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## EDITORIAL

**A Systemic Global Crisis Only Has a Systemic Global Solution: New Paradigm, or War?**

April 9 (EIRNS)—It is quite possible that the terrible complex of crises which now stare humanity squarely in the face—the dramatically escalating flashpoint of war in Ukraine, the race to vaccinate billions of people against COVID-19, the terrible famine threatening to kill millions of people in the immediate months, the growing risk of blowout of the financial system—will mark the onset of a new, deep dark age. However, unless, like the finally deceased Prince Philip, you believe that we are mere animals, a completely different fate is equally possible—if we have the moral will to change course.

While ideological troglodytes in the U.S. and Europe play a very risky and failed game in aiming for regime change in Russia and China—one which Helga Zepp-LaRouche stated is “the stuff of world wars”—those nations, along with most of the rest of the world, have made quite clear that the era of geopolitics and empire can no longer pretend to meet the needs of a growing humanity—including those humans who reside in the United States.

Russia and China, and India, in particular, are pushing back very publicly against the dangerous actions of NATO and Western actors, both on the stage of strategic conflict and economic warfare. At her press briefing on Friday, Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova called out the role of outside actors in stoking conflict in Ukraine, stating frankly, “All this is happening at the prompting of Kiev’s Western sponsors, with overt public support.” A widely covered article by the China Society for Human Rights denounces the hypocrisy of U.S. accusation against China of human rights abuses by documenting the humanitarian disasters caused by the U.S. in its aggressive wars, concluding “The world needs human rights defenders, but the U.S. is not qualified to act as such.” Indian officials have made quite clear that

developed countries like the U.S. and European countries have no right to stop developing countries like India and African nations from building their nations to modern standard because of “net-zero carbon targets.”

The World Food Program’s director David Beasley similarly pointed to the moral bankruptcy of a system in which “in 2020, a new billionaire was created every 17 hours. And all I need is \$5 billion” to help the 270 million people worldwide who are on the brink of starvation. In this spirit, the Schiller Institute’s Committee for the Coincidence of Opposites has officially announced a pilot project which will deliver medical supplies, food aid and seeds to Mozambique, one of the poorest and youngest nations in Africa, to demonstrate that “we can mitigate tragic circumstances, and inspire the large-scale response needed.”

Helga Zepp-LaRouche, in her weekly strategic webcast of April 7th, identified the root cause of these various crises: Not that there are no known solutions to the war, the famine, the pandemic, but that “neither in the United States nor in Europe, [is] the political establishment willing to reflect on why their policies are failing. Rather than change the policy, they say: ‘OK, let’s go for an escalation of the confrontation against Russia and China,’ and that will lead to a potential disaster.”

She said, “It comes back to the question that we need a paradigm shift, where we correct those neoliberal policies which have created the condition for the pandemic to arise in the first place, and ... it would require governments to change their policies ... and say, ‘We go for industrialization of the Global South, because that’s the only way we can eliminate the conditions which make pandemics possible.’ And it’s a moral question! ... It would be so easy to change this! ... We could start to build ports, to build railways, to build cities. It could be done! And it would be the motor for Europe and the United States to pull ourselves out of the present economic crisis on top of it.”

Changes in history don’t happen; they are made by those with the moral courage, and will, to break from past thinking and choose a more truthful course. If you agree, then join our fight.

- Watch [Harley's Updates](#) with Harley Schlanger on Monday, April 12, 2021: Every weekday morning on [The LaRouche Organization](#) website, Harley will give you the strategic briefing on what you need to know to start your day.

## STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

### **Unnamed U.S. Official Says U.S. Navy Preparing Show of Support for Ukraine in Black Sea**

April 9 (EIRNS)—An unnamed U.S. defense official told CNN yesterday that the Biden Administration is considering sending warships into the Black Sea in the next few weeks in a show of support for Ukraine amid Russia's increased military presence on Ukraine's eastern border. The U.S. Navy routinely operates in the Black Sea, but a deployment of warships now would send a specific message to Moscow that the U.S. is closely watching, the official said. TASS reported today that the Turkish Foreign Ministry had notified member states under the 1936 Montreux Convention that two U.S. warships planned to enter the Black Sea through the Bosphorus on April 14-15 and stay until May 4-5.

