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From the Associate Editor

The events in Southwest Asia and the Asian subcontinent during the second week of July seem almost too terrible to comprehend. I for one, lived many of my childhood years in an apartment building in the shadow of the beautiful Beirut lighthouse, which was bombed by the Israelis yesterday, July 15. I can almost hear a child's voice asking, "Why did they have to bomb my lighthouse?" The question reflects the emotional reaction (despair) felt by most Baby Boomers—and perhaps not a few others as well—as we view the horrific events of the day on our TV screens and in our newspapers.

How does one get past that gut emotional reaction, and approach the spreading horrors of war from the mindset of *statecraft*—which is to say, reason? Lyndon LaRouche's *Feature* on the strategic significance of the hit on India addresses the problem profoundly. You want to succumb to fear? You want to turn off the TV and "think about something else"? Then you'll get fascism, and war. The world is at the brink of a crisis which must be compared, at the very least, LaRouche writes, to the outbreak of the two world wars of the last century. But: "Actually, what is presently threatened for the immediate future, unless we act now to prevent it, would soon be something much worse than either of those wars. Do not look for the image of troops marching to battle; what is coming down the road now, is something most nearly comparable, in known history, to a nuclear-age version of the Hellish nightmare-scenes of the so-called 'New Dark Age' which erupted in the Fourteenth Century. . . ."

LaRouche addresses his polemic to the now-supine Congress, but also to the citizenry. The experience of the past year makes clear, that only a mobilized citizenry can force the Congress to act, in a situation where the Executive branch has been hijacked by synarchist bankers. Such a mobilization is the only chance to avoid a Dark Age. It must happen here, in America, and it must happen soon.

Elsewhere in this issue, you will find a wealth of excellent material. LaRouche's "I Don't Believe in Signs," elaborates the changes in mental life that are required to achieve a political transformation. In *Economics*, we document how Felix Rohatyn is grabbing up public urban infrastructure. And in *National*, we delve deeper into Rohatyn's mechanisms of control over the Democratic Party.

