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From the Editors

As the increasingly irrelevant President Obama hobbled back from his Asian trek, to Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, and the Philippines—all targets of the Obama-British imperial “Asia-pivot” scheme—he was barely able to muster his signature smile, as, one by one, each of his objectives met stiff resistance from his hosts. The snubbing of China—the region’s economic and military superpower—did not go unremarked. As EIR’s Mike Billington reports, Obama’s blundering into the heated dispute between Japan and China over islands in the East China Sea, provoked a pointed response in a *New York Times* op-ed, from a Chinese scholar, who charged that Obama’s U.S. has been a “destabilizing force” in the region.

But things aren’t any better for Obama on his home turf, as Lyndon LaRouche pointed out in his webcast April 25 (*Feature*); the President’s bellicose stance against Russia, is provoking a backlash among the top U.S. military circles. “Obviously, the relevant military institutions of the United States are not going to condone the President’s going to general warfare. That is not going to happen,” LaRouche stated.

In her analysis of the crisis in Ukraine, and resistance in Europe—Germany, in particular—to the insane U.S./EU/NATO provocations against Russia, Helga Zepp-LaRouche reveals what is driving the world to the brink of World War III (*International*): “It is this impending collapse of the trans-Atlantic financial system, dominated by London and Wall Street, that is the real reason for the acute danger of war.”

In “Russia Debates Dirigist Credit-Creation Plan,” EIR Russia Editor Rachel Douglas provides an evaluation of the intense discussion in Russia over economic policy, forced by both the punitive EU/U.S. sanctions, and by domestic economic problems. In response, Putin advisor Sergei Glazyev has put forward a proposal to protect the Russian economy.

Looking at the U.S. economy, LaRouchePAC’s Megan Beets presents a detailed view of what NAWAPA XXI will mean for the parched Western states, especially California and Texas; and Marcia Merry Baker examines the impact of the drought in those same “food bowl” states as shortages threaten to bring soaring food prices.

In Texas, Kesha Rogers is posing a challenge to the “Bush Democrats” who have been bought off by her Wall Street-owned opponent in the contest for the Democratic Senate nomination, moneybags David Alameel (*National*).