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EDITORIAL

High Alert for British War Provocations

Nov. 28 (EIRNS)—Time and time again, Lyndon LaRouche asserted in his writings and speeches that the reason that the United States was able to lead the Allies to victory in World War II, was because of *logistics in depth*: the immense capability of the American industrial physical economy, once reactivated by President Franklin Roosevelt’s anti-Wall Street, Hamiltonian policies, for sustained production of military and related capabilities that eventually overwhelmed the enemy.

The British-led Global NATO apparatus that has launched war against Russia using Ukraine as a surrogate, has the exact opposite policy: theirs is the *utopian* approach to war. Their available weapons and logistics are paper thin. Ukraine has been firing one-eighth the rounds per day that Russia is using; their foreign suppliers are in deep trouble themselves, having shot themselves in the foot by collapsing their own energy and infrastructure capabilities, and they are in no position to keep supplying Ukraine; and Ukraine’s own capabilities are being systematically degraded by Russia’s targeted attacks on the country’s energy and other infrastructure.

But it is that very weakness of real in-depth war-fighting capability that makes the current situation so dangerous, so rife with possibilities for triggering a nuclear war, whether by intention or miscalculation.

From the outset, the British-led approach has been to launch one provocation after another, up to and including unleashing actual nuclear warfare against Russia and China. British Prime Minister Sunak today delivered his first major foreign policy address, in which he recommitted to “stand with Ukraine for as long as it takes,” including “new support for air defense.” At the same time his government made public their shipments of advanced laser-guided Brimstone 2 missiles (which could efficiently be used to target Russian ships in the Black Sea, or Russian military targets in

Crimea), while the U.S. is considering providing Ukraine with new Ground-Launched Small Diameter Bombs, with a range of up to 150 km.— in order to reach deep into Russian territory.

Republican Congressmen such as Michael McCaul have made it clear that, even though they say they won't keep providing Ukraine with “a blank check” of military aid, they are joining the British in giving Ukraine a green light to strike Crimea, calling it “fair game.” Such a move is widely recognized as the ultimate “red line,” as far as Russia is concerned.

The other weapon in the British-led oligarchy's armamentarium, Schiller Institute founder Helga Zepp-LaRouche stressed today, is a “mind-control dictatorship” which has been put together over decades and is today unleashed through that oligarchy's control of the media, to totally distort and lie about what is happening in the world, and strictly control the options that people are allowed to choose from. This ranges from the lying “narratives” about China, to the violent censorship of any discussion of fraudulent elections, to truly scary “pre-bunking” (i.e., before-the-fact “debunking”) of what the oligarchy has decreed are “false narratives” about the world. George Orwell's *1984* had nothing on what the oligarchy has already been created in most Western nations.

The antidote to this mind control and brainwashing, Zepp-LaRouche emphasized, is to initiate a discussion and educate people on the *principles* required to organize a new international security and development architecture, to replace today's bankrupt system. This ongoing discussion of such *principles* was the keystone of the Nov. 22 Schiller Institute conference “Stop the Danger of Nuclear War Now,” and of the LaRouche movement's activities going forward.

- Watch [Harley's Updates](#) with Harley Schlanger on Tuesday November 29, 2022: Every weekday morning on The LaRouche Organization, Schlanger will give you the strategic briefing you need to start your day.

STRATEGIC SHOWDOWN

Sunak Promises Brits Will Increase Military Aid to Kiev, Slams China

Nov. 28 (EIRNS)—The U.K. will increase its military aid to Ukraine in 2023, British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak announced in his first foreign policy speech to the Lord Mayor's Banquet on Nov. 28, his office reported.

“Be in no doubt. We will stand with Ukraine for as long as it takes. We will maintain or increase our military aid next year. And we will provide new support for air defense, to protect the Ukrainian people and the critical infrastructure that they rely on. By protecting Ukraine, we protect ourselves,” Sunak said.

