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## EDITORIAL

### **Free Women and Men Speak a Different Language Than That of Slavish Tyrants!**

May 5, 2023 (EIRNS)—On May 3, on a day dedicated worldwide to the freedom of speech, the freedom of thought, and the freedom of journalist Julian Assange, Helga Zepp-LaRouche issued a statement, “The Freedom of the Press and Freedom of Julian Assange Are Identical!” The statement concluded:” The heads of state who assemble this weekend for the coronation of King Charles can prove their commitment to freedom and

democracy by congratulating the newly crowned King for making his first act the freedom of Julian Assange!”

Was Zepp-LaRouche, in her statement, intentionally insulting the morality of world heads of state, by implying that they were capable of committing an “unnatural act”—of real leadership—even King Charles?

Two days later, [Julian Assange](#) himself took spiritual leadership of the rallies that had been held in his name, with a defiantly polemical Jonathan Swift-like excoriation of the unjust, “mad, old, diseased and dying” system of injustice against which he stands. He, too, addressed the King of England, extending to Charles an invitation that, while different than that proposed by Zepp-LaRouche, was complementary to hers. “On the coronation of my liege, I thought it only fitting to extend a heartfelt invitation to you to commemorate this momentous occasion by visiting your very own kingdom within a kingdom: His Majesty’s Prison Belmarsh.”

For those that have wondered how to gain the strength to resist and overcome oppression, how to refute “the rule of law,” a language of coercion which is the language of brutes, these two statements illustrate what Lyndon LaRouche called the “Florestan principle” in art, as well as the art of statecraft. It could also be called the “Think Like Beethoven” principle, because of Beethoven’s opera *Fidelio*, whose two leading characters, Florestan and his wife Leonore, also called “Fidelio,” defeat political tyranny in the form of the tyrannical Pizarro, who represents the real-life William Pitt’s and Britain’s imprisonment and treatment of the Marquis de Lafayette and his wife Adrienne, the real-life Leonore.

Zepp-LaRouche, the 2022 winner of the Freedom of Expression Award of the Journalists’ Club of Mexico, also pointed out that “In reality there is a brutal fight for control of the ‘narrative’ of the ‘rules-based-order,’ where journalism has been degraded to serve as the executioner on behalf of the ruling elites. If this were an exaggeration, Seymour Hersh would have received a newly created Nobel Prize for Excellence in Journalism in Norway, and all the Norwegian media would have excelled in reporting

about the role of Norway in the sabotage of the Nord Stream Pipelines.” Julian Assange was a recipient of that same award in 2019. Such ideas demonstrate that while statecraft may arguably not be an art-form as such, the deft application of the irony of harsh, but undeniable truth, through a well-written story or a well-delivered speech, can be as aesthetically satisfying and clarifying as a portrait by Velazquez, or Goya’s *Los Caprichos* pictorial commentary on the follies of Spain.

In contrast, Ukraine’s Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who is no artist, but merely an entertainer, a runaway human drone dominated by an ungrateful British intelligence “Mother,” recently told the *Washington Post*, when asked about reports that the U.S. was spying on him and other Ukrainian officials: “Where I can speak frankly, I do it. But there are high risks,” and so he won’t. When “pretend President” Zelenskyy speaks with China’s President Xi Jinping, the next day, Sir Richard Dearlove, former Chief of the British Secret Intelligence Service (MI6) comes to Ukraine to tell him what he is going to say and think. That is Anglo-American democracy at work in the doomed nation that was once Ukraine.

There will be no exit, Zelenskyy is told. London has decreed it. In the words of Dearlove, in an interview upon his return from Ukraine, “The other thing I would say, which is absolutely crystal clear, [is] the Ukrainians will not under any circumstances at the moment accept a ceasefire. They will not under any circumstances accept a negotiation which does not meet the terms already laid down publicly by Zelenskyy, which, if you read them, the Russians are not about to agree to. So this talk of peace negotiations, as far as the Ukrainians go, is completely irrelevant at the moment,” whatever Zelenskyy may have momentarily thought he could say or think, in speaking with China. Zelenskyy is not a free man, but a slave in the ill-fitting garb of a tyrant, barely a step ahead of the Azov hangmen of his own regime, themselves a doomed lot.

