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EDITORIAL

Insane U.S. Leadership in Bipartisan Drive for Global War

Aug. 4 (EIRNS)—The utter madness of the U.S. leadership, the Biden Administration and both the Republicans and the Democrats in the Congress, as well as their British Imperial puppet-masters, is on full display throughout the world—and the world is justly frightened by their madness. The Nancy Pelosi visit to Taiwan, which had no purpose other than to provoke a showdown with China over their sovereignty over Taiwan, has succeeded in putting the entire Chinese military on a war footing. Following a series of live-fire exercises on all four sides of Taiwan over the past 24 hours, practicing a joint blockade, sea assault, and land and sea

combat training, Chinese military expert Song Zhongping told *Global Times*: “In the event of a future military conflict, it is likely that the operational plans currently being rehearsed will be directly translated into combat operations.”

The foreign ministers of the ten members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), meeting in Cambodia on Aug. 3, issued a joint statement expressing their extreme anxiety regarding the deadly impact on their nations of a war between the U.S. and China, whether an economic war as is being conducted already against Russia, or a proxy war fought in Taiwan, as is now being fought against Russia in Ukraine, or even a full scale U.S.-China war, potentially going nuclear. The [joint statement](#) of ASEAN’s foreign ministers said that “the recent development in the area adjacent with the ASEAN region ... could destabilize the region and eventually could lead to miscalculation, serious confrontation, open conflicts and unpredictable consequences among major powers.” They called for “maximum restraint” and for all parties to “refrain from provocative actions,” offering to “play a constructive role in facilitating peaceful dialogue between all parties.”

The madness is equally demonstrated on the western front, where the U.S. Senate voted 95-1 to admit Sweden and Finland into NATO, two countries whose neutrality had served as a symbol of peace for decades. Even more insane was the unanimous Senate vote, 100-0, on July 28 calling on the State Department to declare Russia a “state sponsor of terror.” Is any member of that august body so daft that he or she does not know what the entire world knows, and will not forget—namely, that the U.S. openly armed and funded terrorist organizations in Iraq, Libya, and Syria in order to bring down anti-terrorist governments, which were no threat to the U.S., but refused to follow dictates from the Anglo-American empire?

Bringing more shame to that once proud institution of the American Republic, Amnesty International today denounced the Nazi-infested army of Ukraine, which the Senate has repeatedly voted to arm with heavy

weapons. The Amnesty International report, in extremely damning terminology, documented systematic war crimes by Ukrainian forces, that regularly “violate international humanitarian law and endanger civilians, as they turn civilians into military targets.” They report that “Amnesty International researchers witnessed such conduct in numerous locations,” corroborating these charges through the analysis of satellite imagery.

The Senate has also funded Ukraine government operations, including the Center for Countering Disinformation, the MI6/CIA front in Kiev which issued a hitlist against leading members of the Schiller Institute and others. Prominent on that list were Schiller founder Helga Zepp-LaRouche, and the LaRouche candidate for the U.S. Senate from the state of New York, Diane Sare, who is directly confronting Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer.

Scott Ritter, the former Marine intelligence officer and UN weapons inspector in Iraq, who is also targeted on the Ukrainian hitlist, has taken the extremely important first step towards breaking the massive information warfare which has kept Lyndon LaRouche’s name and ideas out of the media over the last fifty years. Until Ritter’s publication of an article in *Consortium News* on Aug. 3, titled “Chuck Schumer’s War on Free Speech,” no coverage of the outrageous Ukrainian hitlist had acknowledged that 30 of the 72 named prominent individuals from around the world whom they accused of being propagandists for Russia, as well as “information terrorists” and “war criminals,” were members of the Schiller Institute or speakers at Schiller conferences. Ritter posted Diane Sare’s campaign poster, noting that she overcame extremely onerous requirements to get on the ballot as an independent “LaRouche candidate” against Schumer. Ritter then hit Schumer’s vile character and criminal behavior in financing a foreign organization which is publishing false and degrading accusations against his own opponent, Diane Sare, in the November election! Ritter demonstrates that Schumer himself once said: “I strongly disagree with those who advocate harassing folks if they don’t agree with you. No one should call for the harassment of political opponents. That’s not right. That’s not American.” Ritter adds: “I couldn’t have said it any

better—what Chuck Schumer has done in using U.S. taxpayer money to attack his political opponents is un-American. One can only hope that the New York voters see it the same way come November.”