On Nov. 19, during his visit to Kiev, Sunak said that the volume of the U.K.'s military aid to Ukraine had surpassed £3 billion (\$3.6 billion). The U.K. has already armed Ukraine with close to 7,000 NLAW anti-tank complexes, over 100 armored vehicles, Stormer self-propelled air defense guns with Starstreak missiles, several dozen M109 howitzers and L119 towed guns, M270 MLRS, over 16,000 artillery shells, loitering munitions and 4.5 tons of plastic explosives.

In his speech, he likewise launched an attack on Russia, and really took off the gloves to go after China, proclaiming the end of the “golden era” in China relations which his predecessors had promised.

“Our adversaries and competitors plan for the long term. After years of pushing at the boundaries, Russia is challenging the fundamental principles of the UN Charter. China is conspicuously competing for global influence using all the levers of state power. ... We also need to evolve our approach to China. Let's be clear, the so-called “golden era” is over along with the naïve idea that trade would automatically lead to social and political reform. ... We recognize China poses a systemic challenge to our values and interests, a challenge that grows more acute as it moves towards even greater authoritarianism.”

The British prime minister's office reiterated that the U.K. is currently in the process of revising and updating the 2021 Integrated Review of

security, defense, development and foreign policy to take account of the “huge geopolitical shifts” that occurred since the review was published.

U.K. Defense Ministry Confirms It Is Supplying Ukraine with Brimstone 2 Missiles

Nov. 28 (EIRNS)—The Brimstone 2 missiles which the U.K. is now proving to Ukraine are laser guided and very modern. They are air-to-surface missiles with a range of 60 km; if they are fired from land their range is only 12 km. Since Ukraine lacks much by way of air-launch capabilities at this point, it remains to be seen how much effect this will have on the actual battlefield—although the biggest danger is their deployment as part of a British-authored utopian warfare provocation, such as an attack on ships in the Black Sea, against Crimea, etc.

The British ministry posted a video clip on Nov. 27 on Twitter, showing at least one pallet of the high-precision missiles being delivered from the Royal Air Force Brize Norton base in Oxfordshire to an undisclosed airfield. The missiles were part of a U.K. “aid package” for Ukraine, the ministry said, confirming earlier media reports of such deliveries taking place for some time. “This aid has played a crucial role in stalling Russian advancements,” the ministry claimed in its tweet.

NATO’s War in Ukraine Lays Bare Lack of Logistics-in-Depth

Nov. 28 (EIRNS)—There have been a growing number of reports in recent days pointing to the lack of logistics-in-depth capabilities on the part of NATO, which have been exposed by the U.S.-led backing of the Kiev regime in its war with Russia. In the latest example of that, Reuters reports this morning that Boeing has proposed to the Pentagon the provision of precision-guided air-dropped bombs mounted to rocket motors which would give Ukrainian forces the capability to fire deep into Russian rear areas. The bomb, called the GBU-39 Small Diameter Bomb, would be mounted to the M26 rocket motor, said to be both cheap and relatively abundant, and launched from the ground with a range of up to 150 km. Work on the new weapon, called the Ground-Launched Small Diameter Bomb and produced by Boeing and SAAB, has actually been underway

since 2019, and is expected to be available by the spring of 2023, though at a low rate of production.

The background for the Boeing proposal, however, is the depletion of inventories of existing weapons, as the Reuters report notes. The depletion was highlighted over the weekend by two stories that appeared in the *New York Times*. The first story, published on Nov. 26, reports that the gun barrels for the 155mm howitzers that the U.S. and many other countries have supplied to the Kiev regime are wearing out faster than they can be repaired. In fact, the barrels can't be replaced in the field so U.S. European Command has set up a repair center in Poland to address the problem. The estimate is that about one-third of the roughly 350 155mm howitzers are out of service at any given time because they need new barrels. Not said is how many of those 350 howitzers have been destroyed beyond repair. The Russian Defense Ministry has published dozens of videos showing the destruction of howitzers, particularly U.S.-supplied M777's.

The second story, published on Nov. 28, reports that "In Ukraine, the kind of European war thought inconceivable is chewing up the modest stockpiles of artillery, ammunition and air defenses of what some in NATO call Europe's 'bonsai armies,' after the tiny Japanese trees. Even the mighty United States has only limited stocks of the weapons the Ukrainians want and need, and Washington is unwilling to divert key weapons from delicate regions like Taiwan and Korea...."

