
Editorial

Facing Thermonuclear War

Columnist and former Reagan Cabinet member Paul Craig Roberts showed that he was one of the few individuals in the U.S., outside the LaRouche movement, to state publicly the greatest immediate danger facing mankind: a thermonuclear war of extinction.

Roberts devoted his June 2 and June 3 columns to reviewing the implications of a May 30 article by Steven Starr, senior scientist for Physicians for Social Responsibility, entitled “The Lethality of Nuclear Weapons.” “The uninformed are leading the uninformed toward the abyss of extinction,” Starr wrote.

Starr reviews the series of scientific studies done since 2006—featured also in “Unsurvivable,” LaRouchePAC’s unnerving video on the threat of thermonuclear war—which demonstrate that a “small” nuclear war, using only 1% of either Russian or U.S. launch-ready nuclear weapons, would lead to global famine and the deaths of up to 2 billion people, while “a war fought with less than half of U.S. or Russian strategic nuclear weapons would destroy the human race.”

“We hear only about terrorist threats that could destroy a city with an atomic bomb, while the threat of human extinction from nuclear war is never mentioned—even when the U.S. and Russia are each running huge nuclear war games in preparation for a U.S.-Russian war,” Starr wrote. “Even more frightening, is the fact that the neo-cons running U.S. foreign policy believe that the U.S. has nuclear primacy over Russia; that is, the U.S. could successfully launch a nuclear sneak attack against Russian (and Chinese) nuclear forces and completely destroy them.”

“The need is dire for the President of the U.S., Russia, or China to state in a highly public forum

that the existence of nuclear weapons creates the possibility of their use and that their use in war would likely mean human extinction. As nuclear war has no winners, the weapons should be banned and destroyed before they destroy all of us,” he concludes.

After reviewing Starr’s article on June 2, Roberts followed up June 3 with a more direct warning, which hits at the current strategic moves of the Obama Administration: “Washington thinks nuclear war can be won and is planning for a first strike on Russia, and perhaps China, in order to prevent any challenge to Washington’s world hegemony.

“The plan is far advanced, and the implementation of the plan is underway. As I have reported previously, US strategic doctrine was changed and the role of nuclear missiles was elevated from a retaliatory role to an offensive first strike role. US anti-ballistic missile (ABM) bases have been established in Poland on Russia’s frontier, and other bases are planned. When completed Russia will be ringed with US missile bases...

“No government believes Washington’s reasons. Every government realizes that Washington’s reasons are feeble attempts to hide the fact that it is creating the capability on the ground to win a nuclear war.”

The Russian and Chinese governments know this, and have made it clear they will not sit by and let the plan proceed, he adds.

What can be done? Roberts offers no plan, but Lyndon LaRouche does: Recognize the source of this insanity as the British Empire, and remove its puppet regime in Washington, D.C. That means, move to impeach Obama now.

Then bankrupt the Empire itself, with Glass-Steagall, to take war permanently off the agenda.