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EDITORIAL

Time to Get Serious on the War Danger—Speak Out, Mobilize

April 28 (EIRNS)—Over recent days, there has been an escalation of provocations towards the point of danger of breakout into thermonuclear war. Take just the example of the April 20 posting by U.S. Strategic Command for global deterrence and strike, which, in effect, rationalized that war is likely, in their tweet, “The spectrum of conflict today is neither linear nor predictable. We must account for the possibility of conflict leading to conditions which could very rapidly drive an adversary to consider nuclear use as their least bad option,” which was accompanied by Stratcom Commander Adm. Charles Richard declaring to Congress that adversaries China and Russia were arming up, so the U.S. must just get ready and figure on war.

This and many other instances were reviewed yesterday by Schiller Institute President Helga Zepp-LaRouche, in a meeting with colleagues, in which she began, “When you are looking at the picture as a totality, it is absolutely horrifying. To start with, what I think could be really a detonator of the situation, you remember that when Putin gave his speech on April 21 to the Federal Assembly, he said there are red lines which cannot be crossed, and then he said there was an assassination attempt against Lukashenko and a coup attempt against Belarus, and that that had really gone too far.

“So now the director of the Russian Federation Security Service (FSB), Alexander Bortnikov, is saying that they are investigating the possible involvement of the U.S. government in the planning of a potential, supposed military coup in Belarus, and that sudden investigation of the plot of a military coup against Lukashenko is going on, and that the opposition politician Grigory Kostusev, and the political analyst Alexander Feduta, the lawyer Yuri Zenkovich, according to Lukashenko were involved in an assassination plan against him, and he accuses U.S. special services and U.S. leading forces to be responsible. And also quoting the head of the

Belarus KGB [intelligence agency], the project plot was planned for the summer, June or July; the military coup was planned for May 9 in Minsk, during the parade for Victory Day, and that this would have been sponsored from abroad.

“Then according to a report in the Belarus TV station ONT, the implication is that Michael Carpenter, one of the most important foreign policy advisers of U.S. Vice President Biden and director for Russia at the National Security Council; afterward he was Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense with responsibility for Russia, Ukraine, Eurasia, the Balkans, and Conventional Arms Control, was a key figure behind the supposed coup attempt in Belarus, and that next week more interesting new details about this story would be made known....”

She pointed out further, that in 2018, Carpenter “made some waves when he accompanied the Ukrainian neo-Nazi, then-Speaker of the Verkhovna Rada Andriy Parubiy on a trip to Washington, and when Carpenter was questioned concerning Parubiy’s connection to the Nazi movement, which was involved in the Ukraine coup in 2014, he defended Parubiy as a patriot and fantastic leading personality.” The same year, Carpenter was co-author with Biden of an article, “How to Stand Up to the Kremlin: Defending Democracy Against Its Enemies” (*CFR’s Foreign Affairs*, January-February 2018).

As Zepp-LaRouche stated, this is “absolutely incredible, because if this turns out to be the case, we could be closer to World War III, than anybody realizes, because this is exactly the kind of stuff which happens in the forefront of world wars.”

Moreover, the same day as Zepp-LaRouche’s review, Michael Carpenter blatantly participated in a virtual forum, hosted by the Washington-based Center for European Policy, with speakers including the U.S. Ambassador to Belarus Julie Fisher (whose credentials she has yet to present in Minsk), and others, who called for continued concerted action against President Putin, by stirring things up in Belarus, and elsewhere.

There are some Europeans waking up to this crazed behavior. Zepp-LaRouche reported that Germany's Foreign Minister Heiko Maas has modified his tone, saying that the confrontation with Russia should not continue. Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz is calling for de-escalation.

In the U.S. today, Naval War College analyst Lyle J. Goldstein has an article, "[Parsing Putin's Red Lines](#)," with the warning to stop the confrontationism against China and Russia. "We should not be touching the red lines of other major, nuclear armed powers on a daily basis." (Article posted on the American Committee for U.S.-Russia Accord blog).

Zepp-LaRouche called for people to speak out, and mobilize. "The upcoming conference on May 8 is more urgent than ever before, to really get a resistance against the war danger," she said, because, "we need a moral resistance against this kind of decadence, which could very well be the beginning of the hours and days before World War III."

Register and attend the May 8 Schiller Institute conference, "[The Moral Collapse of the Trans-Atlantic World Cries Out for a New Paradigm](#)."

