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EDITORIAL

‘Blessed Are the Meek, for They Shall Inherit the Earth’

Sept. 21, 2023 (EIRNS)—Three African leaders, who together had attended the July 27-28 Russia-Africa Summit in St. Petersburg, addressed the United Nations General Assembly today. Certainly they found colonialism to be oppressive and destructive, but all three were not punching from below.

Zimbabwe's President Emmerson Dambudzo Mnangagwa strongly condemned “tendencies by some powerful countries who preach peace, human rights and democracy and yet clandestinely fund conflicts and the unconstitutional changes of governments, for their own narrow interests.” Central African Republic President Faustin-Archange Touadéra demanded to know “how to accelerate implementation of the Agenda 2030 on behalf of peace, prosperity, progress and the sustainability for all, when certain states, from the height of their political, economic and military power, constantly stir up coercive diplomacy or utilize international financial institutions for the purpose of imposing economic, financial and commercial blockades against countries rendered poor by slavery, colonization and imperialism?”

But Burundi's President Évariste Ndayishimiye posed a way out for the bankrupt West. On July 28, at St. Petersburg, he had explained to TASS: “I would never call Africa poor, this is a common delusion. On the contrary, it is a very rich continent.” African states should therefore “contribute to the development of all humanity.”

One might think that the good President was punching above his weight. And, indeed, Burundi is a small, landlocked, poor country in Africa with only 11% of its population having access to electricity. He certainly is not oblivious to what neocolonialism has done in ravaging his country and his continent. Today he described it in terms of the interference in the internal affairs of nations, the unfair remuneration of raw materials, and the unfair conditionalities of Bretton Woods financial institutions, the IMF and World Bank. But he also explained a Kirundi saying, “*ntawutungira mu boro*”—meaning, “prosperity is only lasting if it is shared.” This “reminds us that investing in the prosperity of your neighbor truly guarantees the security and sustainability of your own progress.” Thus, the offer is on the table from the wealthy Global South to the panicky, financially and morally bankrupt nations of the elite West: We don't hate you for your selfish, destructive colonialism, because it is time for lasting prosperity.

Otherwise, there's evidence that the geopolitical game is on its last legs. Poland told Ukraine that no more weapons would be arriving and the U.S. House of Representatives Speaker told President Volodymyr Zelenskyy that he would not be addressing that body today. It should not be missed that Sen. J.D. Vance of Ohio called out the thuggish, thought control operation in which the Big Brother thought-police liquidate those whom they designate as "information agents."

Vance's letter to U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, and Director of National Intelligence Avril Haines, asking whether the U.S. was funding such operations, was long overdue but very welcome: "I worry American resources could be supporting violence or the threat of violence against people for speaking their mind.... [A]ny critic of America's incoherent policy in Ukraine has been slandered as a propagandist, including multiple presidential candidates and American journalists."

The declared policy of Kiev's Center for Countering Disinformation (CCD) has been, for more than a year now, that "Russian propagandists"—that is, any persons anywhere in the world who write or speak critically of the policy to break Russia, to extend NATO, to fight to the last Ukrainian, etc.—are to be designated as "disinformation warriors" or "information agents" and treated as an enemy warrior to be neutralized. The CCD, an operation of Ukraine's National Security and Defense Council (NSDC), compiles a list of such persons for Ukraine's security services to act upon.

The world cannot think its way out of a wet paper bag in such fear-induced passivity. The leaders in the Global South, or the Global Majority, are on the move. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the Earth—and they might save a bunch of panicky Western nations in the process.

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NEW STRATEGIC & ECONOMIC ARCHITECTURE

African Leaders Speak Out Against Neocolonialism at UN

Sept. 21, 2023 (EIRNS)—A particularly strong sentiment against the ongoing policies of neocolonialism was voiced from a number of African heads of state at this week's UN General Assembly Debate. In the cases of Burundi, Central African Republic, and Zimbabwe, all three Presidents had attended the July 27-28 Russia-Africa Summit in St. Petersburg. Their comments to the UNGA indicate the changed dynamic in the world, and particularly those nations of the so-called Global South that are no longer tolerating the imperial policies dictated to them.

The clearest statement on this came from [Burundian President Évariste Ndayishimiye](#), who discussed the horrors of colonialism, then said that it has continued with “neocolonialism” today, in the form of interference in the internal affairs of nations, unfair remuneration for raw materials, and unfair conditionalities of the Bretton Woods financial institutions, IMF and World Bank. The various forms of “development aid,” he said, all “seem to be imbued with bad faith,” and only “proliferate to veil this hypocrisy while the resources put into action to hope for economic returns likely to ensure recovery are in decline.”

