

EIR Daily Alert Service

P.O. BOX 17390, WASHINGTON, DC 20041-0390

- The ‘New Bretton Woods’ Is the Antidote to Destruction
- Pelosi Expected in Taipei This Week, as China Issues Stern Warnings
- Ambassador Chas Freeman on Pelosi’s ‘Extreme Irresponsibility’
- Three U.S. Capital Ships Operating in Western Pacific
- Biden Authorized Operation in Afghanistan That Assassinated al-Qaeda Leader by Drone Strike on July 30
- More Agro-Chemical Cutbacks, More Farmer Protests Blocking Roadways in Holland
- Chilean Farmers Toss Out Produce To Protest Miserable Profits, High Cost of Inputs
- First Ship in UN-Turkey Grain Deal Leaves Odessa Bearing Corn for Lebanon
- Transregional Connectivity Projects Debated at Tashkent Conference on Afghanistan
- German Metal Industry Calls for New Nuclear Power Plants
- Former FDA Commissioner Warns U.S. Is Repeating COVID-19 Response Failure with Monkeypox
- Former New Zealand Minister Denounces Ukraine Hit List, Calls for Government Investigation

EDITORIAL

The ‘New Bretton Woods’ Is the Antidote to Destruction

Aug. 1 (EIRNS)—At the time of this writing, U.S. media and National Security Council Strategic Communication Coordinator John Kirby are speaking of the likelihood that Speaker of the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi, now in Singapore on the first stop on her Indo-Pacific tour, will go ahead this week with a visit to Taiwan, which is intended to be a poke in the eye to China. It could be Aug. 4 or earlier.

This is insanity. The provocation of China, over Taiwan, shows the kind of danger zone of all-out war we are now in worldwide, because of the deliberate instigation of flash points of conflict, from the Global NATO moves against Russia, to confrontations in the Indo-Pacific. Add to this the latest flash point, in the Balkans, where Kosovo-Serbia animosity has been deliberately stoked to the point of a flareup over “issues,” such as Kosovo police demanding that local Serbs have new travel documents.

The reason behind the deliberate push for tensions and conflicts, is that the “Western” financial system, centered in the City of London/Wall Street, is blowing out. If we don’t get the United States and Europe onto a new track, toward a new system, the war danger only worsens. If the danger persists, the result will be nuclear annihilation directly, or breakdown into horrible chaos, and then nuclear annihilation maybe delayed, but happen for certain.

Schiller Institute Chairwoman Helga Zepp-LaRouche discussed this dynamic today, stressing that, “The New Bretton Woods is the antidote.” She took note of several, important “good things happening,” but unless we get this breakthrough in the Trans-Atlantic, the good cannot be realized.

One positive note today is that the first grain ship has departed Odessa in Ukraine early this morning, heading toward Istanbul, where it will be inspected, then on to Tripoli, Lebanon, under the new “Black Sea Grain Initiative” signed July 22, by the UN, Ukraine, Russia and Turkey. The

Razoni is carrying corn (maize), and there are 16 more ships in line to embark. Russia has provided safe passage.

In Central Asia, concrete details are coming forward on rail and highway projects for the region, especially the connection from China, through Kyrgyzstan, and into Uzbekistan. Very important are the infrastructure plans announced for Afghanistan, in the statement by Uzbekistan, after hosting the July 26-27 multi-nation meeting on Afghanistan, held in Tashkent. The Trans-Afghanistan Rail corridor, and border-nation electricity corridor are discussed in particular.

These are all good things, but the clincher is forcing through the concept of the New Bretton Woods system, and the collaboration to make it happen. In this 100th anniversary year of economist-statesman Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr., commemorating his historic life, by studying and implementing his method and policies, amounts to one and the same as the fight to make the new system happen.

The fight on this is now out in the open. The Ukraine “enemies list,” of 78 individuals denounced as propagandists for Russia, issued July 14 by Kiev regime agencies associated with London, and the U.S. State Department, includes the names of 30 individuals who have spoken at recent Schiller Institute policy discussion conferences. Of those reached so far, almost to a person, they are signing the joint statement “Twenty-Five Prominent Individuals Denounce Being Targeted as Putin Agents by Ukraine-U.S.-NATO,” released July 30 by the Schiller Institute. Many individuals are also issuing their own statements of condemnation, as did Helga Zepp-LaRouche.

