

Obama Toys with World War

As this issue of *EIR* goes into final editing, President Barack Obama has reportedly decided to launch military strikes against Syria, over the dubious claim that the Assad government used chemical weapons against its own population. The fact that the alleged CW attacks came within hours of the arrival of a United Nations inspection team in Damascus alone raises serious doubts about the basis for Mr. Obama's "certainty" that such weapons were used by the government. Furthermore, within hours of the inspectors arriving at the site of the alleged chemical weapons attacks on Aug. 26, the Obama Administration contacted United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon and literally ordered him to withdraw the inspectors because "Obama's mind was made up" that the crime had been committed by the Assad regime, and it was time for military action. So far, the UN chief has refused to comply.

If all of this seems like "déjà vu all over again," you are right. It is an Obama replay of the George W. Bush and Dick Cheney march to war in Iraq over the dubious claims that Saddam Hussein was stockpiling weapons of mass destruction.

If, as anticipated, President Obama orders military strikes against targets inside Syria in "retaliation" for the as-yet-unproven CW charges, he will be risking far more than the loss of life on the ground. He will be risking a far broader war, drawing in neighboring states, as well as Russia and perhaps even China. Russian President Vladimir Putin has frankly called the charges against the Assad regime baseless. The Obama Administration is courting a far more serious confrontation, which could ultimately escalate into a thermonuclear war.

As bellicose as President Obama has been in

his recent handling of the prolonged Syria conflict, he has been outdone by his European counterparts, particularly Britain's David Cameron, William Hague and Tony Blair. The London troika is pressing to draw the United States into yet another disastrous war in Southwest Asia. For London, the number one objective of such a conflict is to trigger a hundred years war within the entire Arab and Islamic world, pitting Sunnis against Shi'ites, tribes against tribes, Muslims against Christians, and Arabs versus Israelis. The goal is mass population reduction through permanent war.

President Obama is a pawn in this game, along with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Indeed, senior U.S. intelligence sources report to *EIR* that the primary "proof" of the Syrian CW attacks came from the Israeli Unit 8200, the equivalent of the U.S. National Security Agency.

If President Obama does order cruise missile strikes against command and control centers and weapon stockpiles in Syria, he could be very well triggering a war to end all wars—in the extinction of mankind in a thermonuclear holocaust.

President Obama, according to our latest information, has decided that he can go to war without getting the approval of Congress, as demanded under Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution. He does not even plan to go to the United Nations Security Council, knowing that Russia and China will veto any such attack (for good reason). President Obama is contemplating yet another impeachable crime, and this time, Congress cannot allow him to get away with it. The very survival of mankind may be at stake. In a world of thermonuclear weapons, the "Guns of August" must remain silent.