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EDITORIAL

The Power of Dialogue: When Ideas Take to Their Feet, Geopolitical Blather Begins To Stink

Aug. 16 (EIRNS)—Long missing from world affairs has been the simple exercise of the uniquely human talent for dialogue, for thinking and making social the thought process. Recently, the Schiller Institute conferences have served as a model and a rallying point, showing the world that, aside from the unique content of actual solutions to strategic crises, the art of actual dialogue is possible. Further, it appears to be the unique ingredient to dislodge the world from a march to a thermonuclear end.

The evidence is all around. From the cutting through a patina of geopolitical blather on a political talk show in Pakistan, to locating the key factor of the Kiev blacklisting in overturning the nuclear blackmail in Zaporizhzhia on Algerian television; from Iowa farmers enjoying a breakout from green social engineering to Scott Ritter enjoying his session with Harley Schlanger on Iranian television—there’s an emerging sense that using one’s mind and one’s mouth to actually address problems is not only refreshing, it also blows away decades of stale, stagnant impotent posturing.

Yet, Russian President Vladimir Putin, at today’s [10th Moscow Conference on International Security](#), laid down the law as to the end of the unipolar world of the “Western globalist elites” and of the danger of the present state of mind in Washington, D.C. And the Russian Embassy in the United States explained to the U.S. government that there is, indeed, a real danger of thermonuclear war, but coming from the liars in Washington’s “permanent war party.” The insanity to prove “snow is black” is all over the attempted nuclear blackmail at the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant complex in Ukraine. The danger is not to be denied or covered over.

Who is to tell when it is too late? The reality is that LaRouche’s dialogue of ideas has real feet, real resonance; and is on the scene. Three weeks of such unleashed activity could go a ways to honoring the 100th

birthday of that patriotic genius, Lyndon LaRouche—and probably would do the world, as well, a world of good. In the spirit of Lincoln’s soldiers singing, “His truth is marching on,” it is up to LaRouche’s movement to rout the enemy.

- Watch [Harley’s Updates](#) with Harley Schlanger on Wednesday August 17, 2022: Every weekday morning on The LaRouche Organization, Schlanger will give you the strategic briefing you need to start your day.

IDEAS IN ACTION

Ideas in Action Show LaRouche’s Influence Spreads in Global South

Aug. 16 (EIRNS)—LaRouche spokesman Harley Schlanger was interviewed on Aug. 15 on Pakistan’s PTV and on Aug. 16 on Iran’s Press TV. On Aug. 17, he will be interviewed on Algeria’s Public Broadcast TV station, AL24, two days after Swedish Schiller Institute leader Ulf Sandmark appeared on the same program.

[Pakistan’s PTV](#) program took up the question of what Secretary of State Blinken’s statement about improving U.S.-Pakistani relations really means. The two other commentators said that they hope it means the U.S. is recognizing Pakistan’s influence, looking for a balance with India, etc., adhering to standard geopolitical talking points. Schlanger changed the discussion, saying it would be foolish to trust anything Blinken says, demonstrating Blinken’s role as the point man for the “rules-based order,” or U.S. global hegemony. It is true Pakistan has a role to play, but not through subservience to Washington. Schlanger spoke of the BRICS, the SCO, and the new order emerging, which Blinken, on behalf of British Empire geopolitical doctrines, is deployed to sabotage. Host Faisal Rehman, who has interviewed many LaRouche movement activists, including Helga Zepp-LaRouche, asked the others for their responses, prompting them to drop their geopolitical jargon and agreed that the old order is declining.

