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EDITORIAL

The Old Order vs. Irrepressible Moves for a New World System

July 31, 2023 (EIRNS)—On the world strategic stage, there is underway an open, brutal and needless fight between the expiring, old neo-imperialist order trying to remain hegemonic, and the Global Majority making irrepressible moves for a new system. That is the “issue” we all face, not the seemingly separate individual “issues” of Ukraine, Taiwan,

“democracy,” the “rights of women and girls,” and certainly not a “climate emergency.”

This is the framework put forward today in a briefing by Schiller Institute founder and leader Helga Zepp-LaRouche. She called for going all out this week to build the many events around the world, timed with the August 6 and 9 anniversary dates of the wrongful 1945 nuclear bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. This is the time when powerful mass demonstrations can have historic impact to bring about talks on Ukraine, economic development initiatives, and ending the nuclear war threats.

As of midday today, there are reports there will be 7 demonstrations in the United States, in addition to the [rally at the United Nations on August 6](#), at 1-4 p.m.; and 14 rallies in other countries, from the Americas and Europe to Southeast Asia.

Meantime, on the side of the old order, there are blatant geopolitical deployments, absolutely against economic benefit, and for war alignment.

Africa. U.S. Acting Deputy Secretary of State and Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs [Victoria \(“Maidan”\) Nuland](#) is on a junket to Africa from July 29-Aug. 4, which will take her to South Africa, Ivory Coast, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Her first stop is South Africa, where in about three weeks, the annual BRICS leaders summit will take place in Johannesburg. Nuland’s purpose, whatever her formal agenda, is to bully nations against Russia and China, both BRICS member states.

Asia. U.S. State Department Special Representative for Afghanistan [Thomas West](#) has been in Kazakhstan at the Central Asia+1 conference, and in Doha, Qatar, today, over July 26-July 31. His purpose is also to bully nations against Russia and China, to continue harsh conditions in Afghanistan, and to further instability in the heart of Eurasia, especially against the Belt and Road Initiative, and in particular, the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC), which Russian President Putin just forecast will soon reach to East Africa.

West has at his side Rina Amiri, the State Department Special Envoy for Afghan Women, Girls and Human Rights, to ride her high horse about “women’s economic empowerment,” while promoting conditions leaving millions forced to needlessly suffer and die for lack of food, water, and healthcare.

The opposite approach is outstandingly embodied in the new commitments signed today in Islamabad, between top officials from Pakistan and China, to further activities in the framework of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). The six agreements involve memoranda of understanding for such things as a skilled workers exchange mechanism, food trade, highway design, and other concerns. Afghanistan also is set to become a part of CPEC.

The efforts we make now, to build this week’s public rallies, to issue public statements, and to take any other kinds of actions can literally make all the difference in the world, to shift events away from their present doomsday course, which if not stopped, leads only to nuclear holocaust and economic chaos.

Zepp-LaRouche stressed that these demonstrations and actions are not a “tactic,” but an intervention into what is “a tidal wave” of change in the world. Our mobilization helps people of good will grasp the common interest between peace groups and the Global Majority—action in the common interest of all humanity.

- Watch Harley’s Updates with Harley Schlanger on Tuesday August 1, 2023: Every weekday morning on The LaRouche Organization, Schlanger will give you the strategic briefing you need to start your day.

STRATEGIC SHOWDOWN

Victoria Nuland Up To No Good in South Africa, Just Ahead of BRICS Summit

July 31, 2023 (EIRNS)—The Queen of the 2014 Maidan coup in Ukraine, Acting Deputy Secretary of State Victoria Nuland is now traipsing around in South Africa, and also Ivory Coast and the Democratic Republic of Congo (D.R.C.), officially proselytizing about “regional peace and security” and “democratic governance.” But her showing up first in South Africa, just three weeks before the Aug. 22-24 BRICS summit in Johannesburg, augurs nothing good.

