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EDITORIAL

Don't Be Diplomatic: We Are Facing a Civilizational Failure That Must Be Reversed

April 13 (EIRNS)—With the Ukraine crisis careening rapidly towards a strategic showdown, President Joe Biden called President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday to propose that the two leaders hold “a summit meeting in a third country in the coming months to discuss the full range of issues facing the United States and Russia,” according to a White House read-out. The intent would be for “the United States and Russia to pursue a strategic stability dialogue on a range of arms control and emerging security issues.”

Even as Biden was speaking with Putin, his emissary, Secretary of State Tony Blinken, was in Brussels egging on Ukraine into a flight-forward demand to join NATO immediately, which all sides know is a tripwire for Russia. At the same time, the U.S. has deployed two warships into the Black Sea, which Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov described as a provocation “designed to test Russia’s nerves.” He warned that U.S. military support for Kiev is turning Ukraine into a “powder keg,” and that “if there is any aggravation, we of course will do everything to ensure our security and the safety of our citizens.”

What more is behind the Biden-Putin phone call is unclear at this writing. But two things are clear: 1) that the Ukraine flashpoint and the broader war danger are driven by the systemic collapse of the entire trans-Atlantic financial system, which has also unleashed a pandemic, famine, and mass unemployment across the planet; and 2) that no solution for any single crisis will work, unless the entire civilizational collapse is addressed and reversed.

“I think it is dawning on more and more relevant people that we are looking at a potential complete and utter failure of civilization,” Schiller Institute founder and President Helga Zepp-LaRouche stated today. “You cannot respond to any one crisis, or collapse, or danger, as an individual phenomenon; you have to really address the entire picture as one. Because

either we can catalyze some moral response from people who are willing to recognize that what is going on is a civilizational collapse, or else I think we are on a short road to disaster.”

Zepp-LaRouche added: “I find it quite remarkable that this subject of a civilizational failure is becoming an issue among numerous important people, the most recent one being UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, who yesterday reviewed the global response to the COVID-19 crisis and the situation of world famine, poverty, and unemployment, and he told a gathering of the UN ECOSOC that *no* element of the multilateral response has gone as it should. He said that last year more than 3 million people died of Covid, 120 million have fallen into extreme poverty, and the equivalent of 255 million full-time jobs have been lost. And the crisis is far from being over. He said that the crisis is ‘putting multilateralism to the test, and so far, we have failed.’ He added that a complete paradigm shift was needed.”

Zepp-LaRouche went on to draw a moral line in the sand: “You have these absolutely incredible pictures of children dying right before the world’s eyes in Yemen and elsewhere, but that doesn’t stop the richest people in the world from having made a \$5 trillion increase in their wealth in the last year. How can a Bezos or a Gates or all of these other creeps like Soros, how can they live with themselves, when they know that their mass of wealth is built on the corpses of so many millions of people? I think we should say it that way,” she insisted.

She urged LaRouche movement organizers to not be diplomatic, but to get under people’s skin. “I think anybody who sees the combination of the war danger escalating, the famine killing millions of people in several countries, COVID raging—they must react. And against this, the leading elites are showing they are utterly incapable of dealing with this crisis.”

“But I’m convinced that this fight can be won,” Zepp-LaRouche concluded, “because it beats the alternative.” The old paradigm is crashing, but if we do our job right, a new paradigm can be won, she stated. But to do that, “I think that the moral question needs to be addressed.”

- Watch [Harley's Updates](#) with Harley Schlanger on Wednesday, April 14, 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.

COLLAPSING WESTERN FINANCIAL SYSTEM

UN Secretary-General Regrets 'So Far, We Have Failed' in Coronavirus Fight

April 13 (EIRNS)—United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres yesterday delivered a grim review of the global response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the related hunger, poverty, and unemployment crises, telling a gathering of the UN Economic and Social Council's Forum on Financing for Development that “no element of our multilateral response has gone as it should.”

