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## From the Managing Editor

**J**ames Blaine, U.S. Secretary of State in the Garfield Administration, testifying to Congress about the 1879-81 “War of the Pacific” between Peru and Chile, placed the blame for the war squarely on “the English bondholders.” “It is a perfect mistake to speak of this as a Chilean war on Peru,” he said. “It is an English war on Peru, with Chile as the instrument.” (See *History*: “The Empire Crushes Peru’s American System Project.”)

Would that our State Department today had such keen insight!

We feature in this issue the London-backed drive for war on several fronts, in which the Obama Administration is fully complicit. Start with Jeffrey Steinberg’s strategic overview of Tony Blair’s marching orders for “long, messy” wars around the globe. Documentation includes quotes from Blair’s interview to the BBC; Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov’s speech at the Munich Security Conference, on the anniversary of the Battle of Stalingrad; the Russians’ commemoration of that battle and its meaning for them today; and a sample of the ranting against Syria and Russia in Munich. To this we add a dossier from our Melbourne associates on Australia’s role in Obama’s “Asia pivot”—which is to become virtually one giant, ever-expanding U.S. military base, targeted at China in particular. And controlled by the British.

The latest in a series of reports on the Schiller Institute’s conference in New York last month gives historical and conceptual background to these developments, with presentations by constitutional lawyer Bruce Fein, historian Cliff Kiracofe, and filmmaker Sean Stone on the clash between British imperialist ideology and the American System.

The financial dimension of this overall battle is covered in the clash between those striving to reinstate Franklin Roosevelt’s Glass-Steagall Act and drive the financier oligarchs into bankruptcy (see *National*) and those who are determined to maintain—and bail out—the current system at any cost to humanity (see *Economics*).

Finally, Lyndon LaRouche tackles the revolution in epistemology that scientists, political leaders, and citizens require, to bring about the desired political and scientific changes: “More on the Principle...: There Has Been a Breakthrough!” and “Mind versus Mere Brain: An End to Reductionism.”

