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EDITORIAL

Will Russia Import Economic Weapons from China?

April 10, 2023 (EIRNS)—A featured event at the Moscow Economic Forum was addressed by Sergey Glazyev, Minister for the Integration and Macroeconomics of the Eurasian Economic Commission, speaking directly to whether Russia can figure out the secret of China’s economic miracle and apply that method for Russia. The minister’s remarks appeared to be

designed around Glazyev's new book, *Chinese Economic Miracle. Lessons for Russia and the World*.

At the core of his calm, measured presentation was the reality that, before money makes its first appearance, governments can deliberate over and choose priorities for the general welfare of their populations. They can design credit generation based upon the necessary production, invention, health and education required to accomplish the priorities. They use markets to encourage entrepreneurship, but regulate the markets to prevent untethered financial schemes and scams. The markets encourage individuals to apply their talents to accomplish the social goals set forth in the chosen priorities. Winners do very well for themselves and for their society. Those who never tamed their lust for super-profits get nowhere.

Glazyev recognized this as what the Chinese call “socialism with Chinese specifics,” but a rose by any other name would smell as sweet. The point is that, at its core, China gave priority to public interests.

The U.S. Founding Fathers called it the “general welfare” principle. Alexander Hamilton explained the matter of government priorities and the creation of credit in his “Report on Public Credit” and his “On the Subject of Manufactures.” Franklin D. Roosevelt's TVA program was a clear example of it, one that Chinese communists and non-communists alike studied and applied. After wiping out extreme poverty amongst 800 million Chinese over the last 40 years, China's President Xi Jinping decided to export this successful model of wiping out poverty to the rest of the world.

The financial derivatives dynasty of the City of London and their junior partners in Wall Street should worry less about whether China ever decides to send one piece of military equipment to Russia, and save their conniptions for Russia importing China's economic miracle.

Glazyev identified Russia's problem—the continued mental enslavement of Russia's Central Bank to financial manipulations. But why keep playing such too-clever-by-half financial games in a world where your foreign exchange reserves are simply grabbed, where the rules change on a whim? What happens when President Putin, no stranger to making bold

decisions when the existence of his nation is at stake, turns his attention to his own Central Bank?

France's President Macron gives indications this week that he thinks survival may involve breaking from the orders to isolate China, and to tie his economic wagon to trade deals with China. While Macron is certainly given to playing games, he presently looks like a Rock of Gibraltar compared to Germany's commitment to slavish service for the London-Washington war policy. Even Cyprus had no problem defying the U.S.'s plan to have them ship their missiles to Ukraine, telling Ukraine's Defense Minister Oleksii Reznikov to go home empty-handed. But Germany goes the extra mile, physically dismantling their world-famous, energy-intensive industrial productivity. Next week, they plan to turn off the last three of their nuclear energy plants. So, countries have clear choices to make.

Mexico's President Andrés Manuel López Obrador, in the face of inflation and food shortages, went on the offensive, pulling together the heads of state of his neighbors in a videoconference. Over the next month, they will meet directly in Mexico, with an invite to the rest of Central and South America. In the U.S., former Congressman Dennis Kucinich designed a "how-to" apparatus for the present bungling Congress, to break the war fever and lies. It's a simple Congressional investigation kit to take the evidence presented by Seymour Hersh, that President Biden and his team planned the bombing of the Nord Stream pipelines, and translate it into a competent congressional investigation. It includes a sample subpoena to the Secretary of the Navy, for starters, for the divers and the explosives that were deployed in the bombing last September. It is sort of a basic wake-up call. With one sane and obvious step, perhaps Congress might take the next step and recognize that what Russia is learning from China's economic miracle, is something that the U.S. could honestly say, we invented it first.

As you read this, there are some 96 hours left to organize your own social gatherings for the most appropriate followup to the Glazyev event—

the Schiller Institute’s April 15-16 forum, “Without the Development of All Nations, There Can Be No Lasting Peace for the Planet.”

- Watch Harley’s Updates with Harley Schlanger on Tuesday April 11, 2023: Every weekday morning on The LaRouche Organization, Schlanger will give you the strategic briefing you need to start your day.