Speaking as the current head of *the* post-war international institution *par excellence*, the United Nations, Guterres's speech almost reads like a funeral oration for the demise of the entire Old Paradigm. This is what a systemic breakdown looks like, from the inside.

Guterres said that during the last year more than 3 million have died from the virus. Around 120 million have fallen into extreme poverty, and the equivalent of 255 million full-time jobs have been lost. “The crisis is far from over,” he stated. The crisis is “putting multilateralism to the test, and so far, we have failed.” He went on to say that a “paradigm shift” was needed.

The President of the UN General Assembly Volkan Bozkır echoed Guterres's grim report, stating that the COVID-19 pandemic has “precipitated the single largest economic contraction in 90 years, devastating lives and livelihoods in the process.”

Guterres ripped into the suicidal immorality of hoarding vaccines, in which a mere 10 countries globally account for around 75% of COVID-19 vaccinations given. He said that the estimated cost of this is more than \$9

trillion—without explaining where that figure came from. “To end the pandemic for good, we need equitable access to vaccines for everyone, everywhere.”

Guterres then focused on the debt crisis, saying that “we need to go beyond debt relief,” and strengthen the “international debt architecture to end the deadly cycles of debt waves, global debt crises and lost decades.” But that is as close as he came to actually proposing a solution to the crisis. The best he could muster was to protest that “there has been a \$5 trillion surge in the wealth of the world’s richest in the past year” of the pandemic, and that governments should therefore “consider a solidarity or wealth tax on those who have profited during the pandemic, to reduce extreme inequalities.”

STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

Biden Called Putin To Discuss Strategic Crisis, Propose Meeting in Third Country

April 13 (EIRNS)—With the Ukraine crisis careening rapidly towards a strategic showdown, President Joe Biden called President Vladimir Putin today to discuss “a number of regional and global issues, including the intent of the United States and Russia to pursue a strategic stability dialogue on a range of arms control and emerging security issues, building on the extension of the New START Treaty,” according to a White House read-out of the call.

“President Biden reaffirmed his goal of building a stable and predictable relationship with Russia consistent with U.S. interests, and proposed a summit meeting in a third country in the coming months to discuss the full range of issues facing the United States and Russia,” according to the White House.

The statement also made sure to repeat Washington’s attacks on Russia for supposed “cyber intrusions and election interference,” noting that the U.S. would defend its national interests. Biden also stressed “the United States’ unwavering commitment to Ukraine’s sovereignty and territorial

integrity. The President voiced our concerns over the sudden Russian military build-up in occupied Crimea and on Ukraine's borders, and called on Russia to de-escalate tensions."

The [Kremlin](#) read-out specified that "the current state of Russia-U.S. relations and certain pressing items on the international agenda were discussed in detail... Both Presidents expressed their willingness to continue the dialogue on the critical areas of ensuring global security, which would meet the interests not only of Russia and the United States, but the entire international community. In addition, Joseph Biden expressed interest in normalizing the state of affairs on the bilateral track and establishing stable and predictable interaction on pressing matters such as ensuring strategic stability and arms control, Iran's nuclear program, the situation in Afghanistan, and global climate change." It was in this context that "the U.S. President suggested considering the possibility of holding a personal summit meeting in the foreseeable future."

As for Ukraine, "when exchanging views on the internal Ukrainian crisis, Vladimir Putin outlined approaches to a political settlement based on the Minsk Package of Measures."

U.S. and NATO Beat the Drums of War over Ukraine

April 13 (EIRNS)—Secretary of State Tony Blinken, Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg, and Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba, among others, gathered in Brussels today to sound the alarm about Russia's alleged "massive military buildup" along Ukraine's border and warn Russia to immediately cease its "provocative" actions or suffer "the consequences." No consequences were spelled out, but war talk is in the air—as stupidly dangerous as that is. In almost ID format, every single speaker and public statement made in the course of today's meetings insisted that Russia has massed the "largest military force along the border since 2014," while reminding people of Russia's alleged "illegal annexation of Crimea," and lying that it has turned its back on the Minsk agreements and all efforts to de-escalate tensions in eastern Ukraine.

