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## From the Managing Editor

With the Obama Administration's charge that the Syrian government is moving its chemical weapons around and may use them against the rebels, "It's déjà vu all over again!" How many people died and will die in Iraq because of the "sexed up" dossier of lies re-tailed by the British and their U.S. lackeys? Are we really taking that road again?

The Schiller Institute's conference in Germany Nov. 24-25 addressed the crisis with a panel on "The Greater Middle East: Trigger for World War III or for the Beginning of a New Era," which forms our *Feature*. The speakers argued for economic development of Southwest Asia, which would prevent ethnic/religious wars.

EIR's Hussein Askary presented a slide show of the great projects that could truly make the deserts bloom and eliminate the hopelessness and despair that feed wars and terrorism. Ali Reza Sheikh Attar, Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to Germany, spoke on the origins and consequences of instability in the region. Researcher Ghoncheh Tazmini made the case that Iran could be a reliable partner for the Western countries, if they would only allow it, rather than ramping up new sanctions and threats.

Propaganda? Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Martin Dempsey does not think so. "We are of the opinion that the Iranian regime is a rational actor," he said earlier this year.

In *International*, we review the latest events building up to war, even thermonuclear war. The proposed nomination of Susan Rice as Secretary of State in the new Obama Administration is part of that pattern, and would have disastrous consequences.

In *National*, we announce the release of a new LaRouchePAC report, *How Andrew Jackson Destroyed the United States*, by Michael Kirsch. This is historical research as a battlefield weapon against the idiotic populism that pervades the American political landscape. It will serve as an important flank to defeat Jacksonianism forever.

Lyndon LaRouche's contribution this week is a reflection on "Life in the Doldrums... What Happened to 'The Times'?" If you agree that the erstwhile newspapers of record have hit bottom, LaRouche advises you how to unbrainwash yourself, as necessary to meet the coming challenges of this century.

