

It Starts with Glass-Steagall

With the momentum coming off the HCR 105 victory in the U.S. House of Representatives last week, the United States must now go full steam ahead for the passage and implementation of Glass-Steagall. The principle of Constitutional authority, above and beyond partisan issues, has been restated; now it must be fully reestablished, and quickly so.

Reinstating Glass-Steagall starts to address the deeper problem we face. LaRouche has laid out the program and perspective. The economy of the U.S. is non-functional. “My Four Laws, and nothing else but those Four Laws, are what makes things work,” LaRouche stated. The U.S. no longer has a system of political economy to rely on. The Four Laws solve that problem and secure the U.S.A. and our relationship to the rest of the world, he said.

That relationship means building a new international economic order, based on a scientific measurement of real value: the development of the productive powers of labor, with attendant leaps in the energy-flux density of the productive process. LaRouche has called for an international conference to be held to discuss such matters in depth. The BRICS nations, in alliance with the solid bloc of South American countries, have taken the first steps to launch a new financial order, based on principles thoroughly hostile to those of the reigning British Empire. These are two systems which cannot long coexist on this planet.

The British Empire’s response to the breakdown crisis of its trans-Atlantic system, has been to threaten to launch financial as well as military nuclear war against Russia—a policy as dangerous as it is crazy. For example, the City of London’s *Financial Times Deutschland* July 28 published a frothing article by Walter Münchau, threatening

that “we can crush the Russian economy in weeks” by denying them access to the international payments system. “Payment systems are the atomic bombs of financial warfare,” he wrote.

Similarly, the July 28 decision by The Hague arbitration court to fine the Russian government a stunning \$51.5 billion for the Rosneft takeover of Yukos Oil Company, is another act of desperate financial warfare. As Ambrose Evans-Pritchard put it in the *Daily Telegraph*: Russia’s “refusal to pay will at some point become a sovereign default.” No one should miss the parallel with Argentina, which London and Wall Street are also trying—unsuccessfully—to drive into default and submission.

Russia, the rest of the BRICS, and Argentina, are not about to give in. The question is, what is the United States going to do?

The only sane strategy is to immediately free itself from the British Empire, economically and politically. Politically, that means removing British puppet Obama from the Presidency. Economically, it means breaking with the speculative money system, starting with Glass-Steagall *immediately*—meaning before Congress goes out of session. Once that is done, Wall Street’s looting can be cut off, and the real work begins—of applying and implementing the principles laid out LaRouche’s Four Laws to reorganize the physical economy for real growth in the productive powers of labor.

Alexander Hamilton made the equivalent radical step in the 1780s—and the result was a U.S. Constitution that puts value where it belongs. Now that the longstanding assault on the principles of that Constitution has begun to be beaten back in the area of war powers, those principles must be revived in the area of economy. Demand Glass-Steagall now!