On [Iran's Press TV](#), Schlanger was paired with Scott Ritter, to discuss Russian President Vladimir Putin's comments on the provocation intended by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's trip to Taiwan, and his statement that the U.S. is using Ukraine to prolong the war against Russia. Schlanger went first, and stated that the U.S. and NATO are using the war to weaken Russia, and that Pelosi's visit was designed to provoke China. It would be foolish for the U.S. to engage in a war with China, as it could not win. Ritter emphatically agreed, saying that all the U.S. has to challenge China is the Pacific fleet, but this is not World War II, and the fleet would be destroyed "in a heartbeat." Not only does the U.S. lack a "counterbalance" to China's military, but it has no economic or diplomatic plan. Ritter said this is similar to the U.S.-NATO posture in Ukraine, as there is no way Ukraine will win the war against Russia. Rather, it is acting in desperation, shelling the nuclear plant, which he said Zelenskyy admitted to doing. This is a horrific war crime, Ritter stated.

The two spoke of the "Global NATO" strategy as a defense of the post-Cold War order. Schlanger said this old order is collapsing, and explained the Schiller Institute's mobilization for a new financial and strategic architecture. When asked to comment on this, Ritter said he is optimistic about this. The rules-based order is in decline, the world is in transition. It is the U.S. which is increasingly isolated, Ritter added, referring to economic fragility in Europe. Asked for a summary, Schlanger spoke of the emergence of the Global South, the BRICS, SCO, the growing sense of freedom among nations which were part of the Non-Aligned Movement, and what the Schiller Institute is doing to bring an awareness of this change to populations in the Western nations.

After the program, the producer thanked Schlanger, saying the program had been "an exciting dialogue," and offered to arrange a follow-up soon.

German Farmers Stage Huge Tractorcade Rally at Agriculture Ministry Against Green Mandates

Aug. 16 (EIRNS)—On Monday, Aug. 15, a huge convoy of [farmers with some 400 tractors](#) rolled into Bonn and surrounded the Federal Ministry of

Agriculture which is still in that city. The farmers were protesting the EU so-called “climate” policy, which is dictating measures that aims to shut down farms and cut food production. German farmers and ranchers were demonstrating in solidarity with the Dutch farmers who were protesting shutdown policies of the Amsterdam government. A rally of thousands of farmers and supporters took place outside the Bonn ministry.

Among the many signs, one said simply, “We Are Here Again,” referring to the massive protests in February 2020. Another, “No Farmers, No Food, No Future.” Also, “Green Ideology Has Brought Farmers to Their Knees.”

A focus is on the European Commission order to sharply reduce chemical pesticides by 2030, prompting one tractor to brandish a sign reading: “Ban on Plant Protection Will Endanger Food Safety.”

German farmers are planning a national rally to begin on Aug. 26 in Berlin and called a “365”-day demonstration, not to stop until the green mandates are rolled back.

STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

Putin Tells ‘Western Globalist Elites,’ the Unipolar World Order Is Coming to an End

Aug. 16 (EIRNS)—In his opening address to the 10th [Moscow Conference on International Security](#), Russian President Vladimir Putin declared the end of the unipolar world order led by the U.S. and its replacement by a multipolar order based on international law and just relations among nations. “The situation in the world is changing dynamically and the outlines of a multipolar world order are taking shape,” said the President, whose speech is posted to Presidential website. “An increasing number of countries and peoples are choosing a path of free and sovereign development based on their own distinct identity, traditions and values.

“These objective processes are being opposed by the Western globalist elites, who provoke chaos, fanning long-standing and new conflicts and

pursuing the so-called containment policy, which in fact amounts to the subversion of any alternative, sovereign development options. Thus, they are doing all they can to keep hold onto the hegemony and power that are slipping from their hands; they are attempting to retain countries and peoples in the grip of what is essentially a neocolonial order. Their hegemony means stagnation for the rest of the world and for the entire civilization; it means obscurantism, cancellation of culture, and neoliberal totalitarianism.

“... The United States and its vassals grossly interfere in the internal affairs of sovereign states by staging provocations, organizing coups, or inciting civil wars. By threats, blackmail, and pressure, they are trying to force independent states to submit to their will and follow rules that are alien to them. This is being done with just one aim in view, which is to preserve their domination, the centuries-old model that enables them to sponge on everything in the world. But a model of this sort can only be retained by force....”