Just look at a few of the recent titles of Schiller Institute conferences, and you get an idea of the dialogue process involved, and how revealing and evil the Ukraine blacklist ploy is, to try to smear and stop that process, and threaten the individuals involved, and the Schiller Institute. See [“Conferences”](#) on the Schiller Institute homepage.

June 18: “There Can Be No Peace Without the Bankruptcy Reorganization of the Dying Trans-Atlantic Financial System”

May 26: “U.S. and European Military and Security Experts Warn: The Insanity of Politicians Threatens Nuclear War”

May 25: “We Need a New Security and Development Architecture for All Nations, Not a Strengthening of Geopolitical Blocs.”

April 9: “To Establish a New Security and Development Architecture for All Nations”

Veteran diplomat Chas Freeman said of the Ukraine hit list, speaking in an interview with *EIR* and the Schiller Institute today: “It’s a sign of the times. If you don’t have a serious argument, resort to smearing those who disagree with you. This is detestable. It is a rebuke to the very ideas of free speech that are essential to Western democracy. And it should be condemned.”

Our best way to counter the hit list, is to redouble our organizing for the New Bretton Woods system.

- Watch Harley’s Updates with Harley Schlanger on Tuesday August 2, 2022: Every weekday morning on The LaRouche Organization, Schlanger will give you the strategic briefing you need to start your day.

STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

Pelosi Expected in Taipei This Week, as China Issues Stern Warnings

Aug. 1 (EIRNS)—As of this writing, the word is that Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi will definitely show up in Taiwan this week as part of her tour of the “Indo-Pacific region.” Several media, the *Wall Street Journal*, CNN, CNBC and others cite anonymous officials, or “people familiar with the matter,” confirming that she will stop off in Taipei and meet with government officials, although as one official cited by the *Journal* put it, her schedule remains “in flux.” There is an issue as to whether she will spend the night or stop off at the end of her tour which is also taking her to

Singapore, South Korea, Malaysia and Japan. She is accompanied by five other Members of Congress.

At today's Chinese Foreign Ministry briefing, spokesman [Zhao Lijian](#) again warned that Pelosi's visit to Taiwan "would lead to serious consequences." Repeating Xi Jinping's warning to Joe Biden on July 29 that "those who play with fire will perish by it," Zhao said that a Pelosi visit would "wantonly trample on the one-China principle, greatly threaten peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait, severely undermine China-U.S. relations and lead to a very serious situation and grave consequences." The Chinese side "is fully prepared for any eventuality," he said, and that "the People's Liberation Army of China will never sit idly by."

Otherwise, there is a flurry of commentary and bluster from U.S. officials. Speaking today at the UN on the Treaty of the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, Secretary of State Tony Blinken arrogantly lectured Beijing that "the U.S. is looking for China to act responsibly and avoid creating a crisis if House Speaker Nancy Pelosi decides to visit Taiwan." He added that if she does decide to visit, "and China tries to create some kind of crisis or otherwise escalate tensions, that would be entirely on Beijing. We are looking for them in the event she decides to visit to act responsibly and not to engage in any escalation going forward." Congress, he said, "is an independent, coequal branch of government. The decision is entirely the Speaker's."

John Kirby, National Security Council Coordinator for Strategic Communications, told CNN that "there is no reason for the Chinese rhetoric. There is no reason for any actions to be taken. It is not uncommon for congressional leaders to travel to Taiwan. We shouldn't ... be intimidated by that rhetoric or those potential actions. This is an important trip for the speaker to be on and we're going to do whatever we can to support her."

Ambassador Chas Freeman on Pelosi's 'Extreme Irresponsibility'

Aug. 1 (EIRNS)—Ambassador Chas Freeman, the retired diplomat and Defense Department official, who is perhaps the nation's leading expert on

China and many other areas of the world, in an interview with *EIR* and the Schiller Institute today, denounced Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi's possible upcoming visit to Taiwan as "an act of extreme irresponsibility on the Speaker's part."

