

Editorial

The Four-Power Dynamic

There is a new dynamic at work in world politics today, and those who ignore it will not only fail to understand the current strategic situation, but will not grasp the opportunity that stands ready for pulling the planet out of its otherwise inexorable slide into the New Dark Age. That dynamic was set into motion with the agreements reached by the Chinese and Russian governments in Beijing in mid-October, an initiative which has triggered a whole series of further arrangements, particularly in the Pacific region.

If you ignore the process which those Russia-China agreements set off, you won't understand anything that is going on in the world today. Equally important, is that if you don't understand the conceptual role which Lyndon LaRouche and his political movement played in helping catalyze this shift, you won't have a clue as to how to fulfill its potential, especially with the crucial inclusion of the United States into the new political-strategic geometry.

LaRouche himself first put forward this Asia-Pacific orientation back in the Summer of 1983, in an *EIR* Special Report titled, "A Fifty-Year Development Policy for the Indian-Pacific Oceans Basin." Already, he had been in close collaboration with circles in India, China, and Japan, who were oriented to high-technology development of the region, with a special emphasis on transportation and water infrastructure. Over the succeeding 25 years, and especially after the collapse of the Soviet Union, the concept has taken a dramatic step forward, with the LaRouche movement's organizing for the Eurasian Land-Bridge, and concomitant changes in Russian orientation.

The core of the change, as LaRouche has emphasized, is Russia's determination to shift from

being a country whose prosperity depends upon raw materials export, to one which will depend upon intellectual resources, high-technologies, and other innovative products that utilize its unique scientific capability, exemplified by the Ukrainian-Russian scientist Vladimir Vernadsky. When the Chinese, who understand their horrible vulnerability to the collapse of the dollar system, agreed to work with the Russians on this orientation, particularly in the underpopulated Russian Far East, the new dynamic was set in motion.

This means that from now on, as LaRouche recently emphasized, the initiative for positive change is going to come from the Asia-Pacific region. "It's the only rational chance for the world at this time," he added. "Because only this development, with its technological driver, brings in a sufficient portion of the world's population, to create a baseline for world recovery."

This new reality is the basis for all strategic evaluations today, from the discussions that took place between Russia and China at the recent APEC Summit, to the decision by that summit to dump its initial commitment to specific climate change goals, to even the gesture by President Obama to call himself the "Pacific President." Those nations that wish to survive, are going to orient toward the new center of economic initiatives.

Number one on the agenda, of course, must be to bring the United States into that new configuration—something that will be done, not by the fatally flawed President Obama, but by saner circles in the institution of the Presidency, and a mass strike movement educated on the principles behind an American-System credit system. In the wake of LaRouche's recent webcast, the time is ripe to do so in the very short term.