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EDITORIAL

A Breakthrough in American Thinking: ‘Houston, We Have a Solution!’

Feb. 19, 2023 (EIRNS)—This week marks a turn in world affairs, in which the people of the “captive trans-Atlantic nations” are moving to reject the march of folly toward thermonuclear destruction. Does humanity need war? Humanity not only no longer needs, but can no longer afford war. Wars have become harder to win, even as they have become easier to fight. Now, the inhumanity of war in the large, has become the daily experience of inhumanity in the small, in the mass shootings, homicides and suicides in

the United States, including the shooting of a Catholic bishop in Los Angeles yesterday.

The weapon we need to wield is not that of war, or violence, but of truth, which can “knock out the brains of falsehood.” And we must wield it unceasingly. This week, the Schiller Institute has initiated a number of “experiments with truth,” a combination of symposia, publishing and street organizing, by means of which, first thousands, and then tens of thousands, are drawn into a mass educational process of the deepest possible level, in what might seem to some the most unlikely of circumstances. An example: In Washington, D.C. at the conclusion of Sunday’s “Rage Against the War Machine” rally, a conversation held between a Schiller Institute organizer and an apparent long-time opponent of LaRouche, was turned upside down through a discussion of why Gottfried Leibniz, not the early Karl Marx, was the source of the revolution in the science of physical economy that was the proper basis for advancing humanity. The “opponent” had just written a book featuring a discussion of Leibniz and his *Theodicy*, which the organizer, not knowing that, had brought up to him moments before. “No one has ever discussed Leibniz in this context of economy with me before.” By establishing this unrecognized significance of Leibniz, who was also the primary philosophical influence on the American Revolution, the apparent “differences” with LaRouche “going back nearly five decades,” were suddenly recontextualized.

That “*coincidentia oppositorum*”—“coincidence of opposites,” resolved on a higher plane—was the optimistic outlook and desire of most of the participants among the over 3,500 people that attended the Sunday rally. Its national, trans-generational and politically diverse character was unique. No one had participated in something like it before. It excited and uplifted several of the rally speakers. Its very character neutralized weak attempts at disruption, informed the content of many of the speeches, and brought a feeling of not only relief and excitement, but of “something better” which the gathering portended, as well as represented. There is a new potential reservoir of good will and solidarity among Americans, should we want it, with the rest of the world.

Festive rally banners, displayed throughout the livestream of the rally, included one featuring a world map. It proclaimed “Peace Through Development—Schiller Institute,” with illustrations of the World Land-Bridge, the North American Water And Power Alliance Project (NAWAPA), the Transaqua Project for Africa, etc. Another banner proclaimed, “Join the Chorus for Peace—Dona Nobis Pacem,” with photos of Pope Francis and Brazil’s President Lula. A third displayed the pictures of the leaders of the BRICS nations, including Vladimir Putin and Xi Jinping, with the caption, “Helga Zepp-LaRouche Says: To Stop WW3, USA Must Join the New Paradigm—Schiller Institute.” During the livestream, the last banner was particularly prominent behind every speaker, and all three banners were displayed throughout.

The canon “*Dona Nobis Pacem*,” sung by some 30 members of the 70 people in the Schiller delegation, resonated as about 700 people marched from the Lincoln Memorial to the White House. It was unexpectedly useful in dispelling at least one semi-organized attempt at disruption. As other marchers heard the canon, they remarked to others, including Schiller Institute members, “This is exactly what we need to do.” Make a joyful noise, yes, but with optimistic content, and in bel canto form. Then, it resonates, and therefore radiates the optimism without which stopping war were not thinkable, let alone possible.

The very idea of the [Ten Principles of a New International Security and Development Architecture](#), based on the ideas of the 15th century’s Nicholas of Cusa, becoming the basis of a popular mass movement for social change, is so bold, and so right, that it can and will work. The Nord Stream terrorist bombing by Washington against Germany and Russia; the upholding of lethal “Caesar sanctions” against Syrian children and families, to the point of weaponizing the recent earthquakes against them; the callous admission by multiple mis-leaders that “we never meant to negotiate peace with Russia, even though we told both the Russians and the public the opposite”; and the deliberate depopulation of Ukraine by continued British/American support for a war they cannot win, making them a military proxy for an all-out financial war against the Belt and Road

Initiative, and the new global development, health, and security architecture being embraced in South America, Africa and Asia in a resurgent “Spirit of Bandung”—all of this reveals that the present governments of all the trans-Atlantic nations, each and all, have “been tested in the balance, and found wanting.” It cries out for the new leadership that appeared as a seed-crystal at the Sunday Lincoln Memorial gathering.