STRATEGIC SHOWDOWN

Moscow Economic Forum: How Russia Can Create a ‘China’ Economic Miracle

April 10, 2023 (EIRNS)—Sergey Glazyev, Academician of the Russian Academy of Sciences, and Minister for the Integration and Macroeconomics of the Eurasian Economic Commission, addressed a panel discussion on April 4 at the April 4-5 Moscow Economic Forum, entitled, “China. Modernization Experience for Russia.” He addressed the questions as to whether the process of modernization in China become a winning experience for Russia and where is the key to economic growth.

In brief, Glazyev posed that the Chinese economic success means that it is possible, even if not easy, to manage economies in today’s world. China calls what they’ve done, “Socialism with Chinese Specifics,” but it doesn’t matter whether the term “socialism” is used or not. At its core, what they did is that they gave priority to public interests, not just private interests.

Indeed, markets help entrepreneurship, but China used regulation to make the market work for the country. Those who are seeking super-profits got repressed. Strategic priorities are set by government, and the private sector looks to those priorities. There’s intense competition in that sector, and it leads to those who best match the stated priorities being the winners. At this point, Glazyev added, in passing, that India shares some of this approach. He named Mohandas Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru as being at the core of India’s healthy social values.

What happened to Russia? The shock therapy of the 1990s put Russia behind China.

“Russia has implemented all the regulations that were recommended by the Washington financial institutions and the European Economic Commission. Here is the result: China grew five times in terms of GDP, and we grew together with the core of the outgoing world economic structure, at the same pace as the United States and the European Union. We have slid down from the center of the world economy to the raw material periphery.”

However, now we’re entering a new phase, not the American model. China’s investment policy works. But the question is: Where did China get its loan base from? Monetization is twice as high in China than Europe and the U.S., but somehow they avoid all the bubbles of the West.

Glazyev displayed several charts on how investments work through the physical economy, and made the point that China created a sophisticated managerial system to address this reality. There, monies are not being emitted just to finance a budget, which ties countries up in speculative bubbles. Rather, in China, it is funneled into production growth.

The problem is that the Central Bank of Russia has been emitting rubles to purchase foreign currencies. He linked that act to the erratic behavior of the exchange. By primarily servicing foreign currencies, it imports speculation. But the Chinese approach is possible. China’s scheme of organizing the financial supply is a good model. Imprudently printing money as in America will merely leave things in the air, unsound, unsupported and unhealthy. We need target-specific loans.

He ended his introductory presentation by holding up his new book, *Chinese Economic Miracle. Lessons for Russia and the World.*

The [video](#) of his remarks is dubbed in English; to the left of the first screen, slide the program down to Session No. 2 and click on “China. Experience of Modernization for Russia.” Glazyev’s remarks begin about

minute 6.07; In the Program section, there is a writeup of [Glazyev's speech](#) with extensive quotes.

Ibero-American 'Presidents Club' Meets on Food Crisis, Inflation; Demands 'More Just International Financial System'

April 10, 2023 (EIRNS)—On April 5, Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador convened a Zoom meeting of fellow Ibero-American heads of state to “find joint solutions to the pressure that the region faces in terms of prices and shortages” of basic food and nutritional necessities. They denounced the “adverse international context” and the “multidimensional crisis” facing the region, as a result of “extra-regional military conflicts ... the impact of the COVID pandemic, an enormous foreign debt ... and the application of unilateral coercive measures which are contrary to International Law”—i.e., sanctions. They further called for “the need to have a more just international financial system” that would allow them to have “access to the financial resources needed ... to bring about economic recovery in order to guarantee the food and nutritional security of our countries.” They reaffirmed their sovereignty as nations, and said they would take joint action “to eradicate poverty and promote the human right to adequate food.”

Other specific policy proposals in their joint communiqué were positive but limited in scope, by and large focused on trying to improve conditions within the existing system.

The countries represented were Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Honduras, Mexico, Venezuela, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines (in its capacity as rotating chair of the CELAC regional grouping), and the heads of state agreed they would meet again in person in Cancún, Mexico, on May 6-7. Most significantly, they issued an “invitation to all the other countries of the region to join this initiative, in order to contribute to the comprehensive welfare of Latin America and the Caribbean.”

Lyndon LaRouche frequently referred to what he dubbed the Ibero-American “Presidents Club,” which would informally gather to review their

common situation, leaving other differences, ideological and political, aside. That type of process is what is underway today, with the urgent food issue as the immediate center of their attention. Reliable sources in Mexico have told *EIR* that the agenda for May 6-7 is open-ended, and will certainly go beyond the food and inflation issue as such.

