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From the Editors

“The international system as it has been heretofore, *is dying*, and there are only two alternatives: general thermonuclear war, or a kind of unity among nations, which we see coming out of the BRICS and similar kinds of fora,” stated Lyndon LaRouche on Nov. 29. This issue of *EIR* provides ample evidence of the promise which the momentum around the BRICS dynamic represents—as well as the unmistakable evidence that the NATO nations are going for war.

Our *Feature* comes from *EIR*’s just-released Special Report, “The New Silk Road Becomes the World Land-Bridge,” and provides an overview of the Chinese Silk Road strategy, that is now reaching around the globe. President Xi Jinping’s recent speech defining China’s foreign policy around that very concept provides a timely update.

We have three articles in *International* which provide exciting evidence of how this Chinese (and BRICS) strategy is sparking optimism for similar projects elsewhere. First, there’s Africa, where the Lake Chad Basin Commission has begun to consider the great Transaqua water transfer program. Our correspondents were on-the-scene participants in this development.

Second, we feature recent developments in Mexico, where the government has begun to take steps to orient toward the BRICS—bringing itself into the British line-of-fire. Again, you will learn about the LaRouche movement’s intervention in this battle.

Third, we present a report from Australia, a nation still under the Queen of England, on how the BRICS developments are evoking a promising shift.

Our *Science* section also deals with the BRICS nations—India, China, and Russia—in terms of their scientific pioneering in space, as shown at the recent International Astronautical Conference.

On the war side, we have two reports—one from Helga Zepp-LaRouche on the global “chicken game” being played by NATO, and the other by Counterintelligence Editor Jeffrey Steinberg, who gives you the real story behind the removal of Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel (*National*).

Our *Editorial* is a call to action from the Schiller Institute, which we endorse, and urge you to do as well.