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EDITORIAL

Creating the Conditions for Durable Survival

June 25 (EIRNS)—The danger of war is our greatest threat, and the creation of an effective economic policy is our greatest necessity.

With Donald Trump's cancellation of a planned attack on Iran—claimed to be in relation to Iran's downing of a U.S. drone supposedly in international air space—a catastrophic sequence of events, leading to all-out war, was averted, for now. While the world can breathe a sigh of relief, what is needed is a basis for durable survival, rather than a series of defensive measures to achieve momentary survival. Our objective is to achieve durable survival for the human species.

Helga Zepp-LaRouche stressed that there is a powerful tendency for people to avoid thinking about the war danger, to give in to fear or terror and block it out. To allow this would be disastrous!

Against this threat, promise is shown in several positive developments: both the U.S. and Russia have confirmed that a Trump-Putin meeting is scheduled; the *Global Times* has come out excoriating Pompeo for undermining the intentions of Trump; Pence's planned June 24 provocative speech against China has again been postponed; and Putin responded to a question about continuing to treat the U.S. as partners, despite the repeated attacks on Russia's economy and dignity, by referencing the beautiful architecture of his hometown, St. Petersburg, contributing to his underlying view of the beauty and potential of the human species.

The New Paradigm increasingly gripping the world threatens to entirely replace the dying British system, and it is precisely to prevent this new outlook from taking firmer hold in the world that the British are pushing for war and chaos, including trying to push Trump out of the way to do so. Think back to the Helsinki meeting. Immediately beforehand, Team Mueller released an indictment of purported Russian hackers, an indictment whose release was timed to sabotage that meeting. With the G20 coming up

this Friday, we again see attempts to scuttle the potential for Trump-Xi-Putin cooperation.

Now, we see the crisis over Iran—reflecting a major weakness in Trump’s world outlook—being used as the provocation point. In the case of Iran, no proof has been presented of Iran using mines to attack cargo ships. Was there a military decision to fly a drone inside Iranian airspace, knowing this would provoke a response? Iran has presented a map of the flight path of both the drone, and a Poseidon aircraft as well. Can we allow the pro-British intelligence, military, and government community to force the hand of the President?

Think of what JFK fought against in the time of the Cuban Missile Crisis. That President, too, was under pressure by forces around him. They sought to create *events* that would force or constrain Kennedy’s freedom to decide. Like JFK, Trump pushed against those trying to force his hand, and explained publicly his decision.

How can durable survival be achieved in the climate of the 2018 “John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act” (NDAA), which allows cyberattacks on Russia, China, Iran and North Korea, and in the climate of punitive trade relations with China, trying to kill the China 2025 plan and push Huawei out of the world’s markets?

How can durable survival be achieved without completely smashing the Russiagate lie? And could this truly be achieved without winning victory on the exoneration of Lyndon LaRouche?

Russia’s President Vladimir Putin has frequently mentioned the steps taken by the U.S. that upset the global balance: The Bush-era withdrawal from the ABM, the ongoing assault on the INF agreement, the military posture that envisions the possible use of tactical nuclear weapons, the challenges to the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT), and the coming expiration of the New START treaty in 2021. We have all read the reports of U.S. cyber attacks on the Russian electrical grid. Who is to say that such attacks are not also being made against Chinese infrastructure?

It is not only against U.S. participation in the New Paradigm that the British have deployed their forces. Chinese involvement in Africa, through indisputably win-win arrangements, has been subjected to countless defamatory claims about a “debt trap.”

Again, the dangers are real! Under the current NDAA, and with the stable of maniacs hovering around Trump, and with the unrefuted lie of Russian involvement in the 2016 elections, the number of potential flashpoints that could cascade to nuclear war are many.

The personal diplomacy between Presidents Trump, Putin and Xi this weekend can and must be the turning point. Cooperation for peace and development must replace the drive for war.

