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## EDITORIAL

### **Vladimir Putin: To Avoid the Fate of WWII, The P5 Leaders Must Meet**

June 19 (EIRNS)—As President Vladimir Putin promised last year, Russia has released all Soviet Union documents regarding World War II, and has presented his own analysis of the causes of that horrendous disaster for mankind, with his own call for urgent measures today to prevent the current

crisis from ending in the same disaster—which, in the age of thermonuclear weapons, could end civilization as we know it. [His essay, “The Real Lessons of the 75th Anniversary of World War II,”](#) was published in English on Thursday in the American journal *The National Interest*, in time for the Red Square parade commemorating the 75th anniversary of the victory in Europe on June 24.

President Putin was in part driven to take these steps by the revival of overtly fascist movements in Europe—specifically the violent “Maidan revolutionaries” who overthrew the elected government of Ukraine in 2014 (with unabashed support from George Soros and the U.S. Obama Administration), openly displaying their swastikas and carrying portraits of Hitler’s cohort in Ukraine, Stepan Bandera. Along with this fascist revival in Ukraine and other Eastern European states, came an effort to re-write the history of the war on fascism and the Nazis, by those in Poland and elsewhere who claimed that the war was launched by *both* Germany and the Soviet Union through the 1939 division of Poland. The 1938 Munich Pact, when the U.K.’s Lord Chamberlain gave his blessing to the Nazi takeover of Sudetenland, demonstrating that there would be no anti-Nazi coalition, is ignored by such revisionists, while some in the West have even posited that the U.S. and the U.K. alone defeated Hitler, ignoring the 27 million citizens of the Soviet Union who perished on the Eastern Front.

Putin writes: “The blame for the tragedy that Poland then suffered lies entirely with the Polish leadership, which had impeded the formation of a military alliance between Britain, France and the Soviet Union and relied on the help from its Western partners, throwing its own people under the steamroller of Hitler’s machine of destruction. The Soviet Union did its utmost to use every chance of creating an anti-Hitler coalition. Despite—I will say it again—the double dealing on the part of the Western countries.”

Putin’s concern is that there are signs today that the world could blunder into war yet again. “The creation of the modern system of international relations is one of the major outcomes of the Second World War. Even the most insurmountable contradictions—geopolitical, ideological, economic—

do not prevent us from finding forms of peaceful coexistence and interaction, if there is the desire and will to do so.

“Today the world is going through quite a turbulent time. Everything is changing, from the global balance of power and influence to the social, economic and technological foundations of societies, nations and even continents. In the past epochs, shifts of such magnitude have almost never happened without major military conflicts. Without a power struggle to build a new global hierarchy. Thanks to the wisdom and farsightedness of the political figures of the Allied Powers, it was possible to create a system that has restrained from extreme manifestations of such objective competition, historically inherent in the world development.

“It is a duty of ours—all those who take political responsibility and primarily representatives of the victorious powers in the Second World War—to guarantee that this system is maintained and improved. Today, as in 1945, it is important to demonstrate political will and discuss the future together. Our colleagues—Mr. Xi Jinping, Mr. Macron, Mr. Trump and Mr. Johnson—supported the Russian initiative to hold a meeting of the leaders of the five nuclear-weapon States, permanent members of the Security Council. We thank them for this and hope that such a face-to-face meeting could take place as soon as possible.

“What is our vision of the agenda for the upcoming summit? First of all, in our opinion, it would be useful to discuss steps to develop collective principles in world affairs. To speak frankly about the issues of preserving peace, strengthening global and regional security, strategic arms control, as well as joint efforts in countering terrorism, extremism and other major challenges and threats.

“A special item on the agenda of the meeting is the situation in the global economy. And above all, overcoming the economic crisis caused by the coronavirus pandemic. Our countries are taking unprecedented measures to protect the health and lives of people and to support citizens who have found themselves in difficult living situations. Our ability to work together and in concert, as real partners, will show how severe the

impact of the pandemic will be, and how quickly the global economy will emerge from the recession.”

