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From the Managing Editor

The image on our cover, a fresco by the Florentine Renaissance artist Benozzo Gozzoli, presents us with a biting irony: It depicts the New Testament story of the “Journey of the Magi,” who bring gifts to the newborn Jesus in Bethlehem. But in Gozzoli’s treatment, the voyage is to Great Council of Florence in 1439, whose purpose was to unify the Byzantine and Roman churches, under the wise leadership of Cardinal Nicholas of Cusa. Here, the “Magi” are portraits of the all-too-earthly members of the Medici family and other none-too-sacred notables.

Cusa’s “dialogue of civilizations” is a reference point for those of us today who wish, as Helga Zepp-LaRouche expressed it in her speech at Rhodes (*Feature*), to avoid “crashing into a brick wall,” and instead, begin to “think from above,” to usher in, at long last, a civilization based on the common aims of mankind.

At the other end of the issue you will find a transcript of Lyndon LaRouche’s Oct. 12 webcast, second in the Friday night LPAC-TV series leading up to the Nov. 6 Presidential elections, in which he once again lays out the measures needed to lift the nation and the world out of the present “wreckage,” still possible, even at this late date. This means, especially, rising above the party system, and acting on behalf of the nation and humanity.

Between these two bookends, the *International* section reviews the highly explosive confrontation on the Turkey-Syria border, where the Libya model for regime change is being applied against the Assad government by the British-Obama war faction, potentially triggering a world war. The de-listing of MeK from the roster of terrorist organizations is part of the package; while the danger of a British-orchestrated shooting war between Japan and China over a few liliputian islands is being played out in the Pacific.

National brings you up to date on what is now known as “Benghazi-gate”—the Obama Administration’s Pinocchio tall tales—its attempt to cover up its responsibility for the terrorist assassinations of four Americans. There is also a remembrance of that great American, Mervyn Dymally, who passed away last week.

An interview with a leader of the California Farmers Union, George Davis, is featured in *Economics*.

