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From the Managing Editor

In the tradition established by President Franklin Roosevelt in his famous “Fireside Chats,” Lyndon LaRouche delivered the sixth in his series of Friday webcasts—this, the first post-election such address, to speak personally, and directly, to the American people concerning the most urgent matters facing the nation (see *Feature*). While FDR spoke to a nation overcome with fear and pessimism, one which had been plunged into the gravest economic depression in its history, and which would soon face the prospect of world war, today’s American citizens seem largely stupefied and oblivious to the twin specters of economic catastrophe and global war that confront them. But, as LaRouche notes in his webcast address, the residents of New York and New Jersey, in particular, do not have the luxury of wearing the blinders that inhibit the vision of their fellow citizens. That ugly picture is amply and shockingly presented in *Economics*, where Marcia Merry Baker updates the ongoing, criminal unraveling of life there.

We also update the two major crises facing the nation and world at this precarious moment in history: The danger of global war is reviewed in *International*: “British Out To Detonate Middle East Explosion,” by Jeffrey Steinberg, exposes the role of President Obama’s evil British twin, Prime Minister David Cameron, in fueling the illegal regime-change war against Syria’s President Assad; in *National*, Paul Gallagher takes on Obama’s self-declared “mandate” to impose Greek-style austerity in the U.S., while LaRouche, in a “Policy Message: Hyperinflation Now Strikes!” reviews the “new, very grave danger about to strike the trans-Atlantic regions,” following the Presidential elections. There are also updates on Benghazi-gate; drug legalization moves; and the electoral breakthrough in the Texas Congressional race accomplished by Kesha Rogers.

In “China Is Completing the Greatest Water Project in World History,” Mary Burdman reports on the near-completion of the “greatest water project ever built by mankind” (*Economics*).

And, rounding out the issue, is Lyndon LaRouche’s “The Ancient Roots of Chronic Modern War. . . On a Subject of Ancient Antiquity” (*Strategy*), in which he invokes “an echo of the legendary, but nonetheless actual destruction of Troy,” as a cautionary tale for our time.