- Watch [Harley's Updates](#) with Harley Schlanger on Thursday, April 29, 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

Lyle Goldstein's 'Uncomfortable Question': Why Does U.S. Threaten Nuclear Russia on So Many Fronts?

April 28 (EIRNS)—U.S. Naval War College analyst Lyle J. Goldstein again today sounded an alarm over the insanity of the United States treating fellow nuclear powers China and Russia as adversaries. Under the title, "[Parsing Putin's Red Lines](#)," Goldstein warns in an article posted on the American Committee for U.S.-Russia Accord blog, that people have failed to register the full import of Vladimir Putin's April 21 warning to the

United States and others not to cross Russia's red lines, and specifically Putin's own emphasis on the fact that Russia "will determine ourselves where these red lines are according to the circumstances of each situation."

Goldstein wrote in his personal capacity, as a qualified military strategist:

"When it comes to fully bulked up nuclear powers like China and particularly Russia, the issue is absolutely grave, since we are talking about countries that can 'end' the U.S., perhaps in a matter of hours, even if we have the solace that we would take our adversary down in flames with us....

"Americans should ask the uncomfortable question: why do the U.S. and its allies appear to be encroaching upon so many different Russian red lines in so many 'situations' simultaneously? Indeed, Russian interests are now directly engaged against U.S. interests, or those of our allies, in a zero-sum pattern on a vast front stretching from the Arctic, to the Baltic, through Belarus to the Donbas and Crimea, and all the way down to the Caucasus and beyond.

"A common sense notion of peace, and indeed survival, for the 21st century must incorporate limits and crucially the principles of realism and restraint. We should not be touching the red lines of other major, nuclear armed powers on a daily basis. The fact that Western strategists seek to probe Russia's red lines in Eastern Europe is itself a powerful indictment of U.S. foreign policy since the end of the Cold War....

"We must learn to live amicably with Russia or risk a continuing succession of showdowns on the pattern of the Cuban Missile Crisis— this time on Russia's doorstep, with a Kremlin that has an infinitely more capable nuclear arsenal when compared to the early 1960s. In that unfortunate case, we may again be taught some lessons about red lines."

U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Enters Black Sea

April 28 (EIRNS)—A U.S. Coast Guard cutter, the *USCGC Hamilton*, has arrived in the Black Sea, the first time a U.S. Coast Guard vessel has been in those waters since 2008. "The Black Sea forces and means have begun

monitoring the actions of *USCGC Hamilton*, which entered the Black Sea on April 27,” the Russian National Defense Control Center said, reported TASS.

Hours later, the headquarters of Russia’s Black Sea Fleet announced that the fleet’s flagship, the cruiser *Moskva*, would be holding live fire drills with other ships and aircraft of the fleet.

U.S. Ship Fires Warning Shots in Close Encounter with Iran Speed Boats

April 28 (EIRNS)—The U.S. Navy’s 5th Fleet charged in a release yesterday that speed boats from Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Navy harassed and behaved dangerously in an encounter April 26 in the Persian Gulf with two U.S. vessels, the patrol boat *USS Firebolt* and the *USCGC Baranoff*. “Three IRGC Navy speed boats failed to exercise due regard for the safety of other vessels as required under international law as they came into close proximity to U.S. naval vessels in international waters of the north Arabian Gulf,” the release said. “The U.S. crews issued multiple warnings via bridge-to-bridge radio and loud-hailer devices, but the IRGCN vessels continued their close range maneuvers. The crew of *Firebolt* then fired warning shots, and the IRGCN vessels moved away to a safe distance from the U.S. vessels.”

This incident follows a similar incident on April 2 that was first revealed by the *Wall Street Journal* on April 26.

UNITED STATES POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

Biden’s ‘Just Us’ Department Brags of Cutting Off Oil to ‘Pariah State’ North Korea

April 28 (EIRNS)—“U.S. Government Seizes Oil Tanker Used To Violate U.S. and UN Sanctions Against North Korea,” the Department of Justice announced in an April 23 press release. Three top DOJ officials—U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York Audrey Strauss, Assistant Attorney General for National Security John Demers, and Assistant

Director-in-Charge of the FBI's New York Field Office William Sweeney Jr.—announced to the press that a criminal complaint had just been filed for “conspiring to economic sanctions,” against the owner of an oil tanker stopped in Cambodia in 2020 when it was on its way to North Korea to deliver its cargo. The tanker is also now officially in U.S. possession. Strauss presented this act of ensuring North Korea is cut-off from any oil imports as some kind of humanitarian action because it sends the message that anyone who dares “to send money through the U.S. financial system in furtherance of [their] support for that pariah state ... stands to lose both their liberty and their property.”

