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From the Managing Editor

Once again, Lyndon LaRouche urges us to lift our eyes to the stars, in his “The New Strategy for Space.” A few choice quotes convey the big idea developed here:

- “Our future principal tasks now will be concentrated on mining and managing the elements of the asteroid ‘fields, and their harvests.’... In short: mankind must learn to manage this, his present Solar homestead, and that productively.”

- “The war against the misguided asteroids which now threaten mankind, will tend to shape mankind’s future, one way or the other, on Earth, as in our adopted part of the Solar System.”

- “All essential human progress depends upon mankind’s willfully wrought, effective discoveries of physical principles which lift the mentally productive powers of human labor to successively higher states of effectively ‘brand new’ physical states of relatively higher existence.”

Ben Deniston supplements LaRouche’s piece with an article on the technologies that are currently being developed to protect the Earth from asteroid and comet impacts.

The *National* section features a blow-by-blow report on a forum of state legislators in Washington, where knuckle-draggers from the top Wall Street banks mobilized to “persuade” participants to reject a resolution in favor of Congressional reinstatement of the Glass-Steagall law. The bankers’ hysteria was palpable; but their victory, we anticipate, will be short-lived.

Economics covers two key battles in the fight to dump the Wall Street/City of London monetarist system. First is Detroit, forced into bankruptcy to pay debts to the banks, including by cutting even further the \$19,000 average pensions of retired city workers. Second is the takedown of health care in the United States and UK, with profiles of some of the scoundrels who are doing it.

In *International*, we look behind the headlines at what is really going on following China’s announcement of an Air Defense Identification Zone; and the battle for survival in Ukraine, where the stakes and those playing for them are not what you hear about from the “mainstream” media.

