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From the Editors

Prometheus versus Zeus—that is the fundamental characteristic of the world situation today, and the outcome of that battle in the short term will determine whether the planet undergoes another Dark Age of mass depopulation and death, or goes into a New Renaissance for all mankind. In modern terms, that conflict is represented by the commitment to a scientific world outlook, epitomized in the consolidation of the BRICS nations, versus the British imperial system which is driving the world toward war and collapse.

We feature one of the most stunning examples of the Promethean impulse on the planet, the Egyptian mobilization for a New Suez Canal (*Feature*). This particular project is only part of the shift underway—and we will continue the story in a followup article on the agricultural project planned to conquer the desert.

But Egypt is only a small part of the story. Our *Economics* lead on the BRICS motion over the past two weeks shows just how rapidly the new constellation for cooperation among nations is coming into being. And there will be much more to come, especially on China—where Helga Zepp-LaRouche is now on tour.

To master the Promethean outlook means a profound commitment to creativity per se, and this is the subject of the Aug. 29 LaRouchePAC New Paradigm show, which we also feature in this issue (*Science*). Jason Ross reviews the core scientific concepts. We follow it with our own interview with one of the world's leading researchers on helium-3, Dr. Gerald Kulcinski, who gives an exciting picture of what could be done, once we shift the United States out of its current captivity by the Empire.

This global conflict is not timeless, of course. We have entered a “showdown” period strategically, as Jeffrey Steinberg reviews, with the upcoming NATO Summit, and the Obama Administration's deadly commitment to British Empire strategy (*International*). That showdown also faces the nations of Western Europe; see our reports on recent developments in France and Germany. We also update one of the deadliest threats of all—the Ebola virus epidemic in Africa (*Economics*).

We're on the edge of the Promethean era, noted Lyndon LaRouche at last week's webcast, and “everything depends upon acquiring that edge.” On Sept. 8, LaRouche will be 92 years of age, and is still leading the fight for that shift. If enough people join that fight, victory can be achieved.

Wouldn't it be poetic justice for the Congress to begin impeachment proceedings against Obama when it returns Sept. 8, LaRouche's birthday?