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From the Managing Editor

How sweet it is! The LaRouche movement has been doing battle with Dope, Inc., and specifically with the bank known historically as HongShang (now HSBC), since at least 1978. Now the whole world can see these banksters mumbling and stumbling in their testimony to Congress, trying to justify the billions in drug money that have flowed and continue to flow through their coffers.

Our fight has had other sweet movements, such as the publication of *Dope, Inc.* (first edition 1978), which drove the drug bankers crazy and has been an “underground” best-seller for three decades. Then there was the 1986 victory in Illinois of two LaRouche Democrats, in the primary election for state lieutenant governor and secretary of state. The media cameras rolled as the candidates rode down Chicago’s State Street on a tank festooned with a banner that read, “War on Drugs.”

But the fight obviously has not yet been won. As Nancy Spannaus writes in introducing our *Feature*, putting the criminals in jail will not be enough; the entire corrupt system has to be changed.

If you want to know what’s going on and why this is happening now, you’ve come to the right place. Our package includes testimony to a Senate subcommittee by HSBC luminaries and government officials who were supposed to keep them honest; a capsule history of Dope, Inc.; the LaRouche movement’s record; and the link between drug banks and terrorism. Supplementing this is our *Strategy* feature, which investigates the case of Saudi Arabia’s Prince Bandar bin Sultan, former ambassador to the United States, whose connections to the 9/11 plotters get thicker and thicker.

Not surprisingly, some of the banks that are under Congressional scrutiny for drug-money laundering are also implicated in the Libor interest-rate scam. It is no coincidence that both scandals are surfacing now, with the bankrupt financial system in its death throes. Our *Economics* section details the effects of the bankers’ policies on the people of the United States and Spain.

The ouster of both Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner and President Obama is essential to saving the world from this desperate crisis of bankruptcy and war. That would be sweet indeed! Our *National* and *International* sections report steps in this direction—as well as what will happen if they are too little, too late.

