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## EDITORIAL

### The Calm Needed Within the Storm

Sept. 29, 2023 (EIRNS)—Hopeless would be the wrong way to describe the current situation in the world, although it certainly may appear that way to one who is dispirited. Reports over the recent days have indicated that a new banking crisis may be being ignited, now sparked by what should be the protected bastion of safety: U.S. Treasury Bonds—which have been infected by leveraged investments from hedge funds. This speculative

phenomenon runs deep, as the news is only the latest development in a process that has been underway for decades, literally rotting out the economies and nations of the trans-Atlantic from underneath.

Nowhere is this more clearly portrayed than in Germany, whose economy is being rapidly dismantled—first as an effect of the long-term cancer, then combined with a radical “green” deindustrialization, and now is being finished off by the effect of anti-Russian sanctions and ensuing high energy prices. The crisis is made all the worse by the fact that there has been no genuine effort to investigate the Nord Stream attacks from one year ago, despite calls internationally to do so—an indication of the deep moral and cultural effects of submission to today’s “powers that be.”

At the same time, Western nations seem numb to the effects of their actions around the world, ignorant, for example, of the decades of pain and suffering inflicted on Afghanistan at the behest of U.S. occupation. Or similarly, to the multitude of nations across Africa that were destroyed by NATO interventions or neocolonialist economic looting—or both—whose citizens are today fleeing into European and other countries in search of some kind of future.

Is it any wonder that Russia and others have lost trust in Western countries? Not only can these countries not admit their responsibility to the crises they have caused around the world, as the Russian Foreign Minister today called out in the case of Afghanistan, but they are even numb to their own collapsing economies, and the plight of their own people. How could someone be trusted who is so blind to even their own short-term survival?

From that standpoint, the danger is extreme, and the rays of hope are slim to none. However, that would not be the full story, as human civilization is not one-dimensional in that way. Just because the trend is toward a lessening of sanity doesn’t mean that is all that is going on.

The ongoing collapse of the trans-Atlantic and the insane ratcheting up towards a world war between superpowers is causing nonlinear things to happen. Take, for example, Poland’s growing spat with Ukraine over the latter’s dumping of grain onto Poland’s markets—itsself now being

combined with the surfacing of a pro-Ukrainian Nazi rally in Canada's Parliament of a mass-murderer of Poles. Or, take the case of Tunisia, who rejected the coy attempts by European nations to "manage" the hordes of migrants there so they won't travel to Europe—and who has now sent their foreign minister on a trip to Moscow. Similarly, there are growing revolts taking place in the U.S. Congress, though it remains to be seen whether or not this will go anywhere.

The most notable development, however, is coming from Germany in the form of the Aug. 28 peace proposal written by four military and diplomatic experts. Their proposal has gone beyond mere complaining and identifying the problem, to the bold assertion that there is no other alternative than a thoroughly organized, negotiated peace—otherwise the existence of the entire world is at stake.

During the weekly meeting of the International Peace Coalition on Friday, Sept. 29, Helga Zepp-LaRouche emphasized that the forces behind Ukraine and NATO are responding to Ukraine's failing war efforts and counteroffensive by involving themselves deeper into the war directly, thereby increasing the threat of a direct NATO-Russia conflict. This is a situation that will inevitably lead to a thermonuclear war, if not derailed in some way. From this standpoint, the new proposal from Germany not only signifies a break from within the deadlock of that country, but a potentially explosive igniter for others more broadly. The proposal should therefore be circulated internationally to help break people free who are otherwise surrounded by the mainstream narrative, but who are now in an elevated state of recognition of this reality.

Reality, albeit dangerous, can and must be the friend of the true organizer in search of a pathway out of an otherwise hopeless situation.

The dynamic within the International Peace Coalition on Friday was electric, and many commitments were made to grow the process in the coming weeks. Work with the LaRouche movement to make this breakthrough now, which has never been more ripe for this kind of targeted and revolutionary intervention.

- Watch [Harley's Updates](#) with Harley Schlanger on Monday October 2, 2023: Every weekday morning on The LaRouche Organization, Schlanger will give you the strategic briefing you need to start your day.

