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EDITORIAL

August 6 and Sister Demonstrations To Stop Nuclear War—a Time of ‘Break-Out,’ Not Mere Events

Aug. 3, 2023 (EIRNS)—One of the speakers at the August 6 Humanity for Peace rally at the United Nations in New York, José Vega, of the Schiller Institute, said yesterday on the [Jimmy Dore Show](#) that we are seeing “one big ray of positivity” in the public response to activate and demonstrate to stop the drive to nuclear war. There are dozens of sister rallies, and contingency planning for actions in the coming weeks. He remarked that over past months, there were important personal “interventions” to publicly put individual figures on the spot for their backing for Global NATO’s warfare expansion, but that now there is a new phase of people stepping up to “get in on that action” together. “It has been loose and fluid” in the past period of interventions, but now, “this is the moment” in which people are all coming together.

Anastasia Battle, Co-Coordinator of the August 6 rally in New York City remarked today that understanding the truth about the crisis and necessity for action “is now being incorporated as their own idea” by more and more people. This is what is evident in how things are building for each of the events. Battle reported how people are telling her, “I’ve been waiting for something like this my whole life.” Battle said of the Sunday rally, “This is not just an event, this is a break-out.”

For one thing, millions of people can see for themselves, despite the info-wars narratives and opinion-manipulation, that money and resources are going for war and destruction when people are needlessly suffering and dying. We need new economic and security frameworks to serve nations and peoples. There are many glaring examples.

This point rang out this morning, even at the meeting of the UN Security Council on the world food crisis, when Russia’s First Deputy Permanent Representative Dmitry Polyanskiy asked how much food could you buy with the €165 billion spent by the West to arm Ukraine to make war?

The UNSC session was titled, “Famine and Conflict-Induced Global Food Insecurity,” convened by the U.S. and presided over by Secretary of State Antony Blinken. He, and especially the UN Ambassadors from the U.K. and France, used the proceedings to continue the Global NATO narrative that, “Russia is the cause of world hunger.” But they rang hollow. [China’s UN Ambassador Zhang Jun](#) denounced the nature of the world food and trade system, which for decades has served the interests of multinationals through monopoly control and price speculation, and took on the impact of sanctions and suppression of poor nations’ development. Chargé d’Affaires Polyanskiy named the infamous Big Four cartel transnationals: ADM, Bunge, Cargill, Louis-Dreyfus. As China’s Ambassador Zhang said, we must have a “a fairer and more reasonable international food trade order.”

Russian Chargé d’Affaires Polyanskiy turned away from the UNSC altogether, and addressed, as he said, the nations of Africa, listing exactly how much tonnage of grain Russia is sending to which countries, cost free. He reiterated Russia’s commitments to build schools, infrastructure, agriculture, and all economic sectors to contribute to African freedom. Pointing to the sanctions from the West, in particular those threatened against Niger by the EU and others, including stopping food and energy supplies, Polyanskiy asked, “Another case is the threats by J. Borrell, as well as the leaders of Great Britain, France, and the United States that they would suspend assistance for Niger. Did people there stop starving overnight after the coup? Clearly, the West uses humanitarian assistance as a tool enabling “hand steering” of states that have to turn to this aid.”

Meantime, the danger worsens of triggering nuclear holocaust, as the zones and lines of conflict grow even hotter. For example, the firing of Ukrainian drones into Russia is now becoming “routine.” This is untenable. Last night six Ukraine drones were targeted at Kaluga in Russia, and recently there were two volleys of surface drones against Russian ships on the Black Sea.

Now is the moment for all to join in the mobilization to stop the madness. This evening in Britain/afternoon in the United States, an international Internet rally took place, hosted by No 2 NATO/No 2 War, chaired by Chris Williamson, of the Workers Party GB. Among the many speakers were Helga Zepp-LaRouche, for the Schiller Institute, and former President of Guyana, Donald Ramotar.

Attend and bring everyone to the August 6 demonstration at the Dag Hammarskjold Plaza—the promenade to the UN, or one of the other actions. To repeat Anastasia Battle, “This is not an event. This is a breakout.”

- Watch [Harley's Updates](#) with Harley Schlanger on Friday August 4, 2023: Every weekday morning on The LaRouche Organization, Schlanger will give you the strategic briefing you need to start your day.