U.S. POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

***Global Times* Rips Pompeo as a Threat to World Peace**

June 25 (EIRNS)—The lead editorial in the Chinese Communist Party’s *Global Times* today is a no-holds-barred attack on Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, clearly pinning the blame for the current threat of war on Pompeo, for undermining Trump’s intentions. Some quotes:

“Washington stands at a critical juncture as it redesigns the national strategy blueprint within a Cold War framework. The highest-ranking U.S. diplomat has single-handedly activated an outdated mindset, smashing it to the point of climax.... Pompeo also has turned the U.S. State Department into a strategic headquarters used to antagonize the international community. By provoking conflict between countries who have unique differences, Pompeo has done nothing but threaten world peace.

“During his visits to other nations, Pompeo has bad-mouthed and tried to suppress China, Russia, and Iran. His offensive remarks on China have destroyed the past China-U.S. diplomatic language that was enjoyed for decades, preferring to use negligent words from his personal arsenal.”

The editorial calls Pompeo the lead “bully” in the attempt to destroy Huawei and in the attack on China’s effort to counter terrorism peacefully in Xinjiang.

“His outspoken opinions on the recent events in Hong Kong was more of a Rubicon River crossing than someone who was just merely speaking their mind. Rather than adhere to a big power game like his predecessors, Pompeo has transformed himself into an anti-China flag on two legs....

“Pompeo is not only disrupting China, Russia, and Iran, but also damaging the interests of other countries. His words and actions have jinxed the very notion of 21st-century peace....

“Pompeo has continued to push the U.S. toward the flames of confrontation when dealing with major foreign powers. He has not helped Trump achieve earlier campaign promises, and on the contrary, he is making it difficult for the U.S. President to keep them....

“Pompeo’s words are by no means an accurate consensus of the U.S. public who also want to enjoy a harmonious existence. By making volatile claims against China look reasonable, Pompeo has turned himself into a cheerleader of hatred, who uses slander and vitriol for pompoms.

“Having a secretary of state of this caliber is a tragedy of U.S. politics and the sorrow of international politics. The world needs to be exposed to the damage Pompeo has brought to humankind’s peaceful existence. His destructive power should not be tolerated because of his title. He has repeatedly crushed diplomacy’s constructive role while ignoring opportunities to ease international conflicts. He is a stain upon the professional honor of diplomacy. The global diplomatic community should detest his actions and join together in a crusade against him.”

Religious Rights: China’s Xinjiang Province Has More Mosques Than All of the United States

June 25 (EIRNS)—Ripping into Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and his State Department’s “blatant interference in China’s internal affairs” and “wanton slander” of China’s policy on religion and policies in Xinjiang

Uighur Autonomous Region, Chinese Foreign Ministry Press spokesman Geng Shuang yesterday raised some pointed questions about U.S. religious freedom and civil rights.

“The Chinese government protects its citizens’ freedom of religious belief and people of all ethnic groups enjoy full religious freedom in accordance with law. There is a total of nearly 200 million believers, including 20 million Muslims, more than 380,000 clerical personnel, approximately 5,500 religious groups and about 140,000 places of worship registered for religious activities in China. There are 24,400 mosques in Xinjiang, which means a mosque for 530 Muslims on average....

“In sharp contrast, the religious and human rights situation in the U.S. is disturbing. According to poll results released by Gallup and Pew Research Center, 42% of Americans say that they are very concerned about race relations and 75% of Muslims believe there is serious discrimination against them.

“According to publicly available statistics, the number of mosques in the U.S. is even less than one-tenth of that in Xinjiang,” he reported.

Pompeo is ramping up his “religious freedom” campaign—not incidentally also a favorite hobby-horse of the British Monarchy and Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt. The State Department is hosting the second Ministerial To Advance Religious Freedom internationally on July 16-18, which Pompeo announced today will “provide a platform for survivors of religious persecution from around the world to tell their stories of courage and endurance.”

