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From the Managing Editor

The title of this week's *Feature* may seem puzzling at first glance: What lesson does Wilhelm Furtwängler (who died in 1954) have to teach us about "The World's Breakdown-Crisis," which is happening *now*? I think you will begin to glean the answer to that question once you plunge in, beginning with Lyndon LaRouche's introduction, subtitled, "A Study in the Principles of Ontology." This is followed by a "triology" of profound and beautiful dialogues—the transcripts of three consecutive LPAC Weekly Reports, which explore the "Furtwängler Principle" in a colloquy among LaRouche and his young associates Matthew Ogden, Jason Ross, and Ben Deniston: "Defying the Slavery of Sense-Certainty"; "Creativity: Looking Toward the Future"; and "Science and the Poetic Imagination."

Our *International* section begins with "The Syria Flashpoint: Putin Draws the Line Against Empire's Nuclear War Drive," in which Nancy Spannaus reports on how British imperial strategy, using Syria as its geopolitical whipping boy, has run into the stiff resistance of Putin's Russia (allied with China). Immediately following is a report on President Putin's visit to Beijing, where he met with President Hu and attended a summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization; here, the two nations' war-avoidance strategy was in stark contrast to U.S. Defense Secretary Panetta's Asia trip, in which he continued the British-Obama scheme of creating a "ring around China."

LaRouche's "The End of Britain's 'Bail-Out'" leads *Economics*, in which he notes that "the present British world system is now hopelessly doomed to pass, as did the Roman Empire, in one way or another," and that the ready-at-hand solution, Glass-Steagall, must be enacted throughout the trans-Atlantic region. "Spain Forced To Seek Bailout as Glass-Steagall Push Intensifies," which follows, provides a case study.

There is good news in our *National* coverage this week: Obama & Co. are circling the wagons, as Congressional investigations and media exposés close in—and the smell of Watergate is in the air. There is also coverage of the LaRouche National Slate of candidates, and the renewed drive for Glass-Steagall, including a statement from candidate Diane Sare, on the recent New Jersey Democratic primary.

