

Accept This Russian Offer!

The Russians have done it again. The head of the Russian Presidential Administration, Sergei Ivanov, has called for the “entire world community,” to “jointly build a space threat protection system, since individual countries are unable to achieve that on their own.”

It’s high time the United States accepted this offer.

Ivanov’s proposal echoes that of numerous other high-level Russian officials, especially that of former Russian Ambassador to NATO Dmitri Rogozin, in the Fall of 2011, when he called for the adoption of such international cooperation for the “defense of Earth,” as an alternative to the impasse created by NATO’s policy of encirclement of Russia through “missile defense.”

The Russian proposal, which parallels that pioneered by the intellectual author of President Reagan’s SDI, Lyndon LaRouche, in the late 1970s, represents the only approach to avoiding what is becoming an increasingly intense escalation of international tensions, that can only lead toward thermonuclear confrontation. As LaRouche has said repeatedly, *mankind can no longer afford to go to war*. The advanced technologies that are now being applied to the art of war and international intimidation, must be bent toward achieving the common aims of mankind—ranging from sparking a scientific revolution to defending mankind from an assault by rocks from space.

The offer by Ivanov, who is also a former Russian Defense Minister, was reported in the March 5 edition of *Komsomolskaya Pravda*, which quoted him saying that, “Moscow is not ready for a new round of nuclear arms reduction and sees no chances of reaching a compromise with Washington on U.S. plans for a missile shield in Europe.”

Ivanov said that the U.S. ABM system in Europe “does not appear to respond to potential threats coming from North Korea and Iran. This affects Russia’s strategic nuclear forces and undermines the balance of forces. In this case, Moscow can’t afford a new round of nuclear arms reduction, as the U.S. currently outnumbers Russia in nuclear weapons.”

While saying that Russia sees “no light at the end of tunnel” in missile defense discussion with the U.S., Ivanov did offer an alternative. Turning to the need for international cooperation on planetary defense (the Strategic Defense of Earth proposal), Ivanov said: “No country, not even the United States, can solve this alone. It is hideously expensive, and very difficult. And it could only be done, as you say, ‘with *kolkhoz* [collective farm] methods.’ [Meaning, done collectively.] I agree.... If we start to do something cooperatively, it is a project that will take decades. And it will probably cost billions of dollars....”

But the Russians are prepared to work with the rest of the world to accomplish this task. Recently, they received a positive response from the European Space Agency, to the proposal for joint work against the asteroid threat. And from NASA? *EIR*’s sources indicate that the Obama Administration, which has moved to take down and privatize U.S. space efforts, has given no attention to this matter at all.

The clock is ticking, as both the threat of extra-terrestrial objects and nuclear confrontation loom on the horizon. The U.S. needs a President who will take up the Russian offer. Since President Obama is clearly an obstacle to such cooperation, he must be removed Constitutionally from office—now.