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From the Managing Editor

Now that man has extended his sensorium to reach the planet Mars, opening up heretofore unimaginable new frontiers to challenge our noëtic capabilities, Lyndon LaRouche begins to investigate the feasibility of organizing a defense of Earth against the threats posed by asteroids and other space debris. In this week's *Strategy* cover story, "Edward Teller Was Right at Erice: The Threat Against Mankind," LaRouche delves more deeply into the scientific breakthroughs needed, and which now become possible, with the magnificent success of Curiosity. "It gives us, among other benefits, the justified hope to believe, that the human species might find succor, whenever, and wherever it is within the reach that is needed, for the continuation of that great mission which we have yet to come to know fully."

As you will see, LaRouche, and his "ironical sometime critic," Dr. Edward Teller, were already imagining—and campaigning for—a defense of Earth, more than 30 years ago, when the work of both converged to create what President Reagan termed, the Strategic Defense Initiative, and to accomplish what Teller would call "the common aims of mankind." Two speeches given to a LaRouche movement conference, ten years after Reagan's historic call for the SDI, describe how that amazing collaboration worked.

World News begins with, "It's Obama Who Is Pushing Toward Thermonuclear War," which cites the President's threat to use U.S. military force to overthrow the Syrian government, in statements that recall Cheney's lies about "nuclear mushroom clouds" from Iraq. In response, more sane voices are being raised against the danger of a U.S.-Russian nuclear confrontation: See "Military Experts Provide Alternative to Obama's War." There is also coverage of the economic catastrophe overtaking Europe in "The EU's Bank Bailout Policies Are Murdering Europe's People"; and reports on budget sequestration: "Obama's Coup Against Congress Gathers Steam"; Rachel Brown's campaign for Congress in Massachusetts; and on "Obama's War Crimes: Drone War on Pakistan."

LaRouche wraps up the issue, in our *Feature* article, "SDI Today!: Next, Beyond Mars," in which he observes, provocatively, "We, the human species, are now defined, in functional terms, as also a 'Martian race' in effect, even though no human being known to us has yet set foot to take up regular duties there." You will have to read the rest to find out what he means.