It must be noted that such a meeting of the P5 leaders has not yet been scheduled. Whatever differences exist between these nations, such a dialogue may well determine the fate of civilization. The Schiller Institute, which has campaigned for Lyndon LaRouche’s call following the financial crash of 2008 for the world powers to meet, including especially Russia, China, India, and the U.S., is holding an international conference on June 27, at 10:00 A.M. EDT, focused precisely on convoking such a Summit. We call on everyone, from all nations, to attend. [You may register here.](#)

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## U.S. POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

### Rasmussen Lets It All Out—Global War on China

June 19 (EIRNS)—Anders Fogh Rasmussen, the former Prime Minister of Denmark and former Secretary General of NATO, is sponsoring the Copenhagen Democracy Summit this week to gather China-bashers from around the world. This includes U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, Obama Secretary of State John Kerry, Madeline Albright, Joshua Wong of Hong Kong anarchy fame, and Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen.

Rasmussen demonstrated the purpose of the gathering in an interview with *Weekendavisen*. He said:

“We saw that after the financial crisis, when the Chinese made strategic investments all over Europe, where businesses and infrastructure were cheap for sale. They invested in energy plants and they bought up high-tech companies. There are so many people in Europe who have become so economically dependent on the Chinese that they dare not criticize them at

all for fear of reprisals. And we have seen in particular among small countries that they are being subjected to Chinese pressure. Because if we do not do so, there is a considerable risk that it will be the autocratic forces of the world that will dominate. That is why it is extremely important that it should be seen not just as a Danish problem, not just as a European problem, and not just transatlantic. It's a global challenge."

### **Showdown in Tulsa**

June 19 (EIRNS)—On Thursday, Tulsa, Oklahoma Mayor G.T. Bynum issued an executive order, establishing a curfew around the BOK Center from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 A.M., to extend from Thursday through Sunday. "I have received information from the Tulsa Police Department and other law enforcement agencies that shows that individuals from organized groups who have been involved in destructive and violent behavior in other States are planning to travel to the City of Tulsa for purposes of causing unrest in and around the rally," Bynum said.

On Thursday night, the Tulsa police initiated enforcement of the curfew, by clearing out of the area Trump supporters who had planned to camp out until Saturday's rally.

Trump tweeted on Friday morning: "Any protesters, anarchists, agitators, looters or lowlifes who are going to Oklahoma please understand, you will not be treated like you have been in New York, Seattle, or Minneapolis. It will be a much different scene!"

On Friday afternoon, Trump spoke with Mayor Bynum, securing the elimination of the curfew for Friday and Saturday nights, so as to accommodate his supporters. Bynum said in a statement that he had originally consulted with the Secret Service and acted based upon their intelligence and at the request of his Police Chief Wendell Franklin. However, now the Secret Service requested that he lift the curfew.

### **Trump, in *Wall Street Journal* Interview, Ridicules Bolton**

June 19 (EIRNS)—President Trump said in an interview today with the *Wall Street Journal* that:

“The only thing I liked about Bolton was that everybody thought he was crazy. When you walk into the room with him, you’re in a good negotiating position, because they figure you’re going to war if John Bolton was there. He wanted to go to war with everybody. He never saw a war he didn’t like. He made a tremendous mistake. You know, he and the people that he was pushing, when he went into the Middle East, when he went into Iraq. That was a terrible mistake. There were no weapons of mass destruction. That was John Bolton. When people saw Bolton in the room, they figured probably he was stupid enough to go to war all the time. You know, he was a guy that I could tell you, if I would have listened to him, you and I would be in World War Three right now. He’s crazy. And after the first month or so, you know, I asked him one question. I said, ‘So, do you think you did the right thing by going into Iraq?’ He said, ‘Yes.’ And that’s when I lost him. And that was early on. But no, I disagreed with much of the stuff he said. He was one of many people. I liked listening to many people, and then doing whatever is the right thing to do.”

