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## EDITORIAL

### Schiller Conference: Overthrowing ‘The Empire of the Mind’

March 31, 2023 (EIRNS)—Why is the U.S./Britain “Special Relationship,” not “American imperialism,” the central strategic problem of our time? Consider this September 6, 1943 speech of [Winston Churchill](#), given at Harvard University, a center of Anglo-Saxon racialism and Anglophilia

from the late 19th century through the early 20th century. In that speech, Churchill advanced his “Basic English” project, a proposal to reduce the vocabulary from 15,000-30,000 words, to one between 850 and 2,000 words. “Let us go forward in malice to none and good will to all.... *The empires of the future are the empires of the mind.*” Why was Churchill using this speech, in the middle of the Second World War, to propose the evisceration of the English language, the language of Shakespeare, who would not have been possible were he to have been restricted?

Later, Churchill added: “Nothing will work soundly or for long without the united effort of the British and American peoples. If we are together nothing is impossible. If we are divided all will fail. I therefore preach continually the doctrine of the fraternal association of our two peoples, not for any purpose of gaining invidious material advantages for either of them, not for territorial aggrandisement or the vain pomp of earthly domination, but for the sake of service to mankind and for the honour that comes to those who faithfully serve great causes.”

The Anglosphere, then in 1943, and now in 2023, is speaking the same language—though barely, because many of its representative now squawk in a vocabulary of only 850 words, “nominalisms” like “rules-based order,” “democracy,” “sanctions,” etc., and it is tone-deaf. It can only communicate through threats. This is a Spartan/Roman slave-“civilization,” whose organizing principle is for war.

In contrast to Churchillian imperialism of the mind, Vladimir Putin, in his Decree No. 229, just issued by the President of the Russian Federation, March 31, 2023, called “[The Concept of the Foreign Policy of the Russian Federation](#),” gave his view of the Russian nation’s relationship to the world: “The crisis of economic globalization is deepening. Current problems, including in the energy market and in the financial sector, are caused by degradation of many previous development models and instruments, irresponsible macroeconomic solutions (including uncontrolled emission and accumulation of unsecured debts), illegal unilateral restrictive measures and unfair competition. The abuse by certain

states of their dominant position in some spheres intensifies the processes of fragmentation of the global economy and increases disparity in the development of states. New national and trans-border payment systems are becoming widespread, there is a growing interest in new international reserve currencies, and prerequisites for diversifying international economic cooperation mechanisms are being created....

“14. In response to unfriendly actions of the West, Russia intends to defend its right to existence and freedom of development using all means available. The Russian Federation will concentrate its creative energy on the geographic vectors of its foreign policy which have obvious prospects in terms of expanding mutually beneficial international cooperation. The majority of humanity is interested in having constructive relations with Russia and in strengthening Russia’s positions on the international scene as an influential global power making a decisive contribution to maintaining global security and ensuring peaceful development of states. This opens up a wide range of opportunities for the successful activity of the Russian Federation on the international scene....”

“Multipolarity,” however, will not work, any more than “unipolarity.” An international community of principle of sovereign nation states that agree that humanity is fundamentally good, must prevail in the short term. At this point, only a vigorous emergency conference and intervention process, invoking not only the Nuremberg Trials of 1946-49, but also the Treaty of Westphalia of 1644-48, the Continental Congress of 1787-89, and the July 1944 Bretton Woods Conference, could avert the otherwise inevitable and unstoppable “division of the world” that will lead, despite the best of intentions, to thermonuclear war.

What actually happened to destroy America’s once-productive economy? The same thing that happened to the American Republic itself. Lyndon LaRouche observed that “The American system is ‘dirigistic.’ The purpose for which new issues of currency are loaned is broadly restricted to public and private investments—in, chiefly, basic infrastructure, agriculture, and industry—whose effect is to increase the productive

powers of labor as a whole. In the British system, the ultimate objective is to increase revenues from the categories of ground rent, usury, and speculation in monopolistic control of prices of selected commodities. This latter is promoted at the expense of improvements in the production of newly created tangible wealth.” Which of these describes America today?

