

### *Obama's Next War?*

Lyndon LaRouche and LaRouchePAC warned in early August, that Obama would take the opportunity of Congress leaving for Summer vacation, to move toward launching an illegal war against Syria. You thought that was “over the top.”

Now Obama is doing exactly what LaRouche warned against, defying the Joint Chiefs of Staff in their opposition to a war in defense of al-Qaeda in Syria, and ignoring Congress's Constitutional responsibility to decide on the waging war.

On Aug. 20, Obama made his first direct threat of military invasion of Syria, taking a page from Tony Blair's Iraq War script. You remember the false claims of Saddam Hussein's threat of biological and chemical weapons? Now we have the same coming from Obama on Syria. He is planning to go around Congress, *and* the United Nations.

Russia and China, which were meeting at a security conference in Moscow Aug. 21, responded immediately. Their joint statement reiterates their criteria for foreign policy: “strictly observing the norms of international law and the principles contained in the United Nations Charter.” That means respecting national sovereignty, without exception. Recall that last May 17, Russian Prime Minister Medvedev gave a speech in which he insisted on that principle, saying that its violation “can easily lead to full-scale regional wars, even—I am not trying to scare anyone here—with the use of nuclear weapons.”

At the same time, Obama has been exposed in the Israeli press as the prime mover behind Netanyahu's moves toward launching war against Iran—another violation of national sovereignty that would lead to confrontation with the Russians. In an interview with Leon Hadar, published in *The National Interest* Aug. 21, Aluf Benn, editor of *Ha'aretz*, contradicts the traditional line that

Obama opposes such a strike, and points to his leading role.

Hadar writes: “‘The conventional wisdom is that President Obama is opposed to an Israeli attack,’ Benn told me. . . . ‘But Obama has refrained from vetoing an Israeli action or threatening such a move with sanctions if Israel acts,’ Benn noted. ‘I believe that this is another example of Obama leading from behind, counting on Israel to do in Iran what the Brits and the French did in Libya,’ he concluded.”

As Benn implies, Obama's statement that he was “leading from behind” was pure subterfuge—as he directed that war, and the barbaric murder of the prisoner Qaddafi. Frustrated by his inability to move against Syria yet, Obama is headed toward war.

What is being played out is what LaRouche has asserted since Spring 2009: Obama is an Emperor Nero personality. He is moving toward thermonuclear war. LaRouche put it this way Aug. 20:

“And that's crucial, because this may be the extinction of civilization may occur. We have to remember, that we're on the verge of thermonuclear war, and as long as Obama remains a Presidential candidate, or nominee, the likelihood of thermonuclear war is great.

“Because Russia and China are not going to capitulate to the Obama regime, which means that Obama, if he's in charge, and if people are as cowardly among the citizens as I've found recently, then we will go to thermonuclear war, and that will be the extinction of humanity. . . . People who are patriots, have an obligation to make sure that Obama does not become President, and that's he's not nominated to become President, either.

“Only under those conditions do we have any assured hope of survival for mankind.”