It’s worth recalling the article published on July 19 in *Foreign Policy*, speaking for Anglo-American interests, under the blaring headline [“Inside the Desperate Diplomatic Efforts To Salvage U.S.-South Africa Ties.”](#) South Africa’s close ties to Russia, are “leading to a series of diplomatic headaches that have shaken ties between the United States and South Africa and led to calls in Washington for a complete overhaul of the relationship,” intoned Robbie Gramer, reporting that Nuland, as well as prominent members of Congress, would soon descend on South Africa to straighten that government out.

So one can imagine what the conversation might have been as Nuland led Washington’s participation in the U.S.-South African Working Group on African and Global Affairs, and her planned meetings with South African government leaders and “leaders in the energy sector.”

With its usual meaningless verbiage, the [State Department](#) reported that in Ivory Coast, Nuland will address “regional peace and security” and “democratic governance.” In the D.R. Congo, she’ll meet with senior government leaders to discuss peace and security in eastern D.R.C., support for “free and fair elections,” and “democratic institutions and governance.”

Hungary’s Parliament Fails To Ratify Sweden’s NATO Membership

July 31, 2023 (EIRNS)—Hungary’s ruling political party Fidesz boycotted today’s vote in the unicameral National Assembly on the ratification of

Sweden's membership in NATO, causing the measure to fail, according to various Hungarian media. Fidesz has two-thirds of the MPs in the National Assembly, so their boycott was guaranteed to condemn the vote to failure at this time, and it is reported that the ruling government does not want the vote considered before September.

NATO needs both Hungary and Turkiye to approve the ratification. Turkiye has made clear that it will not take up the matter before October, and that they first expect Sweden to fulfill certain promises. Hungary's opposition parties, according to RT, had argued that the country's reputation with fellow NATO member-nations would be hurt.

U.S. and France Threaten Niger Military Leaders

July 31, 2023 (EIRNS)—The U.S. and France, through their statements, and through pressure and influence over regional groups, are threatening the military leaders that took power in Niger on July 26. U.S. Secretary of State Tony Blinken has threatened to cut off Washington's "substantial" assistance. French President Emmanuel Macron, the former colonialist power over Niger, made similar threats on July 30, in which he vowed "immediate" action if French citizens or interests were attacked in Niger, after thousands of Nigeriens had rallied outside the French Embassy. His statement drew a public response by the Niger military leaders, who released a statement accusing the French of trying to organize a military intervention.

Niger has been the hub for the so-called "war against terror" in the Sahel region, which has not been all that successful after nearly two decades. France has some 1,500 troops in the country which is one of its last allies in the Sahel region, after French forces had to withdraw from neighboring Mali.

Moreover, Niger is the hub for U.S. Africa Command (AFRICOM), where U.S. generals come and go, and where two C-130 cargo planes are based.

The African Union released its own threat and set a deadline of 15 days for the restoration of constitutional order.

Member countries of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) have decided to close borders for the participants in the coup in Niger, reported Al-Jazeera television channel on July 30, citing the July 30 ECOWAS summit's statement. ECOWAS has also decided to freeze the assets belonging to Niger's military involved in the state coup. They also called for releasing Niger's President Mohamed Bazoum and reinstating the constitutional order, to be done within seven days, or there would be many punitive measures, including suspending commercial operations and financial assistance. If Niger's ECOWAS membership is suspended it will be the fourth such suspension—the others being Burkina Faso, Guinea, and Mali, where there had been recent military coups.

By contrast Russia called for dialogue and peaceful settlement of the situation. Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said on July 27, "We are calling on the conflicting parties to refrain from the use of force and resolve all controversies through a peaceful and constructive dialogue." She further said that Russia expresses the hope that "this domestic political crisis will soon be resolved in the interests of civilian peace for the sake of the fraternal Nigerien people. We expect the military to release President Mohamed Bazoum as soon as possible."

Deputy Foreign Minister Mikhail Bogdanov told TASS July 28 that Russia had not been involved, but in some African countries "many [people] are discontent among the military, among civilians, in society in general ... and hence such manifestations [occur] outside the constitutional environment in terms of a change in power."