The Russian President stressed that “the so-called collective West ... is deliberately undermining the European security system and knocking together ever new military alliances. NATO is ... building up its military infrastructure. Among other things, it is deploying missile defense systems and enhancing the strike capabilities of its offensive forces ... hypocritically attributed to the need to strengthen security in Europe.... Moreover, the [proposals on mutual security measures](#), which Russia put forward last December, were once again disregarded.”

He detailed how “the West,” or NATO, “need conflicts to retain their hegemony,” taking the decision to use the people of Ukraine “as cannon fodder. They have implemented the anti-Russia project and connived at the dissemination of the neo-Nazi ideology. They looked the other way when residents of Donbass were killed in their thousands, and continued to pour weapons, including heavy weapons, for use by the Kiev regime....”

Therefore, Moscow decided to launch its military operation on Feb. 24, “in full conformity with the Charter of the United Nations,” in order to

“ensure the security of Russia and its citizens, and defend the people of Donbass from genocide.”

“The situation in Ukraine shows that the United States is attempting to draw out this conflict. It acts in the same way elsewhere, fomenting the conflict potential in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. As is common knowledge, the U.S. has recently made another deliberate attempt to fuel the flames and stir up trouble in the Asia-Pacific. The U.S. escapade towards Taiwan is ... deliberate U.S. strategy designed to destabilize the situation and sow chaos in the region and the world. It is a brazen demonstration of disrespect for other countries and their own international commitments. We regard this as a thoroughly planned provocation.”

He further described how “the Western globalist elites are attempting, among other things, to divert the attention of their own citizens from pressing socioeconomic problems, such as plummeting living standards, unemployment, poverty, and deindustrialization. They want to shift the blame for their own failures to other countries, namely Russia and China....

“We also see that the collective West is striving to expand its bloc-based system to the Asia-Pacific region, like it did with NATO in Europe. To this end, they are creating aggressive military-political unions such as AUKUS and others,” he said.

Putin stressed that the multipolar world coming into being is “based on international law and more just relations, opens up new opportunities for counteracting common threats, such as regional conflicts and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, terrorism and cybercrime. All these challenges are global, and therefore it would be impossible to overcome them without combining the efforts and potentials of all states.

“As before, Russia will ... together with its allies, partners and fellow thinkers, it will improve the existing mechanisms of international security and create new ones, as well as consistently strengthen the national armed forces and other security structures by providing them with advanced weapons and military equipment. Russia will ... take other steps towards

building of a more democratic world where the rights of all peoples and cultural and civilizational diversity are guaranteed,” he concluded.

Kiev and UN Suggest ‘Dangerous’ IAEA Mission to Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Plant, Say Russian Diplomats

Aug. 16 (EIRNS)—A mission of the International Atomic Energy Agency to visit the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant in Ukraine is apparently still up in the air. Mikhail Ulyanov, Russia’s Permanent Representative to International Organizations in Vienna, told Rossiya 24 yesterday that Russia, whose armed forces control the Zaporizhzhia area, is ready to support an IAEA visit to the plant, but the Kiev regime may still throw up insurmountable obstacles. “I think the IAEA mission to the Zaporizhzhia NPP will be worked out in the near future. This is not an easy process, especially since Ukraine and its Western patrons put forward a number of preconditions, which may prove insurmountable in the end,” he said, reported TASS. “The most important thing for Russia is to ensure the absolute safety of the international mission,” Ulyanov stressed. “It is absolutely impossible to do this in conditions of continued shelling,” he said. “Therefore, first of all, the Western countries should urge Kiev to stop this outrage, and the Kiev side should cooperate with the IAEA in paving the way for this visit.” UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres did speak by phone with Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu, according to the Russian Ministry of Defense.

Guterres’ spokesman Stéphane Dujarric outlined yesterday the arrangements for the IAEA mission with Kiev: “In close contact with the IAEA, the UN Secretariat has assessed that Ukraine has the logistics and security capacity to be able to support any IAEA mission to the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant from Kiev, should both Russia and Ukraine agree,” he said.