## NEW STRATEGIC & ECONOMIC ARCHITECTURE

### Putin Speaks to Newly Elected Officials, Notes Nationwide Unity and Enthusiasm

Sept. 29, 2023 (EIRNS)—Over the course of Sept. 8-10, Russia held local elections across the country. This included regional, municipal, and gubernatorial elections, and was the first time that the new Russian territories of the Donetsk and Lugansk People's Republics, as well as of Kherson and Zaporozhye participated.

The turnout was claimed to have been the highest since 2017, and was especially high in the new territories. In all cases Putin's United Russia Party won by wide margins, including the mayoral race in Moscow which was won by Sergei Sobyenin, a close Putin ally, with over 75% of the vote. Moscow is considered to have the largest amount of opposition-leaning voters in the country.

On Sept. 28, [President Putin](#) held a meeting with many of the newly elected officials, congratulating them and laying out the tasks before the country. He called the elections "a momentous event, a crucial step in the new regions' integration into the single legal and administrative space of our vast country." He also said that, given the high turnout and large support for his party, that the results "are very convincing."

Contrary to those who tried to choke Russia with sanctions, Putin said, what happened was: "Quite the opposite, the external pressure has ultimately become a powerful incentive for growing our own industries and tapping our potential in various fields."

Mayor of Moscow Sergei Sobyenin then spoke: "I believe that our victory and the high results we have achieved are largely connected with the ratings of the head of state, the policy you are pursuing and the

consolidation of society as a whole. You have said, correctly of course, that such results and especially the fact that these results are based on the increased nationwide enthusiasm, have put us under an obligation to act responsibly and effectively.”

### **Bolivia and Spain To Collaborate on Nuclear Fusion Research**

Sept. 29, 2023 (EIRNS)—Dr. Hortensia Jiménez, executive director of Bolivia’s Nuclear Energy Agency (ABEN), has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the director general of Spain’s Center for Energy, Environmental and Technology Research (Ciemat), Yolanda Benito Moreno, to carry out joint scientific research projects in nuclear fusion, the Bolivian Information Agency (ABI) reported today from Madrid. Jiménez was accompanied by Bolivia’s Hydrocarbons and Energy Minister Franklin Molina, as part of a tour of several European countries, which included their attendance at the 67th general conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Vienna on Sept. 25.

Research on fusion energy isn’t new to Bolivia. On Aug. 16, 2019, *EIR* reported on it in “[Bolivia Sets its Sights on Fusion Energy and Eliminating Poverty](#)” by Dennis Small and Cynthia Rush.

[Ciemat](#) covered the MOU on its website. The agreement will establish a “framework for joint collaboration between both institutions on the development and execution of scientific research projects and programs for nuclear fusion,” ABI reports. Both institutions will also be able to participate as well in national, regional and European research programs. This will include the exchange of scientific and technological information, of research personnel, shared use of installations and equipment, as well as collaboration on organizing joint activities aimed at promoting and reporting about each other’s scientific culture and technological advances. While in Madrid, Dr. Jiménez was able to visit the nuclear fusion device, TJ-II, and the liquid metals laboratory that are part of Ciemat’s National Fusion Laboratory.

At the IAEA conference on Sept. 25, Minister Molina gave a presentation on the advances of Bolivia’s nuclear energy program. The

following day, Molina and Dr. Jiménez signed an agreement with the Milan Polytechnic University on training human resources and carrying out technological research on nuclear energy.

## STRATEGIC SHOWDOWN

### Lavrov Warns of Foreign Operations Directed against Afghanistan

Sept. 29, 2023 (EIRNS)—Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov expressed that Moscow is “concerned about the attempts by certain extra-regional players to become more active with regard to Afghanistan,” according to the transcript on the Foreign Ministry website. Lavrov’s statement came from a written address to the participants of the Moscow Format of Consultations on Afghanistan taking place in Kazan, which include representatives of the Taliban, reported TASS.

Lavrov’s text was read out at the meeting by Russian Special Presidential Representative for Afghanistan Zamir Kabulov, who also serves as director of the Foreign Ministry’s Second Asian Department.

His statement came in the context of last week’s meeting of the C5+1, where U.S. President Joe Biden met in New York with the Presidents of the five Central Asian republics of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan on the margins of the United Nations General Assembly. That meeting was followed up with a Sept. 26-27 meeting in Uzbekistan with the commander of U.S. Central Command, Gen. Michael “Eric” Kurilla, and the defense chiefs of the five Central Asian republics. The Prime Minister of Pakistan had also warned earlier this month that U.S. weapons left behind in Afghanistan after the hasty U.S. withdrawal in August, 2021, are falling into the hands of terrorists.