COVID-19 AND FAMINE

Russian President Putin Speaks with India's Modi, as Planeloads of Medical Aid Take Off for New Delhi

April 28 (EIRNS)—President Vladimir Putin personally informed Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi today that Russia will send equipment urgently needed to care for Indians infected with COVID-19 to India, starting with flights today by the Russian Emergencies Ministry delivering over 22 tons of equipment, including 20 oxygen production units, 75 lung ventilators, 150 medical monitors and 200,000 packs of medicine. The two leaders spoke by telephone, with Putin assuring Modi of his support in this difficult period, and Modi “warmly thank[ing] the President of Russia for the assistance provided, which is largely high-tech and is in great demand in the country,” the Kremlin reported. They also discussed that Russia's Sputnik V vaccine has also now been registered in India, and both are satisfied that the Russian Direct Investment Fund had reached an agreement with Indian companies to produce 850 million doses of Sputnik V, production of which is to begin in May.

North Korea Becomes Latest Nation Driven into Famine by Economic Sanctions

April 28 (EIRNS)—There are reports now that North Korea—a nation which lost anywhere from 1 to 3 million of its 22 million of its people to

famine in the 1990s—is heading towards a new famine, under the combined assault of the coronavirus and some of the tightest sanctions imposed on any country in the world.

South Korean Unification Minister Lee In-young has been warning for some months of the danger of “extreme famine” in North Korea. North Korean leader Kim Jong Un himself is reported to have told a party congress in early April that the country was facing the “worst-ever situation” due to widespread food shortage, comparing what is coming to the “arduous march,” as the 1990s famine is known there.

Simone Chun, a leader of the Alliance of Scholars Concerned about Korea, indicted the hideous sanctions policy in an article Truthout two days ago:

“Subjected to ever-increasing sanctions, North Korea is projected to suffer a food deficit of 1.3 million tons this year, worsening the already dire condition endured by a broad swath of the population. More than 40% of North Korea’s 25 million people are considered chronically food insecure, and one out of every five children under the age of 5 is impacted by stunted growth. The latest UN Human Rights Council report highlights ‘deaths by starvation’ as well as ‘an increase in the number of children and elderly people who have resorted to begging.’ ”

UN sanctions—initiated at the behest of Obama and tightened under Trump—even prohibit the nation from importing foodstuffs and critical agricultural components, a measure “openly violating the 1977 Additional Protocol of the Geneva Convention, which specifically forbids any action that erodes agricultural production, ‘whatever the motive.’ Unsurprisingly, precipitous drops in agricultural production have occurred as a result. Food has become increasingly scarce, causing more than 1 million additional North Korean civilians to slip into food insecurity as a result.... The increasing scarcity of even basic food items disproportionately impacts the poor, the sick and elderly, as well as newborns.”

Add to that the restrictions on oil and petroleum product imports under the UN sanctions which have triggered “an energy shortage that has

reduced the reach of the country’s already spotty supply of electricity to less than a quarter of households. This past winter, millions of ordinary North Koreans endured extreme winter temperatures as low as 3° Fahrenheit without reliable heating or electricity.”

Biden’s team is reported to be readying to announce its conclusions after reviewing policy towards North Korea. Chun warns that it would be a crime against humanity “to continue a sanctions regime that is, by design, based on collective punishment.... Does the United States have the right to implement a policy of inflicting deliberate harm on the weak and vulnerable based on the cold calculus that doing so will increase its foreign policy leverage? Should the fate of children, the sick and the elderly be used as bargaining chips to induce concessions from their government?”

THE NEW GLOBAL ECONOMIC ORDER

Mexican and Russian Foreign Ministers Sign Far-Reaching Agreements in Moscow Meeting

April 28 (EIRNS)—In a ceremony today at the Russian Foreign Ministry, Mexican Foreign Secretary [Marcelo Ebrard](#) and Russia’s [Sergey Lavrov](#) signed a series of comprehensive agreements, not only relating to Mexico’s plan to produce the Sputnik V vaccine at its state-run Birmex lab, but also to far-reaching cooperation in a number of fields, including economics and trade, aerospace, culture and science and technology. As both ministers stressed, the relationship between the two countries is growing stronger. At their joint press conference, Lavrov reported, “we have decided to intensify our political contacts,” including signing a plan for Ministerial Consultations spanning 2021-2024. Ebrard underscored, according to a communiqué from Mexico’s Foreign Ministry, that Mexico and Russia are “entering a phase in our relationship which is very close, and the pandemic has opened the door for us to broaden and deepen that relationship.” Lavrov pointed out that Presidents Putin and López Obrador speak by phone “regularly,” and hope to meet in person once the epidemiological situation permits.

