life, and even much of our institutional memory. There is a reality to the description of the current bankrupt financial system as an “Anglo-American” one, but only because the American System has been virtually buried.

It has been the mission of the political movement initiated by Lyndon LaRouche over the last approximately 40 years, to educate both Ameri-

cans, and patriots worldwide, on the *principles* that underlie the foundations of the American republic, and the nature of the evil oligarchical system, now centered in the British monarchy, which still considers the United States Constitutional republic as its mortal enemy. We have, as they say, kept the flame alive—even when our fellow citizens declined to fight.

But now, as Webb’s remarks attest, crisis conditions are once again creating the opportunity for success. There will, of course, be no spontaneous uprising by the people to overthrow what is a tightening British Empire-directed dictatorship. The mass of people need leadership, and it is their leadership which has continually failed them. And it is that leadership which must respond in this moment of existential crisis, by finally dumping the British system in favor of their American heritage.

The requirements of the American System today are just as plain as they were when Franklin Roosevelt took office in the midst of the catastrophic Great Depression. First, reinstate Glass-Steagall. Second, restore a credit system, based on great projects like NAWAPA, which will engage the entire nation in a grand mission of rebuilding for the future. Third, dump the policy of “permanent war” and reach out for economic cooperation with all nations, but especially those nations of Eurasia which can lead the world to prosperity once again.

Barack Obama not only manifestly does not understand these principles; he is committed to implementing the British policies which have led us to the current disaster. But that’s not a problem if we apply our Constitutional standard to his behavior. That is the pathway to restoring the American System once again.