Lavrov said in his Sept. 29 statement to the Kazan forum that “A full-scale pooling of efforts between the countries in the region and the NATO states is only possible under the condition that the latter fully recognize their responsibility for the lamentable results of their 20-year military presence in Afghanistan, which has culminated in a complete fiasco.”

Lavrov also took aim at the U.S. and EU freezing of Afghan central bank assets: “The Western countries, which have inflicted irreparable damage on the people of Afghanistan, must shoulder the main burden of post-conflict restoration of that country. In this connection, Washington’s blocking of the Afghan banking assets is counterproductive and only aggravates the state of affairs, complicating the already difficult living conditions of ordinary Afghans.”

### **Nagorno Karabakh Could Become Conflict or Economic Opportunity**

Sept. 29, 2023 (EIRNS)—The situation in Nagorno Karabakh remains unclear. On Sept. 28, the president of the unrecognized government in Nagorno Karabakh, Samvel Shahramanyan, signed a decree officially dissolving the state effective Jan. 1, 2024, and the local ethnic Armenian population has been advised to consider the reintegration proposals being put forward by Azerbaijan. Ethnic Armenians continue to flee to Armenia, mostly out of fear for the future. This is despite statements by Azerbaijan’s President Ilham Aliyev, declaring that their rights would be protected. The Armenian government claims 84,000 of some 120,000 have already left in the last days. Moreover, negotiations for a peace treaty between Armenia and Azerbaijan is said to be in the works but it is not at all clear whether this will materialize.

The obvious solution is for residents of Nagorno Karabakh to remain in their homes, and for a much needed program of economic development to occur through the cooperation of both Armenia and Azerbaijan. Such a perspective was in fact made by Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov, who told reporters on Sept. 28 that a peace treaty would open the doors for implementing various transportation projects. “There are plans to develop transport, communications, and logistics in the region. This is extremely important for Azerbaijan, Armenia, and Russia. We hope that this work will continue,” Peskov said.

Peskov was alluding to the International North South Transportation Corridor, as both Armenia and Azerbaijan lay along its path. The nearly 30 years of conflict has left both countries with serious communication

problems. Armenia could only carry out land transportation of its foreign trade via Georgia and Iran, since its border with Turkiye, an ally of Azerbaijan, was closed. A part of Azerbaijan called Nakhichevan lies outside its main territory and lies in between Armenia and Iran. While rail lines connect all of these locations they have been blocked because of 30 years of conflict. If a lasting peace could be arranged, both countries would become hubs for east-west and north-south corridors, creating a win-win situation.

Nonetheless the danger of a broader conflict remains. Intelligence sources very well informed on the situation fear that this could not be the end of the conflict and that a war between Armenia itself, and Azerbaijan should not be ruled out. Big mouth interventions such as those made by USAID Administrator Samantha Power or the meddling of the European Union only make the situation worse given the isolation of Armenia both geographically, and politically.

## COLLAPSING WESTERN SYSTEM

### **The EU and U.S. Are Pushing Tunisia into Russia's Arms**

Sept. 29, 2023 (EIRNS)—As EU officials discussed conditionalities to attach to aid for Tunisia on Sept. 25, the Tunisian government canceled an EU mission which was planned to discuss the implementation of the July memorandum this weekend in Tunis.

At the same time, Tunisian Foreign Minister Nabil Ammar was in Moscow, signing a deal for food in exchange for textile products and tourism.

According to Brussels sources, Tunisian President Kais Saied was irritated by French President Emmanuel Macron's proposal to send "European experts" to help control borders, as well as the EU discussing help for Tunisia to create a Search and Rescue Area, which was not part of the July memorandum.

Meanwhile, human traffickers have concentrated 5,000 persons in El Amra, close to the Tunisian port of Sfax, waiting for calm sea conditions in order to ship them to Lampedusa, *Il Giornale* war envoy Fausto Biloslavo reported from Tunisia. The smugglers offer a “low-cost” trip on makeshift vessels, for €400-600. This makes a turnout of €2.5 million for just one mass “shipment.” The smugglers cartel is powerful and can be defeated only by hitting their finances, Biloslavo suggested.