Helga Zepp-LaRouche took note this week that, as a result of the Pelosi provocation against China and the open call for “decoupling” the U.S. and Chinese economies, just as the U.S. and Russian economies are now almost entirely decoupled, this leaves almost no connection between the U.S. and the two most important nations which must come together if there is to be any solution to the now rapidly collapsing Western financial system. The fact that Russia and China, working with the BRICS and the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) nations, are formulating a new financial architecture for trade and investment outside of the shrinking dollar sphere of dominance is potentially a step towards a new global structure for all nations—but if the estrangement of the major powers is not resolved, the competing financial systems will only aggravate the division and further lead to war.

The Schiller Institute is targeted by the warmongers precisely because we are posing the only solution—a New Bretton Woods conference which brings the world together to create the required new financial and security architecture for all nations. There are no partial or local solutions. Therefore, fight to get signatures and support for the [Schiller Institute Call for an Ad-Hoc Committee for a New Bretton Woods System](#). As the coming economic shocks strike the tottering Western financial empire, people must have access to this unique solution. This is the moment of truth for humanity.

- Watch [Harley's Updates](#) with Harley Schlanger on Friday August 5, 2022: Every weekday morning on The LaRouche Organization, Schlanger will give you the strategic briefing you need to start your day.

STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

Amnesty International Accuses Ukraine of Putting Civilians at Risk

Aug. 4 (EIRNS)—For the first time, an international human rights organization has confirmed that the Ukrainian military is indeed putting civilians at risk, as the Russians have been charging for many months. “Ukrainian forces have put civilians in harm’s way by establishing bases and operating weapons systems in populated residential areas, including in schools and hospitals,” [Amnesty International](#) wrote in a report posted today. “Such tactics violate international humanitarian law and endanger civilians, as they turn civilian objects into military targets. The ensuing Russian strikes in populated areas have killed civilians and destroyed civilian infrastructure.”

“We have documented a pattern of Ukrainian forces putting civilians at risk and violating the laws of war when they operate in populated areas,” said Agnès Callamard, Amnesty International’s Secretary General. “Being in a defensive position does not exempt the Ukrainian military from respecting international humanitarian law.”

Throughout their investigations, Amnesty researchers “found evidence of Ukrainian forces launching strikes from within populated residential areas as well as basing themselves in civilian buildings in 19 towns and villages in the regions,” the report says. “The organization’s Crisis Evidence Lab has analyzed satellite imagery to further corroborate some of these incidents.

“Most residential areas where soldiers located themselves were kilometers away from front lines. Viable alternatives were available that would not endanger civilians—such as military bases or densely wooded areas nearby, or other structures further away from residential areas. In the cases it documented, Amnesty International is not aware that the Ukrainian military who located themselves in civilian structures in residential areas asked or assisted civilians to evacuate nearby buildings—a failure to take all feasible precautions to protect civilians.

“Survivors and witnesses of Russian strikes in the Donbas, Kharkiv and Mykolaiv regions told Amnesty International researchers that the Ukrainian military had been operating near their homes around the time of the strikes, exposing the areas to retaliatory fire from Russian forces. Amnesty International researchers witnessed such conduct in numerous locations.”

This report is highly unusual in that, until now, Amnesty has been completely cohering with the official U.S./NATO line of Russia as an aggressor state violating the sovereignty of Ukraine and committing gross violations of human rights in the process. This new report, indeed, otherwise pays obeisance to that narrative. “In certain other locations in which Amnesty International concluded that Russia had committed war crimes, including in some areas of the city of Kharkiv, the organization did not find evidence of Ukrainian forces located in the civilian areas unlawfully targeted by the Russian military,” it says.

Russia Will Not Renounce Nuclear Weapons While Its Security Is Under Threat

Aug. 4 (EIRNS)—Moscow is still waiting for a serious proposal from the Biden Administration on arms control. In the meantime, what it won't do is to disarm unilaterally. “At this stage, possessing nuclear arms represents the only possible response to very specific external threats that are not only weakening but, on the contrary, are increasingly growing,” [Russian Ambassador to Japan Mikhail Galuzin](#) said at a roundtable meeting on nuclear disarmament in Hiroshima, reports TASS. “An immediate renunciation of nuclear arms would weaken our country's security sharply and heighten the risk of a major military confrontation with the West, which refuses to recognize our basic security interests.”