This week, starting with yesterday’s Washington rally; Tuesday’s (Feb. 21) Schiller Symposium “[Syrian Sanctions Must Be Lifted!](#)”; Thursday’s (Feb. 23) “[Investigate Nord Stream Revelations: Stop Nuclear World War Three!](#)” and the Saturday Feb. 25 culminating series of worldwide rallies, including perhaps as many as 200 actions in the next days in Germany alone, taken as a whole, propose a way to change the whole banal world of present-day “activist politics.” We can say goodbye, should we choose to, to media-driven “lack of identity” politics, to left-right dead ends, to “violence is your friend” FBI-orchestrated adolescent stunts. Former Presidential candidate Tulsi Gabbard’s stark characterization of the reality of thermonuclear war, and the surprise presentation by [Helga Zepp-LaRouche](#) on screen at the end of nuclear weapons expert Steve Starr’s stark video presentation, both brought home the gravity of the situation, and the rigorous means to step away from Armageddon. “There is such a thing as too late,” Martin Luther King admonished America. Perhaps this week, time will begin to change, as we hasten, now, to bend the arc of the moral universe toward justice.

- Watch [Harley’s Updates](#) with Harley Schlanger on Monday February 20, 2023: Every weekday morning on The LaRouche Organization, Schlanger will give you the strategic briefing you need to start your day.

NEW WORLD PARADIGM

Hispanic Media Cover Washington Peace Rally, Feature Schiller Institute's Diane Sare

Feb. 19, 2023 (EIRNS)—There is good coverage of the “Rage Against the War Machine” rally in Washington today in several Spanish-language media, including RT and Sputnik, which circulate widely, as does Venezuela’s Telesur news service, which circulates internationally in Spanish and English. A number of other outlets, such as Bolivia’s EjuTV and Argentina’s Titulares.ar picked up the RT article, which is different from the English-language RT. NexoLatino put out a video on the rally on Twitter, as did Hispan-TV.

RT’s Spanish-language coverage is headlined: “[Washington Is the Scene of a March against the Ending of Weapons to Ukraine.](#)” The organizers of the event, it reports, “denounced the fact that the U.S. ‘instigated’ the Ukrainian crisis ‘with the 2014 coup against its democratically-elected government.’ ” In its [livestream](#) and also video reporting on the demo, RT prominently shows the Schiller Institute sign, “Helga Zepp-LaRouche: To Stop WWII, the U.S.A. Must Join the New Paradigm,” and then includes a clip of its interview with [Diane Sare](#), in which she explains that in 2014, Obama and Biden overthrew the Ukrainian government, and raised the banners of Nazi collaborator Stepan Bandera. Diane recalled that there were many people in the U.S. who fought against Hitler, so that U.S. support for this current Ukrainian government “is like spitting on their graves.” Talk show host [Garland Nixon](#) and blogger Tara Reade are also briefly interviewed, and excerpts of Nixon’s speech played.

Telesur headlines its coverage: “[Begin Peace Negotiations, Military De-escalation, Cut the Pentagon’s Budget and Dissolve NATO, among Other Things, Were the Demands Made.](#)” It reports that “social movements, peace groups and others gathered this Sunday in the U.S. capital, Washington, D.C. and demanded that that country’s government put an end to the military financing of Ukraine and allocate those funds to address domestic social problems... The demonstrators charged that the U.S.

government continues to provoke the crisis in Ukraine with the sending of weapons to that nation and recalled that the White House instigated political instability in that Eastern European country by backing the coup d'état carried out in 2014 and then sabotaged the Minsk Accords.”

Aside from the demands Telesur mentioned, Telesur reports that demonstrators called for shutting down the CIA and freeing Julian Assange. “Those who mobilized this Sunday in Washington and other locations denounced the fact that over the last two decades, the U.S. has unleashed and backed wars in nations such as Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya, Syria, Palestine and Yemen.” The article includes a large picture of people in front of the Lincoln Memorial and a few videos.

Sputnik Mundo’s coverage is no holds barred: “[Biden Blew Up Nord Stream: Protests in Washington against U.S. Support for Ukraine.](#)” Beneath that headline is a prominent photo of a poster reading, “Biden Is the Nord Stream Bomber.” Sputnik reports that “with posters that blame President Joe Biden for sabotaging the Nord Stream pipelines and criticism of Ukraine’s presence in Donbass, American citizens gathered at the Abraham Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. to repudiate their country’s participation in the conflict between Kiev and Moscow.” The article points to the multimillion dollar support the U.S. has supplied Ukraine since the beginning of the conflict “with huge benefits for weapons producers.” It also quotes Tara Reade proclaiming that “Russia is not the enemy, China is not the enemy, the enemy is the arms industry and the corrupt Biden regime.”