STRATEGIC SHOWDOWN

‘No 2 NATO, No 2 War’ Online Event, a Prelude to August 6 Demonstrations

Aug. 3, 2023 (EIRNS)—A prelude to the worldwide August 6 events was an internet broadcast today, “No to NATO, No to War,” from the U.K.’s “No to NATO” group, which featured Helga Zepp-LaRouche of the Schiller Institute, Americans Angela McCardle of the Libertarian Party National Council and journalist Dan Kovalik; Guyana’s former President Donald Ramotar; former British Ambassador to Syria Peter Ford; and Scottish independent journalist David Clews.

In the event Helga Zepp-LaRouche took on Germany’s Green Party membership with a challenge to leave their party—supposedly founded on a commitment to peace, and now aggressively pushing any war or military threat against Russia or China—and to join the Humanity for Peace mobilization. Zepp-LaRouche had established that the ostensible reason for NATO’s “Ukraine” war on Russia is an entire era coming to its

comeuppance: the end of 500-600 years of colonialism; and that stopping and reversing the war is only possible through European cooperation with the Global South in a new security and development architecture.

This driving idea was unique in this forum, which prompted host Chris Williamson to ask Ramotar and Clews to respond to Zepp-LaRouche, which they did energetically. Ramotar responded, “In all of these negatives” of war and the threat of nuclear war “is developing a positive.... A new system is being created.”

Kovalik at the conclusion called on everyone to “Get out in the streets on Sunday” at the UN rally. And Williamson then announced the “No to NATO” rally in London on August 6, at Whitehall beginning at 1:00 p.m. London time (GMT+1; in EDT, 8:00 a.m. in the U.S., GMT-4).

More Ukrainian Drone Attacks on Russia

Aug. 3, 2023 (EIRNS)—The [Russian Defense Ministry](#) reported this morning a new series of attempted Ukrainian drone strikes, this time on the Kaluga region, between Bryansk and the Moscow region. The Ministry reported that six drones were destroyed by air defenses and caused no casualties or damage. What the target in Kaluga may have been is not indicated, but there is a Russian airbase about 270 km southwest of Moscow that is home to a regiment of Tu-22M supersonic bombers.

The Kiev regime’s campaign isn’t limited to aerial drones but also includes sea surface drones on the Black Sea, where there have been several incidents in recent days. In its update for yesterday, the Defense Ministry reported [the second attack in as many days](#) on Russian vessels operating in the southwestern region of the Black Sea. The Ukrainian drone was destroyed by gunfire.

In the face of this threat, the Defense Ministry announced navigation restrictions through the Kerch Strait. “The navigation of all vessels, water and underwater transport, anchoring, docking and flying aircraft, people being in the water as well as other activities are banned in the area bounded by the coastline ... with the exception of vessels sailing during daylight

hours along fairways and recommended routes through the Kerch Strait in transit or to ports located in the Kerch Strait,” the statement said, reported TASS. It is noted that an inspection area has been set up for vessels sailing from the Black Sea.

Niger Will Not Bow to Pressure; U.S. Orders Partial Embassy Evacuation

Aug. 3, 2023 (EIRNS)—In a national televised address on Aug. 2, Gen. Abdourahmane Tchiani, current military leader of Niger, said that his country will not yield to international pressure to reinstate ousted President Mohamed Bazoum. General Tchiani declared that the sanctions imposed by the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) are illegal and inhumane. “Nothing will hamper the interim period and the preservation of national sovereignty,” he said. “We are facing external interference, which refuses to recognize our coming to power.”

His statement was a response to [ECOWAS](#)’ threat on July 30 to impose economic and trade sanctions against Niger, as stated at its summit in Abuja, Nigeria. In line with ECOWAS’ decision, Nigeria cut power supplies to Niger on Aug. 1. The ECOWAS deadline is Aug. 7.

Meanwhile, the [U.S. has ordered a partial evacuation](#) of staff and families from its embassy in Niger. According to a statement by the State Department, the decision was made out of “an abundance of caution.” The State Department’s USAID has pulled out its staff. French nationals have been evacuated in recent days.

Also on Aug. 2, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken held a phone discussion with the deposed Niger President Bazoum, but, other than his offer continued U.S. support, the content of the talks was not made public. The U.S. has not officially called the military takeover a “coup,” since that would trigger cutting all security cooperation, which would put into question whether U.S. troops could remain in the country.

Moreover, the World Bank suspended disbursements to Niger, on Aug. 2, except for private-sector partnerships.