The same Gottfried Leibniz (1646-1716) who inspired Peter the Great to found the Russian Academy of Sciences in 1724, nearly 300 years ago, and was a central intellectual influence on Ben Franklin, is the true intellectual author of the “Life Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness” principle contained in the American Declaration of Independence—not the pro-slavery “Life, Liberty and Property” formulation of the Royal Africa Company’s John Locke. There is, in other words, a common intellectual heritage that links the United States and Russia, and an intellectual and revolutionary heritage that historically divides the United States from Great Britain. To reject that truth, is to reject the American Revolution itself.

Therefore, as startling as it may sound to some, it is only if the United States reverses its relationships with Great Britain and Russia, and returns to itself, embracing the true history of its 1776 Revolution, can the world, which has, of necessity, morally turned away from America, again see the United States as other than what it has nearly become—the Empire that the United States itself once detested, and defeated. People from around the world with the vision to take up such tasks, in whatever nation they reside, are invited to join and organize hundreds, thousands, to attend the online two-day Schiller Institute Conference April 15-16, [“Without the Development of All Nations, There Can Be No Lasting Peace for the Planet.”](#)

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## NEW STRATEGIC AND ECONOMIC ARCHITECTURE

### China Announced First Oil Deal Using Yuan for Payment

March 31, 2023 (EIRNS)—“China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC) and France’s TotalEnergies announced on March 28 their just-completed first yuan-settled liquefied natural gas deal, run through the Shanghai Petroleum and Natural Gas Exchange. This particular exchange was created in 2020 with a specific area for payments in RMB,” reported *China Daily* on March, 28. The exchange totalled close to 65,000 tons of LNG, imported from the United Arab Emirates.

The symbol is quite strong, since too long ago, anyone dealing with oil in a currency other than the dollar was considered as committing *lese majesté* to the dollar system, deserving of at least regime change. It reveals the rapidity with which China, Russia and the BRICS are moving, not only away from the dollar, but towards a new financial system and a new world economic order.

This deal follows the Dec. 8-9, 2022 visit of President Xi Jinping to Saudi Arabia, at which the subject of using yuan payments for Saudi Arabian oil was discussed with King Salman bin Abdulaziz al-Saud and Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, who is the prime minister. It was also raised at two summits in Saudi Arabia, both attended by President Xi, for the same occasion, on Dec. 9: a summit of the Gulf Cooperation Council (Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, the State of Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates); and the First China-Arab States Summit, which included with leaders from 21 countries of the Arab League. The subject of the discussion was a strategic partnership and global economic development.

“According to Guo Xu, chairman of the exchange, the first international LNG transaction settled in yuan promotes multi-currency pricing, settlement, and cross-border payment,” the kinds of issues being discussed in the context of the possibility of creating a new monetary system.

“The exchange will actively connect with international resource traders and strengthen the financial infrastructure construction of cross-border yuan settlement business, while enhancing digital trading capabilities to provide more convenient channels for domestic and international oil and gas resources,” Guo said.

Indicative of the kind of leverage China could have in these areas, *China Daily* notes that the scale of China’s oil and gas imports has been growing in recent years. In 2022, China imported more than 500 million tons of crude oil and more than 100 million tons of natural gas, including 63.44 million tons of LNG, with sources becoming increasingly diversified.

### **RMB ‘Trade Invoicing’ vs. the Dollar Bubble**

March 31, 2023 (EIRNS)—Gillian Tett’s piece to “[Prepare for a Multipolar Currency World](#)” in the *Financial Times* is not the obvious umpteenth article on the subject. Listing steps in this direction, from Putin moving to renminbi-financed trade with Asia, Africa and Latin America, the Saudis, Brazil and “France just did its first liquid natural gas sale in RMB” she says the following:

Ironically Tett contends, the banking crisis has strengthened the dollar through a dollar-swap increased demand (not quite true: the dollar has fallen about 7% against its index for two consecutive quarters, and has fallen 7% against the yuan—which is not included in the dollar index, the so-called DXY—during that time, including a small further fall since March 8.)

