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From the Editors

“Who is the warmonger?” asked Helga Zepp-LaRouche of her audience in Houston last week. It’s not Putin, she replied, and proceeded to review the buildup of provocations coming from NATO and the U.S. since the fall of the Berlin Wall.

This week we answer the question in a different way, with a full-some review of the strategic doctrine of the United States, which review demonstrates without a doubt that it is the United States that has adopted a British imperial doctrine of provocations against Russia, up to and including the potential launching of nuclear war. The documents speak for themselves; we add some background commentary on their political origins. Not surprisingly, this policy traces back to the British Empire itself (*Feature*).

Mrs. LaRouche also addresses the war issue again in this issue; she it characterizes as a “bluff,” similar to the bluff being wielded by the European Union against Greece (*International*). With both these bluffs, mankind is put on a dangerous track toward war—unless we seize the ready option of joining with the new world economic order being put into motion by the BRICS.

The promise of the BRICS is presented in two important articles. First, our review of the Chinese People’s Congress—which counters the claptrap you are getting about President Xi and that country in other media (*Economics*). Second, we reprint an exciting programmatic proposal from Russia, which appears in our Special Report “The New Silk Road Becomes the World Land-Bridge” (*Physical Economy*). The kind of high-technology industrialization presented there should give you an idea of what progress would actually look like, especially if the U.S. links up with the BRICS.

You will find reports on other significant developments in our *International* section, in both Europe and Asia. We are also pleased to present a review of the recent book by former UN official Antonio Costa, famous for his identification of the role of drugs in propping up the world financial system.

The *National* section features our report on the insane warmongering in Congress, and should be read with the *Feature* in mind.

Last but not least, we turn to *Science*, this week presenting a provocative discussion of the scientific method of Nicholas of Cusa, which was carried forward by Johannes Kepler in his crucial breakthroughs on the nature of the Solar System, and man’s role in it. It is on Cusa’s level of thinking, the level of the Renaissance, that the horrors portended in the drive for war can, and must, be overcome.