Defense Authorization Amendment against a War on Iran at Issue in Congress

June 25 (EIRNS)—Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) dismissed a request today from Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY) to delay consideration of the FY20 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) while Democratic members of the Senate who are presidential candidates are out participating in debates. At issue is an amendment to the

bill, sponsored by Senators Tim Kaine (D-VA) and Tom Udall (D-NM) which would prohibit military action against Iran without authorization by Congress. McConnell is opposed to the bill, but hasn't yet indicated whether he would allow a vote on it. This seems unlikely as *The Hill* had already reported yesterday afternoon that McConnell intended to move to limit debate on the bill and thus block most of the 600 amendments that have been proposed. Democrats would need 41 votes to block McConnell's motion and the press coverage doesn't indicate that they have 41 votes, even though they control 47 seats in the Senate.

On the House side, Representatives Ro Khanna (D-CA) and Matt Gaetz (R-FL) have unveiled an amendment to the House version of the defense authorization bill that would prohibit funding for U.S. military action against Iran unless Congress has declared war or enacted another specific statutory authorization. Gaetz, who is characterized as a frequent backer of President Donald Trump, said that "Congress must resolve" to make sure any conflict with Iran is initiated within the constraints of the Constitution.

Trump told *The Hill* in an interview that he doesn't need Congressional approval to hit Iran. He said "I do" when *The Hill* asked him if he believes he has the authority to initiate military action against Iran without first going to Congress. "But we've been keeping Congress abreast of what we're doing ... and I think it's something they appreciate," he said. "I do like keeping them abreast, but I don't have to do it legally."

Russia, U.S. Confirm Expected Meeting between Presidents Trump and Putin at G20 in Japan

June 25 (EIRNS)—U.S. National Security Adviser John Bolton issued a statement saying President Donald Trump is looking forward to meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin on the sidelines of the G20 summit in Osaka, Japan. Bolton made the statement ahead of his trilateral meeting with Israeli National Security Adviser Meir Ben-Shabbat, and Russian Security Council Secretary Nikolai Patrushev in Jerusalem.

Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov also said that Moscow expects a Trump-Putin meeting, according to TASS today.

Trump has said repeatedly that he intends to meet with Putin, but the meeting had not been confirmed.

“The President [Trump] is anticipating meeting with President Putin at the G20,” a U.S. official said June 24. “It is expected to be a conversation that will focus primarily on regional security issues including Iran, Ukraine, Syria, Middle East. They should also touch on arms control issues and on improving the bilateral relationship.” He also said scheduling for the meeting was still being worked out.

Trump is expected to hold bilateral meetings with Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, Saudi Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman, Chinese President Xi Jinping and Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

President Trump Authorizes New Sanctions on Iran in Executive Order

June 25 (EIRNS)—President Donald Trump signed an Executive Order yesterday imposing a new set of sanctions on Iran, including on the Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and on his office, and on the leadership of the IRGC (which the U.S. has already declared a foreign terrorist organization). “Today’s action follows a series of aggressive behaviors by the Iranian regime in recent weeks, including shooting down of U.S. drones,” Trump said. He said Khamenei “is one who ultimately is responsible for the hostile conduct of the regime” and that the sanctions “will deny the Supreme Leader and the Supreme Leader’s Office, and those closely affiliated with him and the office, access to key financial resources and support.”

Trump called the new sanctions “a strong and appropriate” response to alleged Iranian provocations and vowed that the U.S. will continue to increase the pressure on Iran “until the regime abandons its dangerous activities ... including the pursuit of nuclear weapons,” as well as its

ballistic missile development and its support of groups which the U.S. and Israel designate as terrorist.

Trump claimed that, under the 2015 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA), “within a very short number of years, they [Iran] would be able to make nuclear weapons. And that’s unacceptable. Never can Iran have a nuclear weapon.” And also, “we want the stoppage immediately of their sponsoring of terrorism.”

As for his willingness to negotiate a new deal with Iran, Trump said: “We would love to be able to negotiate a deal if they want to. If they don’t want to, that’s fine too. But we would love to be able to. And, frankly, they might as well do it soon.”