Mexico is the only country in North America which has approved emergency use authorization for Sputnik V and 1 million Mexicans have already been vaccinated with it. The plan agreed to now is that Mexico's state-run Birmex laboratories will do the final bottling and packaging of Sputnik V, beginning in May or June. Aside from meeting with Lavrov today, Ebrard also held meetings with officials of the Russia Direct Investment Fund (RDIF, Russia's sovereign wealth fund) and with the Gamaleya National Center of Epidemiology and Microbiology, which produces the vaccine. The daily *Economista* reported Ebrard's remarks that Birmex is already working with the RDIF to arrange for "filling and bottling in Mexico," and then down the road, perhaps there can be "full production (combined) of Sputnik V, or Sputnik No. 2, or 'Sputnik Light.'" Sputnik Light is a one-dose vaccine in which Mexico is particularly interested, as its use would help accelerate its national vaccination program and avoid some of the logistical problems associated with a two-dose vaccine.

Other agreements included a commitment to resume, perhaps by June, meetings of the Intergovernmental Russian-Mexican Joint Commission on Economic, Trade, Scientific and Technological Cooperation and Maritime Navigation. They also signed an agreement on aerospace cooperation, for the peaceful exploration of outer space, and on establishing in Mexico City a Russian Center of Science and Culture. Lavrov and Ebrard discussed plans to ensure that a large Mexican business delegation attends the June summit of the St. Petersburg Forum, and they stressed that their governments agreed on a global agenda which includes respect for the UN-centered international order, respect for international law and multilateralism, reject interference in the internal affairs of sovereign nations, and reject coups as a means to effect regime change.

COLLAPSING WESTERN FINANCIAL SYSTEM

British Empire Launches New ‘Anti-Corruption’ Sanctions Scheme, Joined at Hip with U.S.

April 28 (EIRNS)—British Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab announced two days ago that the United Kingdom, under the newly-enacted “Global Anti-Corruption Sanctions Regulations of 2021,” will henceforth impose economic sanctions not just against alleged violators of “human rights,” but also against individuals and organizations deemed to be involved in “serious corruption.” To show how serious the British Empire takes “corruption,” he announced 22 such sanctions immediately, 14 against “Russian tax fraudsters” named in the famous Sergei Magnitsky case; the other 8 against individuals from South Africa, South Sudan, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Guatemala. Raab stressed that Britain is already collaborating with the United States on this new category of sanctions; two members of Biden’s cabinet issued statements to the same effect.

What a show: The spokesmen for the most corrupt cesspools on the planet, Wall Street and the City of London, stating with straight faces that they have joined forces to fight “serious corruption” around the world! Rest assured that China, Russia and smaller nations alike are clear that this new coordination—which they hope to extend to other “allies—aims in actuality to prepare for excluding from the international financial system those that do not “play ball” with the would-be global Anglo-American dictatorship.

“Global Britain is standing up for democracy, good governance and the rule of law. We are saying to those involved in serious corruption: we will not tolerate you or your dirty money in our country,” Raab declared. The first sanctions announced “are being taken partly in tandem with the U.S., which is today also announcing further corruption sanctions. Acting together sends the clearest possible signal that corruption comes with a heavy price.”

Secretary of State Tony Blinken “commended” the United Kingdom for adopting this expanded economic warfare capability, which “reinforces the U.S.-U.K. partnership in the fight against corruption and illicit finance....

Corrupt actors, and their facilitators, will not have access to our financial systems,” he blustered.

Treasury Secretary Janet Yellin “welcomes” the U.K. move, which “gives the United Kingdom an authority similar to the United States’ Global Magnitsky program and Canada’s Justice for Victims of Corrupt Foreign Officials Act,” her statement asserted. “U.S. sanctions are more likely to compel changes in behavior and disrupt threatening activities when pursued in concert with our allies—carrying a more forceful economic impact by disrupting access to the international financial system—and sending a stronger message to malign actors by virtue of our solidarity.

“Sanctions are, however, but one tool,” she noted. Treasury will also be providing “guidance to financial institutions, technical assistance, and engagement with foreign and private sector partners” on enforcement, so that no one dares get out of line.