Galuzin said Russia did share commitments to action towards achieving a non-nuclear world. “However, steps in such a sensitive sphere should not undermine global stability or deepen international fragmentation,” he said. Any real progress toward nuclear disarmament could only be made using gradual, calibrated measures that do not hamper either equal security or efforts to maintain a strategic balance, the ambassador proclaimed.

Galuzin also rejected speculation that Russia would use nuclear weapons in Ukraine. “There are many allegations around Russia’s position, with speculations concerning possible use of nuclear weapons against Ukraine. But our doctrine on this matter is utterly clear: Hypothetically, we don’t rule out nuclear response, but only following an aggression with the use of weapons of mass destruction or with the use of conventional arms when the mere existence of the state is at stake. Our actions on the demilitarization and denazification of Ukraine have nothing to do with these scenarios,” Galuzin explained.

Galuzin specified that the U.S. is the only country that has used nuclear weapons in war and that there was no military necessity for it. At the same time, NATO’s “hostile expansion” and the creation of “an anti-Russian stronghold in Ukraine” crossed Russia’s red lines and “directly infringed upon Russia’s national security interests,” he said. “Having confronted Russia’s resolute rebuff to this expansion, the United States and its allies have plunged into a tough hybrid confrontation with our country, dangerously balancing on the edge of direct armed conflict,” the diplomat told the Hiroshima roundtable.

Any armed confrontation between nuclear powers must be prevented, as “it is fraught with an escalation into a nuclear level,” Galuzin warned, wrote TASS “This is what Russia warns against concerning potential consequences of NATO’s direct aggression against our country in the context of the Ukrainian crisis. Such a step may trigger one of two extraordinary scenarios described in our doctrine,” he said, further stressing that Russia doesn’t want that. “But if Western countries opt to test our resoluteness, Russia will not retreat. This is not a language of threats, it is a logic of deterrence.”

PLA Launches Missiles During Live Fire Exercises Around Taiwan

Aug. 4 (EIRNS)—The PLA exercises around Taiwan seem to be well underway. Joint military exercises around the island of Taiwan by the Chinese People’s Liberation Army continued Aug. 3 with a joint blockade, sea assault, and land and air combat trainings, involving the use of

advanced weapons, including J-20 stealth fighter jets and DF-17 hypersonic missiles, *Global Times* reported last night. “The multi-subject targeted drills including sea target assaults, strikes on ground targets and airspace control operations and the precision-guided munitions live-fire practice conducted by troops of multiple arms and services under the Eastern Theater Command of the Chinese People’s Liberation Army (PLA) in the waters and airspace around the Taiwan Island are actually solemn deterrence against the collusion between the U.S. and Taiwan,” said Chinese Defense Ministry spokesman [Senior Col. Tan Kefei](#) in a statement issued today. Speaking of the island’s pro-independence ruling party, he said: “We sternly warn the U.S. side and the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) authorities that the scheme to use Taiwan to contain China is doomed to fail, and seeking foreign support to gain ‘Taiwan independence’ is a dead end. The collusion and provocations made by the U.S. and the DPP authorities will only push Taiwan into the abyss of disaster, and bring great suffering to Taiwan compatriots.”

In an update, today, *Global Times* reported that “the unprecedented drills featured advanced weapons, including long-range rocket artillery, anti-ship ballistic missiles, stealth fighter jets and an aircraft carrier group with a nuclear-powered submarine, as well as realistic tactics that simulated a real reunification-by-force operation, demonstrating and honing the PLA’s capabilities to not only take over the island, but also prevent any external interference including from the U.S....”

The live-fire portion of the drills included the launching of 11 ballistic missiles, including as many as 4 fired from the coast of Fujian Province that passed over Taiwan before landing in the exercise zone east of the island. A video released by CCTV showed that one of the missile types featured in the drills is the DF-15—a short-range ballistic missile with a range of up to 500 km—and that the missiles landed in exercise zones in the northeast, east and south of Taiwan island.

Former German Chancellor Schröder Argues That Crimea Is Russian and Has Always Been

Aug. 4 (EIRNS)—In an interview with Germany’s *Stern* weekly, former German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder, pointed out on the Crimean issue: “To think that Ukrainian President Zelenskyy will take over Crimea again by military means is absurd. With the exception of the Tatar minority, this region is Russian. The former Soviet state and party leader, Nikita Khrushchev, handed it over to Ukraine, which at that time was part of the Soviet Union.”