Furthermore, there are other African-led efforts to resolve the situation. Chad's Interim President Mahamat Idriss Deby said on July 31 that he met with Niger's military leader, Abdourahmane Tchiani, as well as Nigerien President Mohamed Bazoum to discuss a peaceful solution to the political crisis.

“In [Niger’s capital] Niamey, I held extensive discussions with the leaders of the National Council for the Safeguard of the Homeland, including Gen. Abdourahmane Tchiani, President Mohamed Bazoum, and former President Mahamadou Issoufou, in a brotherly spirit in order to explore all possible ways to find a peaceful solution to the crisis shaking this neighbor country,” Deby tweeted.

This follows his July 30 visit to Abuja, Nigeria at the invitation of Nigerian President and Acting Head of the ECOWAS Bola Tinubu. Chad, a neighboring country to Niger, is not a member of ECOWAS. It is not clear where the Chad President is acting on his own initiative or in collaboration with ECOWAS. Whether his actions are based on the principle of “African solutions to African problems” remains to be seen.

U.S. POLITICAL & ECONOMIC

Bill To Arm Taiwan Introduced in U.S. House of Representatives

July 31, 2023 (EIRNS)—Some members of the U.S. Congress are intent on using Taiwan to fan the flames of confrontation between the U.S. and China. Rep. Chris Pappas (D-NH) and Rep. Jim Banks (R-IN) on July 28 introduced the bill to “reinforce our nation’s support of Taiwan as the island faces the increased threat of a Chinese Communist Party military attack,” the Democratic lawmaker said in a statement, reported Focus Taiwan. “As Taiwan continues to face threats to its security and sovereignty, the United States must reaffirm our support for and long-term cooperation with Taiwan,” Pappas said. “This legislation would prioritize Taiwan’s resiliency in the face of potential conflicts and expedite the delivery of much-needed resources to ensure they have the capability to defend themselves effectively.”

The bill is the House companion to the “Taiwan Peace Through Strength Act,” sponsored in the Senate by Sen. Marco Rubio (R-FL). The Senate bill requires language regarding “arms of a defensive character” in the Taiwan Relations Act to be replaced with new language that sets a new standard for

arms sales, in order to deter conflict with China's People's Liberation Army.

According to Pappas, the House bill also requires U.S. military sales to Taiwan to be expedited and prioritized in the face of a delivery delay of about \$19 billion worth of arms. In addition, the bill aims to set up regular U.S.-Taiwan exercises, training and professional exchanges, as well as the establishment of a Taiwan Critical Munitions Acquisition Fund. As part of this, the U.S. government would be authorized to spend \$2 billion on Taiwan in Foreign Military Financing a year. The bill also states the U.S. would apply Ukraine munitions production capacity authorities to Taiwan, according to Pappas.

U.S. Military Recruitment Problems Reflect Social Breakdown

July 31, 2023 (EIRNS)—The inability of the U.S. military to meet recruiting numbers, and also its experience of having problems with soldiers in active duty, are reflections of the worsening social breakdown in the nation, inclusive of which, is demoralization from the Global NATO policy of perpetual wars.

According to media accounts, the Army missed its target for recruits in 2022 by 15,000, and is on track this year to be 20,000 short of its recruitment goal. The Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps are having similar problems, though their service numbers are smaller. Only the new Space Force is meeting its recruiting goals, because it requires only a few hundred recruits a year, and carries the promise of space excitement.

The Army undershooting its recruiting goal by 25% last year, has already resulted in a cut in the active-duty size of the U.S. Army from 476,000 in 2022 down to 466,000 this year. This is part of the back-drop to President Biden authorizing use of up to 3,000 more of the U.S. reserves, for sending to Europe.

The euphemism for Pentagon plans to cut down active-duty numbers even more is “right-sizing” the military, so as not to avoid the expression, “downsizing.”