Algeria Warns against Military Intervention into Niger

Aug. 3, 2023 (EIRNS)—An Algerian military delegation led by Chief of Staff Lt. Gen. Said Chengriha was in Moscow earlier this week. They held talks with [Russian Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu](#) on Aug. 1. During the meeting, according to a Russian Defense Ministry statement, Shoigu “noted that Russian-Algerian relations are developing especially dynamically and positively. ‘We gave a clear signal to the whole world that Russia and Algeria are determined to pursue an independent foreign policy and defend their national interests, despite unprecedented pressure from the West. ... We are interested in Algeria’s leading position in strengthening regional security and stability in North Africa. ... For its part, the Russian Defense Ministry is ready to help increase the combat capabilities of the Algerian Armed Forces,’ ” said Shoigu.

As part of its independent foreign policy, the [Algerian Foreign Ministry](#) issued a statement on Aug. 1 warning against a military intervention in Niger in order to restore the elected government that was overthrown by a group of army officers on July 26. “Algeria cautions, calls for prudence and restraint in the face of aspirations of foreign military intervention, which unfortunately appear to be real and feasible options, while being factors that only complicate and exacerbate the current crisis,” the ministry said in a statement in French and Arabic.

Whereas Algeria reiterated its support for Niger President Mohamed Bazoum, the statement affirmed that “Constitutional order must be returned through peaceful means so as to prevent brotherly Niger and the entire region from sliding further into problems of insecurity and instability.”

U.S. Plans To Further Arm Taiwan Anger Beijing

Aug. 3, 2023 (EIRNS)—[U.S. plans to arm Taiwan](#) are seriously increasing tensions across the Taiwan Strait, as could be expected. “U.S. provision of military aid for China’s Taiwan region seriously violates the one-China principle and the stipulations of the three China-U.S. joint communiqués, especially the August 17 Communiqué. Such moves seriously undermine China’s sovereignty and security interests, and harm China-U.S. relations

and peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait,” the [Chinese Foreign Ministry](#) responded to a media query yesterday. “China strongly deplors and firmly rejects this and has made serious démarches to the U.S. side.”

And yet the White House insists on charging ahead with measures that will do the opposite of what it claims it’s trying to do. The City of London daily *Financial Times* reported yesterday that the White House will ask Congress to fund arms for Taiwan as part of a supplemental budget request for Ukraine. The Office of Management and Budget will include funding for Taiwan in the supplemental request as part of an effort to accelerate the provision of weapons, two people “familiar with the plan” told *FT*. If passed by Congress, Taiwan would get arms through a U.S. taxpayer-funded system known as “foreign military financing” for the first time. The White House is expected to submit the request this month.

Tying the request for Taiwan to the Ukraine supplemental is a tactic aimed at overcoming the growing opposition within the Republican Party to more aid for the Kiev regime.

Russian Baltic Sea Fleet Exercise

Aug. 3, 2023 (EIRNS)—The Russian Defense Ministry announced yesterday that [Russia’s Baltic Sea Fleet](#) has begun an exercise called Ocean Shield-2023 that will include live fire drills and which will be under the leadership of Commander-in-Chief of the Navy Adm. Nikolay Yevmenov. The exercise “is planned to test the readiness of naval forces to defend the national interests of the Russian Federation in an operationally important area and the coherence of the work of headquarters at various levels in managing forces,” the statement said.

“During the exercise, measures will be practiced to protect sea communications, the transport of troops and military cargo and the defense of the sea coast. It is planned to carry out more than 200 combat exercises, including practical use of weapons,” the statement said. “Over 30 warships and boats, 20 support vessels, 30 aircraft of the Naval Aviation and the Russian Aerospace Forces and about 6,000 servicemen are involved in the exercise.”

The Associated Press took notice of the exercise, but since it had nothing useful to say, AP simply declared that the exercise is “ratcheting up tensions with nearby European nations that are already high over NATO and Ukraine.” It’s as if turning the Baltic Sea into a NATO lake with the accession of Finland weren’t already ratcheting up tensions.

U.S. POLITICAL & ECONOMIC

Anglo-American Russia-Bashing over World Food Crisis Went Stale at UNSC Session

Aug. 3, 2023 (EIRNS)—Today the United States, as rotating President of the UN Security Council for the month of August, convened a special UNSC session, on the topic “Famine and Conflict-Induced Global Food Insecurity.” Secretary of State Antony Blinken opened the proceedings, presided for a while, and gave the U.S. position on the topic. He blamed Russia for world hunger, which was echoed by the Ambassadors from the U.K. and France.