This is not to say that real adversity does not threaten and afflict real freedom-fighters. There is a price for making policy, and even for free thought. In his 2004 essay, “[The Night They Came To Kill Me](#),” Lyndon

LaRouche recalled: “[On Oct. 12, 1988](#), I delivered a memorable address in Berlin, which was taped there for later broadcast, that same month, on a nationwide TV campaign feature. I forecast the imminent collapse of the Soviet alliance, beginning probably soon in Poland, and spreading into other parts of Eastern Europe and the Soviet economy itself. I proposed a course of U.S. action to deal, through affirmative economic action, with the opportunity to uproot the embedded institutions of major military conflict throughout the world.

“I was soon hustled off to the hoosegow by the fastest, if perhaps the most crooked railroad in the U.S.A., the Alexandria Federal Courthouse in the Eastern District of Virginia.”

“I spoke the truth, and chains were my reward,” says the political prisoner Florestan in Ludwig van Beethoven’s opera *Fidelio*. But is it worth it? Julian Assange spoke the truth. Seymour Hersh has spoken the truth. Helga Zepp-LaRouche, #1 on the Ukrainian Center for Countering Disinformation “Kill List,” along with Scott Ritter, Ray McGovern, and Independent United States Senate candidate Diane Sare, have all spoken the truth. The Founding Fathers of the United States spoke the truth, and admonished all of the citizens of the United States, that it was not only their right, but also their duty to throw off tyranny, should it re-emerge in their newly-formed nation.

On the verge of the possible annihilation of the human race, “speaking the truth boldly without artifice,” is the only way to win against the nihilists and cultural Malthusians for whom killing the mind, through what is called “cognitive warfare” rather than what it is—menticide—is the primary objective in war. As the January 2021 NATO Report, “Cognitive Warfare,” said: “The brain will be the battlefield of the 21st century. Humans are the contested domain. Cognitive warfare’s objective is to make everyone a weapon.”

Therefore, let us joyously respond to the human drones of the State Department, Pentagon, British Intelligence and their various world minions, by thinking and acting with and on behalf of the Global Majority now

emerging, whose desire for a new security and development architecture provides the optimism by means of which the cognitive war will be won by those who dare to speak the truth. “Our power is their Love and Reason.”

- Watch [Harley's Updates](#) with Harley Schlanger on Monday May 8, 2023: Every weekday morning on The LaRouche Organization, Schlanger will give you the strategic briefing you need to start your day.

## STRATEGIC SHOWDOWN

### Russia Will Respond to Attack on Kremlin with ‘Concrete Actions,’ Lavrov Says

May 5, 2023 (EIRNS)—Speaking on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Foreign Ministers’ meeting in Panaji, Goa in India on May 5, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said that Russia would respond to the attempted attack on President Vladimir Putin with “concrete actions.” “We will respond not with talk about whether or not this is a ‘*casus belli*.’ We will respond with concrete actions,” he said. Lavrov said that his SCO colleagues had condemned Kiev’s actions in the drone attack on May 3 against the Kremlin. Responding on May 4 to the attack, the [Foreign Ministry](#) statement read: “This crime is aggravated by the fact that the Moscow Kremlin serves as the residence of the head of state. What makes the actions of the neo-Nazi Ukrainian authorities especially cynical is that they made an attempt to assassinate the President of Russia ahead of Victory Day and the May 9 Parade, where Great Patriotic War veterans, who had shed their blood in the fight against Nazism and fascism, including on Ukrainian territory, will be present....

“It has been an open secret for the international community that the Kiev regime enjoys the support of Western countries, which provide it with weapons, intelligence data, train its fighters and assign targets. The silence on behalf of the collective West demonstrates its connivance with the terrorist methods employed by the neo-Nazi extremist regime in Kiev.

“The Foreign Ministry believes that the international community and international organizations which are free from double standards and seek guidance from international law must condemn this new criminal undertaking by the Kiev regime. Kiev must be forced to live up to its commitments as regards fighting terrorism, international humanitarian law and human rights.

“The Foreign Ministry reaffirms that Russia reserves the right to take countermeasures in response to these outrageous acts of terrorism. Russia’s response will hinge on the assessment of the threats posed by Kiev to the leadership of our country,” the ministry statement concluded.

In his remarks to the media today in Panaji, Goa, [Lavrov](#) said that there could be no solution to the Ukraine crisis by “freezing” the line of engagement in the Donbass “as some want.” “The geopolitical nature of the current events is obvious to everyone,” he said.