Sputnik also points to the comments by Col. Anna Wright, who called on Americans to pressure Congress to halt the flow of resources to Ukraine. “I’m here to ask Americans to pressure their Congressmen to stop the military aid and start negotiations,” she was quoted as saying.

Another Spanish-language RT correspondent, [Helena Villar](#), posted an extensive thread on Twitter on the “Mass demonstration at the iconic Lincoln Memorial in the capital of the United States. Under the banner of “Rage Against the War Machine,” Americans from across the country have

rallied to call for the abolition of war and empire. The initiative was convened by a coalition of different parties and organizations of very different political stripes. Libertarians, progressives, greens, pacifists....”

STRATEGIC SHOWDOWN

Von der Leyen Briefs Munich on How Brussels and Washington Planned Sanctions ... Before the War

Feb. 19, 2023 (EIRNS)—At the Munich Security Conference, EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen revealed what insiders already knew: That sanctions against Russia had been planned in secret negotiations with Washington *well in advance* of the Ukraine war. “My cabinet and the commission started to work with the White House and the Treasury already in December [2021] on potential sanctions in case that Russia would invade Ukraine.” Of course, she claimed that they hoped Russia would not invade, but nevertheless “it was tedious work day and night, to align our very different trade systems to develop sanctions that are targeted at advanced technologies and goods that are irreplaceable for Russia.”

In reality, sanctions were secretly planned with the U.S. at least since November 2021, as [*EIR Strategic Alert*](#) reported, based on *Politico* coverage of von der Leyen’s September 2022 trip to Washington and the UN in New York, and her earlier Washington trip in November 2021.

Is von der Leyen saying this now, to share responsibility for the sanctions fiasco with the U.S.? As the EU is issuing the tenth package of sanctions, EU officials are grasping at straws in the attempt to defend their yet-to-be-proven effectiveness. In a Feb. 16 interview with Euronews, EU Special Representative for Foreign and Security Policy Josep Borrell (“The EU is a garden”) described the sanctions as a “slow-acting but certain poison.”

At the beginning of sanctions, EU officials said they would work “immediately.” Then, they would work “in the summer.” Before he left office in October 2022 as Italian Prime Minister, fellow architect of

sanctions Mario Draghi asserted, “Some are working, some sort of, some are not working.” Swedish Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson said that “sanctions work, but we do not know which ones.”

Now Borrell says they will work, but we don’t know when.

Russian Anti-Hypocrisy Offensive at United Nations

Feb. 19, 2023 (EIRNS)—U.S. efforts to condemn Russia in the United Nations General Assembly are running into difficulties. Russian First Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations [Dmitry Polyanskiy](#) said yesterday that Western countries have watered down the anti-Russian resolution that will be submitted to the UNGA’s special session on Ukraine on Feb. 22.

“Work on the General Assembly’s draft resolution on the ‘first anniversary’ of the special military operation has been difficult. The Westerners tried to smooth everything out as much as possible and leave all the sensitive issues out in order to secure the broadest support possible. They simply muzzled the Ukrainians to prevent them from ruining these efforts and scare others away, so now they [the Ukrainians] are sadly watching the document becoming more and more watered-down,” he wrote yesterday on Telegram, reported TASS. “Still, many aren’t ready to support it. We’ll see how it goes.”

Hersh Exposé of Nord Stream Sabotage Cannot Be Ignored, Insists Letter to Media Editors

Feb. 19, 2023 (EIRNS)—A letter to the editor of took U.S. daily newspapers to task for blacking out the implications of Seymour Hersh’s Feb. 8 feature, “How America Took Out The Nord Stream Pipeline,” detailing that the U.S. deployed special divers in late June 2022 during a NATO exercise, BALTOPS, to place explosives on the four Nord Stream pipelines, that were designed to allow them to be detonated by remote control, which three of the four were on Sept. 26, 2022. The letter’s author writes:

“It was about as surprising as a cold mid-February day in Siberia. The Biden Administration responded to the bombshell reportage, by Pulitzer Prize winner Seymour Hersh, of its direct, hands-on role in the September 2022 sabotage of the Nord Stream pipelines, with an adamant, blanket denial, no further details necessary, next question. Equally predictably, most U.S. media outlets either hollered ‘conspiracy theory,’ or simply ignored the story altogether.

“But like the elephant at the cocktail party, this broadside can’t be disappeared. It’s not at all the political equivalent of ‘he said, she said,’ a mere question of whom one chooses to trust. Mr. Hersh correctly remarked that he was just fleshing out a story whose conclusion was knowable long before the details became available.