Later in the interview, Trump returned to the matter of Bolton’s defense of the Iraq invasion: “I said, ‘Explain that to me, because I don’t think you can.’ And he could not explain it to me. So I said, ‘Do you say that just to make yourself feel good? Or do you say that because you really believe it?’ He said, ‘I really believe it.’ I said, ‘Well, then you’ve lost me because it’s just wrong.’ I didn’t know him at all before this. I figured, eh, he’s a hardliner. I like having a hardliner. He’s a hardliner, but I call him a stupid-liner, because it was so foolish.’

Otherwise, Trump seemed quite affected by his Wednesday meeting with the families of people killed by police, describing it as “a very impactful moment. The people I met were incredible people.” Pressed on what he could do for them and for bringing people back together, Trump said “the best I can do it, it’s leadership. But I want to bring the economy back, [and] if I can bring the economy back,... we’re gonna have families where life is going to be a lot easier. Their life is just going to be better.”

## **Chinese Scholar in New York Warns U.S. Left That Their Political Correctness Smacks of the Cultural Revolution**

June 19 (EIRNS)—Rong Xiaoqing, a Chinese citizen living in New York on an Alicia Patterson Foundation scholarship for journalists, addressed the incredible extent of “political correctness” that has swept the U.S. in the context of the Black Lives Matter movement. Writing in *Global Times*, she notes that many events, “including a series of firings and forced apologies in the news media and academia—have startled many Chinese in the U.S. who thought that freedom of speech is being infringed upon. Some articles and comments circulating on WeChat even suggested that the Cultural Revolution, a socio-political movement between 1966 and 1976 in China, has been reincarnated in the U.S. For many older Chinese, that period was a nightmare.”

She doesn’t think it is as bad as the Cultural Revolution, since “when the left are smashing the statues, the right are not being locked in reeducation camps.” But, she warns, “there should be some concern among liberals that the tactics the left are adopting are too zealous,” and that “the ramped-up culture wars may be pushing a legitimate cause to dangerous extremes. The left are overstretching by attacking an increasingly large number of historical and more modern elements of culture. They are also too ready to shoot the ‘racism’ bullet at anyone who dares to say anything they don’t like, or dares to reveal their doubts, hesitations, or confusions about the movement.”

She concludes that their tactics may well drive more moderates into Trump’s camp.

## **STRATEGIC WAR DANGER**

### **Esper Tells NATO Members To Reduce Dependence on Chinese and Russian Supplies and Equipment**

June 19 (EIRNS)—Speaking at the NATO defense ministers meeting, U.S. Secretary of Defense Mark Esper weighed in on economic warfare, urging NATO allies to reduce dependence on Chinese and Russian medical and

telecommunications supplies. Esper “also encouraged Allies to sustain military readiness, expose disinformation and propaganda, guard against predatory foreign direct investment, and increase resilience by reducing dependence on Chinese or Russian suppliers for medical equipment, telecommunications, and other necessities,” according to a readout from the Defense Department.

TASS comments that this did not stop the U.S. from accepting medical aid from Russia and Russia accepting 200 ventilators from the United States as a result of a telephone discussion on March 30 between U.S. President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin.

## ECONOMY

### **Argentine Agro Speculators Protest Expropriation of Bankrupt Grain Exporter, to Defend ‘Private Property’ and ‘Freedom’**

June 19 (EIRNS)—For Argentine Flag Day on June 20, defenders of the nation’s privately controlled grain trade, rife speculative practices, money-laundering, and tax evasion, have organized what they claim is a nationwide protest against President Alberto Fernández’s proposal to expropriate the bankrupt Vicentin S.A.I.C. soy export company and place it under state control.

Organizers of the protest, including Patricia Bullrich, head of former neo-liberal President Mauricio Macri’s PRO party, say the protest is a patriotic act—flags will be draped all over protesting vehicles—to defend “private property” and “the Republic,” according to *Infobae*. One slogan states, “in defense of property. Today it’s Vicentin. Tomorrow it will be you!” *El Destape* reported on June 18. Protests, including road blockages, are planned for several of Argentina’s interior provinces and urban centers.