The interview will be posted on the Schiller Institute website.

The visit will not help Taiwan, but greatly endanger it, he said. "Exactly what the Chinese will do, no one knows. They have many, many options, political, economic and military. It's clear that the Speaker put herself in a position where she could not not go. She equally put Taiwan in a position where it could not not welcome her. And she put the Chinese government in a position where it could not not do something escalatory. The sad reality is that the White House and the military in Washington both see this trip as damaging rather than helpful. But the White House has not had the courage to block Mrs. Pelosi's travel."

On the Ukraine template, he said: "I think the issue of Ukraine and the issue of Taiwan do have something in common, in that the primary lesson we should take from what has happened in Ukraine is that if you defy the forcefully expressed objections of a great power to your actions, you do so at your peril, and the peril of those whom you purport to protect. Russia was provoked into what it did in Ukraine, which does not justify what it did in Ukraine. It was unjustified, but provoked. A similar possibility exists in the case of Taiwan."

Ambassador Freeman does not expect China to act immediately, but to take some overt step and make certain demands, while preparing for military action, only to be taken when they are certain it will be successful. Many in China, but not all, now believe, he added, that any chance for a peaceful reunification is impossible.

There are many in Taiwan, including the business community which has massive presence and investments in the Mainland, who do not want a war, but they are not in power. The ruling Democratic Progressive Party wants independence and is being driven by the U.S. to go along with the provocation.

Ambassador Freeman emphasized that there is a huge cultural difference between China and the U.S., which is not understood in the U.S. China has 14 bordering countries and several just offshore, as well as the U.S. 7th Fleet constantly offshore, while the U.S. has two bordering countries and is isolated by the oceans. China has one-third the arable land area of the U.S. and four times the population, who must be fed. Chinese history is “full of instances of mass death through starvation, political upheaval or foreign invasion. So the Chinese attitude toward their government is, they want a can-do government. They want a strong government that will take responsibility for maintaining order and ensuring the well-being of their families. In the United States, we have a margin of error that’s so large, we want a government that does nothing, or as little as possible. ‘That government is best, which governs least,’ said Thomas Jefferson. No Chinese would ever say such a thing.... I think it is understood in China that the United States has been uniquely blessed with resources, space, separation from the rest of the world by oceans, benign neighbors, only two of them with land borders. And the Chinese are well aware that they share none of these blessings. That causes a lot of misunderstanding between the two countries, and it causes some Americans to see China as anathema.”

Ambassador Freeman said the “decoupling” being pursued by the U.S. will do as much or more damage to the U.S. than to China. He is not optimistic that the nations of the world can be brought together for a New Bretton Woods, but points to the BRICS progress toward a new trading currency outside the dollar. If the Saudis agree to let oil be traded in non-dollar currencies, he believes, the dollar will collapse.

Three U.S. Capital Ships Operating in Western Pacific

Aug. 1 (EIRNS)—Three U.S. Navy aircraft carriers, the *USS Ronald Reagan* and the assault ships *USS Tripoli* and *USS America*, are operating in waters within striking distance of Taiwan. The *Reagan* transited the San Bernardino Strait in the Philippines on July 30 and as of Aug. 1 was reported to be sailing in the Philippine Sea roughly 600 km southeast of Taiwan. The *USS Tripoli*, carrying 20 F-35B stealth fighters, is underway

south of Okinawa, while the *USS America*, also capable of carrying F-35B's, is in the East China Sea.

A Pentagon spokesman claimed to U.S. Naval Institute News that the ships were operating normally but a senior defense official said the ships, escorts and their air wings were prepared to linger in the region as a contingency option.

At the same time, the PLA Eastern Theater Command announced a night time air combat exercise, aiming to promote the pilots' ability to quickly enter combat status for abnormal situations at any time, reported *Global Times*.

China's Eastern Theater Command also released a video on Aug. 1 showing advanced weapons and "hot-blooded scenes" of its training. "We are fully prepared for any eventuality. Fight upon order, bury every intruder, and move toward joint and successful operations! We are PLA soldiers, we swear to defend the motherland to the death," soldiers from the command said in the video.