Blinken had many observers and guest nations present, from the Holy See, to more than 25 nations, and besides bashing Russia, his themes included the pat explanations that climate change and conflict account for most of the hunger in the world. One pathetic note is that he invited, as a briefer, a woman representing the manufacturers of the child emergency nutrition, “Plumpy’Nut,” a good product, who, in effect, presented cheap-shot truisms about how bad it is for a child to starve, and how good it is for children to have food.

Chinese Ambassador Zhang Jun said that the world food situation is complex, and that “Efforts should be made to remove the restrictions of unilateral sanctions on food production and exports, combat speculative capitals and price monopoly, and to build a safe, stable, unimpeded, efficient, open, inclusive, and mutually beneficial industrial and supply chain system, as well as a fairer and more reasonable international food trade order.” He specifically criticized “monopoly of pricing power by

major grain dealers, structural imbalance in production and supply chains, and high monetization of agriculture products.”

Russian Chargé d’Affaires Dmitri Polyanskiy hit hard at the hypocrisy of the pat explanations that climate change and “conflict” were the root causes of food shortages, and he set the record straight on how the second part of the July 2022 Black Sea Grain Initiative, the Russia-UN Memorandum of Understanding on the supply of Russian food and fertilizers to world markets, was not honored by the West. He gave figures on many things: Russia has 262,000 tons of fertilizer it will give to countries in need, but it is being held up in Europe. Only 20,000 tons have arrived in Mali; and 44,000 tons in Kenya.

He scored the examples of the U.S. causing food shortages in Libya, Syria, Yemen. Syria had been a wheat exporter until the invasion by the U.S., he said. “The U.S. is still occupying large parts of that state, stealing oil, grain and other natural resources from it.”

Polyanskiy ripped into food “donations with conditions.” That is what is taking place in Afghanistan. In Syria, there is the U.S./U.K. issue over the cross-border humanitarian mechanism. Look at the sudden cuts in food and energy to Niger, which the EU extols. Does Josep Borell think that people “there stop starving overnight after the coup?” he demanded to know.

Polyanskiy reiterated the tonnages and destinations for cost-free grain going from Russia to Africa. There will be 25,000-50,000 tons of grain going to Eritrea, Niger and Mali. He concluded by insisting: “You need to decide what is more important for the U.S. and its allies: either geopolitical considerations or the willingness to help the developing world. ... We have been and remain ready for joint efforts to strengthen international food security. Are you? We have serious doubts about that.”

Trump Arraigned in Federal Court, as Poll Numbers Are High

Aug. 3, 2023 (EIRNS)—In Washington, D.C. this afternoon, former President Donald Trump was arraigned on four counts of federal criminal charges, related to conspiracy to challenge the 2020 elections, and the

January 6, 2021 riot on Capitol Hill. He pleaded, not guilty, in the short proceedings, and the next court action is set for Aug. 28.

The expected media frenzy of coverage occurred, showing his motorcade, and with braindead derogatory commentary.

The other expected reaction is that his poll numbers, already high, are expected to soar. In a 47-second comment outside the building for the media, former President Trump said that he has a wide lead over Biden, and we see the sad case that “If you can’t beat him, you prosecute him....”

Polling is notoriously rigged, but it is undeniable that the American public is disgusted by government and media intervention against a former elected President who is now a candidate for the next Presidential election. Today’s four counts are the third round of charges, after a first set concerning alleged financial misdealings; a second alleging mishandling classified documents, and a fourth set is expected concerning allegations on the 2020 elections events in Georgia.

BBC today ran poll results of Trump’s lead position among Republicans as of July 31. According to the FiveThirtyEight news platform, Trump has a 53% approval among Republicans; next is Ron DeSantis with 16%; Vivek Ramaswamy, 6%; and all under 5%: Mike Pence, Tim Scott, Nikki Haley, and Chris Christie.

Scott Ritter’s Article ‘The Atomic Executioner’s Lament,’ Tells People To Attend August 6 Peace Rally at UN

Aug. 3, 2023 (EIRNS)—Former UN weapons inspector Scott Ritter, in an article posted in *Consortium News* on Aug. 2, writes of “The Atomic Executioner’s Lament.” He notes that while much attention has been paid to the regrets of the nuclear scientists who designed nuclear weapons, in particular Robert Oppenheimer in the U.S. and Andrei Sakharov in the Soviet Union, less has been paid to those who executed the Hiroshima and Nagasaki raids in August 1945 and the generations trained since then in all nuclear weapons nations to execute the orders once the nuclear trigger has been pulled.