“To believe otherwise, we must forget the repeated, public statements by President Biden and Under Secretary of State Victoria Nuland vowing to render the pipeline inoperable months beforehand; ignore the celebratory glee with which Secretary of State Blinken and Nuland greeted the explosion afterward; delete the Tweet from former Polish Foreign Minister Radek Sikorski, the husband of leading neocon Anne Applebaum, showing a picture of the gas pipeline rupture with the caption, ‘Thank you, U.S.A.’; and finally, erase the text from then-British Prime Minister Liz Truss to Mr. Blinken, minutes after the detonation, saying “It’s done.” It’s highly unlikely that she was referring to a casserole in the oven.

“In addition, don’t dare ask “*cui bono*”? (Who benefits?) Express faux indignation that the party which gained massively, both monetarily and geopolitically, from the takedown, could possibly be suspected of its perpetration. Instead, point the finger at the entity that built Nord Stream, and that lost hugely with its destruction—who else but Rrrussia?! (Even the *Washington Post* had to admit recently that zero evidence exists connecting the Putin government to the crime.)

“Finally, Mr. Hersh’s bristling critics must embrace the following highly dubious proposition: The decorated reporter who uniquely broke the truth about such subjects as the 1968 My Lai massacre, CIA domestic

spying, and the torture at the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq, has suddenly developed a forked tongue. But the upstanding folks at the intelligence agencies, who lied us into successive disasters from Vietnam to Iraq, have now morphed into revered truth tellers. Really?

“Has our government committed an act of war against a nuclear superpower? Who will change this trajectory?”

COLLAPSING WESTERN SYSTEM

New Study Shows Skyrocketing Number of Britons Turning to Food Banks

Feb. 19, 2023 (EIRNS)—A new study released by the [Independent Food Aid Network](#) (IFAN), with the latest data for February 2023, reported:

“• 89% of organizations saw demand increase, comparing December 2021/January 2022 with December 2022/January 2023.

“• Over 80% of organizations reported supporting a significant number of people needing help for the first time, as well as people needing regular support.

“• Half of contributing organizations said if demand increased, they would have to reduce the level of support they could provide or turn people away.”

Overall inflation in the U.K. is 10.052%, and food inflation is 16.7%.

The IFAN release further reported: “Increasing numbers of pensioners and people who never imagined they would need a food bank are seeking out emergency food support. People who have been able to manage for some time, are being forced to come back to food banks. Independent food bank teams also reported that more and more people are seeking regular support, rather than occasional emergency food parcels. And nearly half of contributing organizations reported an increase in parents/carers with infants under 12 months needing support.

“Reports on a growing number of employed people unable to make ends meet are striking. One food bank manager explained that working people living in rural areas with few support services and lack of affordable rent and childcare were particularly impacted by increasing poverty. Another added, ‘We’ve seen a lot of cases of people who are on Universal Credit to top up a wage, and as neither has risen, but their outgoings have, they cannot make ends meet.’ Food banks also reported supporting public sector workers including teachers, ambulance, and NHS [National Health Service] staff.”

Sputnik reported today: “Commenting on the study’s results, IFAN coordinator Sabine Goodwin told a U.K. newspaper that ‘it’s very clear that people have been trying to muddle through the winter on credit and are now building up debts that will push people over the edge.’

“She accused the government of ‘unsustainable and unethical’ reliance on charitable food aid, warning that without a change of approach there will be ‘nowhere for people to turn.’

King Charles, whose coronation cost tens of millions of pounds, refused to make modifications in light of his subjects’ suffering. Sputnik reported on Jan. 23, 2023, that “King Charles has rejected pleas for a more modest coronation, royal aides have reportedly told British media, as an unprecedented cost-of-living crisis is forcing a shocking number of Britons out of their homes and into food banks.”

The *Sunday Times* of Jan. 21 quoted royal aides boasting that the plans would ensure that coronation day is “a thing of splendor,” with “pomp, pageantry, braids, brass and fly-pasts—a glorious advertisement for the U.K....” Buckingham Palace has proclaimed that the coronation “will reflect the monarch’s role today and look towards the future, while being rooted in longstanding traditions and pageantry.” Indeed.

Vanessa Beeley Writes, ‘The West Wants Syrians Dead’

Feb. 19, 2023 (EIRNS)—Journalist [Vanessa Beeley](#) reported Feb. 19 what a friend in Syria had told her after “they had left the port city of Latakia,

which was close to the epicenter of the quake, and had come to Damascus ‘for peace.’ ” The Israeli air strikes today on Damascus, however, meant “That peace was replaced by terror for them and many others who had fled their destroyed homes for Damascus security....

