Editorial

Finally Defeating the War Danger

When Barack Obama was forced to back down on his plan to launch war against Syria a few weeks ago, Lyndon LaRouche struck a cautionary note. It's positive that war was avoided, he said, but this is *not* a turning point. As long as the Anglo-Dutch Empire maintains its power over nations, especially including the Presidency of the United States, the world will remain on a course toward the ultimate disaster, thermonuclear war.

That reality was highlighted this week and last, when a series of brisk interactions took place between the heads of state of the three major Eurasian nations who are being targeted by the Empire—Russia, China, and India. This diplomacy indicates a sense of urgency among these nations to step up discussions and collaboration, at a time when the Obama-led United States and a bankrupt Empire continue to push the world security situation to the brink.

Last week, Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh, whose visit to Washington in September was a spectacular non-event, was in Moscow discussing greater energy and military collaboration with Russia. A joint statement issued after Singh and President Vladimir Putin held their talks, said the two countries have agreed on a range of energy issues, spanning from cooperation in electricity production to possible joint oil and gas exploration in the Arctic Sea.

Singh, after his talks with Putin, told the press that "terrorism, extremism, and drug trafficking emanating from this area [Afghanistan—ed.] endanger security and stability in our region and beyond. We have agreed to intensify our coordination and cooperation for promoting security and development in the region," following the U.S. and NATO troop withdrawal from Afghanistan in 2014.

Following his highly fruitful visit to Moscow, Manmohan Singh went directly to Beijing, where visiting Russian Prime Minister Dmitri Medvedev had just concluded an expanded energy trade agreement with China. Medvedev said Russia's biggest oil producer, Rosneft, will supply China an additional 70 million barrels of crude a year for 10 years under the latest agreement, according to Xinhua. The agreement "testifies to the fact that we have reached a higher and a brand-new level of cooperation," said Medvedev in comments reported on the Xinhua website.

China's Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying referred to a "China-India strategic partnership" in a media briefing in Beijing on Oct. 21. In a rare honor, Singh will be hosted by both Premier Li Keqiang and President Xi Jinping on the same day.

Among the pacts expected to be signed during the visit is the Border Defense Cooperation Agreement, the draft of which was cleared by the Indian Cabinet. It is perceived as a major confidence-building measure by both countries, who grappled this year with a series of media-hyped non-demarcated border violations by both sides.

This unusual diplomacy among nations which have had extraordinary difficulties in collaboration, bespeaks their awareness of the war danger which most citizens in the West wish to ignore.

What can be done? The critical strategic action which can defeat the war party remains *enacting Glass-Steagall*. That is the move which will cripple the Empire and Wall Street, and their warmongering puppets, including the megalomaniacal Barack Obama. The future of all nations depends upon its accomplishment, immediately.

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