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From the Managing Editor

Surely there's a devilish irony in the fact that, as we observe the 19th anniversary of President Reagan's March 23, 1983 announcement of the LaRouche-authored Strategic Defense Initiative, which, in Reagan's words, would make nuclear weapons "impotent and obsolete," we are confronted with the very real prospect of thermonuclear World War III. As Lyndon LaRouche writes in his *Feature* article this week, "Our World's Fast-Waning Options," "Had Andropov and Gorbachov, as de facto British puppets, and also some leading American fools, not prevented the adoption of what U.S. President Ronald Reagan had put forward as what I had launched as my Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI), the history of U.S.A. relations with the Soviet Union, and, later Russia, would have taken an entirely different track."

From the LPAC Basement team, Benjamin Deniston's report, "Macro-Ecological Revolutions: Mass Extinctions as Shadows of Anti-Entropic Growth," presents a counterpoint, by exploring what mankind can accomplish "as a true creator in the universe."

In *International*, we provide further documentation of the danger of war, in "Obama, Cameron, Netanyahu Push Thermonuclear World War III," and "U.S., U.K., and Allies Escalate Against Syria."

Behind the drive for war is the accelerating meltdown of the imperial financial system: See *Economics* for "The Empire's Bailout Policy: Deadly 'Alcohol to a Drunk'."

The extremity of the crisis however is producing optimistic developments as well: See "It's Official: Cheminade Is on the Ballot for French Presidential Race," and "Russia's Anti-Drug Policy: Afghan, Central Asian Development on Agenda," in *International*.

In *National*, "President Put on Notice: Nationwide Campaign To Stop New Obama War Gathers Steam," an update on the mobilization to pass Rep. Walter Jones' resolution, followed by an draft article of impeachment against President Obama by the noted Constitutional lawyer Bruce Fein.

Our *Science* section continues our coverage of the Feb. 25-26 Schiller Institute conference, with "Exploring Space: The Optimism of an Infinite Universe," by Rudolph Biérent, and, from the Basement, Oyang Teng's "The Lesson of the Great Japan Earthquake."

