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From the Managing Editor

More than half the world's population, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, is under age 30, i.e., half the people alive today were born after President Reagan's surprise (to most) announcement on March 23, 1983, committing the United States to a "Strategic Defense Initiative." Reagan's proposal to make nuclear weapons "impotent and obsolete," has either been forgotten, or is unknown to billions of people. And yet, had it been carried out, the world would look much different, and much better today. Of course, readers of this magazine—of all ages—know that Lyndon LaRouche was the catalytic force in bringing about that astounding sea-change. And so, on the 30th anniversary of that historic event, the Schiller Institute held an all-day conference in Northern Virginia, which reviewed both the history of the SDI, and the current drive for its "reincarnation" as the Strategic Defense of Earth (SDE), in which the Russians, most notably, have taken the lead.

Our *Feature* this week brings you an introductory overview: "Schiller Conference Presents a New Paradigm: Using the SDI Principle Today To Save Mankind," followed by several of the speeches: Helga Zepp-LaRouche's "Introduction: The Definition of the Common Aims of Mankind"; Jeffrey Steinberg on the "History of the SDI and Implications for Today"; LaRouche's brief remarks, and a Russian video presentation on the IGMASS satellite program. Additional coverage will appear in upcoming issues. In the meantime, I urge you to watch the videos, including several beautiful musical performances, which will soon be posted at www.schillerinstitute.org.

International looks at some of the world's hottest spots: "Anglo-Saudis Go in for the Kill Against Syria"; "Karzai's Stand To Keep the Taliban Out of Kabul" (Afghanistan); and "Beppe Grillo: From Stand-Up Comedy to 'Soft Fascism'" (Italy).

In *National*, we note the emergence of a resistance against the Obama dictatorship and war drive: "U.S. Military, Diplomats Seek War-Avoidance with Russia," and "Declare Saudi Arabia a Terrorism Sponsor!"

And in *Economics*, we report on the potential for an end to the euro-imperium, in the cases of Cyprus and Iceland.