U.S. POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

Biden Authorized Operation in Afghanistan That Assassinated al-Qaeda Leader by Drone Strike on July 30

Aug. 1 (EIRNS)—President Joe Biden announced from the White House this evening that a U.S. counter-terrorism operation, which he had authorized on July 29, resulted in the targeted killing of al-Qaeda leader Ayman al-Zawahiri, in Kabul, Afghanistan. Zawahiri succeeded Osama bin Laden as leader of al-Qaeda following bin Laden's assassination by U.S. special forces troops in 2011. Biden claimed during a statement issued from the White House that no civilians were killed in the drone strike. ABC News reported afterwards that two Hellfire missiles were fired from the drone and were supposedly so accurate that not even other individuals in the house where Zawahiri was present were killed.

In Afghanistan, the Taliban confirmed the drone strike but not Zawahiri's death or other casualties. It said it "strongly condemns this attack and calls it a clear violation of international principles and the Doha Agreement," the 2020 U.S. pact with the Taliban that led to the withdrawal of American forces, reported the Associated Press. "Such actions are a repetition of the failed experiences of the past 20 years and are against the interests of the United States of America, Afghanistan, and the region," the statement said.

COLLAPSING WESTERN FINANCIAL SYSTEM

More Agro-Chemical Cutbacks, More Farmer Protests Blocking Roadways in Holland

Aug. 1 (EIRNS)—Over the last week, there have been announcements of severe cutbacks in agro-chemicals by the world's largest firms, and also more farmer protests in Europe.

On July 26 in the Netherlands, farmers blocked major roadways by dumping manure on the pavement and setting fire to bales of hay. Traffic was halted for hours, and clean-up in some places took two days.

Their protest target is the new package passed by the Dutch parliament in June, demanding reductions in crops, livestock, and other measures in the name of cutting nitrogen and carbon compounds in emissions and runoff. The new edicts set deadlines for 2023, and by 2030, there is to be a 30% reduction in livestock.

BASF in Germany, the world's largest chemical company, announced on July 26, that it will significantly reduce production of products manufactured from natural gas as a feedstock. That includes ammonia, which is important for fertilizer, as well as for plastics, and other goods, in particular, diesel exhaust fluid (DEF). BASF officials warned specifically that fertilizer prices will soar.

Yara International, the huge global chemical and fertilizer firm based in Norway, announced last week that its output in Europe is running 27% below capacity due to the surging gas prices.

Rabobank, the globalist agriculture bank, has released a new study on the so-called “dilemma” in the Netherlands, now that the extensive horticulture export sector is supposed to cut use of CO₂—the necessary gas for plant life.

Chilean Farmers Toss Out Produce To Protest Miserable Profits, High Cost of Inputs

Aug. 1 (EIRNS)—Tomato farmers in the northern Chilean city of Arica protested the high price of fertilizer and other inputs by tossing their tomatoes all over Route 5 North highway on July 11, cutting off all transit on the road for several hours. Producers told ADN radio that between what they have to pay for inputs and the low price they receive from merchants, it’s impossible to earn a decent profit. So, they reasoned, they wouldn’t be losing much by tossing the tomatoes onto the highway and blocking traffic.

There is generalized discontent among Chilean farmers, as seen in testimony given by several producers who addressed the Senate Agriculture Commission on May 16 to document their situation. Drought is a huge problem for farmers, compounded by the high price of inputs, lack of fertilizer, etc. In many drought-stricken areas, producers are forced to fire their workers and stop exporting because production of quality produce is impossible.

One producer, who had farmed for 30 years, warned the Senators that Chilean agriculture is facing a crisis, and that the nation’s food security is in jeopardy. And, he said, the problem isn’t just national, but global. This is an emergency, he stressed.