Mexico's National College of Economists, whose president is Cong. Benjamín Robles, immediately issued a message of congratulations and support to President López Obrador for his initiative, singling out “the need to strengthen regional cooperation on matters of trade and investment in order to reduce our dependence on international markets and to encourage internal development.” The College recalled that they had sent President López Obrador an open letter back on Jan. 1, 2022 to encourage him to adopt a “Short-Term Anti-Inflationary Program” to address the problem of “the dangerous inflation due to speculation,” among other causes.

Ex-Congressman Kucinich Shows Congress How To Investigate Nord Stream Sabotage

April 10, 2023 (EIRNS)—Former Congressman Dennis Kucinich called upon the U.S. Congress to take seriously the extensive research of Seymour Hersh into President Biden's sabotage of the Nord Stream pipelines, and, as a “former chair of a Government Oversight congressional investigative subcommittee,” he took the Congress by the hand and showed it how to incorporate Hersh's investigation into specific subpoenas.

Entitled “[The Bombing of Nord Stream—This Act of War against Europe Requires Congressional Investigation](#): A draft subpoena for Congressional use” is posted to his Kucinich Report website.

In part, Kucinich states: “Veteran investigative journalist Seymour Hersh's comprehensive account of the Biden Administration's role in the bombing of Nord Stream has provided a road map for a series of congressional inquiries necessary to confirm or disconfirm Administration culpability.... This is a proper subject for an investigation, under Congress' Article I, Section 8, Clause 18, constitutional powers to gather information, including to inquire on the administrative conduct of office.”

Further: “The bombing of Nord Stream was an unconstitutional Act of War, involving the destruction of billions of dollars of energy infrastructure and wreaking havoc on the energy markets of Europe. The destruction of this major energy pipeline has affected over 80 million people, threatened the viability of the continent’s manufacturing base and its overall economic stability. The Administration did not have congressional approval, required under Article I, Section 8; nor did they consult with congressional leaders regarding the use of military assets for an attack on Nord Stream.”

Kucinich’s offer of assistance to guide the Congress in their responsibilities began with a model subpoena, starting with the Secretary of the Navy. It requires all records regarding the “Diving and Salvage Center in Panama City, Florida,” including tasks and missions, contracts let, the use of C4 explosives, etc.

He concludes: “If the Administration, as has been charged by a veteran investigative journalist, did indeed conspire to blow up the Nord Stream pipelines, it marks a radical shift in the use of the presidential war power, a usurpation of the role of Congress and, unless checked, could lead to further reckless decisions that put us on an irrevocable path toward World War III.”

Cyprus Turns Down Weapons for Ukraine

April 10, 2023 (EIRNS)—Despite the personal appearance in Cyprus by Ukraine’s Defense Minister Oleksii Reznikov, the Cypriot government flatly turned his request for weapons. The spokesman for the Cyprus government Constantinos Letymiotis announced yesterday, “The country will not give weapons to Ukraine, because we cannot afford to send them to Ukraine as we need them for our own protection.”

Reznikov met with Cypriot Defense Minister Michalis Giorgallas, and asked for weapons, in the context of an American proposal for Cyprus to deliver its BUK-M1-2 and TOR-M1 air defense systems, as well as T-80U tanks and the TOMA BMP-3 armored personnel carriers to Ukraine. The U.S. had offered to give Cyprus Israeli air defense systems, to replace the

Russian ones, but Nicosia rejected the proposal, since it would be two years before the Israeli systems could be delivered.

Letymiotis explained that Cyprus is committed to extending humanitarian aid and will train Ukrainian military personnel in demining operations.

U.S. Navy Guided Missile Destroyer Tests Chinese Waters

April 10, 2023 (EIRNS)—The U.S. Navy guided missile destroyer *USS Milius* sailed today to within 12 miles of Mischief Reef in the Spratly/Nansha Islands, in another so-called ‘freedom of navigation’ operation (FONOP). “Features like Mischief Reef that are submerged at high tide in their naturally formed state are not entitled to a territorial sea. The land reclamation efforts, installations, and structures built on Mischief Reef do not change this characterization under international law,” the U.S. 7th Fleet statement announcing the FONOP said, reported CNN.

“China has indisputable sovereignty over the South China Sea islands and their adjacent waters,” Senior Colonel Tian Junli, the spokesperson for the Chinese PLA Southern Theater Command said in a statement in response. “The troops of the PLA Southern Theater Command will always stay on high alert and resolutely safeguard China’s national sovereignty and security, as well as peace and stability in the South China Sea.”