But, assuming that she is right, RMB use is backed by real stuff—trade. Citing a paper by the Center for Economic and Policy Research, she writes that “as Chinese trade has expanded in recent years, RMB use has risen too. So much so, in fact, that it now exceeds euro-usage for trade invoicing, which is ‘striking, given China’s low degree of capital account openness’, the CEPR says. And it argues that ‘contrary to conventional wisdom, lack of capital account openness may not fully prevent the RMB from playing a stronger role as an international and reserve currency.’ After all, it notes, a \$200 billion offshore RMB market has already emerged—and the currency

is being ‘use[d] in invoicing and settling China’s foreign trade and payments’ and ‘a global network of clearing and payments.’ ”

Importantly, Tett is not discussing the prospect of a new commodity-based trade currency, but that of a new role of the renminbi as a reserve currency. It is relevant, though, that she must admit that, contrary to free-market dogmas, the RMB as a reserve currency is possible in a regime of capital controls. Not only that, but a portion of world trade larger than the euro is already financed in RMB!

So, “trade invoicing” might turn the situation around in the mid term and this will be a shock for the U.S., she says. The shock could come earlier, though.... (author’s comment).

### **De-Dollarization Is Inevitable, *Global Times* Warns**

March 31, 2023 (EIRNS)—Referencing yesterday’s agreement between Brazil and China to carry out trade and financial transactions directly, either in Chinese yuan or Brazilian reais, and without the U.S. dollar as an intermediary, *Global Times* on March 30 pointed to the broader phenomenon, of a growing number of countries moving toward de-dollarization, seeking to trade in non-dollar currencies and to diversify their foreign exchange reserves.

The semi-official daily argues that this is due to the fact that the dollar has deviated from its post-Bretton Woods role as a dominant payment, settlement and investment vehicle, and now operates instead as “a tool of political blackmail and coercion.” What does such weaponization of dollar hegemony mean? It allows the U.S. to arbitrarily impose unilateral sanctions on other countries, but “can also harvest global wealth and export its own risks to the rest of the world through irresponsible monetary policies.”

*Global Times* asserts that the U.S.’s own policies have produced the “inevitable trend of the end of dollar dominance,” which is giving a lot of American strategists and economic pundits sleepless nights. Yet, governments need only look at what the U.S. did to Russia—freezing its

assets, imposing sweeping sanctions, cutting it off from the SWIFT system—to know that they don't want to expose themselves to the risk of using the dollar, which the U.S. uses as “a tool for geopolitical gain.”

The more the U.S. resorts to these tactics, “the more eager the international community will be to get rid of the excessive reliance on the dollar ... seeking to replace the SWIFT system to avoid U.S. monetary coercion,” the daily observes. Not only are South Africa, the 10 ASEAN nations, Saudi Arabia and India seeking alternatives to the dollar, but even some U.S. allies are reducing their holdings of dollar debt, and diversifying their foreign exchange reserves. *Global Times* concludes that, while no one expects the dollar to be dumped overnight as the most frequently used currency in the world, the trend toward trade in non-dollar currencies is “unchangeable.”

### **British Intentionally Destroyed Relations with Russia**

March 31, 2023 (EIRNS)—Russia and the U.K. have had no political dialogue after London completely ruined the architecture of relations between the countries, Russian Ambassador to the U.K. Andrei Kelin said, in an interview with RTVI television on March 30. “We now in principle have no political communication, no political dialogue, unlike it was with the U.K. in the past, about key aspects of international affairs,” he said.

The ambassador said, “London ruined the entire architecture of bilateral relations.... It broke it down in the economic area, the humanitarian area, the scientific one, the educational one and the political one first of all. It was purely its initiative—the destruction of that architecture.”

“We are in contact with the Foreign Office. Russian diplomats, including the ambassador of the Russian Federation, are forbidden from going to Parliament. This is so by a decision of the Parliament's Speaker. This is very bad, because the British people, British officials, British lawmakers ... remain uninformed about the other side, uninformed about the situation as a whole,” the ambassador said.

He further argued that it was a “categorical mistake.... Because it leads to wrong decisions, to the wrong decision-making process. They need to hear what we say, our arguments, then they will have a broader perception of the real state of affairs.”