Restrictions are being loosened to accept new recruits, which previously would not have qualified because of dope use, tattoos, and certain mental health conditions. Recruitment standards have been relaxed for past marijuana use, and there are proposals now to end the disqualification for current use of marijuana, given that marijuana use is legal in 21 states, plus Washington, D.C. Tattoos on faces and arms, previously disqualifying recruits, are now being allowed.

The Army in 2022 started a program to shape up potential recruits who would likely not qualify, called, “Future Soldier Preparatory Course.” It focusses on fitness and academic requirements.

COLLAPSING WESTERN SYSTEM

Biggest Bankruptcy Liquidation in U.S. Trucking Industry History

July 31, 2023 (EIRNS)—The failure and shutdown over the weekend of century-old trucker, Yellow Corporation, immediately taking the jobs of 30,000 workers, followed months in which freight shipments fell in the U.S. economy, and particularly those of “LTL” shippers that accept freight loads less than a truckload (LTL). Yellow Corporation was the first and one of the biggest of these, operating more than 12,000 trucks under the names Holland and YRC, as well as Yellow.

Yellow failed and shut down despite having gotten a \$700 million loan from the Department of Transportation in 2020—or perhaps, in part because of that loan, on which it had made close to \$300 million in principal and interest payments in three years. More recently Yellow had failed to make \$50 million in payments due to the International Brotherhood of Teamsters’ health and pension funds in June and July.

While Yellow’s management and the IBT have spent months blaming each other for the looming failure of the company, it is clear what underlies it. U.S. freight shipping orders have dropped by 8% since August 2022, from a Bureau of Transportation Statistics index of 141.7 to 130.1, as American factory orders, manufacturing activity and industrial production

have fallen over the past five-six months (President Joe Biden dared yesterday to call this the “Biden manufacturing boom,” in social media messages). In the process, the so-called “rejection rate” of trucking companies (the share of freight tenders from shippers which the truckers reject, usually because too small) has dropped to its lowest since the 2009 Great Recession; and shippers, having multiple choices of trucking companies waiting for their orders, have in recent months increasingly avoided Yellow.

NEW STRATEGIC & ECONOMIC ARCHITECTURE

Russia Preparing for Its Annual Eastern Economic Forum in Vladivostok

July 31, 2023 (EIRNS)—Following its very successful second Russia-Africa Forum and summit in St. Petersburg over July 27-28, Russia is preparing its eighth annual Eastern Economic Forum (EEF), in Vladivostok on Sept. 10-13. Deputy Prime Minister Yury Trutnev told reporters, “Today we do not feel that the interest in the [Vladivostok] Forum is lower than in previous years. We also count on the presence of representatives of dozens of neighboring and non-neighboring countries from all over the world. We will work together.” Last year, the event drew more than 7,000 participants from 68 countries and territories.

Note that the Government of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region will hold its Belt and Road Summit Sept. 13-14, co-hosted by the Hong Kong Trade Development Council (HKTDC).

Argentina Will Use Yuan To Pay the IMF and Not Touch Dollar Reserves

July 31, 2023 (EIRNS)—Argentine Finance Minister Sergio Massa announced early this morning that in order to pay \$2.7 billion due the IMF today, he will not use any of the Central Bank’s scarce dollar reserves, but rather rely on the yuan swap from the People’s Bank of China (PBC) in the amount of \$1.7 billion plus the \$1 billion bridge loan provided by the Development Bank of Latin America (CAF). He thanked the CAF, 20 of

whose 21 members had approved the loan to Argentina on July 28, for supporting the country “in preserving its foreign reserves.” Massa thanked the Chinese government and the PBC for allowing him to dip into the second tranche of the \$18 billion swap to make this payment, so as not to further reduce foreign reserves.