Lavrov also confirmed a media question about discussions by the SCO countries on a common currency for mutual settlements, using alternative currencies other than the U.S. dollar. “All of this is now being analyzed by our countries’ relevant agencies.... This work is in progress. It cannot be stopped now,” he concluded.

### **Ukraine’s Drone Assassination Program**

May 5, 2023 (EIRNS)—It turns out that Anton Gerashchenko, a key interface between “official Kiev” and “deniable” covert wetworks since no later than 2014, also shows up in the efforts to target Russian President Vladimir Putin for assassination by drone attacks. He was the key “advisor” to Minister of Internal Affairs Arseniy Avakov, in the 2014 coordination with the paramilitary groups (Azov, Aidar, etc.) sent into Donbass in March-April 2014 to put down the opposition to the February coup, and the early workings of the “Myrotvorets” hit list, deployed against those who reported on the paramilitary operations. He’s had a role in determining whom to target in Donbass ever since, including in the execution of local mayors in 2022.

In February 2023, Gerashchenko, an advisor to Ukraine's minister of internal affairs, tweeted a photo of what appeared to be a Ukraine UF-22 airborne drone, manufactured by Ukrjet. (Ukrjet says it has a range of 800 km.) It had landed near a Gazprom facility near Gubastovo, about 100 km southeast of Moscow. He wrote next to the photo: "It is more than 500 km away from Russian border with Ukraine. Soon Putin might get very afraid to show himself in public as drones can reach far distances."

The interest in extending drone attacks to Moscow was evident. Then in March 2023, a drone injured at least three Russians in Kireyevsk, about 400 km from Ukraine's border. On March 28, a Ukrainian drone landed about 45 km from Moscow.

Grayzone featured a story on May 2, the day prior to the May 3 early-morning drone attack on the Kremlin, which featured an April 6 televised offer (on the Kiev-based TSN network) by the head of a Ukrainian weapons company named Volodymyr Yatsenko. He offered 20 million hryvnias (about \$549,000) to any Ukrainian weapons producer that manages to land a drone inside Moscow's Red Square during the May 9 Victory Day celebration. (During the offer, he also took credit for the March 28 drone attack.) While Yatsenko, a headline-seeker who may have other reasons for the "patriotic" publicity—i.e., he has an upcoming trial regarding a mysterious disappearance of \$5.5 billion from Ukraine's Privatbank in 2016—his offer/threat was taken seriously enough for Moscow to cancel May 9 parades in the areas closer to the border with Ukraine.

The Grayzone article also covered an April 23 attack by a Ukrainian UF-22 drone, evidently originating from Ukraine's Kharkiv region, which crashed about 12 miles short of the Rudnevo Industrial Park development in the greater Moscow area. Evidently, this drone carried a significant amount of explosives. Grayzone cited one Yuri Romanenko, a co-founder of the "Ukraine for the Future" think tank, who linked the drone to an attempt on Putin's life. He wrote on Twitter: "Last week, our [SBU] intelligence officers received information about Putin's trip to the industrial

park in Rudnevo.... Accordingly, ours launched a kamikaze drone, which flew through all the air defenses of the Russian Federation, and fell not far from the industrial park.... Putin, we are getting closer.” Proponents of this incident claim that Putin was to visit the Rudnevo site that day, though some claim the next day. However, TASS reported that Putin actually visited the site on Thursday, April 27, four days later.

Finally, on April 25, the BBC interviewed Ukraine’s Minister for Digital Transformation Mykhailo Fedorov, the leader of the “Army of Drones” fundraising campaign to privately equip Ukraine with drones. In his government office in Kiev, he proudly displays a prototype of a new secret kamikaze drone being built in Ukraine; and on his official Telegram account, he has boasted of a Ukrainian drone called the R18 that “can fly from Kiev to Moscow and back.”

Disclaimers from President Zelenskyy and his entourage of any involvement by Kiev in the May 3 attack on the Kremlin—that Ukraine is only defending its territory and/or that opponents of the Putin regime from inside Russia are the prime suspects—are more than disingenuous. Kiev has been working assiduously on their own assassination program. This is not to rule out that the wetworks operations—whether directly run from Kiev or with the coordination from London and/or Washington—may not also have been involved. (Such networks have been indicated in previous assassinations of Darya Dugina in Moscow and Vladlen Tatarsky in St. Petersburg.) Gerashchenko’s involvement certainly suggests as much.