U.S. and allied reconnaissance aircraft fly also over the Black Sea on a regular basis. A quick check of the [flightradar24](#) website today showed a Royal Air Force RC-135W Rivet Joint signals intelligence aircraft off the coast of Crimea. The track showed it flying west after having made a u-turn off the coast of Novorossiysk where another Russian Black Sea Fleet base is located.

Although the U.S. does not see the amassing of Russian forces as posturing for an offensive action, the official told CNN that "if something changes we will be ready to respond." Their current assessment is that the Russians are conducting training and exercises and intelligence has not indicated military orders for further action, the official said, but observed that they are well aware that that could change at any time.

There is, of course, no official confirmation that such a naval deployment is in the works. “No confirmation. We have nothing to share with you on this at this time,” TASS was told at the press service of the United States European Command after it had asked to confirm and comment on the CNN report.

### **U.S. State Department Escalates Provocations Against China**

April 9 (EIRNS)—The same day that Secretary of State Tony Blinken spoke with the French and German Foreign Ministers , to “confirm their [mutually] unwavering support for Ukraine’s sovereignty and territorial integrity ... the need for Russia to end its dangerous and irresponsible rhetoric, its military buildup in occupied Crimea and along Ukraine’s borders, and unilateral Russian provocations along the Line of Contact in eastern Ukraine,” the State Department decides it’s a great time to escalate against China, as well, with new guidelines on U.S. interactions with Taiwan.

As stated in the State Department release, the guidelines are “to encourage U.S. government engagement with Taiwan that reflects our deepening unofficial relationship. The guidance underscores Taiwan is a vibrant democracy and an important security and economic partner that is also a force for good in the international community. These new guidelines liberalize guidance on contacts with Taiwan, consistent with our unofficial relations, and provide clarity throughout the Executive Branch on effective implementation of our ‘one China’ policy, which is guided by the Taiwan Relations Act, the three Joint Communiqués, and the Six Assurances. The new guidelines have been issued following a review as set forth in the Taiwan Assurance Act.” Provide clarity, indeed...

### **Kremlin Affirms, Resumption of Full-Scale War in Ukraine Threatens Russia**

April 9 (EIRNS)—Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov expressed concern this morning that the situation in the Donbas could escalate into the full-scale resumption of military operations. “There are concerns that Ukraine’s civil war will resume. And if a civil war with full-scale military activities

resumes near our borders, it will pose a threat to Russia's national security," he emphasized, reported TASS. "The current developments and Ukraine's behavior in general create the risk of full-scale military activities. It is clear from various statements that Kiev does not completely reject the idea of using force to resolve its issue with the southeast," Peskov said.

At the Foreign Ministry, spokeswoman Maria Zakharova warned during her weekly press briefing today that Ukraine's accession to NATO will lead to disaster. "We have taken note of a statement by Ukrainian President Zelensky, who visited Donbas yesterday and said that the country's accession to NATO would supposedly help end the conflict in the region. However, contrary to Kiev's expectations, potential NATO accession will not only fail to bring peace to Ukraine but will, by contrast, lead to a large-scale rise in tensions in the southeast, possibly causing irreversible consequences for Ukraine's statehood," she said. "We once again call on the Kiev authorities to adopt a responsible approach and finally start implementing their obligations under the Minsk Package of Measures," TASS quoted her as saying.

Zakharova stressed that the situation in Donbas remained complicated and tended to get worse because of "the bellicose intentions of Kiev, still guided by the illusion that there can be a military solution to the conflict in the country's southeast." "Troops and military equipment are being deployed to the region and mobilization plans are being updated," she declared. "Ukrainian media outlets are whipping up hysteria based on the myth of the Russian threat, claiming that Moscow has plans to attack Ukraine in the near future. Kiev's Western sponsors openly support most of the developments," Zakharova said. Her complete briefing is posted on the [Foreign Ministry's website](#).

### **China Looks at the 'Evidence' of Claims Of Abuse in Xinjiang**

April 9 (EIRNS)—The [Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Regions' Information Office](#) gave a press conference today in Beijing on the results of its investigation of the alleged hard evidence in the three databases used to justify the charges of "genocide and crimes against humanity" against

Uighur Muslims in Xinjiang Province. The three are: the Uyghur Transitional Justice Database, funded by the U.S. National Endowment for Democracy; the Xinjiang Data Project, created by Australian Strategic Policy Institute, which is funded by U.S. government; and the Xinjiang Victims Database, created by the U.S.- and Australia-funded “East Turkestan Islamic Movement.”