Ndayishimiye then let loose: “Let us dare to say it: The political and security instability of the countries of the South, especially in Africa, comes from the will of the powers that want to guide the internal policies of developing countries. Africa, in particular, having become the terrain of geopolitical clashes between great powers, is still years behind in terms of economic development. And, it is this economic deficit which becomes the cause of the internal conflicts which still push our countries into extreme poverty.”

In a similar vein, [Zimbabwe President Emmerson Dambudzo Mnangagwa](#) pointed to this in his own way. He said: “We strongly condemn tendencies by some powerful countries who preach peace, human rights and democracy and yet clandestinely fund conflicts and the unconstitutional changes of governments, for their own narrow interests.”

He went on to condemn the use of sanctions by Western countries, Zimbabwe itself being a victim of such sanctions. “We, further, condemn the use of unilateral and illegal sanctions as a foreign policy tool at the disposal of some powerful nations,” he said. Despite these sanctions, Mnangagwa stated that “the people of Zimbabwe have become masters of their own destiny,” and reported that his nation has become a net exporter of wheat this year.

Central African Republic President Faustin Archange Touadéra also condemned the geopolitical games of certain powerful nations. The worsening migration crisis from African countries “is one of the appalling consequences of the plundering of the natural resources of countries made poor by slavery, colonization, Western imperialism, terrorism and domestic armed conflicts often set up against a backdrop of hegemonic aims, geopolitical and geostrategic tensions among the major world powers.... Today, in Africa as elsewhere, these conflicts, symptoms of the geopolitical and geostrategic tensions that divide the great powers, are set up,” he said.

Touadéra also raised the UN’s Agenda 2030 goals for the elimination of hunger, poverty, and inequality, and asked: How can this be realized “when certain states, from the height of their political, economic and military power, constantly stir up coercive diplomacy or utilize international financial institutions for the purpose of imposing economic, financial and commercial blockades against countries rendered poor by slavery, colonization and imperialism?”

Are these the nations Biden’s Partnership for Global Infrastructure Investment will be assisting? They likely will not be holding their breath.

STRATEGIC SHOWDOWN

U.S. Senator Stands Up to Kiev’s ‘Oppose What We Say and We Can Assassinate You’ Policy

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write or speak critically of the policy to break Russia, to extend NATO, to fight to the last Ukrainian, etc.—are to be designated as disinformation warriors or information agents or some such characterization, and treated as an enemy warrior to be neutralized. The CCD, an operation of Ukraine’s National Security and Defense Council (NSDC), compiles a list of such persons for Ukraine’s security services to act upon. The Aug. 20, 2022 assassination of Russian journalist Darya Dugina in Moscow sent the message that Kiev was expanding its 2014-22 neutralization operation beyond its borders. Last year, when U.S. senators were confronted on the CCD’s targeting of U.S. Senate candidate Diane Sare, there was nary a mumblin’ word.

On Sept. 15, [Sen. J.D. Vance](#) (R-OH) wrote a letter to U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, and Director of National Intelligence Avril Haines, asking whether the U.S. was funding such operations. “I worry American resources could be supporting violence or the threat of violence against people for speaking their mind.... [A]ny critic of America’s incoherent policy in Ukraine has been slandered as a propagandist, including multiple presidential candidates and American journalists.” Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., Donald Trump and Vivek Ramaswamy certainly qualify in that first category.

On Sept. 14, [Sarah Ashton-Cirillo](#), a Florida-born member of Ukraine’s Armed Forces, broadcast for their “Territorial Defense Forces,” in her daily “Russia Hates the Truth” series, an announcement: “Next week, the teeth of the Russian devils will gnash ever harder ... as the world will see a favorite Kremlin propagandist pay for their crimes.... Russia’s war criminal propagandists will all be hunted down, and justice will be served....” Vance’s letter next asked the three authorities to explain whether Ashton-Cirillo was being “compensated using American resources?”

Ashton-Cirillo then broadcast on Sept. 18 her answer to Vance, addressing him by name and saying that “journalists ... have the right to report on Ukraine’s war for liberation without interference. Free speech is pillar of all democracy....” But the “Russian propagandists and war

criminals, who are spreading lies and pushing false narratives, are not journalists. They are information agents in an extension of the Putin-Prigozhin effort to spread chaos and wreak havoc across the globe.” Ashton-Cirillo went on: “Because of this, these enemies of freedom and democracy will have to answer for their crimes—in a court of law,” she added. The “information agents” label is a CCD specialty. While her response to Vance did not repeat the assassination threat, she did concede to Vance that she was obligated to “the American taxpayer”—implying that, indeed, her activities were being paid for by the U.S. government. Her twisted logic and confession did not impress everyone.