Blinken repeatedly referred to Russia's "provocative" and "aggressive" behavior.

Ukraine wants membership in NATO now, to have access to its Article 5 that states that an attack on one member country is considered an attack on NATO as a whole. Ukraine's Deputy Prime Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration Olga Stefanishyna made that clear in an article published in *Foreign Policy* saying that NATO's response to Russia's aggression is "insufficient" and demanding immediate negotiations for a membership action plan for the country. In an outrageous denial of historical fact, Foreign Minister Kuleba claimed that Ukraine should join NATO because it "belongs to the world of democracies, to the Western world—this is a very clear message NATO can send to Russia. Ukraine isn't part of the Russian world and will never be considered as such." Prior to his private meeting with Blinken, Kuleba repeated to the media how pleased he was that the "Euro-Atlantic" countries are standing by Ukraine, and that Ukraine "stands by the principles and values of the Euro-Atlantic community." Confident of military backing, he warned Russia that should it not cease its aggression, the actions taken against it—by the West presumably—will prove "too heavy a burden to bear."

During his [joint press conference](#) with NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg, following a meeting of the NATO-Ukraine Council, Kuleba said he "expects" international allies to "deter Russian aggression." He suggested new sanctions or more direct military support to strengthen Ukraine's defenses. Demanding that Russia cease and desist from its "provocative" behavior, Stoltenberg announced that it is the "sovereign right" of every nation to apply for NATO membership, but it is the right of the 30 allies-members to decide when membership should be offered. This is important, he said, because right now Russia "is trying to establish some kind of sphere of influence" reminiscent of the era when big powers could decide what neighbors could do. "So therefore we strongly support the sovereign right of Ukraine to apply, and to decide its own path, and then for the 30 allies, and only the 30 allies, to decide when the standards are met," Stoltenberg said.

Ryabkov Warns U.S. Turning Ukraine into a ‘Powder Keg,’ Tells It Hands Off Crimea ‘for Its Own Good’

April 13 (EIRNS)—Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov minced no words today in warning the U.S. that its military support for Ukraine is a threat to Russia’s security, which is also turning that country into a “powder keg,” Reuters reported. In the event of an escalation of the situation, he warned, Russia would do everything necessary to defend its own security. “If there is any aggravation, we of course will do everything to ensure our security and the safety of our citizens, wherever they are,” Ryabkov said, clearly referring to residents of Donbas who hold Russian passports. “But Kiev and its allies in the West will be entirely responsible for the consequences of a hypothetical exacerbation,” he declared.

His remarks came as two U.S. warships are scheduled to arrive in the Black Sea later this week, which he called a provocation “designed to test Russia’s nerves,” according to Reuters. He is quoted by Russian news agencies as saying that “the United States is our adversary and does everything it can to undermine Russia’s position on the world stage.” Ryabkov warned the U.S. that “it would be better for them to stay far away [from Crimea] for its own good.”

RIAC’s Kortunov Cites How Fragility of the U.S. Political System Increases War Danger

April 13 (EIRNS)—Speaking at a webinar sponsored by the MIT Center for International Studies, Andrey Kortunov, Director General of the Russian International Affairs Council (RIAC) said that the current view from the Kremlin is that productive relations with Russia is not on the priority list of the Biden administration; and therefore, expectations in Russia for any progress are low. He was speaking at the MIT Starr Forum: “Advice for President Biden: Dealing with Putin’s Russia,” April 12th online event, along with Georgetown University’s Prof. Angela Stent, director of their Center for Eurasian, Russian and East European Studies.