A presidential pre-candidate for the ruling Union for the Fatherland (UP) coalition, Massa took the occasion to attack the original \$57 billion loan the IMF granted in 2018 to neocon President Mauricio Macri, which, he pointed out, “didn’t go to hospitals, schools or roads or to any improvement for Argentine families or companies.” Instead, he said, it was used “to finance capital flight from Argentina,” *Ambito Financiero* reported. He noted that the two presidential precandidates running in Macri’s Together Let’s Change coalition, the city of Buenos Aires Mayor Horacio Rodriguez Larreta, and former Security Minister Patricia Bullrich, have both promised that should either win the presidency, they would immediately go right back to the Fund to apply for more loans.

SCIENCE & INFRASTRUCTURE

Humanity for Peace Statement: Scientists Call to Stop a New World War

July 31, 2023 (EIRNS)—*The following is a new statement issued internationally today by scientists on behalf of Humanity for Peace. It is intended for rapid circulation to scientists (primarily). Please circulate and organize many more signatures. Consider circulating it with one of the Steve Starr videos on the [horror and finality of nuclear war](#).*

Scientists Call To Stop a New World War: ‘Shall We Put an End to the Human Race, or Shall Mankind Renounce Nuclear War?’

July 31—Almost seventy years ago, Albert Einstein and 11 other Nobel Prize winners issued this warning: “Shall we put an end to the human race, or shall mankind renounce nuclear war?”

Today, in Ukraine, the U.S., NATO, and Russia are moving towards a direct military conflict—and a U.S./NATO-Russian war will almost inevitably result in the use of nuclear weapons, because neither side will be willing to back down if a conflict begins.

The U.S., Britain, France, and Russia keep 2,000 strategic nuclear warheads at launch-ready status. Each strategic warhead is 7 to 53 times more powerful than the atomic bomb that destroyed Hiroshima. Once the order to launch is given, these warheads will hit their targets in 35 minutes or less. Submarine launched ballistic missiles can hit their targets within 15 minutes of presidential authorization.

Russia has three hundred and forty 800-kiloton nuclear weapons at launch ready status (800,000 tons of TNT explosive equivalent). The detonation of this warhead creates temperatures of roughly 200 million degrees Fahrenheit (about 100 million degrees Celsius), or about four to five times the temperature at the center of the Sun.

To detonate a nuclear weapon over a city is like igniting a piece of the Sun, which will create solar temperatures that vaporize anything beneath it and set fires for many miles/kilometers in all directions. This creates a massive nuclear firestorm.

The detonation of a single 800-kiloton warhead over a large city, on an average weather day, will ignite a nuclear firestorm that will cover 152 square miles (389 sq. km). In a matter of tens of minutes, air temperatures within the fire zone will be above the boiling point of water.

Anyone within the fire zone will be confronted with a “hurricane of fire.” No living thing within the fire zone will survive.

In a full-scale nuclear war, it is likely that in less than one hour, significantly more than 1,000 nuclear firestorms would be created by burning cities in North America, Europe, and Russia (and quite possibly China). These firestorms would cover tens of thousands of square miles. Peer-reviewed studies estimate that up to 180 million tons of black smoke

and soot, created by these firestorms, would rise above cloud level into the stratosphere, where it would form a global stratospheric smoke layer.

The stratospheric smoke layer could not be rained out and would remain for ten years or longer. The smoke layer would block enough sunlight in the Northern Hemisphere to quickly create average surface temperatures colder than those experienced at the height of the last Ice Age. For one to two years, temperatures would fall below freezing every day in central North America and central Eurasia. It would be too cold to grow food crops for many years. Most humans and large land animals would perish from starvation.

We must not allow this to happen. It is time to act, before it is too late.

We must speak out against a new World War, which will destroy mankind.

If you are a scientist, an artist, a religious or political or military leader, please join with us to call upon the United States, NATO, and Russia to stop any further escalation of the conflict in Ukraine. NATO members must not send military forces into Western Ukraine that can come into direct conflict with Russian forces. This is a direct pathway to World War 3 and nuclear oblivion.

Recall the words of Einstein and his colleagues:

“We are speaking on this occasion, not as members of this or that nation, continent, or creed, but as human beings, members of the species Man, whose continued existence is in doubt....

