## **Editorial**

## JFK Warns of Thermonuclear War

In this culture of videogames and other forms of virtual reality, there are few people indeed—and most of them are military leaders—who understand the implications of detonating a general war today. For the reality is that we are looking at a threat of *total war*, which could wipe out the conditions for survival of all forms of life on this planet. It is this kind of war which the British Empire (dependent on its control over the U.S. President) has threatened against the world's other major nuclear powers—Russia and China—and thus it is this kind of war which we face, unless we act to crush this evil oligarchical plan.

The last time such an extinction event was threatened was in the mid-1970s. It was under those circumstances that Lyndon LaRouche developed the concept of strategic ballistic defense, a concept picked up by Ronald Reagan in 1983. The British oligarchy killed the SDI—to our peril.

The world also faced such a horror in the early 1960s, when a great U.S. President, John F. Kennedy, later to be murdered by the British, raised his voice about the danger. He provides a sharp reminder for why we must defeat the British threat today, and remove Obama.

"In the thermonuclear age, any misjudgment on either side about the intentions of the other could rain more devastation in several hours than has been wrought in all the wars of humanity" (report on the Berlin Crisis, July 25, 1961).

"Today, every inhabitant of this planet must contemplate the day when this planet may no longer be habitable. Every man, woman and child lives under a nuclear sword of Damocles, hanging by the slenderest of threads, capable of being cut at any moment by accident or miscalculation or by madness. The weapons of war must be abolished before they abolish us" (Address to the UN General Assembly, Sept. 25, 1961).

"I speak of peace because of the new face of war. Total war makes no sense in an age when great powers can maintain large and relatively invulnerable nuclear forces and refuse to surrender without resort to those forces. It makes no sense in an age when a single nuclear weapon contains almost ten times the explosive force delivered by all the Allied air forces in World War II. It makes no sense in an age when the deadly poisons produced by a nuclear exchange would be carried by wind and water and soil and seed to the far corners of the globe and to generations yet unborn" (Commencement address at American University, June 10, 1963).

"A war today or tomorrow, if it led to nuclear war, would not be like any war in history. A full-scale nuclear exchange, lasting less than 60 minutes, with the weapons now in existence, could wipe out more than 300 million Americans, Europeans, and Russians, as well as untold numbers elsewhere. And, as Chairman Khrushchev warned the Communist Chinese, 'the survivors would envy the dead.' For they would inherit a world so devastated by explosions and poison and fire that today we cannot even conceive of its horrors. So let us try to turn the world away from war....

"If only one thermonuclear bomb were to be dropped on any American, Russian, or any other city, whether it was launched by accident or design, by a madman or by an enemy, by a large nation or by a small, from any corner of the world, that one bomb could release more destructive power on the inhabitants of that one helpless city than all the bombs dropped in the Second World War" (Address on the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty, July 26, 1963).

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