NEW ECONOMIC ORDER

First Ship in UN-Turkey Grain Deal Leaves Odessa Bearing Corn for Lebanon

Aug. 1 (EIRNS)—This morning, the Sierra Leone-flagged cargo ship *Razoni*, carrying 26,000 tons of corn (maize), left the Ukrainian port of Odessa destined for Tripoli, Lebanon. It is the first ship to leave Odessa under the auspices of the UN/Turkey-brokered deal signed with Ukraine and with Russia on July 22 by which Ukrainian grains will be shipped to world markets. Turkey's Defense Ministry announced today's departure, reporting that the *Razoni* will arrive in Istanbul on Aug. 2 where it will be inspected before passing through the Bosphorus Strait and heading for its destination. It was escorted out of Odessa by Ukrainian ships.

TASS reports that the joint grain export coordination center, based in Istanbul, will use satellites to monitor the passage of ships. According to the Associated Press, there are 16 more dry cargo ships in Odessa in line to ship out under the program. Today's departure was welcomed by UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, who said he hoped this would be first of many Ukrainian ships to leave the port carrying urgently needed grains to "bring much-needed stability and relief to global food security especially in the most fragile humanitarian contexts."

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov welcomed this "very positive" development. "Let's hope that all the agreements will be implemented from all sides and that the mechanism will work effectively," TASS reported him as saying.

Transregional Connectivity Projects Debated at Tashkent Conference on Afghanistan

Aug. 1 (EIRNS)—As the organizer and host of the July 26-27 conference in Tashkent, entitled "Afghanistan: Security and Economic Development," the government of Uzbekistan issued a summary report on some of the major points of discussion which took place there, with an important focus on priority infrastructure projects to enhance regional connectivity.

Published July 27 by *The Diplomat*, the report emphasizes participants' understanding that lasting peace will only be achieved through stabilization and recovery of Afghanistan's economy. It is therefore necessary, it states, "to promote the integration of Afghanistan into interregional economic processes, to promote the implementation of socially significant and infrastructure projects, including the formation of transregional transport, energy and other corridors."

Among the projects were those put forward by Uzbek President Shavkat Mirziyoyev to advance the construction of the trans-Afghanistan railroad as a means of connecting South Asia via Afghanistan. Other projects include laying the (Uzbekistan to Afghanistan) Surkhan-Pul-i-Khumri power transmission line, the creation of the Termez, Uzbekistan, cargo transport and logistics hub, as well as the transformation of the training center in Termez into an educational cluster for training Afghan personnel.

According to *The Diplomat*, Uzbekistan is the major promoter of the 573 km Trans-Afghan railroad. First proposed in December 2018, it would extend the Afghan rail network from Mazar-e-Sharif—a regional hub in northern Afghanistan, close to both Uzbekistan and Tajikistan—to Kabul and then to Nangarhar province in eastern Afghanistan, where the railway would cross the border with Pakistan at Torkham and run into Pakistan via Peshawar. Goods will then be offloaded to connect with the Pakistan rail system and from there travel down to the seaports of Karachi, Gwadar, and Qasim.

The railroad would have an estimated capacity of 20 million tons of cargo per annum, and once operational, would cut down travel time from 35 days to 3-5 days from Uzbekistan to Pakistan, *The Diplomat* reports. There are many challenges to be overcome in building the project, including very difficult geography, security issues, different rail gauges, and not least of which is the \$4.8 billion in financing.

Another important project is the Central Asia-South Asia Electricity Transmission and Trade Project (CASA-1000), a \$1.2 billion project that would bring 1,300 MW of seasonal power from Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan

to Afghanistan and Pakistan. Because of their hydroelectric power capacity, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan have excess electricity to sell. Although the project was put on hold when the Taliban took power, construction has now been resumed with an estimated completion date of 2024. It is financed by a consortium of international financial organizations.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

German Metal Industry Calls for New Nuclear Power Plants

Aug. 1 (EIRNS)—The ongoing and intensifying debate in Germany about exiting from the planned final exit from nuclear power is becoming really interesting now: President of Federation of German Employers' Associations in the Metal and Electrical Engineering Industries (Gesamtmetall) [Stefan Wolf](#) spoke out over the weekend, as have many others in recent days, in favor of continuing to operate the three nuclear power plants still running in Germany, but set to be shut down at the end of the year. But he also wants to talk about building new reactors.