“The Russians who would execute the orders to launch nuclear weapons against the West would be operating with the same moral clarity as had Paul Tibbets and Charles Sweeney [the B-29 pilots in the nuclear attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki] some 88 [sic] years ago. The executioner’s lament holds that they will be saddened by their decision but convinced that they had no other choice,” Ritter writes.

“Proving them wrong will be impossible, because unlike the war with Japan, where the survivors were given the luxury of reflection and accountability, there will be no survivors in any future nuclear conflict.

“The onus, therefore, is on the average citizen to get involved in processes that separate the tools of our collective demise—nuclear weapons—from the those who will be called upon to use them.

“Meaningful nuclear disarmament is the only hope humankind has for its continued survival,” Ritter concludes.

“The time to begin pushing for this is now, and there is no better place to start than on August 6, 2023—the 78th anniversary of the bombing of Hiroshima, when like-minded persons will gather outside the United Nations to begin a dialogue about disarmament that will hopefully resonate enough to have an impact of the 2024 elections.”

COLLAPSING WESTERN SYSTEM

World Grain Production Levels Continue Below Need, and Going Nowhere

Aug. 3, 2023 (EIRNS)—The International Grains Council, the London-based entity set up in the late 1940s for pooling grain output data internationally, reports that the world’s total grains annual output is projected to remain in the same range from the last trade year, 2022-23, when it was 2.25 billion metric tons, to the 2023-24 trade year, when it may reach 2.29 billion tons. The bump up is from an expected higher maize crop.

Consumption for the trade year 2023-24 trade year is projected at 2.31 billion tons, which presumes a drawdown of grain stocks, to the level of 577 million tons of carryover. This is 3 million tons lower than the year before.

The volume of grains going into world trade in 2022-2023 (commercially or donated) is 408 million tons, which is down 3 million tons from the prior year. This is in line with the increased numbers of people suffering from food shortages.

Crank through the numbers and the underproduction of world grains is evident, exposing the lie that “there is enough food in the world, it is simply not distributed equitably.” With 8 billion people in the world, at least 4 billion tons of grains is needed to meet direct and indirect consumption, including animal proteins, no matter what the cultural varieties of food preferences there may be from place to place.

If Provoked, China May Retaliate on the Gallium Export Issue

Aug. 3, 2023 (EIRNS)—Those, such as German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock and Economics Minister Robert Habeck (Greens), or Education Minister Bettina Stark-Watzinger (Free Democrat), who are in the forefront of the anti-China alignment, will cause immense damage to German industry, if not prevented. China, if confronted with new economic and political sanctions, may apply its new law, effective Aug. 1, implying export bans on materials that are rated “strategic.” One of those materials is the special metal gallium, of which China is the leading global producer. It is used primarily in two chemical compounds: gallium nitride and gallium arsenide, respectively for lasers and high-frequency components like cell phone distribution stations or satellite communications. Electrons can move extremely fast in gallium, making it the ideal material when extremely high frequencies have to be achieved. Gallium nitride lasers can also be used for welding copper.

NEW STRATEGIC & ECONOMIC ARCHITECTURE

Global South Drive Towards BRICS Membership—the Numbers

Aug. 3, 2023 (EIRNS)—As the Russian daily *Nezavisimaya Gazeta* reported Aug. 1, a South African official has announced that 22 Asian, African, and Latin American countries have formally applied for BRICS membership. The list includes seven Arab countries: Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, the United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, and Tunisia.

A number of other African nations have also officially announced their intention to become BRICS members, including Democratic Republic of Congo, Gabon, Nigeria, Senegal, the Union of the Comoros, and Ethiopia. In Asia, Bangladesh, Indonesia, and Kazakhstan also hope to join the group. Iran's application has been under consideration since last year.

In the Americas, Argentina's application has also been under consideration since last year. On July 31, the Presidents of Bolivia and Venezuela expressed their nations' interest in BRICS membership. Nailya Yakovleva, lead researcher with the Center for Political Studies at the Russian Academy of Sciences' Institute of Latin American Studies, points out to *Nezavisimaya Gazeta* that countries such as these three are motivated to join BRICS to have better opportunities to attract foreign investment in infrastructure projects. The New Development Bank—founded at the 2014 BRICS summit in Fortaleza, Brazil, when Dilma Rousseff, now the bank's new President, was President of Brazil—is seen as an ideal source of the funding these countries need.

According to Gustavo de Carvalho, researcher at the South African Institute of International Affairs, many candidate countries play an important regional role and have rapidly developing economies and huge populations. Joining BRICS opens the door to using alternative currencies, particularly in bilateral trade, making countries more independent from the ever more weaponized U.S. dollar.