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From the Managing Editor

The population of Greece is in complete despair,” noted Helga Zepp-LaRouche in her keynote speech to an LPAC webcast Feb. 11, our *Feature* this week. She reminds us that the Greek nation “is, after all, the cradle of European civilization, the birthplace of democracy, and more important, of Solon’s idea” that progress is the purpose of mankind. What the Troika’s bankers are doing to Greece (and Italy, Spain, Portugal, et al.) represents a cautionary tale: “It should be obvious,” said Zepp-LaRouche, “to any thinking human being on this planet, that a continuation of the present policies is possibly leading to the extinction of the human species.” Zepp-LaRouche appeals to us to “leave oligarchism behind, as a childhood disease,” and move forward with the great projects—NAWAPA, the Bering Strait tunnel, Transaqua, and space colonization—that will secure the future for coming generations.

As our cover picture suggests, the Greek people have decided to resist, led by two octogenarians, heroes of the Greek Resistance against the World War II Nazi occupation, Mikis Theodorakis (pictured on the cover) and Manolis Glezos. Their appeals on behalf of their nation are excerpted in this issue, (*Economics*). There is also an update from Italy on the progress in the campaign for Sen. Oskar Peterlini’s Glass-Steagall bill; and a report on the threat from the Obama Administration and Congress to cripple the Landsat satellite program, which for 40 years has provided invaluable data and images.

The continuing disintegration of the empire’s financial system means that the threat of World War III remains extremely grave, although the efforts of leading figures in the military and others have delayed the outbreak of war over recent months. See “U.S. Military’s Efforts Alone Can’t Stop Empire’s War Drive,” in *International*, followed by Documentation: “Russian Spokesmen See Threat of Nuclear War.” There are also reports from Pakistan, where closer ties with Russia represent a hopeful shift toward regional stability; the Philippines, where Obama’s “pivot” toward Asia may hit a wall; and Sudan, where the imperial powers are pushing for a new war in that beleaguered region.

In *National*, Army Lt. Col. Daniel Davis is speaking out against the fraud of the so-called victory in Iraq, and the lies about the Afghanistan War, risking his career by taking on the top military brass.