Wolf told the newspapers of the Funke media group that he considers a longer operating time for power plants, such as the three remaining nuclear plants, to be absolutely necessary anyway, reported DPA news agency. That way, he said, it would be possible to significantly reduce the use of gas for power generation and help secure the power supply when gas is no longer available. "But we also need to have a debate about building new nuclear power plants," he said. "There are 50 new nuclear power plants being built around the world right now, and the technology has advanced."

COVID-19

Former FDA Commissioner Warns U.S. Is Repeating COVID-19 Response Failure with Monkeypox

Aug. 1 (EIRNS)—In a *New York Times* opinion piece July 30, [Scott Gottlieb](#), a former commissioner at the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), forcefully warned that unless the Biden Administration moves fast

to address the rapidly growing incidence of monkeypox, it will be looking at “the next public health failure.” His warning came as New York State, New York City and the city of San Francisco were declaring public health emergencies in response to the rising cases of monkeypox.

On July 30, New York City Mayor Eric Adams and City Health Commissioner Ashwin Vasan warned that as many as 150,000 residents could be at risk of infection, calling the city the “epicenter” of the outbreak. Following New York Gov. Kathy Hochul’s announcement July 28, the state health department warned that monkeypox is an “imminent threat to public health.” As of July 29, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) had recorded 5,189 cases in the United States. Globally, according to CDC data, there were 22,141 cases as of the same date.

Gottlieb asserted that the U.S. response to monkeypox “has been plagued by the same shortcomings we had with COVID-19.” It failed to quickly launch mass testing, in the range of 5,000 tests a week, as cases mounted. From mid-May to the end of June, the U.S. had only tested about 2,000 samples. “If monkeypox gains a permanent foothold in the United States and becomes an endemic virus that joins our circulating repertoire of pathogens,” Gottlieb intoned, “it will be one of the worst public health failures in modern times, not only because of the pain and peril of the disease but also because it was so avoidable.”

Not only was testing access for monkeypox limited, Gottlieb said, but there was also an insufficient stockpile of the only vaccine (Jynneos), indicated for prevention of the disease and considered to be safe. As of mid-May, there were fewer than 2,400 doses available. Thanks to the federal bureaucracy and lagging by the Biden administration, the CDC is not focused on what should be its core mission—outbreak response, accompanied by a “national security mindset.”

Now, “time is running out,” Gottlieb warns. “Diseases like Zika, COVID and monkeypox are a dire warning that dangerous pathogens are on the march. The next one could be worse—a deadly strain of flu or something more sinister like Marburg virus. We’ve now had ample notice

that the nation continues to be unprepared and that our vulnerabilities are enormous.”

UKRAINE DEMOCRACY

Former New Zealand Minister Denounces Ukraine Hit List, Calls for Government Investigation

Aug. 1 (EIRNS)—A former New Zealand cabinet minister, Matthew Robson, who was placed on the Ukraine/NATO hit list has responded with a powerful blast at the attack, and calling for Wellington’s government to investigate. Robson is the former New Zealand Minister of Disarmament and Arms Control and Associate Minister of Foreign Affairs. He writes:

“I have been placed on a blacklist by the Ukrainian government, in the company of many prominent scholars and well-known public figures.

“I am quite flattered to be in the company of such an eminent list of people with widely varying opinions on the nature of the war in the Ukraine.

“But all of them are engaged in the time-honored tradition of scholars and democratic societies of honest and open debate rather than the ‘group think’ demanded by NATO governments.

“The New Zealand Bill of Rights Act, Section 14, provides the following guarantee:

“Freedom of expression: Everyone has the right to freedom of expression, including the freedom to seek, receive, and impart information and opinions of any kind in any form.

“The Universal Declaration of Human Rights to which New Zealand and, I presume, the Ukraine are signatories guarantees the same.

“I am writing to the Prime Minister of New Zealand to ask her to take up with the government of the Ukraine this breach of my right, under both New Zealand and international law, to freely express my opinions, and my being on a list that endangers my safety.”