The FONOP came on the third day of People’s Liberation Army air and naval exercises around Taiwan. As of 10 a.m. this morning local time, Taiwan detected 59 PLA aircraft and 11 warships near Taiwan. Thirty-nine of the war planes crossed the median line in the Taiwan Strait. Taiwan officials see these exercises as about the same as those that took place last year after Nancy Pelosi’s visit to Taiwan. “This time around, if you look at the intensity of their air threat or naval threat against Taiwan, I think it’s similar to what we saw at the time,” Taiwan Foreign Minister Joseph Wu said in an interview with Bloomberg News on April 10, referring to the aftermath of then-House Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s visit to Taiwan last August.

U.S. military activities in the region, otherwise, are on a high tempo. U.S. Pacific Air Forces is showing its “might” with the deployment of four B-52 bombers to Guam on a bomber task force mission. The U.S., Japan and South Korea began a combined anti-submarine exercise on April 3, and next week the U.S. begins the largest iteration of the U.S.-Philippines exercise in its history. The combined exercise involves the *USS Nimitz* aircraft carrier strike group, along with four South Korean destroyers and a Japanese destroyer. The combined operations included anti-submarine warfare exercises, search and rescue drills, and staff embarkations, according to a U.S. Navy news release issued on April 4.

Separately, the *USS Makin* Island Amphibious Ready Group wrapped up its participation in Exercise Ssang Yong 2023 in Korea on April 4. That exercise involved 28,000 Korean and U.S. sailors and marines, 30 warships, 70 aircraft and 50 amphibious assault vehicles. A detachment from the United Kingdom’s Royal Marines Commandos also joined in the exercise.

COLLAPSING WESTERN SYSTEM

Germans Rally for Nuclear Energy, as Most Germans Oppose Government Nuclear Shutdown

April 10, 2023 (EIRNS)—Despite increasing criticism, even from the Social Democrats’ and Greens’ coalition partner in the Free Democratic Party, the German government is firmly committed to sticking to the announced final shutdown of nuclear power generation on April 15. Green Vice Chancellor, Economic Minister Robert Habeck told Funke media group today that the last three nuclear power plants would be shut down, and the energy and production cuts of “the last difficult winter ... will continue in the future... [T]he situation is under control.”

A new opinion poll done by the Institute for New Social Answers finds that 52% of the German population do not back the government policy, with only 37% wanting nuclear power to end and 12% undecided. That is a clear majority for the continuation of nuclear power generation to stay

warm in the winter and cool in hot summers, and to have light whereby to read at night.

A rally in Berlin against the government's closing of the last three nuclear plants is planned for April 15, announced by numerous organizations, including some from outside Germany.

London *Times* Confirms Russian Story of Ukrainian Attack on Zaporozhye Nuclear Plant

April 10, 2023 (EIRNS)—While it is almost a half-year after the fact, *The Times* of London belatedly covered the desperate and doomed Ukrainian assault in October on the Zaporozhye Nuclear Power Plant, a story the Western media have preferred to ignore up until now. *The Times* interviewed representatives of the Ukrainian Special Forces, Defense Intelligence and the Navy, who, “on condition of anonymity,” described the disaster.

On the night of Oct. 19 [2022], about 600 Ukrainian troops in 30 boats packed with weapons, including heavy machine guns, MK-19 grenade launchers and anti-tank weapons, attempted to land on the left bank of the Dnipro River, in the Russian-controlled area, which includes Zaporozhye Nuclear Power Plant, Europe's largest. “ ‘The idea was that this would be an infantry-only battle. They wouldn't be able to use artillery against us, as this is a nuclear plant,’ the officer said. Drawn from select units of Ukraine's military intelligence, GUR, and including the Shaman battalion, the Kraken Regiment and the Ukrainian Foreign Legion, even the youngest among his brothers-in-arms were already battle-hardened. Yet none of them expected the resistance they would face at the power plant....

“ ‘The Russians built a very dense defense, they mined everything,’ the officer said. ‘When we were approaching, they even pulled up tanks and artillery and started firing at us right on the water.’ ” Ukraine's elite units were beaten down.