At the UN Security Council on Aug. 11, Russian Ambassador [Vassily Nebenzia](#) spoke at length after IAEA Director General Rafael Grossi, detailing Russia’s support for the mission.

Russian Foreign Ministry Deputy Director for Non-Proliferation and Arms Control Igor Vishnevetsky told reporters Aug. 15 that the proposal expressed by Dujarric for the IAEA to go from Kiev across the front line the plant was very dangerous: “Across the front line—that is a huge risk, given that the Ukrainian armed forces are heterogeneous armed formations. These people will be ready to commit any provocation. In this case, anything could happen if the IAEA delegation went across the front line.” He recalled: “When it concerned the previous [June] visit, which was disrupted, Russia proposed a route that would ensure the safety of the IAEA inspectors. In this case the Russian side can provide complete security, our military will fully provide it. Ukraine will not provide anything. Therefore, this proposal,” of a trip through Kiev and the territory controlled by Ukraine, “raises not only questions, but bewilderment,” reported TASS.

In another dispatch TASS quoted Vishnevetsky saying Aug. 16: “Even if, theoretically, Zelenskyy says he guarantees [the mission’s security], he cannot control his armed units and cannot exclude incidents. He cannot guarantee that all the mines will be cleared along the frontline.” Moreover, raised the question: “The mission is to be escorted by a military convoy while crossing the frontline. Will it be a Ukrainian mission? Are we supposed to let Ukrainian military enter the territory we control? ... Such an initiative is very questionable.”

Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova cut to the chase on Aug. 15: “We strongly call on Washington, Brussels and other capitals, first of all, European ones, to drop their irresponsible games and intrigues around the Zaporizhzhia NPP and immediately push Kiev authorities to stop attacks on the station and adjacent territories,” TASS quoted her as saying. “Further connivance of Ukraine’s Western sponsors is a crime, including against their own citizens. These people, like people in Russia and Ukraine, will be exposed to incredible risks if Ukrainian nationalists don’t stop their attacks.”

Russian Embassy in Washington Talks Straight on Truth of Nuclear War Threat

Aug. 16 (EIRNS)—The [Russian Embassy in Washington](#) issued a statement on its Telegram channel late on Aug. 15, pointing out that it is the behavior of the United States that is responsible for heightening nuclear dangers. “Today, the United States continues to act with no regard to other countries’ security and interests, which does contribute to an increase in nuclear risks. The U.S. steps to further engage in a hybrid confrontation with Russia in the context of the Ukrainian crisis are fraught with unpredictable escalation and a direct military clash of nuclear powers,” the embassy said, responding to “sweeping rhetoric of the administration that Russia's actions allegedly do not correspond to the status of a responsible nuclear power,” reported TASS. “This is happening in the circumstances of Washington’s targeted course towards dismantling the long-standing system of arms control and non-proliferation. The unilateral withdrawal of the U.S. from the Intermedia-Range Nuclear Forces [INF] Treaty and the denunciation of its participation in the Open Skies Treaty have dealt a significant blow to the regimes of transparency and nuclear missile control.”

The embassy further countered: “Our country faithfully fulfills its obligations as a nuclear-weapon state and makes every effort to reduce nuclear risks. On Russia’s initiative, the principle of the inadmissibility of a nuclear war was confirmed at the bilateral level and within the nuclear ‘five’ format. The START Treaty has been extended for a maximum period of five years. The dialogue on strategic stability, that was successfully developing before being ‘frozen’ by Washington in February this year, has been restarted.”

They remarked that “against this background, it is strange to hear accusations of irresponsibility, in particular from a country that in 1945 subjected the peaceful citizens of Hiroshima and Nagasaki to atomic bombings” that killed 450,000 people. So, in conclusion: “We suggest that Washington should take a closer look at its own nuclear policy instead of

making unfounded accusations against the countries whose worldviews do not coincide with the American ones.”