In addition to what Trump announced on Khamenei, the U.S. Treasury Department announced that the U.S. is also sanctioning eight senior commanders of the IRGC, as well as Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif.

In Moscow, Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov denounced the new sanctions and indicated that Russia would work against them. “This is a pure dictate, an attempt to impose the conditions Washington deems right on others,” he stressed. “This is unacceptable for us, we will continue to counter this policy, particularly in cooperation with other forces in the international community.”

The Iranian response has been to angrily ridicule the sanctions. The measures that the U.S. is taking these days reveal its “definite defeat,” President Hassan Rouhani said in Tehran, today, reported Tasnim. He further stated that the American decision-makers are suffering frustration and great confusion after their plots against Iran ended in failure. He said imposing sanctions against the highest-ranking political, religious, social and spiritual official of Iran who is also leader of the world’s Shi’ite Muslims reveals that the American government lacks any wisdom or prudence. Unlike the other world leaders who possess billions of dollars in foreign bank accounts, the Leader of the Islamic Revolution has no assets that could be subject to sanctions, Rouhani pointed out.

Sen. Rand Paul Warns that Sanctions Back Iran into a Corner, Proposes Making an Offer, Instead

June 25 (EIRNS)—Sen. Rand Paul yesterday added a word of caution to his enthusiastic support for President Donald Trump’s action as a “statesman” in showing restraint in not striking Iran militarily, “seeking to end wars and not start new ones.” The new sanctions which the President imposed on Iran yesterday, however, are backing Iran into corner—and that’s dangerous, he warned in an evening interview with Fox News.

The Iranians see sanctions as an act of war, especially cutting off all their oil sales to the East, he argued. We’ve put their back against the wall, and their only choice is to say “we give up,” or to go to military action, and we are more likely to get the latter.

Paul continued, that the problem is that we walked out of a deal we had negotiated (e.g., the JCPOA), so they see us as acting in bad faith. And the Obama Administration made the mistake of giving Iran the “carrot” of that deal—the \$150 billion—up front, leaving the U.S. with no carrots left in its negotiating pocket, only sticks. Paul said he would not have pulled out of the JCPOA, but instead built upon it to get the additional ballistic missile agreement needed, for which, he said, a similar ballistic missile agreement with Saudi Arabia would be required, in order for Iran to give up their missiles.

We have to give them some carrot for containment, he insisted. Therefore, we should let go of the additional sanctions on their sale of oil to the East, as that carrot for negotiations. Without something, they are not going to come to the table.

Yes, we have the ability to obliterate Iran, he said. But what would come out of that? Chaos that breeds terrorism, struggle, civil war; chaos and famine.

Putin Cautions U.S. To Consider Iran's Shi'ite Mindset in Its Actions

June 25 (EIRNS)—Russian President Putin warned last week that any U.S. military strike on Iran could have incalculable “terrible consequences” for the United States itself, not merely produce a “catastrophe for the region.”

His admonition came when asked about U.S. policy towards Iran during his “Direct Line with Vladimir Putin” live broadcast with millions of Russian citizens on June 20:

“This would probably also have terrible consequences for those who would hazard such attempts because it is very difficult to calculate what the use of force may lead to. This is very difficult to foresee.

“This is because Iran is a Shi'ite country, and it is believed, even in the Islamic world, that these are people who are ready to go to extremes for the sake of their own defense and the protection of their country.

“It is hard to say what form these extremes would take and whom they would affect. Nobody knows this but it would be very bad for events to develop along these lines.”

The complete transcript of the broadcast is posted to the President's website.

Give Ukraine's New Leadership a Chance, but They Must Adhere to Minsk Agreements, Insists Putin

June 25 (EIRNS)—Asked why he does not take the first step and reach out to speak with the new Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, Russian President Putin responded by pressing Zelensky to exercise the political will to solve the problems he had spoken about in his election campaign.