One example of the problem is artillery ammunition. The *Times* cites one NATO official saying last summer that Ukrainian forces were firing 6,000 to 7,000 rounds per day while the Russians were firing 40,000 to 50,000 rounds. The U.S., however, was producing only 15,000 rounds per month. "So the West is scrambling to find increasingly scarce Soviet-era equipment and ammunition that Ukraine can use now, including S-300 air defense missiles, T-72 tanks and especially Soviet-caliber artillery shells," the *Times* says. Soviet-era artillery shells are of 152mm and 122mm caliber, compared to the NATO standard of 155mm and 105mm.

As for weapons and other equipment, one NATO official told the *Times* that 20 of NATO's 30 members are pretty much tapped out, but the other 10, mainly larger countries like Germany, France and the Netherlands, could still provide more.

Germany Has Ammunition for Just Two Days of War

Nov. 28 (EIRNS)—Today, high-ranking advisors to Chancellor Olaf Scholz and state secretaries from various federal ministries will be looking for military ammunition in the Chancellor's Office. Representatives from industry are expected to help them. This is because the German armed forces have a huge shortage of ammunition. To remedy this, the government in Berlin wants to invest more than €20 billion. But, so the story goes in the Chancellor's office, industry cannot supply that at all, at least in the short term. This the nemesis from more than two decades of "just in time" approaches to the needs of the German armed forces—there has been no place left for storage. By contrast, Russia has expanded its production of ammunition over the past years continuously, and is not, as claimed by British military intelligence, running out of stuff. Germany, critics have warned, is in high danger of running out of ammunition after only two days of war, if present arsenals are not filled up quickly.

Millions of rounds of ammunition, thousands of anti-tank mines, anti-tank missiles and anti-aircraft missiles have been supplied by the German government to its partners in Kiev. This has emptied the already-reduced arsenals. Germany has supplied Kiev with, among other things, self-propelled howitzers 2000 and multiple rocket launchers Mars II, it must also supply the ammunition for them. The same applies to the missiles for the Iris-T SLM air defense system, which Ukraine received from Germany but which the Bundeswehr does not have—and thus also no ammunition.

The German defense industry has actually cut back on the production of weapons systems and ammunition in recent years, because hardly any orders have come in from the most important customer, the Bundeswehr. The much praised state-of-the art air defense system Iris-T SLM was developed by the manufacturer Diehl at its own risk, without a contract

from the German government. That is why, according to the Chancellor's Office, the company can only produce two units a year. It is obvious that huge quantities of ammunition cannot be produced for this small number—especially since the unit price per missile is €1 million.

And the situation is similar for ammunition for the self-propelled howitzer 2000. “The manufacturer delivered the last batch of Smart 155s to the Bundeswehr 19 years ago. After that, GIWS, a joint venture between Diehl and Rheinmetall, received no more orders for this ammunition,” Security.Table's weekly briefing states. It added: “It stopped production in Maasberg (Saarland). According to Security.Table's research, it will take a good two years to rebuild the production line and another two to three years to produce a low five-digit number of Smart 155s.”

For the self-propelled howitzer, which had to be handed over to Ukraine by the German Army, the force can only provide limited 155-mm ammunition because it has too little of it itself. The problem has been known for a long time, but politically it has not been solved.

Global Times Shows Taiwan People Desire Peace Above All Else

Nov. 28 (EIRNS)—The semi-official Chinese daily *Global Times* authored an editorial on the recent [Taiwan elections](#), which saw a sweeping defeat of the ruling Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) and large victories for the KMT, in the results announced Nov. 26. The editorial simply says that overall the Taiwanese population didn't respond well to the pro-secessionist orientation of the DPP, and are more concerned with “expectations for peace and stability.” The increase in tensions in the recent months, especially since House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's visit in August, have brought the reality of their situation more to the fore. “The DPP's unrestrained political manipulation has made many Taiwan people have a more intuitive understanding of the danger of ‘Taiwan independence’ secessionists,” they write. “People have seen that very few on the island support ‘Taiwan independence’ forces.”