While Kiev has never renounced the CCD target list, the Myrotvoret's hit list, or the content of what Ashton-Cirillo repeated, yesterday their Territorial Defense Forces announced that they did not approve of her making those statements publicly and that she was “suspended immediately.”

Kiev's 'Georgian Legion' Plans 2014 Euromaidan in Tbilisi, Georgia This Fall

Sept. 21, 2023 (EIRNS)—The [State Security Service of Georgia](#) (SSS) of issued a release on Sept. 18 that that country faces the threat of violent unrest orchestrated by the inner circle of former President Mikheil Saakashvili. The State Security details that the coup plotters plan, in the next one to three months, the “violent overthrow” of the Georgian government, using Ukraine’s 2014 Maidan coup as a model.

They cite as a likely trigger an upcoming European Union report rejecting Georgia’s candidacy: “The expectations of the conspirators planning to topple the state government are tailored to the circumstance in which the released [EU] conclusion will be negative, which will create a fertile ground for civil unrest and further riots through both information networks at their disposal, as well as by artificially labeling the government as ‘pro-Russian.’ “

The State Security names “Mamuka Mamulashvili, commander of the ‘Georgian Legion’ operating in Ukraine”—the predecessor of the Azov

Battalion. It was founded from Mamulashvili's recruitment of Georgian snipers for a special mission on Kiev's Maidan in February 2014, to set the Berkut police and the demonstrators violently against each other, by having the Georgian Legion shoot at both sides from afar. Their ruthless provocateur operation destroyed the peace agreement negotiated by Ukraine's elected government of Viktor Yanukovich and the leaders of the demonstrators. Mamulashvili's Georgian Legion deployed from there into the Donbass. He is infamous in the last year for refusing to take Russian military prisoners and, instead, simply executing them. He has proclaimed as much, and there is video evidence that he meant what he said.

Mamulashvili had been close to Georgia's then-head of state Mikheil Saakashvili. The two deployed to Kiev and the Maidan, and Saakashvili evidently assigned Mamulashvili to recruit a team of snipers from members of their security force back in Tbilisi. Also named by Tbilisi's State Security as a conspirator in the planned coup in Georgia is Giorgi Lortkiphanidze, the former deputy of Georgia's ex-Minister of Internal Affairs, who took over as the deputy head of Ukrainian military intelligence in 2022.

The State Security Service report further writes: “[T]he mentioned plan is going to be carried out through coordination and financial support of foreign countries. According to confirmed and verified information, quite a big group of individuals of Georgian origin fighting in Ukraine, as well as part of Georgian young people ... will be used for the implementation of the plan elaborated by Giorgi Lortkiphanidze, who are currently trained/retrained in the vicinities of Poland-Ukraine state border. ... [T]he youth group ... are supposed to participate in the revolutionary scenario....”

State Security cited, among other tactics, their occupying Tbilisi with tent camps, using barricades around government buildings, and detonating bombs against civilians to spark clashes with police, “it is verified that the organizers are considering the implementation of a scenario in Georgia, which is similar to the “Euromaidan” held in Ukraine in 2014”—which *EIR* considers is designed to further embroil Russia on its borders. Such an

operation may be the only way for the “permanent war” crowd to continue their attempt to strategically break Russia, if Ukraine’s “counteroffensive” should drain the country faster than expected.

Great Britain at Ramstein Seeks More Air Defense, Long-Range Missiles to Kiev Regime

Sept. 21, 2023 (EIRNS)—U.K. Defense Secretary Grant Shapps said yesterday that air defense and long-range strike weapons are on the U.K. government’s priority list for supply to Ukraine. Speaking in Ramstein, yesterday, Shapps said the equipment would be delivered to Kyiv over the coming months, but he provided few details, reported Defense News.

Shapps, who made his first appearance at the Ukraine Defense Support Group meeting since taking over as Defense Secretary from Ben Wallace late last month, said the list of capabilities destined for Ukraine in the coming months would also include artillery ammunition, training, and maintenance and repair. The British recently completed the delivery, since the beginning of escalated hostilities on Feb. 24, 2022, of their 300,000th artillery round to Ukraine. Shapps crowed: “Today we’ve demonstrated the U.K.’s unwavering commitment to Ukraine and set out more military support, including pledging tens of thousands more artillery shells to enable Ukraine to defend itself against Russia’s unprovoked invasion.”