Kortunov said that he would not present his own views, but those he understood to be the Kremlin’s: The ball is in the West’s court. Russia has

offered many proposals for dialogue, including the UN Permanent 5 format, discussions on cybersecurity, etc., and the U.S. has not been receptive either under Presidents Trump or Biden. Ridiculous accusations have been thrown against Russia, again and again, with no credible evidence presented. For instance, Biden accused Russia of having paid bounties to the Taliban to kill American soldiers. Clearly, relations with Russia is not on top of Biden's "priority list," being surpassed by COVID, climate change, and China—and this is not expected to change anytime soon. Consequently, the U.S. is not at the top of Russia's priority list either—therefore, let's see how the dust settles in the new U.S. administration. What is needed is a change of the political support in the U.S. for productive relations with Russia. Biden is not expected to be a strong President. Look back to the broad support domestically enjoyed by President Roosevelt, and by President Reagan, specifically in their collaborations with the Soviet Union. By contrast, Russia sees in the U.S., today, "a divided country." Kortunov said, "The fragility of the U.S. political system creates a serious obstacle to any progress."

Although stating that the current extension of the New START agreement is appreciated in Moscow, it will have no positive effect on other areas of contention—it will not stop a new arms race, or affect third powers, such as China. Echoing a long-standing proposal of Schiller Institute President Helga Zepp-LaRouche, Kortunov urged the major powers to use the next five years "to re-invent the arms control model." Kortunov itemized the ongoing offensive by the West against Russia: U.S. political support and arms sales to Ukraine, Georgia, Moldova, Belarus; support in Russia for opposition parties, economic sanctions, possibly escalating into the energy and financial sectors; the formation of a united front of nations against Russia. Kortunov then perhaps surprised the participants—saying, "I may be accused of idealism"—by concluding that he remained "moderately optimistic" that after 2024 there will be some real changes, as a generational change occurs in both countries.

Former Colonel Macgregor Writes U.S.-Russia War over Ukraine Would Be a Disaster

April 13 (EIRNS)—Col. Douglas Macgregor (ret.), whose most recent position was that of a senior advisor to acting Secretary of Defense Christopher Miller at the end of the Trump Administration, warned in an April 12 article in the *American Conservative* that a U.S.-Russia war over Ukraine would be a disaster for the U.S. and, potentially, for the planet. In, “[Facing the Facts of War with Russia](#),” Macgregor stated that in 1937, President Franklin Roosevelt did not authorize retaliation against Japan for the sinking of the gunboat *USS Panay* on the Yangtze River, because he knew that there was no public support for a war with another great power at that time and that the U.S. military was not prepared for such a war.

A similar situation prevails today with respect to Ukraine, in that Russia has military superiority over NATO on the ground in southeastern Ukraine and the counterinsurgency wars of the last two decades have not prepared American military leadership for war against a tough and determined adversary. “Equally serious is America’s deteriorating societal cohesion, which was on full display during the summer of 2020,” Macgregor wrote. “When added to the dramatic spike in illegal human and drug trafficking pouring across the southern border, it seems certain that a major war in Eastern Europe would expose not only serious vulnerabilities in the U.S. armed forces, but the fragility of American society to the whole world.”

Macgregor also pointed out that in 2019, when the Secretaries of State and Defense urged military action against Iran, Trump was the adult in the room who said “no.” But today, “it appears that strategy sessions in the White House are little more than a façade behind which wish-based, ‘woke’ ideology dominates discussions. The implication is there is no adult present in the Oval Office capable of just saying ‘No.’ ”

Unlike FDR in 1937, “now Biden, Harris, and their ‘woke’ advisors are throwing caution to the wind. Whether they realize it or not, they are also playing with the survival of their own administration,” Macgregor concluded.

COVID-19 AND FAMINE

WHO Director Tedros Asserts, Rich Countries Are Killing People by Hoarding Vaccines

April 13 (EIRNS)—In a briefing in Geneva April 9, Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, executive director of the World Health Organization (WHO), presented a dramatic picture of the effects of hoarding by advanced sector nations, which has left poorer nations without life-saving vaccine. Look at the fact, he said, that only 0.2% of all vaccines given have gone to poorer nations, while 87% have gone to wealthier countries. “There remains a shocking imbalance in the global distribution of vaccines,” he underscored, pointing out that, on average, in high- income countries “almost one in four people has received a vaccine. In low-income countries, it’s 1 in more than 500. Let me repeat that: one in four versus 1 in 500,” UN News reported him as saying.