In addition, *Global Times* reports that the victories took place in all the large population concentrations and centers of power in Taiwan. “The

population of the DPP-ruling counties and cities will be only about a quarter of the whole population on the island,” they write, “and the political, economic and technological centers of the Taiwan region are no longer ruled by the DPP.” Further, they write “This is widely considered the DPP’s ‘worst defeat’ in Taiwan’s local elections in 36 years.”

Media Attempts To Depict Mass Protests in China a ‘Complete Distortion’

Nov. 28 (EIRNS)—The Western media have been hysterically reporting on the recent protests in China over anti-COVID measures in an attempt to amplify a relatively small number of voices. Observers would be wise to reflect on why such a thing is being played up so heavily in the mainstream media. After all, the protests are very small—most not more than in the hundreds—while recent protests across European nations, which have seen tens and even hundreds of thousands of citizens upset at their governments, receive no coverage at all.

In a discussion today, Helga Zepp-LaRouche referenced such overblown reporting, and remarked how the recent, actually explosive election results in Taiwan, which created an across-the-board defeat for the pro-independence DPP party and large victories for the pro-unification Kuomintang party, were ignored. The election was “a significant lowering of the attempt to push Taiwan up as the second Ukraine,” she said, and added that the imbalanced reporting on these two events in China is “a typical example of how the mainstream media are completely distorting the picture.”

One author and entrepreneur, who now lives in China made the obvious point: What these protests do show is that China is clearly not a police state, and that there are many diverse and differing opinions which are sometimes expressed very loudly!

COLLAPSING WESTERN SYSTEM

Zakharova: EU Leaders Have Pushed Europe ‘Towards a Global Energy Collapse’

Nov. 28 (EIRNS)—The spokeswoman for Russia’s Foreign Ministry, Maria Zakharova, told Moscow’s TV Center on Nov. 26 that EU leaders themselves created the energy crisis that is now destroying the region, with their policy of anti-Russian sanctions. They have “pushed Europe, in particular the European Union, towards a global energy collapse,” she stated. They are still trying to convince their own citizens that the crisis “is in their own interests,” and it’s not clear they will succeed in doing that. “It’s a test for democracy,” she remarked.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov similarly stated that the anti-Russia policies, including the sanctions, will lead to “very deplorable consequences” for the EU, with up to 20 years of deindustrialization ahead.

The Threat of Deindustrialization of Germany and Europe

Nov. 28 (EIRNS)—According to management consultants PriceWaterhouseCoopers, the energy crisis is threatening key sectors of German industry and could even trigger a deindustrialization of Europe, reported *Frankfurter Rundschau* on Nov. 27. Europe would lose global competitiveness and attraction as a production location. German industry is being hit particularly hard by the extreme rise in gas prices, according to a study by PwC subsidiary Strategy&. “In the future, many companies could decide to reorganize their production within Europe or move out of Europe altogether,” said Strategy& Europe head Andreas Späne.

The metal, auto, and chemical sectors are under enormous pressure because of higher production costs, he said. In France and Spain, production costs rose comparatively moderately. One reason for this is the higher share of nuclear power and renewable energies in the energy mix. By contrast, countries heavily dependent on Russian oil and gas, such as Germany, have come under extreme pressure.

The energy market is not expected to ease until 2024, PwC says. “To keep important industries in the country, policymakers must now set the right incentives to push down inflation and accelerate the energy transformation,” said co-author Eva Poglitsch. However, her recommendations lead to a greenie nowhere land: increasing energy efficiency, expanding renewables and decarbonization also open up opportunities for companies, is what she calls for.

Inflation Is Getting Under Control? Are You Kidding?!

Nov. 28 (EIRNS)—To hear the Fed and Wall Street bankers tell it, U.S. inflation is starting to get under control. That means, they argue hopefully, it’s OK to once again start flooding the banking sector with quantitative easing and lower interest rates.

