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Isherwood:

## Australia must break with Anglo-American plans for nuclear war

Citizens Electoral Council leader Craig Isherwood this week called for Australia to break with the American and British policy of provoking thermonuclear war with the rising powers of Eurasia.

On 3 January, the U.S. statesman and physical economist Lyndon LaRouche had delivered an extremely important webcast in which he warned of the likelihood of such a war erupting in the near term. The Anglo-American region is collapsing under the policies of Green Fascism and financial speculation, LaRouche emphasised, while the Eurasian powers such as China, Russia, India, and others are committed to policies of growth and development, thus the growing threat to the imperial ambitions of the British Crown and their stooge Barack Obama.

The fact that Ukraine decided to go with major aid and trade deals with Russia and China instead of with the collapsing European Union, is illustrative of this process. Expressing the same reality as LaRouche, the Russian state-owned radio station *Voice of Russia* recently declared that the world is closer today to nuclear war than it was even at the height of the Cold War, during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

Isherwood said, "Australia's future is in collaborating with its neighbours in Asia on mutually beneficial economic development. China is developing the new Silk Road and Maritime Silk Road infrastructure corridors, building major projects to move water from the south to the north, expanding nuclear power, investing in fusion research and landing on the Moon. The U.S. and Europeans can only offer more demands for destructive free trade such as the Trans-Pacific Partnership to profit the multinational corporations that control their economies, along with financial speculation and brutal austerity.

"The choice is clear: but if Australians want a future of economic development and progress, we must break with the Anglo-American agenda that threatens the entire world. In fact, such a break would itself be an essential contribution toward war avoidance."

### Hagel Pledges U.S. Counter-Terrorism Cooperation with Russia

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U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel spoke with Russian Minister of Defense Sergey Shoigu on Saturday, and promised that the U.S. will cooperate with Russia on counter-terrorism and the Sochi Olympics. The DOD readout reports:

"Secretary Hagel offered his condolences for the recent terrorist attacks in Volgograd. The Secretary condemned the attacks and said the United States stands with the Russian people against terrorism. The leaders discussed the need to remain vigilant against these threats and considered additional opportunities to deepen our nations' counterterrorism cooperation. Secretary Hagel also assured Minister Shoigu that the United States stands ready to provide security assistance to Russia for the Winter Olympics in Sochi, if requested."

Meanwhile, Russian President Vladimir Putin on Saturday lifted the total ban on protests during the Sochi Olympics, in what RIA Novosti described as a "surprise announcement" and a "U-turn" from his previous policy. For the period from Feb. 7 to March 16 (which covers both the Olympics and the Paralympics), Putin spokesman Dmitri Peskov said, demonstrations will have to get authorization from Sochi city officials and regional Interior Ministry and security officials. In practice, he said, local authorities and Games organizers would jointly nominate a suitable public area for protests, and suggested that they would be limited to that area alone, according to RIA Novosti.

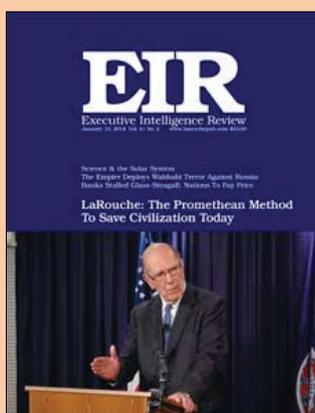
The International Olympic Committee president Thomas Bach welcome the announcement, saying that "it is in line with the assurances that President Putin gave us last year."

Please go online to view LaRouche's Friday, 3 January webcast: <http://larouchepac.com/node/29427>

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## Make 2014 the Year of Glass-Steagall!

As 2013 comes to a close, it is instructive to look back on the enormous progress the CEC has made in the last year in the fight for Glass-Steagall. Because then it becomes obvious that 2014 can—and must—be the year that Glass-Steagall becomes reality, the law of the land. And that must be the intention of this movement, as we enter the New Year.

The full-page ad in the 3 December 2013 *Australian* newspaper, with over 450 endorsers, was the culmination of an unprecedented burst of intense work: around a million copies of the *New Citizen* newspaper were distributed across Australia, exposing the plans for “bail-in”, and explaining the Glass-Steagall alternative; tens of millions of emailed press releases informed the Australian people of up-to-the-minute developments in the push for bail-in; despite the glut of new parties and candidates in the 7 September election the CEC’s slate of election candidates generated much more than usual local media coverage and a higher vote; and CEC office staff and activists poured out more than 15,000 phone calls to elected federal and state MPs, local councillors, political candidates, and thousands of community leaders of various stripes to enlist their support in the fight against bail-in and for Glass-Steagall, which was reflected in the ad.

As a result, we have made bail-in and the Glass Steagall solution to that atrocity, a major item of discussion in the Federal Parliament; have provoked widespread discussion and support for Glass-Steagall and against bail-in within local councils all over the country; and now we are pushing those items onto the agenda of state parliaments as well. We have done this so effectively that Financial Stability Board bigshot and RBA chief Glenn Stevens has just blurted out for the first time that he supports “bail in”, as reported in an *Australian Financial Review* interview with him last week (see release, p.4). Who could really doubt that this is because of us? Who knows if Glenn Stevens even intended to make that admission, since he quickly waffled around to cover up what he had just said, but sometimes when people have a subject so much on their minds—as Stevens well knows we have put the reality of bail-in on everyone’s minds—they just blurt it out without even intending to.

During the last week of federal Parliament this year, Treasurer Joe Hockey declared in Question Time when defending his \$8.8 billion capital injection into the Reserve Bank, that there are three threats to the global financial system looming in 2014: 1) the so-called “tapering” of the gush of central bank money-printing called Quantitative Easing, by which the central banks will try to ease it off

without sending the markets into a terminal dive; 2) the stress tests planned for the banks in the European Union, which Hockey emphasised was a serious issue (see p. 4); and 3) the future negotiations over again raising the U.S. debt ceiling.

Joe Hockey and Glenn Stevens see their job in government as making sure the private banks survive these threats. However, the true responsibility of government is to make sure the people survive any such threats. Our mission is to wrest control of the government away from the bankers and their agents such as Hockey, and to put it back in the hands of the people. In the near term, that means Glass-Steagall—a government-imposed barrier between predatory financial speculators, and the real economy of people and production. The good news is that under Glass-Steagall, the threats Hockey is warning about will evaporate.

Early in the new year the CEC will publish its two new pamphlets showcasing legislation for Glass-Steagall and a national bank. A third pamphlet is planned, exposing the origins and intention of green fascism, which is stopping nations including Australia from embarking on the major water, power and transportation infrastructure projects that are necessary for our development. These pamphlets will provide all of the ammunition you need to make Glass-Steagall and a national bank the “talk of the town”, so that everyday people begin to demand these policies. And when those in power know that the public knows what Glass-Steagall is, and that it will solve the financial crisis—not fascist schemes like bail-in—it will become a matter of political survival for them. They’ll have to go with Glass-Steagall, or face the consequences.

It is the CEC’s mission to unleash that understanding within the public. Let’s make 2014 the year we succeed.



The document handed to MPs in Canberra 2-5 Dec.