Even in the WHO’s COVAX mechanism, which is supposed to help poorer countries receive vaccines, there are problems, Dr. Tedros explained. Its original goal was to have distributed 100 million vaccine doses by the end of March, but to date it has distributed only 38 million. “The problem is not getting vaccines out of COVAX; the problem is getting them in,” he asserted. He also pointed out that COVAX is hurt by countries arranging their own bilateral deals, instead of showing solidarity, as they “run the risk of fanning the flames of vaccine inequity.” Dr. Seth Berkley, CEO at the GAVI vaccine alliance, warns that not only are there shortages of vaccines but also of the goods that go into producing them. COVAX is asking wealthier countries to share their surplus vaccines doses and is also looking at cost-sharing mechanisms so that low-income countries can buy additional doses through COVAX that would be funded by multilateral development banks, according to UN News.

China Is Helping Ibero-America Fight Pandemic, Opening Doors to Broader Infrastructure Cooperation

April 13 (EIRNS)—*China Daily* ran an article yesterday, “[Nation’s Goodwill To Have Lasting Effects](#),” on China’s growing influence in Ibero-

America, based on economic cooperation and especially critical help dealing with the COVID pandemic. The article by Alfred Romann declares that “many countries across Latin America have turned to China in their efforts to deal with the pandemic.... Chinese vaccine makers have stepped up in Latin America, carrying out trials in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Peru and Mexico, finding partners to set up local manufacturing facilities and exporting millions of doses to countries that, by and large, lack the capacity to make vaccines at home.”

Romann then points to Argentine President Alberto Fernández’s upcoming visit to China: “Argentine President Alberto Fernández, for one, sent a letter of thanks to President Xi Jinping in January and plans to visit China later this year. Countries such as Mexico and Colombia have said that Chinese vaccines helped shore up their vaccination programs. These efforts to support healthcare systems and vaccination programs could lead to stronger ties in other areas, particularly if the efforts help shore up public opinion.”

Romann goes on to state the obvious: that China is gaining friends and that this will spill over to joint infrastructure projects. “China’s newfound access could also lead to more deals in areas such as infrastructure construction, mining and agriculture, apart from people-to-people exchanges. This could give China momentum in its efforts to deepen ties with Latin America through investment, trade and financing.... This goodwill is likely to pay off in more access, more opportunities and closer ties with countries throughout the region.”

SCIENCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Putin Celebrates 60th Anniversary of Gagarin’s First Space Flight

April 13 (EIRNS)—On April 12, the 60th anniversary of the first human space flight of Yuri Gagarin and Cosmonautics Day, Russian President [Vladimir Putin](#) visited the city of Engels for discussions on the development of Russia’s space industry. Putin was accompanied by State Duma Speaker Vyacheslav Volodin, first female cosmonaut and Duma

Deputy Valentina Tereshkova, and Saratov Region Governor Valery Radayev. He visited Space Conquerors Park and laid flowers on the monument to Gagarin built where the cosmonaut made his first landing. He also held a videoconference reviewing plans for the space industry development, with reports from Deputy Prime Minister Yuri Borisov and Roscosmos Director Dmitry Rogozin.

“In the new, 21st century, Russia must uphold its status of a leading nuclear and space power because the space sector is directly linked with defense,” Putin said at the meeting.

“We will always be proud that our country paved the way to the universe and that our compatriot was a pioneer on this great path,” he stressed. “It is our duty to cherish the memory of the generation of space explorers—to honor the courage and bravery of cosmonauts who ventured to explore the unknown, despite risks, those who developed unique space systems and vehicles, who trained crews for work in the orbit and to remember all those who used their labor and talent to lay the basis for and build up the country’s space potential. Moreover, our duty is to keep on striving to be on a par with the high standards set for us by the space pioneers,” the President stated.