The real issue is that a state-controlled company holding the power to intervene in every aspect of Argentina’s notoriously unregulated grain trade, is the worst nightmare of the grain cartels who dominate the country’s export activity, and of their business and political allies who benefit from it. Hardly a paragon of corporate virtue, Vicentin defaulted on

its debt at the end of 2019, defrauded the state banks that lent it money, and has failed to pay thousands of smaller producers who supplied it with soy for processing. International creditors have already filed charges against it, and local government authorities are investigating it for money-laundering and tax evasion.

Some smaller producers may have been roped into supporting the protest, but the organizers are big entities like the Anglophile Rural Society and Rural Confederations, representing landed oligarchy. Bullrich, *El Destape* reveals, openly calls for a producer insurrection against the Fernández government, and hasn't hidden the fact she'd like it to replicate the 2008 producer strike waged against then-President Cristina Fernández de Kirchner, which in effect was an attempt to bring down her government for daring to impose regulation on large producers.

### **U.S. Transportation Department Chooses 20 Infrastructure Projects, \$900 Million**

June 19 (EIRNS)—President Trump is tweeting announcements of grants for 20 transportation infrastructure projects around the country. Totalling only \$906 million—a pittance compared to the trillions needed just to repair the nation's infrastructure—these funds were available through the Infrastructure for Rebuilding America (INFRA) discretionary grant program, set up in 2015. U.S. Secretary of Transportation Elaine L. Chao on Thursday announced the federal funding for major highways, bridges, ports, and railroads across the country.

Rural projects will get 53% of the proposed funding, while six awards totaling \$293 million are being made to projects that are at least partially located in an Opportunity Zone, while several other projects are located in areas near Opportunity Zones, the Department of Transportation (DOT) announced. They also report that “demand for INFRA grants far exceeded available funds. The DOT evaluated 173 eligible applications from 47 states, as well as U.S. territories and the District of Columbia, who collectively requested approximately \$7.4 billion in grant funds—more than eight times the funding available.”

Congress has 60 days to review the projects before funds are allotted.

The DOT is also working on plans for the \$1 trillion infrastructure program Trump called for earlier in the week. An existing infrastructure funding law, the FAST Act, which authorizes \$305 billion over five years, expires on Sept. 30.

### **Maglev Development Will Boost Dutch Economy**

June 19 (EIRNS)—The following prognoses are based on a survey done by the Hardt Hyperloop team for the North Holland province of the Netherlands on a hyperloop variant of maglev transport, but in terms of the development dynamic they involve, they are equally valid for a maglev grid based on the traditional on-the-ground technology instead of the vacuum-tube transport system.

A maglev connection from Amsterdam with the regions of Paris and the Ruhr in Germany would, the survey says, offer a 121% economic growth for the region of Amsterdam, or €275 billion. Demand for new workforce in the Amsterdam region would increase by 66%.

Along these grand cross-border routes, Amsterdam would be connected by maglev to Paris via Brussels, and to Düsseldorf, Duisburg, and Frankfurt. Düsseldorf could be reached within only 30 minutes of travel from Amsterdam. Paris and Frankfurt would be reached within 90 minutes, Brussels in 30 minutes. Inside the Netherlands, Amsterdam would in the same way be connected to The Hague, Groningen, and Eindhoven. Having all these cities connected by maglev has the potential of replacing short and medium-range air flights, corresponding to 3.5 million air-flight passengers or 24,000 flights, the survey says.

## **NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER**

### **Rosatom's Likhachev Tells President Putin: We Are Proceeding Full Schedule to Build Nuclear Power Plants Globally**

June 19 (EIRNS)—Russia's Rosatom's chief Alexei Likhachev met with President Vladimir Putin on June 17, telling him that Rosatom is going head

at full schedule to build nuclear power plants, already contracted for, around the world. (Rosatom is the Russian State Nuclear Energy Corporation.)

“We are working in ten countries on 25 sites. We are on track with the government [to] implement staff rotation and [to] bring in specialists, despite the [COVID-19] restrictions in place. We [have] not revised the construction program for this year even for construction sites of the largest volume. We will have the largest scope of construction work in Turkey and Bangladesh this year.”