Inflation under control? You’ve got to be kidding. According to a Moody’s analysis of October inflation data, the year-on-year increases across most categories are stunning. The food that people buy at work and school has almost doubled in price. Products like eggs and butter rose by more than a third, while milk, bread, and poultry increased by 15%. Transportation costs grew by 28%, while gasoline prices increased 17.5%. Meanwhile hourly wages dropped by an average of 2.8%, the report states.

U.S. POLITICAL & ECONOMIC

Republican Congressman Argues, Give Ukraine Longer-Range Missiles To Strike Crimea

Nov. 28 (EIRNS)—On ABC’s “This Week with George Stephanopoulos” Sunday talk show, Texas Republican [Rep. Michael McCaul](#), who will head the House Foreign Affairs Committee next year, said that Ukraine “100%” needs longer-range artillery from the U.S. Although McCaul also repeated that Congress “will not write a blank check for Ukraine,” he gave zero indication that they would actually try to cool out the conflict—quite the contrary.

“My criticism of this administration was before the invasion. We wouldn’t put weapons in. And since the invasion, we slow-walked this process,” McCaul said Nov. 27. Ukraine won’t be able to fight Russia effectively “unless they have the longer-range artillery called the ATACMS,” he added. ATACMS are the next level missiles which Ukraine has requested, and has so far been refused by the U.S. They have a range of nearly 200 miles, and would reach deep into Russian territory.

The ABC anchor Martha Raddatz responded by asking the Congressman if the U.S. supplies these weapons, wouldn’t it further incite Russia? To which McCaul responded: “Well, Crimea is not part of Russia under international law. So if they can hit into Crimea, I think that’s fair game,” adding, “when we give them what they need, they win.”

Tucker Carlson: Zelenskyy Is a ‘Corrupt Strongman’

Nov. 28 (EIRNS)—Fox TV’s Tucker Carlson on Nov. 24 characterized Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy as a “corrupt strongman” who “demands” money from U.S. taxpayers. Carlson further described the Zelenskyy crew as “the varsity team of money launderers in Ukraine,” and stating that Zelenskyy and his officials “don’t want peace.” Instead, he argued, they want the war to continue so they can keep profiteering from it.

News Outlets Break the Silence on Julian Assange

Nov. 28 (EIRNS)—An “[Open Letter from Editors and Publishers](#)” of the *New York Times*, the *Guardian*, *Le Monde*, *Der Spiegel*, and *El País* calls on the U.S. government to end the unjust prosecution of Julian Assange. After saying that their five outlets had initially published Assange’s leaked documents in 2010 which led to the attacks on him, they say: “We come together now to express our grave concerns about the continued prosecution of Julian Assange for obtaining and publishing classified materials.” They go on to assert: “This indictment sets a dangerous precedent, and threatens to undermine America’s First Amendment and the freedom of the press.”

The letter continues: “Obtaining and disclosing sensitive information when necessary in the public interest is a core part of the daily work of journalists. If that work is criminalized, our public discourse and our democracies are made significantly weaker.” “Publishing is not a crime,” they conclude at the end.

NEW WORLD PARADIGM

Iran Plays Up Its Progress in Joining Shanghai Cooperation Organization

Nov. 28 (EIRNS)—On Nov. 27, the Iranian parliament ratified documents related to the country’s forthcoming joining of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), including customs, joint military exercises (including anti-terrorism), and so on, according to Mehr News Agency. Abolfazl Amouei, the spokesman for the parliament’s foreign policy and national security commission, used the occasion to emphasize that this administrative step “conveys the message of Iran’s multilateralism ... [in] confronting the imposition of unilateral sanctions.” Iranian [Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian](#) wrote on Twitter that the vote “shows the determination and seriousness of our country to develop regional, international and economic cooperation and strengthen its outlook towards Asia.” He added that “multilateralism is the reality of the present century.”

In its coverage, RT added: “Belarusian President Aleksandr Lukashenko said in September that his country could join the organization sometime next year. Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan told reporters the same month that he sees Ankara joining the bloc one day as well.”

Over 1 Million Mexicans March in Support of AMLO’s Government

Nov. 28 (EIRNS)—President Andrés Manuel López Obrador called a march in Mexico City on Sunday, Nov. 27, to which he would give a report on his government, four years in. An estimated 1.2 million Mexicans turned out, according to the official report by the (pro-AMLO) head of the Mexico City government, Claudia Sheinbaum.