Swiss Minister Warns on Ukraine Conflict Could Escalate to ‘Nuclear War in Europe’

Aug. 16 (EIRNS)—Although Switzerland’s official position is that it condemns what it claims is Russia’s war against Ukraine in the strongest possible terms, Federal Councilor of Finance Ulrich “Ueli” Maurer spoke his mind. Speaking at Swiss People’s Party event in the Aargau canton, he explained his view first that the war in Ukraine was a “proxy war” between NATO and Russia. The struggle for power, he said, according to CH Media, was being fought on Ukraine’s back.

Whereas Defense Minister Viola Amherd and Chief of the Armed Forces Lt. Gen. Chief Thomas Süssli had previously tried to assure Swiss citizens that a nuclear war was unlikely, Maurer, a former defense minister, went on to warn in his remarks against the danger that the war could spill over into other states, expressing his hope “that the situation in Ukraine does not escalate further.” It cannot be ruled out he said, “that in a few weeks there will be a nuclear war in Europe.”

U.S. POLITICAL & ECONOMIC

Liz Cheney Smashed in Wyoming Primary—Concedes the Election

Aug. 16 (EIRNS)—U.S. Rep. Liz Cheney lost her Wyoming primary election today, conceding the election within minutes of the polls closing. In early returns, she was more than 30% behind her Trump-endorsed challenger, Harriet Hageman. Of the ten Republicans who voted to impeach Trump, including Cheney, four have lost their primaries, including Cheney, and four others eschewed running for reelection.

Tulsi Gabbard tweeted: “It appears that Liz Cheney, one of the GOP’s chief warmongers, is about to lose. This is good news for every American regardless of party.” Whereas Tom Fitton wrote: “@RepLizCheney should quit the Pelosi rump Jan 6 committee, expose its corruption, and apologize

for her participation in its abuses, smears and lies. Never too late for her to do the right thing.”

U.S. Commemorates Afghanistan Disaster, Keeps Afghanistan’s \$7 Billion

Aug. 16 (EIRNS)—The Biden administration, on the first anniversary of the disastrous pullout from Afghanistan, has evidently decided to keep \$7 billion of the assets of impoverished Afghanistan. Thomas West, the U.S. State Department’s special representative to Afghanistan, told the *Wall Street Journal* yesterday: “We do not see recapitalization of the Afghan Central Bank as a near-term option. We do not have confidence that that institution has the safeguards and monitoring in place to manage assets responsibly.... Needless to say, the Taliban’s sheltering of al-Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri reinforces deep concerns we have regarding diversion of funds to terrorist groups.” He says nothing about the U.S. arming of al-Qaeda, ISIS, and like terrorist outfits, besetting countries like Afghanistan.

Given the hunger, malnutrition, disease, and exposure in Afghanistan over the last year, one can only wonder if West’s announcement was just a refusal looking for an excuse. Otherwise, the administration has suspended any more talks with Afghanistan’s government on the recovery of their overseas funds.

EUROPE

German Businessmen Insist on Russian Gas and Nord Stream 2

Aug. 16 (EIRNS)—Entrepreneurs in Germany’s northern state of Mecklenburg-Vorpommern called for Russian natural gas to be delivered via the Nord Stream 2 submarine pipeline and ridiculed planned experiments with Baltic LNG terminals. The head of the West Pomerania Business Association Gerold Jürgens responded to a question on the idea of terminals, in an Aug. 7 interview with *Nordkurier*: “We expect to import liquefied gas to Germany by ship and we don’t even know how much that will cost. There is no price comparison, no competition that would prevent prices from continuing to rise. An entrepreneur usually has at least two or

three offers made before he makes a decision.” Regarding local mayors’ favoring Nord Stream 2, Jürgens replied: “All of the members of our Executive Board I have interviewed so far have clearly spoken out in favor of it. If the gas runs out here, then that cannot be in the interests of employers and employees.”