GREEN NEW DEAL

German Author Exposes Green Party as ‘Neo-Imperial, Neo-Colonial, Aggressive and Confrontational’

April 28 (EIRNS) - In an op-ed in RT Deutschland, author [Gert Ewen Ungar](#) exposed the “terrifying” election program of the Green Party, which “breathes the spirit of a dark past” into foreign policy. The reference to Nazism is clear, as it is indirectly in the conclusion where the author reminds that “a war on two fronts” always fails.

The Greens want to circumvent the UN Security Council veto system in case of “severe human rights violations,” which would open the way to aggression against Russia and China. Ungar writes, “Russia and China run through the draft program like a red thread. They are the established challenge, the great confrontation, the friction surface of green foreign policy.”

The Greens want to stop the Nord Stream 2 pipeline because Russia is “authoritarian,” but at the same time they support authoritarian Ukraine and call for keeping sanctions against Russia. “The Greens are ready to actively escalate conflicts on European soil.”

On the EU, the Greens want to turn the European Stability Mechanism (ESM, the financial safety net) into a European Monetary Fund, without considering that the ESM is a private institution. At the same time, they want to make the euro a reserve currency, a weapon to export so-called European values.

“What the Greens have written in their draft program is on the one hand absolutely naïve, on the other hand it is absolutely dangerous in this naïveté. Whoever votes for the Greens chooses ruthlessness in foreign policy, confrontation, which makes the European continent a venue for geopolitical conflicts, and chooses war. All of this emerges from the draft program. As written at the beginning, it is carried by the neo-imperial, neo-conservative spirit and an uncompromising belief in one’s own superiority. Nothing good for Europe comes from the Greens.”

Nebraska’s Governor, 15 Other States, Square Off Against Biden’s Green 30×30 Land and Water Lockup

April 28 (EIRNS)—Yesterday, Nebraska Gov. Pete Ricketts issued a statement titled, “Protect Our Land and Water,” slamming the green “30×30” plan to take 30% of U.S. land and water out of agriculture and other productive use by 2030, part of the international green campaign, whose most extreme call is to lock up 50% of the Earth from man’s activities by 2050. Biden stated his 30×30 goal in his Jan. 27 Executive Order.

Ricketts said, “The President’s radical 30×30 plan is alarming and unconstitutional. That’s why I led a group of 15 Governors who sent a letter to President Biden last week opposing the plan. We remind the President that he has no authority to carry out the 30×30 program. We also warned the President that pursuing the goals of the 30×30 plan would

violate property rights and harm the U.S. economy.” Ricketts reported that the governors submitted 12 questions to Biden, which he has not answered.

Among the points Ricketts makes is that “Nebraska’s farmers and ranchers are the original conservationists.” He slams the violations of property rights inherent in the Biden proposal. “I encourage Nebraskans to be on the lookout in their community for potential federal interventions or other attempts to make less land available. Over the years, environmental groups have purchased land and transferred it to federal agencies. Others may try to use perpetual easements to limit land use or to bar livestock production. President Biden may decide to use federal agencies to exert more control over existing public lands, or to expand current restrictions.”

The 15 governors, all Republican, stated in their letter that, “It is ... our responsibility to ensure that certain federal lands, and all state lands, are being productively used by our citizens to provide the food, fiber, energy and minerals our nation needs for a robust economy and our national defense.” The 14 other states represented, besides Nebraska, are: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Idaho, Iowa, Mississippi, Montana, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas and Utah.

SCIENCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Rosatom Launches ‘Atoms for Humanity’

April 28 (EIRNS)—According to *Nuclear Engineering International*, the “[Atoms for Humanity](#)” is a “global nuclear awareness” initiative by Rosatom State Atomic Energy Corporation that will be launched on April 30. The theme is that modern nuclear technology is clean and reliable, but is much more than green electricity. It is a versatile tool to solve the most urgent challenges.

“Rosatom believes that it is high time to put a human at the center of nuclear debate. The Atoms for Humanity is a unique collection of stories capturing ordinary people from all over the world sharing how nuclear

transforms their lives and helps fulfil dreams, both big and small,” the agency said in a release.

The project launch event, “Why Humanity Needs Nuclear,” will take place on April 30. Kirsty Gogan, an internationally sought-after expert with over 15 years in advising the government on climate and energy, will host the discussion. Other speakers include Rosatom and World Nuclear Association executives, environmental experts, and “heroes of Atoms for Humanity documentaries.”