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From the Managing Editor

The hefty *Feature* package which has now appeared in your computer is the result of a crash project on at least three continents, to put together an emergency program that addresses both the disintegration of the economies of the Mediterranean countries that are members of the European Union, and of the African countries that are being ravaged by imperialist globalization. With the Spanish banking system tottering daily at the very brink of collapse, Greece being pulverized by the EC-ECB-IMF Troika, and Italy in danger of descending next into the maelstrom, this project was of the utmost urgency. It was prepared under the firm direction of Helga Zepp-LaRouche, and will also be circulated as an *EIR* offprint.

Zepp-LaRouche introduces the package with an analysis of how the crisis came about, how the bankruptcy of the current monetarist system is leading inexorably to war, and what solutions are both necessary and possible. She cites examples from Germany's history, when two astute economists in Weimar Germany put forward plans for reviving the country's moribund economy and creating jobs—plans that would have worked. But they were rejected, and the deepening crisis generated the widespread discontent that allowed the Nazis to come to power. The key idea behind a solution to the current crisis, Zepp-LaRouche emphasizes, is the creation of a *credit system*, as Alexander Hamilton, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and others implemented it in their times.

Then follows a detailed rundown of programmatic solutions for some of the key countries and regions. These solutions, which are now on the agenda for deliberation among national and regional experts, are eminently feasible; but they have political prerequisites: The supranational European Union must be dismantled and sovereignty returned to the national economies; a Glass-Steagall system must be put in place in the United States, and a comparable banking structure in Europe. And for these things to happen, President Obama must be removed from office immediately.

Our news sections give a strategic overview of where these political prerequisites stand, and the news of the financial crisis. I particularly call your attention to the article on Syria, about which more lies are being told by the U.S. government and the "talking heads" than at any time since the buildup to the Iraq War.