The spokesperson of the Information Office Xu Guixiang said that they compared the so-called data with official records, family members of named individuals, and other public data: “These databases involve 12,050 people; we have verified the accounts of 10,708 people in total so far and 1,342 are completely fake. 6,962 are living normal lives, 3,244 have been charged with terrorist acts and other criminal offenses, 238 have died of illnesses and 264 are living overseas.”

The criminal offenses include rape, murder, drug trafficking, robbery and prostitution. Also, the so-called 380 “geopolitical information datapoints” unveiled by those databases about “detention facilities” were examined and 343 were found to be obviously schools, administrative institutions, hospitals, residential areas, shops and the like, reported *Global Times*.

## UNITED STATES POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

### Will State Department Collaborate with Russia and China on Lifting Sanctions on Iran?

April 9 (EIRNS)—The State Department appears to be ready to collaborate with Russia and China on ending sanctions against Iran and going back to the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). On April 6, State Department spokesman Ned Price said: “I think principally and strategically, this is an area where we do have aligned interests with Moscow and aligned interests with Beijing. They have sought to uphold the JCPOA, and we do see them as partners in this fairly narrow effort.”

Then, according to the *Washington Examiner* on April 7, Chinese Ambassador to the UN agencies in Vienna Wang Qun defended Iran’s

negotiating position during a high-stakes meeting about the rehabilitation of the 2015 Iran nuclear deal: “This is a question involving the fundamental principle of rights and wrongs. As a victim, Iran’s legitimate requirement should, in the first place, be affirmed and catered for. In order to break the current impasse, it is imperative that the U.S. return to the JCPOA at an early date by lifting all unlawful and unilateral sanctions.”

Ned Price returned to the subject on April 7, saying that the U.S. is prepared to remove sanctions on Iran to resume compliance with the Iran nuclear deal, including those that are inconsistent with the 2015 pact: “We are prepared to take the steps necessary to return to compliance with the JCPOA, including by lifting sanctions that are inconsistent with the JCPOA. I am not in a position here to give you chapter and verse on what those might be.” Of note, the other parties to the JCPOA—Iran, Britain, China, France, Germany and Russia—agreed on April 6 to form two expert-level groups whose job is to match sanctions that the U.S. could lift with nuclear obligations Iran could meet.

### **Biden Moves To Pack the Supreme Court**

April 9 (EIRNS)—President Joe Biden issued an [Executive Order](#) this afternoon to study the packing of the Supreme Court—that is, increasing the number of Supreme Court justices above the traditional nine, so the President can designate all the new appointees. During the election, he refused to acknowledge his plans to do so, simply saying that people would “know my opinion on court-packing when the election is over.” His short-term partisan action is coherent with both his maneuvers to bypass the need for 60 votes in the Senate, and his drive to drop traditional standards of identification in voting. He has also mooted ending the filibuster.

Rep. Mondaire Jones (D-NY) explained that “to restore our democracy, we must expand the Supreme Court”—an interesting take. Justice Stephen Breyer, the oldest member of the Supreme Court, warned Harvard Law students on April 6 that Biden “seeks to make those whose initial instincts may favor important ... changes, such as forms of ‘court-packing,’ think long and hard before embodying those changes in law.”

## COLLAPSING WESTERN FINANCIAL SYSTEM

### Mark Carney's New Toy: GFAN

April 9 (EIRNS)—Mark Carney, in his capacity as advisor to the U.K. government, is going to announce the Glasgow Finance Alliance for Net Zero (GFAN) at Biden's April 22—23 Earth Day global climate summit, according to Bloomberg sources. The GFAN includes about 30 banks, which “are considering throwing their weight behind the White House's Earth Day summit,” says the report. Citigroup, Barclays and HSBC are expected to be part of it. Among the other proposals pushed by GFAN, aside from eliminating “emissions” from their own portfolios, is to extend green-only investments to bank customers, a sort of “non-proprietary” trading. In other words, the shit will hit the GFAN.

### His Royal Virus Has Kicked the Bucket

April 9 (EIRNS)—Prince Philip has now officially died—can Elizabeth and the Empire be far behind? Whether or not Philip gets his wish to personally cause the next global pandemic will very much depend on our fight for a global health system and a new paradigm.