As for the Donbass, Schröder said a solution there is “more complicated,” and that he thinks of something like the Minsk formula: “It was stipulated in the Minsk agreements that Donbass shall remain part of Ukraine, but at the same time the Russian minority should have more rights. But the Ukrainians abolished even bilingualism in Donbass. For this, it is necessary to achieve a solution using the Swiss confederation as a model.”

Russia Keeping UN and Red Cross Informed on Ukrainian POWs

Aug. 4 (EIRNS)—Russian Deputy Defense Minister Alexander Fomin issued a lengthy statement yesterday in which, among other things, he stressed that both the relevant UN agencies and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) are fully briefed on how Russian forces treat Ukrainian prisoners of war. Among the points Fomin stressed is that Russia is making “painstaking efforts” to treat Ukrainian prisoners in the custody of Russian forces according to the requirements of the Geneva Conventions. “Close contacts have been established [by Russia] with the relevant United Nations agencies and the International Committee of the Red Cross to provide humanitarian assistance to the population living in the territories liberated from the Ukrainian Nazis and also to work with prisoners of war,” he said.

“On a regular weekly basis, meetings are held with representatives of international organizations, primarily the UN and the ICRC, to discuss the

most pressing humanitarian issues on the Ukrainian direction,” Fomin added. “More than 40 such meetings have been held since February 2022.”

Fomin asserted that in April and May the Azovstal plant in Mariupol was successfully evacuated with the involvement of the UN and ICRC. “More than 3,000 people left Azovstal, including more than 2,400 servicemen of the Ukrainian armed forces and fighters from nationalist formations,” he said. “The operations were purely humanitarian in nature. Staff of international organizations confirmed the strict observance of international humanitarian law in their conduct.”

“Unfortunately, the situation with Ukraine’s compliance with international humanitarian law is quite different,” Fomin said. “The videos of torture and abuse posted on the Internet by the perpetrators of the horrific acts of violence against the captured servicemen of the Russian Armed Forces and D.P.R and L.P.R. are widely known. There have been numerous cases of beatings, deliberate maiming, extrajudicial killings and failure to provide medical care to our servicemen.”

Fomin then provided statistics regarding the treatment of Russian prisoners in the hands of the neo-Nazis. 81% of servicemen were beaten and physically abused; 55% of servicemen were forcibly involved in filming propaganda videos and videoconferences; 46% of servicewomen did not receive medical treatment; 79% of servicemen were not given the opportunity to contact their relatives; 19% of soldiers were provided with inadequate or poor quality food. “For example, at the SSU detention facility in Kiev, food was provided once a day: a piece of bread, 50 grams of porridge and a glass of water,” Fomin said. “The soldiers were wearing masks covering their eyes at all times.”

“All these facts are regularly reported to the relevant humanitarian agencies with a request to influence official Kiev,” Fomin further declared. “However, we continue to record cases of violations of international humanitarian law, obligations under international conventions and rules of war by the Ukrainian military.”

COLLAPSING WESTERN FINANCIAL SYSTEM

Italian Energy Authority Warns of Unsustainable Energy Situation

Aug. 4 (EIRNS)—In a report to the Executive and to Parliament, the Italian Energy Authority (ARERA) warned of unsustainable price increases for households and for producers in the fourth quarter this year, calling for government action in order to avoid a “dramatic scenario.” “Given the current trend in gross market prices, a further increase of household bills, of more than 100% vs. the current quarter, is expected for the October-December 2022 quarter, if the level of prices of the last days is maintained,” the report says, and stating that even with the planned government aid, “an unprecedented increase in costs cannot be avoided.”

“Such costs can hardly be sustained for all consumers, not only households, with potential repercussions on the stability of the entire supply chain. Furthermore, in such a dramatic scenario, the concentration in the month of August for deliveries to customs for the October-December quarter could create, given the situation of reduced liquidity of forward products, an even higher volatility and a further increase of prices.”

ARERA thus calls for “extraordinary measures, which should go along with interventions on the national and European natural gas market, aimed at rebalancing supply and demand, containing prices and addressing the structure of the system.”

U.S. POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

Peter Thiel’s Arizona Senate Candidate Wins Senate Primary, Had Trump Endorsement

Aug. 4 (EIRNS)—The Tuesday Aug. 2 primary elections that took place in five states showed a definite trend toward Trump-backed candidates in Republican primaries. During the House vote to impeach Trump in January 2021, ten Republican House members voted in favor of the measure. At the time, Trump vowed to get them voted out of office come the 2022 midterm elections. Of the ten, two have already been voted out in this week’s

primaries, and four others will not seek re-election. Two others are hanging on by a thread: one survived his primary, and another, Liz Cheney, admits she's the "underdog" in the Wyoming primary later this month. But Dick Cheney's daughter is willing to trade off her House seat for an all-out campaign against Trump on the January 6 line, and with a possible look toward a presidential race in 2024.

