

THE MANHATTAN PROJECT

‘It’s Hamilton’s Principles Or Thermonuclear War!’

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Feb. 3—That is the message which the LaRouche movement is taking directly to Wall Street, the center (along with the City of London) of the drive for confrontation with Russia which has led the world to the edge of nuclear conflagration, in a series of rallies which began Jan. 20, and continued today. The street activity is an integral part of what Lyndon LaRouche has dubbed the “Manhattan Project,” a campaign to restore the principles of New York City’s Alexander Hamilton, as the unique source of ideas and leadership to save the United States from extinction.

“We have to have a mobilization of the spirit and intention of our republic, which is a task which is located essentially for our attention, in the role of Manhattan, of New York City, Hamilton’s New York City,” declared LaRouche in his remarks to the Jan. 17 Schiller Institute conference in Manhattan. The past months’ organizing around this perspective in New York City has begun to bear out this assessment, as increasing numbers of individuals from a wide variety of cultures and walks of life, have joined the organizing drive to revive Hamilton’s principles, with the demand that the U.S. join with the BRICS nations in their drive for economic development.

Despite its apparent takeover by Wall Street traitors, New York City retains its character as the nation’s political capital, where big ideas and Classical culture still maintain a foothold, and from which the nation can be led for good. Thus it was, as well, in the crucial decade

1783 to 1793, when New Yorker Alexander Hamilton, from Manhattan, generated the ideas, and organized the forces nationally to create a Constitution, and an American System of economics, in hand-to-hand combat with British oligarchical forces of every stripe. By educating a leadership around Hamilton’s ideas, the LaRouche movement is determined that the nation be pulled together once again, as a coherent force for good in the world.

The Intent

From approximately October 2014, the LaRouche movement in the United States has shifted its focus of activity to Manhattan, as the strategic lever by which the nation can be moved. A series of conferences sponsored by the Schiller Institute have brought together hundreds of New Yorkers, in increasing numbers, for deliberation on how the United States can be restored, by a paradigm shift in economic, cultural, and foreign policy. As of the January conference—and for the upcoming Feb. 14 one as well—these webcast conferences are being live-streamed around the United States and the world.

Simultaneously, LaRouche organizers have moved to create a high-profile presence in Manhattan, in order to set the appropriate political agenda for a people generally being stupefied by today’s popular culture, and lying press and political class. This has included deployments in the subways, as well as the streets. The essential message has been simple: Reject the Wall



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LaRouchePAC organizers take on Manhattan, as seen here at New York City's Federal Hall, under the gaze of George Washington. "We have to have a mobilization of the spirit and intention of our republic," in Alexander Hamilton's New York City," declared Lyndon LaRouche.

Street/Obama confrontation strategy that is bringing on thermonuclear war, by bankrupting the current system, and replacing it with Hamiltonian economics, and an alliance with the BRICS. The rallies on Wall Street are part of this "set the agenda" thrust—with a special emphasis on going in to face the enemy of humanity with the ugly truth: "You are bankrupt."

In addition, LaRouchePAC Policy Committee member Diane Sare has started a New York City Community Choir, which is bringing together professional opera singers with raw talent from the City—including growing numbers of young people with no experience in Classical music at all. This was inspired by not only the necessity of reviving Classical culture, but the inspiring effect which the great music of Handel, Bach, and others had on the audiences at the conferences.

Organizers report that these deployments are creating a kind of "noetic field" in which more and more people are becoming familiar with their message, due to more frequent contact. What is also notable is that New Yorkers—for centuries one of the most internationally variegated populations in the world, and certainly in the United States—are much more aware of what's going on in the world around them, and outside

the United States, in contrast to the insular mentality of many other Americans.

The Hamilton Message

As LaRouche has stressed, the role of the genius Alexander Hamilton was absolutely pivotal in providing the ideas that shaped the United States as a unified nation devoted to scientific and technological progress. From his days as an adolescent newcomer to New York City, Hamilton was focused on the requirements for the economic development of a sovereign nation, which he knew meant the creation of an energetic national

government. The young Hamilton (he was only 17 when he wrote his first tracts against British saboteurs of the Revolution, and 24 when he began the "Continentalist Papers" laying out a national economic plan) wrote voluminously to organize and educate his fellow citizens around the ideas necessary to build the nation.