## COVID-19 AND FAMINE

### Committee for the Coincidence of Opposites Launches Mozambique Project: Medical Supplies, Food Aid and Seeds for the Future

April 9 (EIRNS)—The following statement is in circulation from the Schiller Institute Committee for the Coincidence of Opposites.

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.”

— *Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., “Letter from the Birmingham Jail,” April 16, 1963*

The Schiller Institute's Committee for the Coincidence of Opposites, initiated by Helga Zepp-LaRouche, founder of the Schiller Institute, and Dr. Joycelyn Elders, former U.S. Surgeon General, has launched an effort

bringing together people of good will, of various backgrounds including youth, social activists, religious figures, farmers, medical personnel, and others, concerned, not just about themselves, but the crises facing all humanity. The Committee has emphasized reviving the non-violent direct action tradition of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Mahatma Gandhi. The idea is to demonstrate in a pilot project—beginning in Mozambique—that we can mitigate tragic circumstances, and inspire the large-scale response needed.

The UN World Food Program (WFP) Director David Beasley warns that famine now threatens the lives of 270 million people. It is essential that governments work together to: 1) implement full-scale emergency relief programs; 2) establish modern healthcare systems in every nation, including full-set infrastructure and trained staff; and 3) defend and expand family farm-scale agriculture everywhere.

Our initial effort focuses on delivery of medical supplies, food, and seeds to Mozambique, in southeastern Africa. With a population of 31 million, it is one of the poorest, and highest young population (17 years is the median age) nations in the world. Terrorist attacks in the northern province of Cabo Delgado have displaced more than 670,000 people. There is chronic malnutrition, with over half of the children malnourished. There is widespread damage from recent cyclones. Crowded shelters and homes lack the most basic necessities, like soap, contributing to cholera, malaria and COVID-19. The disruption to spring harvesting and replanting is severe.

At the same time farmers in the world's highest output food-belts—France, Germany, India—are in the streets with their tractors, protesting low prices, and new agro-dictates that will ruin them and cause world food shortages.

The objective of the Committee is to get a delivery of food and medical supplies into Mozambique as rapidly as possible, at the same time publicizing in the U.S. and internationally, the necessity for a global mobilization by governments and institutions for health security for all.

Several farm leaders and military experts are joining with us to publicize and support this mission.

The Committee is working in conjunction with the Golden State Medical Association (GSMA), the California branch of the National Medical Association (NMA), to facilitate this project, due to their previous impactful humanitarian experiences in Mozambique. GSMA, along with NMA's Council on International Affairs, have conducted several earlier missions to Mozambique and know the situation well. Contacts have already been established with government and medical personnel on the ground in Mozambique by GSMA, who can ensure safe and efficient delivery of goods to designated people in need.

The Committee intends to supply food (corn-soy meal, dried fish, etc.), seeds, water purification tablets, medical supplies (PPE, pharmaceuticals, etc.), procured both in the U.S., and directly in Africa to minimize transport costs. Funds and donations-in-kind are now being collected by the Committee and are tax-deductible.

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### **World Food Program's Beasley Promotes Documentary, 'Hunger Ward,' Unveiling Malnutrition in Yemen**

April 9 (EIRNS)—A new documentary was released online today on the humanitarian crisis in Yemen, titled "[Hunger Ward](#)," after which release World Food Program Director David Beasley and filmmaker Skye Fitzgerald, held a live discussion.

The new half-hour film focuses on the terrible plight and death rate of malnourished children in Yemen, featuring coverage at the Sadaqa Hospital in Aden, the nation's largest hospital; and the Aslan Clinic, the largest malnutrition treatment center in northern Yemen. The scenes and the words of the medical directors—Dr. Aida Alsdeeq in Aden and Nurse Mekkiah Mahdi at the Aslan Clinic—are gripping. The film also shows the sad

horror of the wreckage of a Saudi missile strike against a funeral gathering in Yemen, with shoes of dozens of the dead still scattered in the rubble of the ruins. The postscript states simply that Saudi Arabia, with U.S. backing is still making war on Yemen, and that France, Germany, other nations, and the Houthis are complicit.