## **Iranian and Russian Foreign Ministers Draft Strategic Partnership Agreement**

March 31, 2023 (EIRNS)—During their March 29 meeting in Moscow, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian, finalized a draft of a comprehensive treaty on a bilateral strategic partnership which will be signed when Lavrov visits Tehran in the future, *Vedomosti* reported March 30. Kiril Semenov of the Russian International Affairs Council explained that the two countries are now positioned to forge a new approach in their relationship, due in part to the March 10 rapprochement between Saudi Arabia and Iran.

An additional factor is both nations’ participation in the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), which Semenov pointed out has the opportunity to become a global Eurasian platform without the participation of the U.S. or the EU. Both Saudi Arabia and Turkiye are interested in interacting within the SCO.

According to the [Foreign Ministry’s press release](#), the two ministers made progress in a number of areas, including a plan for Iran and the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) to sign a comprehensive free-trade agreement. Lavrov commented that “we share coinciding or close positions on key international and regional matters, and reaffirmed our refusal to accept the destructive policy of the collective West aimed at replacing international law and a UN-centric architecture with a U.S.-led rules-based order, as the Americans call it.” They agreed to work closely together at the UN within the Group of Friends in Defense of the Charter of the United Nations, established in New York.

On Ukraine, Lavrov said he appreciated Tehran’s balanced position and “understanding of the true motives of what is happening. We highlighted

the subversive policy pursued by the NATO countries which have long been parties to this conflict.”

Lavrov welcomed the improved situation in West Asia, which he said was due to the improved relations between Saudi Arabia and Iran, noting that “this is the outcome we have been advocating for at all times by making specific proposals, including as part of Russia’s Collective Security Concept for the Gulf Region, which shares a lot in common with Iran’s Hormuz Peace Endeavor” (HOPE).

The Peace Endeavor is a plan to secure peace in the region including the Persian Gulf, the Strait of Hormuz and the Sea of Oman. Presented by Iran at the 74th meeting of the UN General Assembly in September 2019, it is intended to involve participation of all the nations of the region, excluding any extra-regional forces.

## STRATEGIC SHOWDOWN

### **German Lawmaker Discusses Nord Stream Detonation with *Global Times***

March 31, 2023 (EIRNS)—[Andrej Hunko](#), a member of the German Bundestag and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, said that the attack on the Nord Stream pipelines is a kind of economic warfare, not only against Germany but also the EU, in an interview with *Global Times* reporter Li Aixin, published on March 23. Hunko stressed, it is important to have a critical view and to get to the bottom of it.

The two Nord Stream pipelines, extending underneath the Baltic Sea from St. Petersburg to Greifswald, Germany, were to bring natural Russian gas to the EU. The first set of two pipelines, known as Nord Stream 1, was in operation, but geopolitics prevented the second set, Nord Stream 2, which had been completed in September 2021, majority owned by Gazprom, and minority owned by German, Swiss and other entities, from being brought into operation. On Sept. 26, 2022, explosives destroyed the pipelines off the Danish island of Bornholm.

On Feb. 8, 2023, investigative journalist [Seymour Hersh](#) published a devastating revelation that U.S. President Joe Biden had had U.S. and Norwegian divers place explosives on the pipelines under cover of the NATO exercise BALTOPS-22 in June, which were remotely detonated in September. Seawater corrosion prevented the explosives from destroying one of the four pipelines, according to Hersh's source.

## **Russia Demanding Independent Investigations on Nord Stream and Bucha**

March 31, 2023 (EIRNS)—In her weekly briefing March 30, Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman [Maria Zakharova](#) emphasized two key areas in which the Putin government will continue to demand action from the West.

Russia will demand reports from those countries conducting national investigations into the terror attack on the Nord Stream pipelines (Germany, Sweden and Denmark). “We will continue to raise this topic, which is inconvenient for the West. We will continue to return to it and make these countries return to it, demanding a report on national investigations,” she said. “To avoid the repetition of such attacks in the future, to protect the global energy infrastructure is only possible by establishing the truth and punishing those who are behind this terrorist attack,” Zakharova said.