Hamilton's proposals, from the beginning, focused on the necessity for creating credit for physical economic growth, rather than submitting to the monetarist notion of Adam Smith's "buy cheap, sell dear." Hamilton saw this policy in action in what the British Empire was doing to the United States, and he called it "slavery"—a slavery he opposed as much as he opposed the physical bondage he encountered in his Caribbean home, and in the American colonies. He knew that growth required an active government role in providing necessary infrastructure, and in fostering the development of manufactures in areas of the economy essential for the sustenance of the population.

Hamilton understood, as a matter of principle, that money was not wealth, and real wealth in fact required constant improvements in what was then called "mechanical power," by creative discoveries of mankind. Thus, his famous argument in favor of manufactures:

“To cherish and stimulate the activity of the human mind, by multiplying the objects of enterprise, is not among the least considerable of the expedients, by which the wealth of a nation may be promoted.”

That statement was featured on one of the several signs with quotes from Hamilton, which the LaRouche organizers have taken to their Wall Street rallies.

Crush the Speculators

Another of the quotations from Hamilton featured at the Wall Street rallies dealt with the fact that speculation, “left to itself, may be attended with pernicious effects.” Indeed, Hamilton’s economic system—his National Bank, in particular—was conceived by him as a tool to regulate money, in the interest of the growth of the nation, and to crush speculators who profited from the productive activities of the nation.

In other words, contrary to much of standard public mythology today, Hamilton was *not* the father of Wall Street, the center of speculation, but its bitter enemy. In fact, it could be said that Wall Street, in the form of its servant Aaron Burr, was responsible for his assassination.

A look at the early history of the Bank of the United States, which Hamilton conceived as a nursery for industry and agriculture, shows that the instruments of Wall Street—specifically the creation of a private club for traders, known today as the New York Stock Exchange—were created as a direct attempt to crush the Bank as the institution upholding the system of public credit, acting in the interest of the nation, which Hamilton had set up.¹

Hamilton was ruthless in crushing the speculators when they were playing games with the nation’s credit, in 1791-92, and even let his formerly close friend William Duer go to jail, rather than show any sympathy. He put the interests of the nation, not “profit,” first.

What a contrast to the prevailing U.S. “economic theories” today!

A thorough study of Hamilton’s activities and his writings shows that his ideas for developing thriving economies are much more similar to those of the BRICS nations today, than to the nations of the trans-Atlantic economic system, which have been perverted into the British imperial finance which Hamilton was fighting against. Protection, national control of one’s currency,

long-term, low-interest credit for capital investment—these were hallmarks of Hamilton’s American System, just as they are the demand of developing nations today. To get them back, Wall Street must be crushed.

A Mass Movement for Development

The invitation for the upcoming Feb. 14 conference of the Schiller Institute in Manhattan, has the following headline: “America Needs a Mass Movement for Economic Development: Let’s Join the BRICS To Rebuild the World Economy!” The text describes how the BRICS nations are challenging the dying British/Wall Street system, and poses the urgency of the United States joining that effort:

“The United States must be protected against this imminent Wall Street/City of London self-imposed collapse, lest our nation be driven to suicidal thermonuclear war as the price for tolerating ‘beast-man economics.’

“We must provide all the necessary federal credit required for the immediate productive employment of our citizens, while we simultaneously shut down speculation through the re-imposition of the 1933-99 Glass-Steagall Act. This will prevent national chaos, re-establishing the ‘full faith and credit’ of Alexander Hamilton’s United States with the sovereign nations of Russia, China, India, etc. Prime Minister Modi’s ‘1 million new productive jobs per month’ policy for India, should be the same for the United States, and the world’s leading scientists should launch a crash international effort to establish viable commercial use of thermonuclear fusion power within 10-15 years, as an international Apollo Project.”

This is a message which resonates with many New Yorkers, even some on Wall Street, where there have been more than 50,000 layoffs over the recent period. Indeed, the Wall Street brokers at JPMorgan Chase—right across from the Federal Hall rally site of the LaRouche movement—and the New York Stock Exchange are well aware that their institutions are bankrupt.

Those wedded to these corrupt institutions are unlikely to free themselves to act—but many other New Yorkers will, given the proper leadership. And, seeing leadership coming from New York City around the ideas that can save their lives, and those of their children, true patriots can take the necessary action as well.

As the LaRouche organizers put it in their Wall Street rally today: “Crush Wall Street, or Face Nuclear War!”

1. See David Shavin, “Hamilton’s Singular Genius vs. Wall Street’s Rage,” This Week in History, Jan. 11-17, 2015, at schillerinstitute.org.