Beasley has given this documentary advance publicity to mobilize world attention on the growing famine in Yemen and internationally, which he spoke about on April 7 in a virtual forum at the Biden Institute at the University of Delaware. Speaking to a student audience, Beasley repeatedly stressed that the warfare must stop, and famine is “man-made.” He said that in the next ten days, he will visit Haiti, Honduras, Guatemala, and if possible, Venezuela, because of the worsening food situations here.

Beasley gave the Delaware students a status report on world hunger today, and how it is increasing. He said that when he came into office in 2017, there were 700 million hungry globally, and 80 million on the brink of starvation. That number on the brink increased to 135 million just before COVID-19 began. Today, that number is 270 million. Out of this number, 34 million are nearing the point of starvation. He called it phase 3 to 4 (on the UN scale called IPC—Integrated Phase Classification: No. 1, real, but minimal food insecurity; 2, stressed; 3, crisis; 4, emergency; 5, famine).

Beasley went into a “breakdown by country,” according to the IPC scale. This includes, for example, 19-21 million people in the Democratic Republic of the Congo at Phase 4; and 19 million in Afghanistan at Phase 3 to 4. “Syria is imploding”; Haiti is in crisis, he said.

Beasley called for \$5 billion for world anti-famine work, on top of the ongoing anti-hunger funding. “We have a vaccine for starvation ... it’s called food,” he stressed. In the Q&A, when one student asked about nutritious food, Beasley said, in essence, that, of course, that is necessary, but he explained to the young questioners the fact that “food for survival” is now the issue before us. He declared that the WFP budget was covered at \$5.9 billion in 2017, then in 2020 rose to \$8.9 billion, but said that is not enough. This year it needs to be in the \$15 billion range. He recognized that

the U.S. increased its contribution to the WFP from \$1.9 billion four years ago, up to \$3.47 billion. He identified that while Washington is typically “fighting over everything, with rinky-dink concerns,” there has been a bipartisan agreement on food aid. He scored the billionaires who watch the deaths happen: “I get upset ... in 2020 a new billionaire was created every 17 hours.” There were 493 new billionaires created last year. “And all I need is \$5 billion.”

### **Alarming COVID Situation in the Americas, with Acute Vaccines Scarcity**

April 9 (EIRNS)—In commenting on the alarming status of the coronavirus pandemic in the Americas, Dr. Carissa Etienne, director of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) stated on April 7 that “nowhere are infections as worrisome as in South America, where cases are mounting in nearly every country.” She pointed out that in areas of Bolivia and Colombia, cases have doubled in the week of March 31-April 7, and that all four countries of the Southern Cone—Paraguay, Uruguay, Argentina and Chile—“have been experiencing an acceleration in COVID-19 cases, with uninterrupted community transmission in recent weeks.”

To elaborate, on the same day, Uruguay had a record number of 4,000 new cases, Argentina hit a record of 22,309 new cases, and Peruvian health authorities reported that the highly-infectious P.1 “Manaus” variant is now present everywhere in the country, but especially in areas bordering Brazil, and in the capital of Lima. Also on April 7, Brazil reported a record high of 4,249 deaths. Chile is in total crisis. Despite having vaccinated 45% of its population of 19 million people, new cases have increased by 43% in the past two weeks, with daily new cases surpassing 8,000. This is partly due to early relaxation of public health measures and increased mobility of the population during the southern summer months of December through March, which have now produced what some are calling “a perfect storm” of infections in parts of the country.

Vaccine shortage is acute. Although the UN’s COVAX mechanism has kicked in with almost 3 million doses to 28 countries, Dr. Etienne warns

that it falls far short of what the region needs, especially to protect its most vulnerable populations. COVAX's goal for this year is to provide enough to vaccinate 100 million people, with each nation able to immunize 20% of its population. This is woefully inadequate. Several Ibero-American countries, Argentina, Bolivia, Venezuela and Mexico among them, are now looking to Cuba as a source of vaccines given that it is developing five anti-COVID vaccines, two of which are in Phase 3 clinical trials and expected to be available within a couple of months. The situation in Haiti, the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere, is horrific, as one year after the start of the pandemic it has yet to receive a single dose of vaccine—with an underreported 12,700 cases and 250 deaths. Aside from bureaucratic delays in applying for vaccine through COVAX, Haiti's domestic situation is so rampant with kidnapping and gang-related violence that people are too fearful to leave their homes, even if vaccine were available. There is also a generalized fear of immunization.