## **Editorial**

## State of the Union 2012

Two days from the time of this writing, Jan. 18, 2012, Lyndon LaRouche will take the podium at LPAC-TV to deliver what thinking citizens will recognize as a *real* State of the Union address for these United States. Thus he will fulfill the Presidential responsibility laid out in Article II of the U.S. Constitution, in a way Barack Obama—and most other Presidents since Franklin Roosevelt—neither could, nor would.

Statesman LaRouche fulfilled the same function on Jan. 22 last year, laying out for the population both the state of the crisis, and the Hamiltonian solution which must be initiated with the resurrection of President Franklin Roosevelt's Glass-Steagall Act, and then fulfilled with Great Projects such as NAWAPA and an extended TVA. The failure of political leaders to take up his eloquent call for Americans to fulfill the unique mission of the United States in acting to save the "community of sovereign nation-states known as humanity," has resulted in untold misery.

History does not stand still. Over the past year we have seen a qualitative degeneration in the very same crises LaRouche discussed a year ago. The physical, social, and economic breakdown within the trans-Atlantic system has markedly worsened in shocking ways, including skyrocketing suicide rates in nations such as Greece and Ireland. We have also seen the emergence of outright dictatorial measures on both sides of the Atlantic, as the London-based financial powers impose technocratic governments on one nation after another, despite the will of their peoples, and Barack Obama acts out his Neronic personality by ripping up the Constitution article by article. We are looking at dictatorships even more murderous than the famous ones of the past.

Another question naturally arises: Have the

populations of the trans-Atlantic system, especially the United States, also qualitatively degenerated over the past year? Are we facing a case of terminal brainwashing, or stupidity, a case so horrible that it will result in the population's acquiescence to London's destruction of our nation, and oligarchical depopulation of the world?

LaRouche and his international political movement have committed themselves wholeheartedly to answering this question with a resounding "No!"

Americans have come through similar periods of degeneracy in the past. As early as 1696, when the Massachusetts Bay Colony was under full assault by William of Orange's "liberal" tyranny, Cotton Mather wrote *Things for a Distress'd People to Think Upon*, a pamphlet demanding that people rouse themselves to action. He wrote:

"There seems to be a shameful *Shrink*, in all sorts of men among us, from that *Greatness*, and *Goodness*, which adorned our ancestors: We grow *Little* every way: *Little* in our Civil Matters, *Little* in our Military Matters, *Little* in our Ecclesiastical Matters; we dwindle away, to *Nothing*" (emphasis in original).

The vision which the LaRouche movement is putting forward for our immediate future accords with that of Mather. *Great* projects, such as colonizing space, and working with the Russians on a Strategic Defense of Earth; *huge* terraforming projects like NAWAPA that will address devastating problems in food production; all-encompassing programs for bringing human conditions and progress to *every* one of the 7 billion people on Earth.

The American idea was, in fact, the biggest, grandest idea of republican government ever developed. So, let's save it. Dump Obama, and begin to rebuild!