In Moscow, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Grushko took notice of the British announcement: “From a military point of view, this will not help change the situation at the theater of operations in this proxy war, which the Western countries have engineered against Russia. However, it clearly proves that London’s line in this regard is one of the most provocative and dangerous.”

“It is yet further proof that the West views Ukraine as expendable material in this hybrid war against Russia,” Grushko said. “This war covers every sphere, that is, financial, economic, ideological and even judicial, and pursues the goal of inflicting ‘a strategic defeat’ on Russia.”

COLLAPSING WESTERN SYSTEM

Chinese Embassy in Berlin Denounces Black Propaganda about Xinjiang

Sept. 21, 2023 (EIRNS)—Datelined Sept. 15 and under the headline, “[What China Does Not Tolerate](#),” the Chinese Embassy in Berlin sent a letter to the editor of the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, lambasting the startlingly ignorant propaganda of a Bundestag member of the Free Democrats, which he made in remarks to the *FAZ*:

Regarding the *FAZ* Sept. 6 interview with Bundestag member Peter Heidt, “China Must Close the Camps,” which is teeming with ignorance and untruth, Embassy spokeswoman Zhai Yujia commented in the letter: First, Peter Heidt slanders China by claiming it is carrying out “assimilation” of national minorities and he proclaims that the Bundestag should declare a “genocide” in Xinjiang. In fact, clarifies the Embassy, China has 56 nationalities whose customs, traditions and languages are respected and protected by law as an important part of Chinese culture.

In order to promote the development of regions where national minorities predominate, China has introduced various support programs. In Xinjiang, the population has quadrupled over the last 60 years, and the number of Uyghurs has more than quintupled, growing from 2.2 million to 12 million. China urged Peter Heidt not to close his eyes to this fact.

Second, Heidt ignores the actual purpose of the vocational training centers in Xinjiang and idiosyncratically refers to them as “concentration camps.” These centers have helped people who have been influenced by extremist ideas to break away from radical ideology and to reintegrate them into the labor market and society through skills training. The facilities have already been closed after having achieved positive results in de-radicalization.

Third, Peter Heidt is mouthing off to anti-Chinese separatists and trying to increase lies about Xinjiang by using the term “concentration camp,” which specifically refers to the extermination of Jews during World War II. Such spin for the sake of political self-interest demonstrates historical

ignorance, political shallowness, and shamelessness, writes the Embassy spokeswoman.

China's position is unchanged and clear: China is willing to engage with anyone on an equal footing on human rights and other issues, but firmly rejects truth-distorting smears. China also does not tolerate any attempt to downplay Germany's historical culpability in World War II.

Honduran President Points Finger at Military-Industrial Complex, Neoliberalism

Sept. 21, 2023 (EIRNS)—[Honduras President Xiomara Castro Sarmiento](#)'s speech to the UN General Assembly yesterday was distinguished by how she addressed the collapse of the neoliberal system and the great war in Ukraine as a single unit. After speaking of the poverty, drug corruption, and “technological lag” faced by Honduras and the rest Ibero-America and the Caribbean—74% of Hondurans were living in poverty when she took office in 2022, she reported—Castro turned to the global picture:

“Today the great economic interests are coming face-to-face in the war in Ukraine. In the end, those most affected are always the poorest countries and people on Earth, leveled by inflation, food shortages and high fuel prices.

“The military-industrial complex consumes the majority of the budgets of developed countries with trillions and trillions of dollars, but it contrasts with the indifference and inability to contribute to humanity and the defense of nature. The world of Bretton Woods is hitting rock bottom.... It is not a question of taking steps, but of proposing changes to the economic system that require a deep commitment to humanity and nature. There is no invisible hand; there is no ‘trickle-down.’ Practice teaches us that the application of global capitalism and the neoliberal model only generates misery, inequality and an insane individualism of consumer societies in the face of great privation of billions of human beings.

“Your Excellencies: The war in Ukraine must come to an end. All humanity is obliged to find a way to achieve peace. We cannot live with the permanent threat of a conflagration that puts an end to our planet.”

A world where “sanctions, piracy, and confiscation of assets of one nation against another” are practiced cannot claim to be “civilized.” Honduras looks instead to “a multipolar world, where exchange and cooperation for development is based on the principles of independence, sovereignty and non-interference.” Thus, her government opened diplomatic relations with the People’s Republic of China, and has also approached new financial institutions and initiatives, such as the BRICS New Development Bank, with which Honduras is now conversing, and the Andean Development Corp., of which Honduras has become a member.

Notably, Castro did not leave unmentioned the unconscionable imprisonment of WikiLeaks editor, Australia journalist Julian Assange: “I want to reiterate, just as I did at the CELAC-European Union Summit, a vehement call for freeing Julian Assange, faithful defender of free speech, a sacred principle which we all must defend.”