Affirming the need to attract young people to space industry, Putin stated that more than 50,000 people younger than 35 are currently employed in Russia’s space sector. “I suggest increasing by 50% the salary of those who have already been in space and have been holding prominent positions in the cosmonaut team. And by 70% for cosmonauts-to-be who currently undergo training,” President Putin said. “It is still difficult for them now to undertake maximum efforts for achievement of the overall deliverable. They even risk their lives and health.”

Zhang Kejian Lauds Gagarin Space Flight on 60th Anniversary, State Department Acts Asinine

April 13 (EIRNS)—Zhang Kejian, Director of the China National Space Administration (CNSA), released a video statement commemorating the 60th anniversary of the first human space flight of Soviet Cosmonaut Yuri

Gagarin. He also used the announcement to underline China's commitment to cooperate with Russia in space exploration. Zhang described to Xinhua recently how CNSA is drawing up plans for its space development during the 14th Five-Year Plan, including the lunar exploration program's fourth phase, interplanetary exploration such as asteroid reconnaissance, heavy-lift carrier rockets, and reusable space transportation systems. China will also build a space infrastructure system for communications, navigation, and remote sensing that covers the world, making better contributions to humanity's peaceful use of space. Zhang said that China will also release a new White Paper on Space later this year.

Meantime, the U.S. State Department posted an idiotic tweet on April 12: "Today marks 60 years since the first human was sent to space! On International #HumanSpaceFlight Day, we honor all U.S. astronauts who have ventured into space, including Apollo 11 astronaut and former Assistant Secretary of State Michael Collins," obviously neglecting any mention of Gagarin's flight, but meriting the accurate comment from Roscosmos Director Dmitry Rogozin, who dubbed them "assholes."

The [Russian Embassy](#) in Washington was more diplomatic but no less sharp, writing in part: "Our forgetful [State Department] colleagues can find the bust of the space pioneer at the National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C. Sculptures of Yuri Gagarin also were erected in Cleveland, Colorado Springs, New York City, Houston and Chicago. Thousands of Americans, including astronauts and NASA personnel, visit these sites every year to honor the memory of the Soviet cosmonaut.

"We also would like to quote ... the U.S. President John F. Kennedy to the Soviet leader Nikita S. Khrushchev ... 'The people of the United States share with the people of the Soviet Union their satisfaction for the safe flight of the astronaut in man's first venture into space. We congratulate you and the Soviet scientists and engineers who made this feat possible.'

"As early as April 9, 2021, NASA astronaut Mark Vande Hei went to the International Space Station on the Russian Soyuz spacecraft named after Yuri Gagarin...."

THE NEW GLOBAL ECONOMIC ORDER

Brazil Daily Covers Schiller Institute Release ‘President Alberto Fernández to China, Ibero-America to Mars’

April 13 (EIRNS)—Brazil’s *Monitor Mercantil*, a political analysis daily widely read in leading circles, yesterday published a short article headlined “[Argentina Will Sign a Belt and Road Partnership with China.](#)” It reads:

“Argentine President Alberto Fernández will visit China in May with a mission which is fundamental for Latin America: he will sign a Memorandum of Understanding on the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). This is a global infrastructure project involving nearly 150 nations, which breaks out of the merely financial economy sponsored by London and Wall Street, in favor of a high-tech, science-driver approach to development.

“For Latin Americans, it is an opportunity to develop partnerships in the areas of technology and infrastructure. The Chinese have for some time shown an interest in rail projects in the region. What’s important for us is to make the investments conditional on transfer of technology and development, so that Latin America doesn’t remain a mere exporter of raw materials, as in colonial times.

“ ‘Such development is the way—the only way—to stop the drug trade, stop desperate migration, stop the gangs, stop the poverty, and stop the pandemic,’ according to a document issued by the Schiller Institute. The Germany-based group views cooperation between Argentina and Mexico as a lever to attract international support to address the entire region.

“Meanwhile, Brazil continues on poor terms with China and is leaving the BRICS aside. It is precisely from 3 of the 5 countries that make up that bloc (Russia, India and China) that the vaccines come that could pull our country out of the health and economic quagmire in which it is sunk.”