UKRAINE

Zelenskyy Fires More Internal Security Officials

Aug. 16 (EIRNS)—Yesterday, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy fired two regional heads of Ukraine’s Internal Security (SBU), and moved another, Artem Bondarenko, from his Lviv posting to a Kiev posting. Sergey Zaytsa was dismissed from his Kiev posting after serving 16 months. He had worked in the SBU since 1998. Yuriy Boreychuk was dismissed from the Ternopil region, not far from Lviv in the anti-Russian western portion of Ukraine. He had headed the SBU regional post there since November 2019, and had been in the SBU since 1994. Bondarenko, who was promoted to the Kiev station, had served as the head of the Lviv office for only five months.

It appears that this is a continuation of the cleanout that began on July 17, when Zelenskyy axed the head of the SBU, Ivan Bakanov—his longtime friend and business associate. At that time, he cited as a reason the extent of treason and collaboration with the Russians within the SBU officers in the frontline regions (oblasts). However, of note, the Kiev and Ternopil firings don’t directly fit that pattern. On the face of it, one is looking at yet another move in a pattern of intensive consolidation of power over the last four weeks.

Ukraine’s ‘Countering Disinformation’ Thugs Seek To Wipe Out the ‘Imperial Nature’ of Tchaikovsky and Classical Music

Aug. 16 (EIRNS)—Within about 24 hours last week, the Center for Countering Disinformation (CCD) of Ukraine’s National Security and Defense Council first removed from its website their infamous blacklist of 70-some opponents of perpetual war, and then posted a bizarre “analysis”

of the assault on Russian culture by Ukraine and the West. “Countering disinformation” has now been expanded to silencing Russian music. The CCD has discovered that Russian music has an “imperial nature,” so a “cultural blockade”—similar to blocking Russian messages and narratives—is part of the mission.

There are three main points:

1. In addition to “economic sanctions, ‘cultural sanctions’ ... were introduced.... We recall: The trend of ‘renunciation of Russian culture’ ... was called ‘cancelled Russian culture’ in the West. Rethinking the imperial nature of Russian culture consists in boycotting Russian artists and refusing to consume Russian cultural products.... Judging by the number of canceled announcements of upcoming events ... a cultural blockade” has succeeded. Many contracts with Russian artists “were terminated.... In particular, the conductor ... Valery Gergiev, opera singer Anna Netrebko, pianist Denys Matsuev,” among others. They also state, the “International competition named after Tchaikovsky was expelled from the World Federation of International Music Competitions.”

2. It gets crazier, as CCD assures us, Putin wants Russia isolated and might have provoked Kiev into the cultural blockade! The “trend of ‘cancellation’ of Russian culture in the West may be a long-term strategic special operation of the Putin government, aimed at artificially distancing the Russian people from the influence of the democratic values of Western countries. After all, all the aggressive rhetoric of the Russian authorities deliberately provoked the Western countries to limit as much as possible economic, cultural and tourist ties with Russians.... Limiting the Russians’ access to European democratic values ... is one of the main tasks of the Kremlin to create a closed society under the leadership of a dictatorial government, following the example of Kim Jong Un in North Korea.” The Kremlin actually wants Western sanctions, in order “to deprive the Russian population of official access to most of the world’s cultural productions, to limit contacts of Russians” the West.

3. Not to fear, the CCD is on the case. Putin's strategy of "cultural isolation" will backfire. First, talented Russians have left Russia, and they can "create real opposition to the Kremlin's power and shake it from the outside." But key is that Western hacking will "neutralize the 'iron curtain' on the Internet. The main consumer of contraband culture will be the youth of the Russian Federation, who will eventually form a powerful cultural and political underground of enemies of the Putin regime."

So, lest it escape notice amongst the craziness, the Kiev regime assaults not only Classical music and performers, and prefers to promote and export "contraband culture." Of some note, "white power rock" has been a major component of the recruitment of neo-Nazi and rage-driven militia recruits in Ukraine for several years.

On a similar note, [Kiev's shelling of civilians](#) in Donetsk last week, killed an 11-year-old ballet student, prized as a future world-class talent, along with her 70-year-old ballet teacher, as they were walking in a park. (Warning: Eva Bartlett's video report contains a brief glimpse of a mutilated body.)