Regardless, Russian authorities have physical evidence from the debris of the two drones from the May 3 attack on the Kremlin, and will undoubtedly decide what more to say on the matter.

### **Dearlove Reiterates British Empire Ukraine Policy: No Peace Negotiations Under Any Circumstances**

May 5, 2023 (EIRNS)—Yesterday, the [One Decision Podcast](#) released an interview with former MI6 Chief Sir Richard Dearlove, hosted by journalist Julia Macfarlane. The interview focused on Dearlove’s visit to Ukraine on

April 27, which happened the day after Chinese President Xi Jinping's phone call with Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

Dearlove made clear his commitment to NATO's policy of "fighting to the last Ukrainian" whatever the cost, whether the tragic loss of Ukrainian and Russian troops, the continued destruction of buildings and infrastructure, or the possibility of all-out thermonuclear conflict between the world's largest nuclear weapons powers.

Asked by Macfarlane about the recent leaks of classified documents from the Pentagon, which revealed the actual assessment that Kiev isn't heading towards a victory in their much-talked-about Spring Offensive, and that there are gaping vulnerabilities in the Ukrainian air defenses, Dearlove "reassured" Macfarlane, saying that the Ukrainians are not too worried about the leaks, and that they might actually present an advantage in the long term, given the urgency of meeting the Ukraine military's needs. (One might question Dearlove's assumption that people of the U.S. and Europe will bend over backwards to support the demands for endless weapons supplies.)

Addressing Kiev's shortage of S-300 and BUK missiles, which make up 90% of their air defense against Russian bombers, Dearlove stressed that there was "no panic" from the Ukrainian leadership. The recent Pentagon leaks have sorely misled the media, Dearlove said, and the Ukrainians see the war "in a much more multi-dimensional fashion."

Interestingly, Dearlove recognized certain realities of the situation on the ground that have previously been omitted or outright denied by the mainstream press, such as the proportion of artillery shells fired from Russia (7 Russian shells for every Ukrainian shell), Ukraine's significant losses in the city of Bakhmut, and the lack of experienced troops.

Despite these recognitions, Dearlove insisted that there would be no negotiations, unless Ukraine reclaimed the territory it had lost throughout the course of the war.

Responding to a question by Macfarlane on the anticipation of a much-vaunted “spring offensive,” Dearlove replied, “All I would say is I think that what is happening militarily on the ground in the lead-up to the [July 11-12 NATO] Vilnius Summit is going to be important because it will influence the discussion.... The other thing I would say, which is absolutely crystal clear, the Ukrainians will not under any circumstances at the moment accept a ceasefire. They will not under any circumstances accept a negotiation which does not meet the terms already laid down publicly by Zelenskyy, which, if you read them, the Russians are not about to agree to. So this talk of peace negotiations, as far as the Ukrainians go, is completely irrelevant at the moment. They are suffering naked aggression on their territory; they didn’t cause the war. And they see that they have the military capability at the moment to regain territory, so their focus is on doing that.”

In other words, the war is in no way being directed by the Ukrainians, but by their masters in London. If Dearlove and company have to go so far as to trigger a “Crimean missile crisis” to make Russia blink, they will surely do so, “or the Ukrainians will die trying.”

### **Royal Prisoner Assange Speaks in Dishonor of ‘Balmy Prince Charlie’s’ Coronation**

May 5, 2023 (EIRNS)—Stella Assange, Julian Assange’s wife, posted a tweet containing the contents of a letter written on Declassified UK by Julian Assange, titled “[A Kingly Proposal: Letter from Julian Assange to King Charles III](#)”:

To His Majesty King Charles III,

On the coronation of my liege, I thought it only fitting to extend a heartfelt invitation to you to commemorate this momentous occasion by visiting your very own kingdom within a kingdom: His Majesty’s Prison Belmarsh.

You will no doubt recall the wise words of a renowned playwright: “The quality of mercy is not strained. It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven upon the place beneath.”

Ah, but what would that bard know of mercy faced with the reckoning at the dawn of your historic reign? After all, one can truly know the measure of a society by how it treats its prisoners, and your kingdom has surely excelled in that regard.

Your Majesty's Prison Belmarsh is located at the prestigious address of One Western Way, London, just a short foxhunt from the Old Royal Naval College in Greenwich. How delightful it must be to have such an esteemed establishment bear your name.

