Editorial

The 'Inevitable' Can and Must be Stopped

What do you do when the "experts" all say that that it's "inevitable" that either the new Greek government capitulates to more murderous austerity, or is forced out of the euro, causing global financial chaos? Or when geopolitical "experts" say it's "inevitable" that either Russian President Putin capitulates to the NATO/Western assault, or the "Ukraine" conflict expands to bring the world to thermonuclear war?

The simple answer, which Lyndon LaRouche has recently stressed, is that you assert your humanity. Being human means exercising "unpredictable" human creativity, capable of changing the "inevitable." And then fighting for it like hell. The past and present don't determine the future, *if* you exercise that unique human quality in time.

There is no time to waste in exercising this quality right now. For mankind is on the very edge of both a thermonuclear confrontation with Russia, and a descent into financial Armageddon.

Start by facing the reality of the global strategic disaster. As Russian Foreign Minister Lavrov made clear in his Munich speech this week, the U.S. and NATO have pursued a policy to subordinate Russia to their global geopolitical aims for 25 years, and this has brought us to the edge. Indeed, some Europeans have begun to "get it," which is why there is even a hope of negotiations going forward over Ukraine.

A good marker for the thinking of these Europeans was an article appearing in *Der Spiegel* online Feb. 8, entitled "NATO-Russia Crisis: The Nuclear Spectre Returns." The article reports that the Ukraine crisis has thrown NATO and Russia back into the Cold War. Collaboration on nuclear security has ceased; a "red telephone" (hot line) no longer exists. In 1995, when the launch of a

Norwegian scientific rocket set off Russia's nuclear attack warning system, a decision to launch a counterstrike against a suspected nuclear strike had to be made in less than 10 minutes, and that now the time available is less. Asked what would happen today if what occurred in 1995 were to occur again, former Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov said: "I am not sure if the correct decision would still be made.... Today the danger of war is greater."

That there is increasing alarm, even in the top military of the United States, was reflected in a Feb. 10 article by the *Washington Post*'s national security correspondent Walter Pincus, often used to get out leaks from the Pentagon. Pincus writes that U.S. plans to harden military communications to withstand a nuclear strike—for which the Obama Administration has requested funds in its new budget—was a terrible policy, as it "only helps create the impression that this country is preparing for nuclear war, and might strike first."

That is a recipe for mutually assured extinction.

To escape these horrors requires a leap *above* the normal level of thinking, a determination by the individual to act according to what it necessary to save and advance mankind. The solutions are actually on the table—in the form of the Hamiltonian economic system and the New Silk Road/ World Land-Bridge strategies. But, who has the courage to take them up?

If we assert our humanity, what *must* to be done *can* be done. Wall Street and the British Empire can be crushed. The warmongers, like Obama, can be removed from power. Mankind can create a future which respects the sacred nature of all human beings. If enough people act now.