Poland Insists It Will Send No More Weapons to Ukraine

Sept. 21, 2023 (EIRNS)—Poland, Hungary and Slovakia extended their ban beyond Sept. 15 on Ukrainian grain being dumped onto European markets. President Volodymyr Zelenskyy promptly acted on his threat to take the three countries to the World Trade Organization for their action.

On Sept. 19, Polish President Andrzej Duda, on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly Debate, issued a warning to Kiev: “It would be good for Ukraine to remember that it receives help from us and to remember that we are also a transit country to Ukraine.” Then, as reported by RT, Duda spoke about the need to protect Poland’s domestic markets from the influx of Ukrainian grain, and compared Ukraine to “a drowning person [who] is extremely dangerous because he can pull you to the depths.” Duda said that Warsaw had a duty to defend itself against businessmen who “would like to sell grain as quickly as possible at the lowest possible cost.”

Then yesterday, Poland's Prime Minister Mateusz Morawiecki escalated, announcing that they would no longer provide weapons to Ukraine. "We are no longer transferring weapons to Ukraine," and further said that additional trade bans could be imposed on Kiev, since the "Ukrainian authorities do not understand the degree to which Poland's farming industry has been destabilized" by foreign imports.

That same day, Zelenskyy took a swipe at Poland, Hungary and Slovakia. In his address to the UNGA Debate, he claimed that some supposedly friendly European nations "play out solidarity" with Ukraine, but they are indirectly "helping set the stage to a Moscow actor." The Polish Foreign Ministry then summoned Ukrainian Ambassador Vasil Zvarich to protest Zelenskyy's "unjustified" remark.

U.S. POLITICAL & ECONOMIC

Zelenskyy Refused Permission To Address U.S. House of Representatives

Sept. 21, 2023 (EIRNS)—The House of Representatives' counteroffensive could succeed where Ukrainian President Zelenskyy's flopped.

First, House Speaker Kevin McCarthy, under pressure from the more independent Republican Congressional Representatives, was asked about the administration's call for \$24 billion more for Ukraine. (By a conservative count, that would bring aid to Ukraine up to around \$135 billion in less than 19 months—almost a quarter-billion every day.) He indicated that it was no longer automatic, saying that he first "has questions" for Zelenskyy, and that "I don't think I have to commit anything, and I think I have questions for him. Where's the accountability on the money we've already spent?"

One of those pressing McCarthy is Freedom Caucus member Rep. Byron Donalds (R-FL), who said: "There's no money in the House right now for Ukraine. It's not there. To be blunt, we're running a \$2 trillion deficit. Any money we give to Ukraine, we're borrowing from our future.... It's not a good time for him [Zelenskyy] to be here, quite frankly."

Then, as Reuters reported it, last night “Biden administration officials held a classified briefing for Congress ... to push for an additional \$24 billion, saying if Russian President Vladimir Putin was allowed to take control of Ukraine and pushed through to the border of NATO, the cost to the United States would be much higher. But some Republicans were not convinced.” Sen. Josh Hawley (R-MO) commented afterwards: “If there’s some path to victory in Ukraine, I didn’t hear it today. And I also heard that there’s going to be no end to the funding requests.”

This morning, the *New York Times* announced that McCarthy had decided not to allow Zelenskyy to address the House during his visit today to Capitol Hill. Instead, Zelenskyy will get to meet privately with McCarthy and a few high-ranking House members. The House “Ukraine Caucus”—assumedly those prepared to fight Russia to the last Ukrainian—are hosting Zelenskyy tonight at the National Archive Museum, and House members are welcome to hear Ukraine’s President there.

White House Pressuring Congress for More Aid to Ukraine

Sept. 21, 2023 (EIRNS)—With Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in Washington today—the grand tour of Capitol Hill, the White House, and Pentagon—the administration is jacking up the pressure on Congress to pass Biden’s latest supplemental request for more military aid to Ukraine. It is “really a critical time as we head into the fall,” National Security Council spokesman John Kirby said yesterday, adding the White House had encouraged Zelenskyy to meet with Congress members to make his case for continued military support, given opposition by some Republicans.

“If you think that the cost of supporting Ukraine is high now, just ponder how exorbitantly higher it would be in blood and treasure if we just walk away and let him [Putin] take Ukraine,” Kirby claimed. “Then the cost of defending sovereign integrity and territory, believe me, gets a whole lot more expensive in both blood and treasure, including American blood.”

As for long-range missiles, Kirby said that there were still “active discussions” about supplying them, but that no decision had been made.