“The Israeli attack is not an isolated incident,” Beeley wrote. “The earthquake, whether natural or man-made, is being exploited by the Globalist cabal to step up the war effort against the Syrian government, military, and allies, that have repelled one of the most concerted regime change efforts in modern history, that began in 2011.

“Armed groups in Idlib and their White Helmet auxiliaries are capitalizing on human tragedy to open multiple border crossings with Turkiye in the aftermath, claiming a need for humanitarian aid. The West is pouring millions of dollars into the northwestern Al Qaeda stronghold in Syria. Why? The White Helmets have received 25 million-plus in heavy equipment funding since 2013. Why, now, do they claim they need ‘heavy equipment’? Why are the U.K., U.S., Denmark, Qatar (those who funded the regime change war in Syria) sending millions to this discredited and criminal organization?”

Beeley reported that ISIS went on a rampage following a prison break a few days after the quake, killing civilians (Syrian authorities said an attack near Palmyra killed more than 50 people). “The U.S. is talking about an increased military presence and pushing for open borders with Turkiye,” she wrote.

“The West wants Syrians dead—the Syrians who have fought for 11 years and defended themselves against one of the most barbaric hybrid wars the collective West has ever waged. Instead of coming to their aid, the West will exploit this human tragedy to advance their geopolitical agenda in the region, and to expand the war with Russia to more than one continent,” Beeley concluded.

There are also reports that the U.S. military in eastern Syria came under attack yesterday. “A missile attack targeted on Saturday Al-Omar oil field, which the U.S. occupation forces take as an illegal base for them,” in Deir

Ezzor. There is “no information on whether there were any casualties among the occupation forces,” local sources told the official SANA news.

Meanwhile, calls for the U.S. to end the deadly Caesar sanctions persist. Apostolic Nuncio to Syria [Cardinal Mario Zenari](#) gave an interview on Feb. 8 to Vatican News, from Aleppo, which was badly damaged by the quakes. He appealed: “Added to this is a tragedy within a tragedy, that of the sanctions which, according to local witnesses, block the passage of aid....

“I do hope that there is some common sense and humanity. First of all at the national level: Unfortunately, the war is not over, but I would like conflicts and animosities to be put aside and these poor people looked at with a sense of humanity. Then at the international level ... it is urgent to help these people in need, beyond political divisions. This will be a test of humanity for the international community and inside Syria.”

Turkiye To End Search and Rescue of Earthquake Victims

Feb. 19, 2023 (EIRNS)—Al Jazeera reported today that the Turkish Disaster and Emergency Management Presidency (AFAD) has announced that search and rescue operations have ended in most provinces. “The death toll due to the earthquakes rose to 40,642, and the work of searching and rescue for people stuck under the debris has ended in most of the provinces,” Yunis Sezar, head of AFAD, said in a release yesterday.

It’s estimated that more than a million people are now homeless. There are serious health concerns, such as the lack of sanitation, safe water, and the overcrowding of shelters. These are hazards which could result in the spread of disease, such as cholera.

Now, the grim phase of “search and recovery” would be expected to begin, with recovery of those who did not survive.

SCIENCE & INFRASTRUCTURE

UN Meteorological Group Shows Importance of Weather Balloons

Feb. 19, 2023 (EIRNS)—According to a report by the UN’s [World Meteorological Organization](#) on Feb. 17, “Weather balloons are an important part” of its Global Observing System “which underpins weather forecasts and climate monitoring.” Millions of observations are collected every day around the world, including data sent from space, by more than 50 satellites, 400 mooring buoys, 1,250 drifting buoys and 7,300 ships. Specifically, data are collected from 4,000 aircraft from about 40 commercial aircraft companies, from 10,000 automated land-based observation stations, and nearly 1,000 weather balloons equipped with radiosondes. The radiosondes are attached to free-rising balloons, from nearly 900 locations. More than two-thirds of the observatories make two observations a day, at midnight and noon UTC. The balloon flight lasts two hours and measures air pressure, wind speed, temperature and humidity, from just above the ground to 35 km altitude. They can fly for several kilometers before the balloon bursts and parachutes to Earth.

The World Meteorological Organization describes the Global Observing System as “an extremely complex undertaking, and perhaps one of the most ambitious and successful instances of international collaboration of the last 60 years.... It consists of a multitude of individual surface- and space-based observing systems owned and operated by a plethora of national and international agencies with different funding lines, allegiances, overall priorities and management processes.”