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From the Managing Editor

Our cover *Feature* is the story of the John F. Kennedy nobody knows: EIR history director Anton Chaitkin's archival and other research reveals a President whose life and work, in the tradition of Franklin D. Roosevelt, were committed to the American System of high-technology progress (space exploration, nuclear power, NAWAPA), anti-colonialism, and the development of man's creative potential. He also shared FDR's view of the British Empire, stating in his first political speech, in 1945: "Britain stands today as Britain has always stood—for the empire." The *Editorial* situates Kennedy's story in the context of what we are doing today to realize his vision.

Much of the rest of our issue details the "Empire" side of things: what the London- and Wall Street-centered financier oligarchy has done and is doing to destroy that vision.

In *Economics*, Paul Gallagher replies, point by point, to the American Bankers Association's scurrilous and lying attack on the Glass-Steagall Law (interesting point: the ABA is headed by conservative ideologues who are not even bankers!). John Hoefle's review of *Tower of Basel: The Shadowy History of the Secret Bank that Runs the World*, by Adam LeBor, reviews the role of the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) in putting the Nazis in power, among other of its crimes of the past 83 years. Our news leads are a statement by Detroit Board of Education President LaMar Lemmons III on how that city was driven into bankruptcy, and Marcia Merry Baker's overview of how Glass-Steagall's repeal led to derivatives deals that suckered thousands of school districts into multi-million dollars worth of unpayable debt.

Our interview with Russian financial crime expert Konstantin Sorokin gives a unique Russian perspective on the interweaving of banks, drug-traffickers, and terrorists. He calls for cooperation with the United States to shut down drug production and money-laundering, and warns that the trend toward legalization of drugs can create a situation worse than that in Afghanistan.

In *International* and *National*, we report the Empire's push for war over Syria, as well as the growing clamor against it. Many of the statements we reprint have received little or no coverage elsewhere in the media.