It is here that 687 of your loyal subjects are held, supporting the United Kingdom's record as the nation with the largest prison population in Western Europe. As your noble government has recently declared, your kingdom is currently undergoing "the biggest expansion of prison places in over a century," with its ambitious projections showing an increase of the prison population from 82,000 to 106,000 within the next four years. Quite the legacy, indeed.

As a political prisoner, held at Your Majesty's pleasure on behalf of an embarrassed foreign sovereign, I am honoured to reside within the walls of this world class institution. Truly, your kingdom knows no bounds.

During your visit, you will have the opportunity to feast upon the culinary delights prepared for your loyal subjects on a generous budget of two pounds per day. Savour the blended tuna heads and the ubiquitous reconstituted forms that are purportedly made from chicken. And worry not, for unlike lesser institutions such as Alcatraz or San Quentin, there is no communal dining in a mess hall. At Belmarsh, prisoners dine alone in their cells, ensuring the utmost intimacy with their meal.

Beyond the gustatory pleasures, I can assure you that Belmarsh provides ample educational opportunities for your subjects. As Proverbs 22:6 has it: "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Observe the shuffling queues at the medicine hatch, where inmates gather their prescriptions, not for daily use, but for the horizon-expanding experience of a "big day out"—all at once.

You will also have the opportunity to pay your respects to my late friend Manoel Santos, a gay man facing deportation to Bolsonaro's Brazil, who took his own life just eight yards from my cell using a crude rope fashioned from his bedsheets. His exquisite tenor voice now silenced forever.

Venture further into the depths of Belmarsh and you will find the most isolated place within its walls: Healthcare, or "Hellcare" as its inhabitants lovingly call it. Here, you will marvel at sensible rules designed for everyone's safety, such as the prohibition of chess, whilst permitting the far less dangerous game of checkers.

Deep within Hellcare lies the most gloriously uplifting place in all of Belmarsh, nay, the whole of the United Kingdom: the sublimely named Belmarsh End of Life Suite. Listen closely, and you may hear the prisoners' cries of "Brother, I'm going to die in here," a testament to the quality of both life and death within your prison.

But fear not, for there is beauty to be found within these walls. Feast your eyes upon the picturesque crows nesting in the razor wire and the hundreds of hungry rats that call Belmarsh home. And if you come in the spring, you may even catch a glimpse of the ducklings laid by wayward mallards within the prison grounds. But don't delay, for the ravenous rats ensure their lives are fleeting.

I implore you, King Charles, to visit His Majesty's Prison Belmarsh, for it is an honour befitting a king. As you embark upon your reign, may you always remember the words of the King James Bible: "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy" (Matthew 5:7). And may mercy be the guiding light of your kingdom, both within and without the walls of Belmarsh.

Your most devoted subject,

Julian Assange

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## COLLAPSING WESTERN SYSTEM

### Canadian Parliament Passes C-11 Censorship Law

May 5, 2023 (EIRNS)—Canada has passed a law that will allow the government to regulate audiovisual content as if it were broadcasting (which is regulated by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission—CRTC). Part of this is to force the display in social media feeds of more content deemed “Canadian.” In effect, a Canadian going to YouTube will be spammed with material the government wants them to see, rather than what they’re interested in.

The Justice Center for Constitutional Freedoms released a statement on April 28: “It will fall under the CRTC’s jurisdiction to penalize any regulated entity found to be spreading misinformation (according to the CRTC’s definition of misinformation) and impose significant fines (up to \$250,000 per day) for any breaches of the Act.

“The Government of Canada should not be in the business of regulated political podcasts or determining what counts as Canadian content. It should not have the power to decide what content creators or news organizations can or should create or express or report. That’s for Canadians themselves to decide.”

But the bill has support from the Coalition for the Diversity of Cultural Expressions, which exults in the fact that the bill “has now passed all stages leading to Royal Assent.”

Every person in Canada, whether a Canadian citizen or not, who accesses a foreign broadcaster is under the scope of this law.

The CRTC has issued a statement that it “has no intention to regulate creators of user-generated content and their content.” Setting aside the question of whether its current “intention” will hold in the future, by regulating YouTube itself, it’s not necessary to regulate the individual content creators.