The question was asked during Putin's June 20 “Direct Line with Vladimir Putin” broadcast, available on the Kremlin website in English.

If, as Zelensky said in Paris, he will not meet with the representatives of the unrecognized republics of Donetsk and Luhansk, “how do you solve this issue?” Putin asked. “There are no cases in modern history when

conflicts of this kind have been settled without a direct dialogue between the conflicting parties....

“Moreover, there has been an increase in shelling by Ukraine’s Armed Forces. However, during the election campaign, he stated that the shelling would be stopped and the blockade lifted. This is a direct violation of the Minsk Agreements.... Nothing is being done, and the blockade is only getting worse.

“Making conciliatory gestures is the simplest thing to do. The Ukrainian leadership needs to exercise its political will.”

However, after the “Direct Line” broadcast, Putin responded to questions from journalists, one of whom pressed him to give a stronger response to the shelling of the two regions. He did not take the bait. “The bottom line is that we want to give the new Ukrainian leadership a chance to get on track to resolve this rather than make things worse,” he responded.

Putin indicated at another point in the dialogue that a package release of the Ukrainian sailors held since last November’s Kerch Strait/Sea of Azov incident in return for the release for Russians being held in Ukraine is under consideration.

Some of the media exchange with the President are posted on the Kremlin website.

ECONOMY

China Agriculture Official Elected To Head FAO: Expect Progress in a ‘Zero Hunger’ World

June 25 (EIRNS) The new Director General of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization will be Qu Dongyu, China’s Vice Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, who was elected by a wide margin on June 23, at the 41st session of the FAO Conference (June 22-29), in Rome. The first Chinese to hold this position, Qu’s accession portends great progress in world food sufficiency. Geng Shuang, spokesman for the Chinese Foreign Ministry said in his June 24 briefing: “We look forward to a greater

role by the FAO under the leadership of Director-General Qu in safeguarding global food security and realizing a Zero Hunger world. China will continue to work with other countries to make greater contributions to advancing the global food and agriculture cause, implementing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and building a community with a shared future for mankind.”

Geng said that Qu’s election “reflects an endorsement of China’s commitment to multilateralism and global development, and an acknowledgement of China’s progress in agriculture and rural development. China appreciates that deeply.”

Chinese agriculture agencies have been very active with the FAO on hunger and poverty elimination programs, the first two goals of “Agenda 2030.”

In May 2018, China hosted the 2018 China Poverty Reduction International Forum. The latest update on China given there, reported CGTN, was: “A total of 55.64 million Chinese rural residents were lifted out of poverty from 2013 to 2016, and at least another 10 million will shake off poverty this year, meaning the number of rural Chinese lifted out of poverty in five years will exceed 65 million—roughly the population of a major European country such as Britain, France or Italy.”

Then, in June 2018 in Rome, Chinese leaders joined with the FAO to release a joint declaration about how their agencies would partner in programs, especially in Africa. Leaders from Chad, Kenya, Senegal and Ghana participated.

At the Rome meeting, China’s international activities were reviewed by China’s Ambassador to the FAO Niu Dun. “Up to now, we have sent more than 1,000 experts and technicians to Africa, Asia, South Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean to help countries improve their food security.” Niu said that the framework for collaboration comes from the FAO South-South and Triangular Cooperation programs.

In 2017, China set up a database for “Global Poverty Reduction Online Knowledge Sharing Database.”

Will China’s DJI Company Be the Next Huawei?

June 25 (EIRNS)—The world’s leading producer of consumer drones (primarily camera drones) is the Chinese company DJI, which has 70% of the world market, and as much as 80% of the U.S. market, including police departments, the Air Force, the movie business and more. There is now a push by the usual suspects to ban the use of DJI drones in the U.S. If that were to be successful, we would likely see the same international pressure on other nations to stop using DJI drones in order to break the company, as with Huawei.

