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## From the Managing Editor

Does Barack Obama want to be re-elected President badly enough to start a thermonuclear war to “win votes”? With the two putative Presidential candidates running neck-and-neck; high Israeli military and intelligence officials saying Tel Aviv could launch war against Iran within weeks; and the collapse of Kofi Annan’s peacemaking mission in Syria, that is the question one has to ask.

Lyndon LaRouche shocked a private international gathering in Washington on Aug. 2, with the remarks that we publish as our *Feature*. “We’ve come to a point,” he said, “that the conflict centers on the question of, will thermonuclear weapons be used?” He made sure that the audience understood that there are solutions, and that they require urgent financial reforms; but he didn’t let them forget for a moment just how much is at stake.

The rest of our issue fills out that picture:

The *International* section elaborates the picture from Israel, and also presents an analysis of the mess into which Turkish Prime Minister Erdogan has gotten his country with his lunatic aspirations for a “new Ottoman Empire”; and a perspective from Lebanese analyst Bassam el-Hachem on why the “civil war” in Syria is not a civil war at all, but the result of foreign manipulation.

In *Economics*, we report on the rapid demise of the Eurozone, even as U.S. Senators were stunned to learn from expert testimony on Aug. 1 that the situation there is *not* under control, despite what Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner had assured them. Meanwhile, pressure grows to jail the “banksters” from HSBC and their cohorts at the Treasury Department, including from Neil Barofsky’s new book, *Bailout* (reviewed by John Hoeffle). We conclude with a case study of the collapse of the physical economy: the disintegration of Mexico’s agricultural capabilities, and what can be done to reverse it.

In *National*, the focal point is the LaRouchePAC mobilization in Washington to get Congressional action on the war threat and the restoration of Glass-Steagall. A guest article compares current propaganda about Iran’s nuclear threat to the “sexed up” dossier of lies that led to the 2003 invasion of Iraq.

Finally, we contrast the Green fascist assault on Italy’s industry (the huge Taranto steel plant, which was forced to close) with the inspiring Chinese progress on the vast Three Gorges Dam project.

*Susan Welsh*