The Turkish project is in Akkuyu in Mersin province, which includes building four power units using the advanced Generation III-plus VVER-1200 reactors, which are Russia’s pressurized water reactors, and are very safe. The is a \$20 billion project, and the start of the first unit is planned for completion in 2023.

The Bangladesh nuclear power plant is in Rooppur, and will be a 2.4 Gigawatt plant, with the first of two units expected to go into operation 2023.

Russia is also currently building one nuclear power plant in China, two in Belarus, and two in India; preliminary work is at advanced stages on contracts in Finland and Hungary; and Rosatom has signed additional construction agreements with Armenia, China, Egypt, India, Iran, and Uzbekistan.

President Putin has put special emphasis on employing nuclear power to “light up Africa,” stating at the BRICS conference on July 27, 2018, “In the field of nuclear energy, where Russia is the technological leader, we offer African partners to build an industry from scratch. These projects are crucial for Africa since about 600 million people on the continent live without electricity.”

The difficulty is that the world needs massive amounts of nuclear power for the LaRouche plan to create 1.5 billion new productive jobs, and so few countries are building nuclear power plants for export. Russia has about

60% of the market for export of nuclear power plants, with China and South Korea holding most of the rest. America's Westinghouse has not signed a new contract to build a nuclear power plant since 2007, and France's Framatome is finishing up two projects (in Finland and China), and has just one new contract for a new plant (in the United Kingdom).

There is a promising future in the construction of small modular reactors (producing between 50 to 70 Megawatts per unit). At this point, Russia's floating SMR nuclear power plant Akademik Lomonosov was connected in mid-December of last year to the power grid, generating electricity for the first time in the remote Chaun-Bilibino network in Pevek, in Russia's Far East. It is believed that Russia has the world's only commercially operating SMRs. The United States' Nuscale firm projects that its exciting technology for an SMR will be commercially available sometime around 2025.

## SCIENCE

### Coronavirus Update: 23 U.S. States Spike

June 19 (EIRNS)—On Friday, World Health Organization head Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus gave a press conference warning that the situations in Brazil and the U.S. are careening out of control. Thursday set a record for new cases at 150,000, almost half of them in the Americas. This brought the total to 8.6 million cases, while deaths are now over 450,000. Brazil alone had 1,230 deaths in the last 24 hours. Spikes in 23 states of the U.S. were worrisome, while Germany, China and South Korea were praised for their competent actions.

The COVID-19 virus continues its march through parts of the South and the Southwest of the United States. Reports of new cases established new daily highs in Florida (3,207), South Carolina (987), Arizona (2,519), and California (4,084). Overall, 23 states increased in new cases over last week, and ten states have set new records for their seven-day-running-average. While some state governors still attribute the trends to the increase in overall testing, governors in four states—California, Oregon, Arizona, and

North Carolina—on Thursday responded by measures to tighten social distancing and to require masks.

Arizona still has most of their new cases in Maricopa County (Phoenix), however two counties on their bordering Mexico now are showing high percentages of positive tests (20% and 31%). The models of the Policy Lab of CHOP (Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia) warn that Florida has “all the markings of the next large epicenter—the risk there is the worst it has ever been in our projections.” It is widespread, from Miami area to Tampa, Fort Myers, and Orlando. Florida went into their second phase of opening up on June 5, two weeks ago. Their daily new cases have spiked upwards over the last week. Of obvious concern is the risk to their many senior citizens.

This may be contrasted with Ohio’s relative success. New cases there have slowly decreased, and are now down to about 56 per day. Mark Cameron, professor at Case Western Reserve University’s school of medicine, and an infectious disease researcher, identified that people are still generally following the CDC guidelines. Early on, viral testing went up from 104,000 to 255,000 from April to May, accompanied with more quarantining and a steady hospitalizations rate. Further, in June, Ohio’s reopening has proceeded rather gradually. And residents, according to cell phone location data, are staying at home to a significant degree.