Secondly, she reported that Russia is also calling for an independent investigation into last year's events in Bucha, outside Kiev in Ukraine, where Russia was falsely accused of a “massacre” that was actually carried out by Ukrainian Nazis. Russia calls on the UN to publish a list of the alleged victims. “It is necessary to carry out a fair, impartial, independent investigation which should be focused on giving answers to four questions: identification of bodies, time and cause of death, signs of possible transportation of the bodies.”

Russia has asked the UN for the full list of Bucha's residents who died at the time of the events, Zakharova said, but the UN has neither responded nor provided the list. Instead, it recommends referring to the list of victims

available on the internet and social media, which is not an official list and not acceptable to Russia.

The events in Bucha were a provocation intended to sabotage negotiations between Russia and Ukraine, and to also impose new sanctions against Russia, Sputnik reported. Zakharova went on to give a very detailed report in her briefing of exactly what transpired in Bucha, exposing the fraud of the accusations against Russian troops, and the disgusting complicity of the international media in perpetuating the claim of a Russian “massacre,” even in the face of overwhelming evidence to the contrary.

### **Belarus President Lukashenko Seeks for Ukraine Truce and Negotiations in a National Address**

March 31, 2023 (EIRNS)—Belarus President Aleksandr Lukashenko gave a powerful address to the nation today, the first since the decision was announced that Russian tactical nuclear missiles would be placed in Belarus for its protection. In his speech, Lukashenko proposed to stop hostilities in Ukraine and to declare a truce.

“If Russia used to ask (it asked us, too) for weapons and ammunition to protect itself, today they are not asking for weapons from anyone,” Lukashenko said. “Why? Because the Russian military-industrial complex—and I know this for certain—is unfolding at full power today. If this military-industrial complex unfolds to its full capacity, it will be hard to talk about peace. If this Russian ‘cart’ rolls by inertia, it will be hard to stop it. On the other hand, if Ukraine is stuffed with weapons (Western mainly, there are no Soviet weapons left there), if the military gets additional training, this will also lead to a much bigger disaster. As a result, we will have much more than half a million killed and injured.”

“We need to stop now, before the escalation begins. I will try to risk suggesting a cessation of hostilities ... to declare a truce without the right to move, regroup troops from both sides, without the right to transfer weapons, ammunition and military equipment,” he said.

He said that the deployment of nuclear weapons in Belarus was not about intimidation and blackmail, but was an opportunity to ensure security of the state, and ensure peace for the Belarusian people. “In emerging conditions and the military and political situation around our country, I’ve reactivated negotiations with the Russian President on the return of nuclear weapons to Belarus, the return of the nuclear weapons which were removed in the 1990s.” He noted the threat to Belarus coming from the Western powers, and was quick to say that one should no longer talk of “the West” but rather of “the Anglo-Americans.”

He reported a number of provocations by Ukrainian special forces against the territory of Belarus and said that Belarus special forces have been placed on the southern border to protect against these incursions. In dealing with them, Belarus would respond appropriately, and that the nuclear arsenal would only be called upon if there were a major attack on the country. He also mooted the possibility of the West moving against Belarus, if Ukraine happened to move in the direction of negotiations, as another way of undermining Russia.

Lukashenko further indicated that there was a lot of fraternization on the front lines. Many of the fascist forces have been killed and the troops on the front line have been dragooned into services. Sometimes they inform the Russian side that there will be an attack, and the Russians withdraw, to come back later.

“It is necessary to start these negotiations and make them direct,” Lukashenko said. “Don’t wait for mediators from the West or the East. Ukraine has to understand (maybe Russia has to understand, too, but the economic might is incomparable) that once a small conflict starts in some other part of the planet, and there are sparks everywhere, Ukraine will be forgotten. Nobody will bring gifts of weapons. What then? Even if Ukrainians are not defeated, they will be unable to restore the country on their own. This is why after wising up, everyone has to clearly understand that they need to start negotiations and come to terms,” he said.