## U.S. POLITICAL & ECONOMIC

### Big Fish Gobbling Up the Small Ones in Financial Crash

May 5, 2023 (EIRNS)—Rather than reforming the financial system for the public good, the U.S. Treasury and the Federal Reserve are going for a scheme where the “too big to fail” banks are being called upon to gobble up the smaller regional banks, leaving the eatable remains of the failed banks to the big banks, and the losses and bailout of uninsured depositors—to the FDIC.

The word is out in the financial media: The banking crisis provoked by the Fed’s interest rate hikes did not end with the takeovers and reorganizations of Silicon Valley Bank, Signature Bank and First Republic Bank, despite the U.S. Treasury and the Fed’s attempt to stop the crisis by “swiftly” organizing the takeovers, and agreeing to bail out all the uninsured bank holders. Two other regional institutions are already collapsing, PacWest in Los Angeles, whose stocks lost 50% in trading on Wednesday evening (May 3), and Western Alliance Bancorp of Phoenix.

The disaster looming is much, much bigger and involves not only the smaller banks, but also a global systemic entity worth over \$1 trillion in assets, and three other big banks.

According to an article by [Ambrose Evans-Pritchard](#), in the *Telegraph* on May 2, “nearly half of America’s 4,800 banks are already burning through their capital buffers. They may not be required to mark all losses to market under U.S. accounting rules, but that doesn’t make them solvent. Somebody will bear those losses.”

An article in Business News by [Harold Vazquez](#) cites Professor Amit Seru, a banking expert at Stanford University saying: “It’s scary. There are thousands of banks under water.... Let’s not pretend it’s only about Silicon Valley Bank and First Republic. Much of the U.S. banking system is potentially insolvent.”

Reports Vazquez: “The full blow of monetary tightening by the Fed has not yet struck. A major building refinancing of debt faces the edge of the

cliff over the next six quarters.” He notes that uninsured accounts in the U.S. represent as much as \$9 trillion.

The source for this analysis is a “Hoover Institution report by Professor Seru and a group of banking experts, which calculates that more than 2,315 U.S. banks are currently sitting on assets worth less than their liabilities. The market value of their loan portfolio is \$2 trillion less than the stated book value.”

“These lenders include large animals,” writes Vazquez. “One of the 10 most vulnerable banks is a globally systemic entity with over \$1 trillion in assets. There are three other big banks. ‘It’s not just a problem for banks under \$250 billion that don’t have to pass stress tests,’ he said.”

In France, financial analyst Charles Sannat comments that by using the “too big to fail” banks to take over the failing regional banks, the Fed is creating a “too big to save” problem in the future.

## NEW STRATEGIC & ECONOMIC ARCHITECTURE

### Chinese Foreign Minister Qin and Russia’s Lavrov Meet in Goa

May 5, 2023 (EIRNS)—Chinese [Foreign Minister Qin Gang](#) and Russian Foreign Minister [Sergey Lavrov](#) met on May 4 on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Foreign Ministers meeting in Panaji, Goa in India. He said that bilateral exchanges at various levels have become more active since President Xi Jinping’s visit to Moscow over March 20-22, and cooperation in various fields has rolled out across the board.

The two sides agreed to plan and make arrangements for next-stage exchanges between the two countries at all levels, to strengthen cooperation in economy and trade and to deepen cultural and people-to-people exchanges. They agreed to strengthen cooperation with multilateral frameworks such as BRICS, the G20 and the United Nations, and to strengthen coordination in the Asia-Pacific and oppose a new Cold War.

They also discussed the situation in Ukraine. Qin said China would stay committed to promoting peace talks, while Lavrov also underlined the importance of China's Position Paper on the Political Settlement of the Ukraine Crisis, and said Russia stands ready to keep close communication with China on the matter.

## SCIENCE & INFRASTRUCTURE

### **National Academy of Sciences Flouts FBI's 'China Initiative' in New Appointments**

May 5, 2023 (EIRNS)—The U.S. National Academy of Sciences announced the list of new candidates for membership on May 2, which included eight Chinese-American scientists, not least being Chen Gang from MIT, who had been investigated by the FBI for possible espionage in its notorious “China Initiative,” which has since been thrown on the scrapheap. The FBI investigation of Chen had caused great concern in the Chinese-American community and in the academic community generally, given his prestige as a scholar. While he undoubtedly earned the latest nomination on the basis of his work, it is also a black eye for the FBI, which had gone overboard in their frenetic attempts to uncover “Chinese espionage.”