One of the ten, Michigan incumbent Rep. Peter Meijer, lost to Trump-backed Republican John Gibbs this week. Trump's endorsed candidate for Michigan governor, Tudor Dixon, also won her primary in a crowded race, though Trump's endorsement came late in the race. Tom Rice of South Carolina, another one of the ten, had already lost by 28 points in his race against a Trump-backed candidate in June.

In Arizona the results were more stark. Trump's pick for Senate, Blake Masters, won out of a slough of other candidates. Masters is also a creature of Peter Thiel, who contributed over \$13 million to Masters' campaign. Masters ran Thiel's hedge fund, Thiel Capital, and co-authored a book with Thiel on hedge fund gambling. A 35-year-old tool for the Silicon Valley-military industrial nexus, Masters' primary win follows that of J.D. Vance, another Thiel employee, who got millions from Thiel for his Ohio campaign. Vance won the Republican primary in Ohio, but at the expense of the traditional Republicans who had won the state for Trump in 2016 and were furious that Trump sold them out for the Thiel clone.

Arizona's secretary of state primary was won by Mark Finchem, another Trump-backed candidate. For the governor's race, the primary is still undecided and is very close between Kari Lake, Trump's pick, and her contender, who has been endorsed by Mike Pence—although it appears that Lake will win the primary. In another notable state race, the Arizona Speaker of the House Rusty Bowers—who testified before the January 6 Commission and famously refused to hold hearings on election fraud when personally called by Rudy Giuliani and President Trump—was trounced in this week's primary, losing 36% to 64% to a Trump-backed contender.

For others, it seems the Trump stamp has not yielded as strong an effect. In Washington state, two of the other Republicans who voted for Trump's impeachment, Jamie Herrera Beutler and Dan Newhouse, are awaiting results in tight races against Trump-backed candidates, although both appear likely to survive the primary. Previously, incumbent Nancy Mace of South Carolina won her primary against a Trump-backed contender in June, and the Georgian governor and secretary of state—both targeted heavily by Trump for their refusal to challenge the 2020 election results—also won their primaries against Trump candidates in May.

One stance which is common among all of the candidates whom Trump endorsed is that they are challenging the 2020 Presidential election results. This is terrifying the establishment political class. According to the *New York Times*, the chairwoman of a “legal and democracy watchdog organization” said that the election of individuals who “deny” election results constitutes “a five-alarm fire for our elections,” and that it “could throw our elections into chaos. It could put our democracy at risk.”

Apparently, being a member of the so-called “rules-based order” means that you must not think the wrong thoughts—whether you are duly elected or not.

Hungary's Prime Minister Orbán Meets Trump, Speaks at CPAC

Aug. 4 (EIRNS)—Hungary's Prime Minister Viktor Orbán, who is condemned as a dictator and racist by the liberal establishment, and praised as “Trump before Trump” by the likes of Steve Bannon, is in the U.S. this week. He met with Donald Trump at his New Jersey estate earlier in the week, and spoke today at the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC), the annual gathering of conservatives.

According to Reuters, Orbán told CPAC in Dallas that U.S. and Hungarian conservatives must join forces in 2024 elections to “take back” institutions in Washington and Brussels from liberals who threaten Western civilization. Trump had endorsed Orbán in his April election for a fourth term, which he won easily. Orbán told CPAC, without mentioning Trump: “Only a strong leader can negotiate peace. We need a strong America with

a strong leader.... These two locations will define the two fronts in the battle for Western civilization.... This war is a culture war. We have to revitalize our churches, our families, our universities and our community institutions.”

Orbán has insisted that Europe “shot itself in the lungs” with the EU sanctions on Russia. He has resisted European Union dictates. He is accused by other EU members of undermining democracy by restricting immigration, (he openly argues that immigration from other Europeans is fine, but not from non-European countries), putting controls on the media, and throwing out NGOs, including that of Hungarian-born George Soros.

Tucker Carlson praises Orbán. He broadcast his Fox show from Hungary for a week last year, calling the series: “Hungary vs. Soros—Fight for Civilization.”