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## From the Managing Editor

**W**orse than Weimar'? Our *Feature* and other articles document why LaRouche insists on that point. Referring to the hysterical impotence and cowardice of both President Obama and the Congress, "in refusing to face a future for which immediate remedies do exist, rather than face their own presently systemic errors," LaRouche writes that "the insanity is, essentially, all about money. Dump 'Wall Street' and its lunatic swindles, and relatively immediate solutions are available, as could have been the case in the immediate Versailles-crafted crisis which had led into the Adolf Hitler, Germany regime." The insane fixation on money in the Weimar Republic led to a hyperinflationary death spiral and the collapse of the physical economy—just what we confront today.

But why "worse" than Weimar? Both the United States and Germany during the 1920s and '30s had a *physical productive base* that was much stronger, in relative terms, than the trans-Atlantic sector has now. Today's explosive growth of the services sector and "financial aggregates," at the expense of real production, dwarfs what President Roosevelt, for example, confronted in 1933. People were unemployed, but they could be—and were—put back to work again quickly. See Matthew Ogden's presentation in the *Feature* for a graphic snapshot of our current, more dire, situation.

In *Economics*, we expand upon on the state of the physical economy, with reports on the takedown of the U.S. hospital system and on Portugal's plunge into a dark age, on orders from the Troika—representatives of the global financier oligarchy.

*National* brings you the good news that the mobilization to solve this crisis by reinstating Glass-Steagall is picking up steam, even as prominent people in the military and intelligence community are speaking out against Obama's insane policies.

Our second focus is the Nov. 2 conference in Los Angeles on Pacific Basin development, which we began covering last week. The uplifting perspective presented there is amplified by the article in *International* on diplomacy between Russia and South Korea.

Finally, don't miss Steve Douglas's commemoration of the 150th anniversary of President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, including the appreciation of that speech by some of our best Presidents.