The fake arguments are similar to the Huawei hoax. A June 18 hearing of the U.S. Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Subcommittee on Security heard testimony that the drones were sending surveillance data back to China and were thus a security risk. DJI sent a letter to the Committee on June 24 to “set the record straight on incorrect claims” presented during the hearing. The letter states that the “unsubstantiated speculation and inaccurate information presented during [the] Subcommittee hearing will put the entire U.S. drone industry at risk, causing a ripple effect that will stunt economic growth and handcuff public servants who use DJI drones to protect the public and save lives. DJI drones do not share flight logs, photos or videos unless the drone pilot deliberately chooses to do so. They do not automatically send flight data to China or anywhere else. They do not automatically transmit photos or videos over the internet. This data stays solely on the drone and on the pilot’s mobile device. DJI cannot share customer data it never receives.”

Sen. Rick Scott (R-FL) told the hearing: “I think we’re crazy to do business with the Chinese. We ought to be buying American products in every way we can.... They are not our friend.”

Sen. Ed Markey (D-MA) carried the lunacy to the extreme, insisting that “the Chinese animate (drones) with their values, which are inconsistent with ours.”

DJI is planning to build a production facility in California, which is now under attack by the anti-China mob.

Global Times wrote today: “DJI, referred to as the ‘Apple’ of the drone industry, is the latest U.S. target after Huawei. It has no decent competitor. U.S. companies 3D Robotics and GoPro were rivals, but both withdrew from the consumer market due to the fierce competition.” They write that the Huawei and DJI cases demonstrate that China is not “stealing technology” from the U.S., but is in many fields ahead of the U.S.

THE NEW GLOBAL ECONOMIC ORDER

Putin on Beautiful Architecture, Harmony, and Last-Resort Summit Diplomacy

June 25 (EIRNS)—“They are slinging mud at us, yet you call them partners. Why are you so polite?” President Vladimir Putin was asked in his June 20 “Direct Line with Vladimir Putin” live dialogue broadcast in which 2 million Russians asked questions or made comments. Many viewers may have been surprised by his answer, but Germany’s “Poet of Freedom” Friedrich Schiller and China’s Confucius would nod in agreement.

“I would not say I am very polite. However, first of all, even though I grew up on the street, it was a street in St. Petersburg, where even the urban environment incites certain harmony. These are not empty words; this is really so.

“The urban environment and architecture are very harmonious [in St. Petersburg], and they are bound to influence human development and our understanding of harmony,” Putin responded.

There is history and political culture, too, in St. Petersburg, he continued—and “I represent Russia, which is a country with a rich culture. I must never allow myself to forget this.

“When the relationship between countries becomes critically complex or turns sour, ties between these countries’ top officials are very often the last resort for restoring relations, and this door must never be shut. We must

serve the interests of our nations. I must never forget this either,” the President concluded.

‘ASEAN Can Enjoy Net Gains in the Belt and Road Initiative,’ Says Dr. Mahathir Mohamad

June 25 (EIRNS)—Delivering the keynote address on June 25 at the 33rd Asia-Pacific Roundtable, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysian Prime Minister Dr. Mahathir Mohamad said: “A decade ago, ASEAN rolled out its master plan for connectivity by 2025. You could say that China’s plan to revive the ancient Silk Road today is ASEAN’s master plan writ-large. We in ASEAN can enjoy net gains if the Belt and Road Initiative can be designed to serve national and regional interests, just as the ASEAN Connectivity Master Plan is intended.” His speech is posted to website of the Malaysian Prime Minister’s office.

“There should be no doubt that the BRI with the full and fair participation of all stakeholders, can be a win-win proposition. National and regional development efforts would then be mutually complementary. Much depends on how we discuss and negotiate,” he stated.

The Malaysian Prime Minister further urged the ASEAN countries to “work closely to see how we can identify and energize complementarities. Since Japan and others have their own connectivity and infrastructure development plans, these we also welcome.

“If ASEAN does not seize this moment when these initiatives are for the taking, others may do so and in their own way—or nothing positive may happen at all.”