Also, “we [should] be careful that all those conditions attached by Americans and Europeans to make loans in the end, don’t push [President] Saied to throw himself in the Russians’ arms. Not accidentally, his foreign minister was in Moscow just now.”

### **Germany, ‘Instead of New Silk Road, You Are Building a New Great Chinese Wall!’ Charges MP**

Sept. 29, 2023 (EIRNS)—The German Bundestag had a debate on the government’s new “China Strategy” yesterday, with Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock (Greens) reiterating her propaganda slogan that China was “partner and systemic rival.” Among speeches given by members of the parliamentary parties, the one by Petr Bystron (AfD) was the best. He said:

“Madam President, ladies and gentlemen, I am delighted that you are here. Dear Mme. Baerbock, it’s good that you are here. Today we are talking about China. For you, that may seem hundreds of thousands of kilometers away. That is not the case. China is closer to us than some people think. It is only 7,000 km away and is closely linked to us in many ways.

“China is our most important trading partner, ahead of the U.S.A. Last year, goods worth €300 billion were traded between Germany and China. With a volume of €192 billion, China is the most important supplier country for German industry, and this secures over 1 million jobs for us in Germany.

“You may deny this—you also mentioned it: In the course of the Green allocation of responsibilities for the economy, the children’s book author Habeck is in your employ—but these good economic relations are the result of clever diplomacy and good diplomatic relations between former German governments and China. Walter Scheel and Helmut Schmidt laid the foundations on which Hans-Dietrich Genscher, Helmut Kohl and Gerhard Schröder were later able to build on the good relations.

“Five decades of hard work. You are standing on the shoulders of these great statesmen and trampling on everything they have built up. With this China strategy, you are making a U-turn—which is 180 degrees, by the way. This paper breaks with the continuity of German foreign policy in the postwar period. It is not a further development of a partnership. It is the basis of a new demarcation. You declare China a systemic rival, that is, an opponent and a threat. Figuratively speaking, you are building a new Great Wall of China instead of continuing to expand the Silk Road.

“Of course, you have to ask yourself: Where did this sudden turn of events come from? Where does this confrontational attitude toward China come from? Mr. Müller, no, it is not because of human rights, which are so close to your heart. This government cares zero about human rights. It was your government that deprived millions of citizens of this country of their basic rights in coronavirus period. You have muzzled critics. You have imprisoned Michael Ballweg for months without a court ruling. A few meters from here, your police brought in water cannons and brutally beat up peaceful demonstrators. So: You should be pilloried internationally for suppressing the opposition. You have no moral right to reproach other countries.

“But the question remains: Where did this turnaround in foreign policy come from? I have to say: Yes, you are blindly following the U.S. reversal. China has become too powerful for the U.S., as you very correctly pointed out. The U.S.A. fears for its global dominance. But they are trying to split the world community. Just listen to this: ‘Systemic rivalry,’ that sounds like the old days. ‘Competition between systems,’ that old bloc thinking again:

us or them. But the world is now quite different. It is not monopolar, nor is it bipolar. We live in a multipolar world. The paradigm shift has long since taken place. That's why it's not a matter of taking one side or the other. We have to go our own way. We therefore call for a pragmatic and balanced strategy that takes into account both Germany's economic and political interests. Thank you."

### **The West's Descent Into Economic Hell, Federal Subsidies Draw Lifeblood Out of the Economy**

Sept. 29, 2023 (EIRNS)—According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, subsidies paid out by energy source are:

Nuclear: \$13.5 million per quadrillion BTUs

Oil and gas: \$30.2 million per quadrillion BTUs

Coal: \$49.2 million per quadrillion BTUs

Wind: \$947 million per quadrillion BTUs

Solar: \$4.11 billion per quadrillion BTUs

Since the energy that goes into building wind and solar facilities, and disposing of them when they are worn out, is about the same as the energy they produce during their lifetime, that is \$5 billion thrown away, taking food out of our mouths, affordable housing out of our reach, and erasing future productive jobs.

### **Trudeau's Russia Disinformation Bait and Switch**

Sept. 29, 2023 (EIRNS)—After refusing to take responsibility for his (and His Majesty's) government's invitation of a former soldier of the Ukrainian Nazi Waffen-SS Galizien Division to be honored in Parliament in Ottawa, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau quickly pivoted to blame "Russia and its supporters" for politicizing the Nuremberg Rally on Sept. 22.