It was a real show of force by AMLO against the neocon-led destabilization of his government. The crowd was very large and very festive, full of mariachi bands and people doing traditional Mexican dances as they marched, with delegations from around the country participating bearing signs identifying their city or region. The slogans chanted were simple: “AMLO, you are not alone”; “It is an honor to be with Obrador”; and “Mexico is my party.”

The Schiller Institute was present, using the occasion to advise Mexicans of the nuclear war danger facing the world. As people gathered for the march to start, organizers gave megaphone briefings and distributed 2,000 leaflets next to their very big banner reading, “Citizens of the World: Unite. Stop Nuclear War! For a New World Economic Order. The Schiller Institute,” which they then carried as part of the march. While some were taken aback by the Schiller Institute’s message in the midst of this great fiesta, many people listened carefully to the briefings and were happy to take a leaflet. Many took videos and photos of the banner.

Unlike the march organized against him by the ultra-right opposition three weeks before, which pulled out perhaps 60,000 in a rich area of the city, when AMLO began his hour and a half speech, Mexico City’s giant Zócalo central square was full. The President began by noting his happiness that the majority of people participating in the march were young people. He reviewed his administration’s efforts, in particular, to “put the poor first,” and push aside the oligarchy’s grip on the government.

The President told the marchers that Mexico’s foreign policy is one of “non-intervention, self-determination, cooperation for development, and the peaceful solution of disputes; we act on the basis of the ideal of universal brotherhood.”

He also delivered an implicit warning to the rightwing opposition being mounted against him. Mexico is a “sanctuary of freedom” and the right to freedom of speech and dissent today, he said. “For example, here, in Mexico City, a few days ago, without any obstacle, the most famous personalities of the world’s ultra-right held their summit here.” He then

added: “We never again wish to apply Article 33 of the Constitution, and we do not want anyone to call anyone a pernicious foreigner.” He did not say, but everyone knows, that Art. 33, which states that “foreigners may not in any way participate in the political affairs of the country,” grants the President “the power to expel from national territory any foreigner, according to the law and after a hearing.”

SCIENCE & INFRASTRUCTURE

China’s COVID Crisis, Managing 1,400 Times Better Than the U.S. on a Good Day

Nov. 28 (EIRNS)—The reality of the COVID-19 situation in China is that new cases/day increased from Oct. 28 (1,168) to Nov. 21 (26,115), and then leveled off in the last week (27,620 yesterday). This very high level (for China) is the equivalent of around 6,500/day in the U.S., about a sixth of what is reported to be going on in the U.S. today—and the U.S. figure, due to the non-reporting of home testing, is a massive undercount.

Further, since China is testing and tracking so closely, their medical results are even that much more impressive. COVID-19 deaths in China, zero for many weeks, zoomed to 6 in the last week. Compare this to the U.S. in the last week, losing around 2,000 people to the virus, and Germany around 1,000. Per population, it would be equivalent in China to 8,600 and 17-18,000, respectively; making the performance of the U.S. over 1,400 times worse, and that of Germany 2,800-3,000 times worse—not quite the same ballpark.

What are called two sub-variants (BA.F and BA.5.1.7) of Omicron’s BA.5 variant broke out a month ago. Both sub-variants evade immunity, both from previous infections and from vaccines; and both sub-variants spread faster. So, by Nov. 11, [China’s Center for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC) updated their control protocols with 20 adjustments, and 10 days later the spread seems to have stabilized.

The faster transmission rate impacted the actions required to both test and track. Some local officials overreacted with too general, and sometimes

unnecessary lockdowns; some did not move hard enough. So, Chinese health officials have sent teams to the regions to work out the bumps in the process. As Wang Liping from China's CDC put it: "Epidemiological investigators, transport staff, and nucleic acid testing personnel should cooperate and exchange information, so as to grab the golden window of opportunity of 24 hours to prevail over the virus." In China, 6 deaths are a national emergency.