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From the Managing Editor

The unifying theme of this week's issue is *Science*, beginning with our cover story, which reveals the stark contrast between today's reality: "World Grain Shortage: Famine Ahead Without Glass-Steagall Shift," and what is possible with a scientific approach to global food production: the second part of Dr. Robert Zeigler's report, "Rice: Scientific Breakthroughs To Transform Agriculture."

The focus on science carries through to *Physical Economy*, where two members of the LaRouchePAC science research team discuss "How Abandoning Science Has Led to Economic Collapse," an excerpt from the April 17 LPAC Weekly Report, following by an Appendix, "What Creates Wealth? Production vs. Overhead."

A *Science* section looks at "Planetary Defense: Progress and Enormous Challenges," in which LPAC'S Benjamin Deniston reports from the International Academy of Astronautics' Third Planetary Defense Conference, held in Flagstaff, Ariz. April 14-19.

Our *Conference Report* continues this scientific outlook into the realm of Classical art, with speeches from Panel 5 of the April 13-14 Schiller Institute conference on "The Future Paradigm: Toward a Renaissance of Classical Music and Science," featuring presentations by Russian historian Andrey Fursov; Schiller Institute founder Helga Zepp-LaRouche; Italian opera singer Antonella Banaudi; a lively discussion with Lyndon and Helga LaRouche concludes the panel.

Two additional sections cover the most important news developments of the day: *International* begins with the war-avoidance efforts by the U.S. and Russia, "Israel Strikes Syria: Superpowers Make 11th-Hour Effort To Avoid Global War"; followed by updates from Europe on the continuing disintegration of Euroland; and the formation of new anti-euro movements in Greece and Italy. In *National*, you will find an exciting report on LaRouchePAC's Week of Action, aimed at cracking open the resistance in Congress to the immediate reinstatement of Glass-Steagall, with rallies and meetings in Washington, and across the country. As the political heat builds to end the coverup what really happened last September in Libya, we present the "Questions To Be Answered in the Investigation of Benghazi 9/11."