“There lies before us, if we choose, continual progress in happiness, knowledge, and wisdom. Shall we, instead, choose death, because we cannot forget our quarrels? We appeal as human beings to human beings: Remember your humanity, and forget the rest. If you can do so, the way lies open to a new Paradise; if you cannot, there lies before you the risk of universal death.”

RESOLUTION:

“In view of the fact that in any future world war nuclear weapons will certainly be employed, and that such weapons threaten the continued existence of mankind, we urge the governments of the world to realize, and to acknowledge publicly, that their purpose cannot be furthered by a world war, and we urge them, consequently, to find peaceful means for the settlement of all matters of dispute between them.”

Therefore, we the undersigned, endorse the urgent mobilization of [Humanity for Peace](#), and call for all to participate in the August 6 International Day of Action, with a flagship rally at the United Nations in New York City, and sister rallies around the world.

#NoMoreHiroshimas #NoMoreNagasaki

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Italian Clintel Group Argues To Stop Disinformation, There Is No Climate Emergency

July 31, 2023 (EIRNS)—Responding to the massive terror propaganda, boosted by statements from Italian State President Sergio Mattarella against

“climate deniers,” and by Pope Francis on the need for accelerating energy transition, and blaming human activity for the “unprecedented” extreme weather with storms in northern Italy, and high temperatures in southern Italy (and southern Europe), the Italian Clintel group issued a statement yesterday rebuking such a terror campaign and characterizing climate policies as destructive.

The statement is signed by Uberto Crescenti, Professor Emeritus of Applied Geology, University of Chieti-Pescara (former Rector and President of the Italian Geological Society), President of Clintel-Italy; and by Alberto Prestininzi, Professor of Applied Geology (formerly at La Sapienza University of Rome) and Ambassador for Italy of the Clintel International Foundation. Professor Prestininzi was an acclaimed speaker at the July 8-9 Schiller Institute conference in Strasbourg.

Clintel Italy expresses “concern about the alarm that the media are sounding regarding a climate emergency of allegedly anthropogenic origin. This unwarranted alarm is polluting consciences, including of policy makers at high levels, a circumstance that causes them to address problems of real risk, not with prevention, but with measures that, in fact, do not even address the problems.

“The climate emergency that generates panic and worries mostly pertains to the fact that the average global temperature would be about 1° [Celsius] higher than it was more than a century ago. To this phenomenon, which is natural, and not necessarily unpleasant, are being attributed, without any scientific reason, all the severe weather events and, with them, all the damage that until the 1980s was framed in the prevention activities and studied through risk analysis, where human vulnerability was the essential element. For example, they attribute deaths from heat waves, drought phenomena, flooding phenomena, and more, to this degree of temperature above the value of more than a century ago.

“Those sounding the alarm also have their own recipe: commit trillions of taxpayers’ money and implement the energy transition, the magic word that would be their promise for solving the said problems. Unfortunately, it

is precisely the energy transition that is the real cause of the said problems. It, pursued now for more than two decades, has led, on the one hand, to an increase in the cost of electricity, a circumstance that has increased, among the weakest, the number of people who cannot afford air conditioning in the rooms where they live or work, which alone would prevent not that single extra degree to which global warming pertains to, but the 15° to 20° higher heat waves that have always characterized the summer, and today no more than in the past.”

The statement then insists that drought and floods are dealt not with by solar panels or wind turbines, but by infrastructure (dams, reservoirs, etc.).

“The energy transition also takes resources away from another major and real risk, earthquake risk, obscured in the media and in the speeches of policymakers, by the fake risk of the changing climate.

“We at Clintel-Italy stigmatize the illusion of energy transition that is dazzling public opinion and some politicians at the highest levels. We stigmatize the misinformation spread by all the press and mass media organs, which avoid any confrontation on what is the real problem affecting humanity, especially in its weakest components: the availability of abundant and affordable energy. We stigmatize the refusal by those who wield the terror of fake climate alarm to confront the technical-scientific aspects of the alleged alarm raised by them and by the false solutions they propose.”