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## From the Managing Editor

So, the U.S. government has shut down. “This is your time,” a Congressman told a LaRouchePAC organizer. “Nobody up here knows *what the hell to do!* This is total chaos, and this is your time.”

And what the hell *do* we do? Lyndon LaRouche has been telling us for a long time, and does so again in this week’s issue, starting with his Sept. 27 webcast: Shut down Wall Street! Develop fusion power! Easy-peasy, no?

If you think that sounds too “radical”—i.e., impossible—think again. What would reinstating the Glass-Steagall Act do, after all? It would shut down Wall Street! Not necessarily every bank on the block, but those that have sunk so deeply into derivatives and other scams that there’s virtually nothing left of them. Commercial banking that lends money for industry and commerce would remain intact, as they did after the FDR banking holiday of 1934.

There is nothing else that can bring the Congressional budget impasse to an end without further mayhem, even a dictatorship.

Then try something a little harder: a fusion-based economy. True, we do not have controlled thermonuclear fusion power yet, due to four decades of sabotage of the research funding by Wall Street and the green lobby, both of which thought they had better things to spend our money on. LaRouche discusses the matter in “Project Space: The Thesis.” He has been on this “beat” since the early 1970s, with the founding of the Fusion Energy Foundation. By situating the quest for fusion power today within an international program for trans-Pacific development, extending across Eurasia, across the Bering Strait, to the Americas, we give new impetus to this program that mankind urgently needs. That will be complemented by the NAWAPA XXI “gateway to the fusion economy” (see *Science* for the latest in our series) and a space-based program for Strategic Defense of Earth. Yes, very ambitious. But not impossible.

Our news coverage highlights the fragile but hopeful potential for progress in the Mideast, including, crucially, in relations between the U.S. and Iran. Helga Zepp-LaRouche contributes an open letter to the UN, as well as an analysis of the aftermath of the German elections. And in *National*, we report the renewed focus in Congress on the Saudi connection to terrorism.