After his speech he met for a half-hour with the press and others present, including the mayor of a city on the Polish border which had been the subject of one of these “incursions.” Lukashenko assured him that the government would take measures to deal with such incidents. The western border is also under constant control, he said. Defenses of the territories bordering on Poland and Lithuania have been reinforced, he pointed out, except that Belarus has not closed the border with its neighbors. Moreover, Belarus offers a visa-free travel program to citizens of these countries. “Don’t worry, we see who comes and who leaves,” Lukashenko assured.

In its coverage of Lukashenko’s speech, the Russian agency RIA Novosti reported that Moscow has repeatedly indicated that it is ready for negotiations, but the Kiev regime has introduced a ban against it at the legislative level. At the same time, the Kremlin emphasized that any peace agreement should take into account the entry of new regions into Russia. As Vladimir Putin insisted, Moscow is open to dialogue if the Kiev authorities are ripe for this.

Commenting on Lukashenko’s proposal, Italian news agency ANSA wrote that it is improbable that the Belarus leader has done it without consulting with Putin.

TASS reports the comments of Presidential spokesman Dmitry Peskov today who told reporters that, of course, the Kremlin is aware of Lukashenko’s proposal. Next week, there will be a meeting of the Supreme State Council of the Union States, and the two leaders will have ample opportunity to discuss his proposal and others. Peskov emphasized, however, that Lukashenko’s proposal changes nothing; the special military operation will continue, because “it is the only means to achieve the goals that our country has today.”

**U.S. POLITICAL & ECONOMIC****'Rumpelstiltskin' Janet Yellen Rails against China's 'Fake' Development Policy**

March 31, 2023 (EIRNS)—Try to imagine a short, shriveled-up old lady, fists clenched and stomping her feet, angrily vowing to “counter” China’s influence in international financial institutions and its lending to developing countries. There you have it—Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen, dismissing reality, and telling a House Appropriations Committee subcommittee on March 29 that the U.S. is going to get tough with China. Anything optimistic happening in the world isn’t really there.

How? Why? As Yellen’s story goes, Reuters reported, China doesn’t really lend money for development. It just saddles emerging nations with debt. So, now, as some erudite report has claimed, China is just bailing out countries to which it previously lent money so they could build “Belt and Road infrastructure.” And since these projects allegedly didn’t yield expected financial dividends, those poor countries are left holding the bag. She pointed to Zambia, Ghana and Sri Lanka as victims of China’s “debt trap.”

China’s Foreign Ministry spokeswoman [Mao Ning](#) swiftly dispensed with Yellen’s “unjustified accusation” during her March 30 daily briefing, pointing out that China’s financial cooperation with developing countries is always based on the principles of transparency and openness. There are no political strings attached.

As for the “debt trap” nonsense, Mao said, Yellen should remember that multilateral financial institutions and commercial creditors hold more than 80% of the sovereign debt of developing nations and are “the biggest source of stress on developing countries in terms of debt payments.” And, she added, recent “massive interest rate hikes” have made the debt problems of many countries much worse, so the U.S. would do well to take specific steps to help developing countries instead of blaming others, she said.

## HISTORY & CULTURE

### **Now It Can Be Told: Putin's Kidnapping and Re-Education Camps Teach Classical Music**

March 31, 2023 (EIRNS)—A new exposé by the [Grayzone](#) reveals the shocking truth behind the ICC war crimes indictment of Russian President Vladimir Putin: He set up a “camp” where victims are taught to perform classical music, with the consent of their parents. Grayzone co-author Jeffrey Loffredo had visited this institution in outside of Moscow, a school where music students from Donetsk and Lugansk—voice, violin, piano, etc.—can concentrate on studies outside of a war zone. Loffredo had made his visit by happenstance while researching what Russians think of the war in November 2022, long before there was any allegation of kidnapping, “reeducation,” and war crimes. He interviews a Russian teacher at the school, which the students nicknamed the “[Donbass Express](#),” and several students, shown in a video embedded in the article.

That is more heinous than the State Department had previously thought. Or, for that matter, financed, when it paid for a report Yale Humanitarian Research Lab, whose allegations appear to be picked up wholesale—without either Yale or The Hague having actually interviewed any of the alleged victims or been to the so-called “camps”—in the ICC arrest warrant.