The Times cited the opposition of “senior Ukrainian officials” who otherwise were committed to driving out the Russians, but considered the

forcible seizure of the plant “controversial.” In the observation of Petro Kotin, the head of Ukraine’s Energoatom, that runs Ukraine’s nuclear plants: “ ‘If our army can advance south towards Crimea, toward Melitopol, this is the only option—no direct shelling of the plant, no direct advance on the territory of the plant with direct actions against the Russians. It is very dangerous to do such things near nuclear material. Any damage will bring radiation to the people and to the whole world.’ ” That posed the obvious question, what is behind the seeming desperation on Kiev’s part regarding the ZNPP, which might provide the only clue as to why *The Times* has broken silence on the affair, as President Zelenskyy has given up on efforts in the last six months of using an international body such as the IAEA to push the Russians out of the facility, and has stated that Ukraine would use now methods outside of international law to take the plant.

U.S. POLITICAL & ECONOMIC

Pentagon Suspects Insider Leaked Classified Intel

April 10, 2023 (EIRNS)—The search is on, officially at the Pentagon and otherwise amongst various media, for the source of the large intelligence leak of U.S. classified documents posted on the Internet in March. Reuters reports that the “breadth of topics addressed” in the 50-60 documents that they’ve examined suggests an inside job. They quote a former senior Pentagon official, and ABC consultant Michael Mulroy: “The focus now is on this being a U.S. leak, as many of the documents were only in U.S. hands.”

Reuters also cites two U.S. officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, whom they interviewed yesterday, who say that the Pentagon suspects a U.S. citizen, and the officials list possible suspects ranging from being a “disgruntled employee to an insider threat who actively wanted to undermine U.S. national security interests.”

They add: “The first defense official said Pentagon investigators were trying to determine who would have an incentive to leak this kind of information. Since the leak first came to light in March, the investigators

have been pursuing theories ranging from someone simply sharing the documents to show off the work they were doing to a mole inside the U.S. intelligence community or military, the first official added.”

Musk Defends Allowing Russia’s Medvedev To Post on Twitter

April 10, 2023 (EIRNS)—In response to voices critical of Twitter for allowing Russian leaders back on to the platform, Twitter CEO and owner Elon Musk, argued that allowing people to decide for themselves the nature of propaganda is an essential component of free speech and “demonstrates strength” in a society.

Following a lengthy post by former Russian President and Deputy Chair of the Russian Security Council [Dmitry Medvedev](#) on April 8 titled, “WHY WILL UKRAINE DISAPPEAR? BECAUSE NOBODY NEEDS IT,” howls emitted from the NATO wing of the Twittersphere as to why Medvedev was even allowed to post on Twitter. In response to a viral tweet by AnonOpsUnited#, which lied, arguing that allowing Medvedev’s tweet “for genocide” was a violation of Twitter’s terms of service, of Twitter’s regulations against Putin and Russian officials, and even of sanctions, Musk responded the following day (without making clear AnonOps misrepresentation of Medvedev’s tweet):

“I’m told Putin called me a war criminal for helping Ukraine, so he’s not exactly my best friend. All news is to some degree propaganda. Let people decide for themselves.”

Later, he also tweeted that Twitter “will neither promote nor limit their [Russian officials] accounts, but we will rapidly address any attempts at gaming the system. It is a weak move to engage in censorship just because others do so. Letting our press be free when theirs is not demonstrates strength.”

It should be noted in this context that Twitter has also recently provided state media labels for NPR and BBC.

Another Day, Another Mass Shooting in the U.S.

April 10, 2023 (EIRNS)—Louisville, Kentucky got hit with two different mass shootings today. According to police officials, Connor Sturgeon, a 24-year-old employee of the Old National Bank in downtown Louisville, opened fire Monday morning with a rifle, killing four people and wounding nine, including two officers. Sturgeon was livestreaming the death scene. He died in a shootout with the police.

One of the victims, Tommy Elliott, was a very close friend of Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear, who knew the bank and its employees well. In 2016 Beshear had campaigned for Attorney General out of the bank building. He later came and spoke at the bank, appearing rather distraught.

Shortly afterwards, and less than two miles away, one or more suspects shot up Jefferson Community and Technical College, killing one and wounding one. The “suspects fled prior to police arrival.”

The Gun Violence Archive’s count of mass shootings in the U.S. for 2023 is at 145. They didn’t count the second Louisville shooting, as it takes four people to be shot for their definition of mass shootings. By that count, the U.S. is hitting more than one per day, on the way to around 500 for the year.