Trudeau of course failed to apologize to the Russians, Poles, and other Eastern Nazi-occupied nations, but then appeared to offer his most sincere apology to Ukraine, reiterating "how deeply sorry Canada is for the situation this put President Zelenskyy and the Ukrainian delegation in."

Zelenskyy, of course, was present, and gave Galician SS soldier Hunka a standing ovation along with the host and rest of the Parliament.

Trudeau then directed his ire at those Russian propagandists who would even state the simple fact that a former Nazi was celebrated in the Canadian Parliament. “It is extremely troubling to think that this egregious error is being politicized by Russia and its supporters to provide false propaganda about what Ukraine is fighting for,” Trudeau said.

Trudeau then shifted back to his non-apology and said that “Friday’s joint session was about what Canada stands for—about our steadfast support of Ukraine’s fight against Putin’s brutality, lies and violence. It was a moment to celebrate and acknowledge the sacrifices of Ukrainians as they fight for their democracy, their freedom, their language and culture, and for peace. This is the side Canada was on in World War II, and this is the side we are on today.” So which side was Canada on? The question should be asked: Was this blatant provocation of hosting a Nazi SS soldier intended to then be used to silence those voices who would dare point out that obvious fact?

Since the U.S. election of 2016, the Russian propaganda narrative has been getting increasingly shrill, with more intense consequences, especially for those who have ended up on the Ukrainian Myrotvorets kill list, like Russian journalists Darya Dugina (killed Aug. 20, 2022) and Vladen Tatarsky (killed April 2, 2023), among others.

Two days before this event in Ottawa, Canada’s Foreign Minister Mélanie Joly announced a new UN resolution whose signers will take steps against “online disinformation.” Canada and the Netherlands began working on the initiative a year ago and launched a Global Declaration on Information Integrity Online at the UN on Sept. 20. The 27 nation-signers, either NATO affiliated or aligned with the Western financial system, promise to implement “necessary and appropriate measures, including legislation, to address information integrity and platform governance.” This advances the governments’ power to further commandeer Silicon Valley firms in the fight against disinformation. Joly’s initiative will now advance

the foreign disinformation and censorship apparatus of the Five Eyes intelligence apparatus, which includes Canada.

### **Denmark Sent More Broken Tanks to Ukraine Than Working Ones**

Sept. 29, 2023 (EIRNS)—As part of the mad dash to send military equipment to Ukraine, it has been reported that 12 out of the 20 tanks offered by Denmark were not functional. According to Denmark’s Defense Minister Troels Lund Poulsen, ten of the tanks arrived in Ukraine, only to need repairs before being operational. The other 10 remain in Poland, including 2 with “serious defects.”

Much of this is due to the fact that the Leopard 1A5 tanks promised to Kiev had been decommissioned in the 1990s, but given the desperation to “weaken Russia” and the inability of the post-industrial economies of Europe to mobilize effectively, Denmark offered old tanks that required refurbishment before they would be usable. According to *Forbes*, their stocks were so poor that Denmark borrowed 6 tanks from museums that were in better condition than those in storage, and therefore these 6 were used for training while the rest were being refurbished.

This had also happened to Germany’s projected deliveries in July, when Ukraine refused 10 Leopard 1A5 tanks because of defects. According to *Newsweek*, Kiev told the German Defense Ministry that it was pointless to deliver the tanks as they were, since Ukraine did not have technicians who could repair them, nor the spare parts. This has apparently been a repeated problem with Europe’s original pledge of 100 tanks last year.

## **U.S. POLITICAL & ECONOMIC**

### **U.S. House Finally Passes Defense Spending Bill but Government Shutdown Still Looms**

Sept. 29, 2023 (EIRNS)—House Republicans, on their third try, finally cleared the FY2024 defense appropriations bill, last night, on a vote of 218 to 210. The vote came after House Speaker Kevin McCarthy moved to strip \$300 million in funding for the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative from

the defense bill earlier in the day. That action was approved on a procedural vote of 217-211 and then the Ukraine aid was voted up in separate legislation by a vote of 311 to 117.

*The Hill* reports that the passing of the defense bill will not help Congress avert a shutdown before the Sept. 30 government funding deadline, but House GOP leaders are hopeful that moving the legislation and other full-year funding measures will help convince conservatives to get on board with a short-term funding stopgap. The House and Senate are working on two very different temporary spending bills to keep the government open after Sept. 30 and how those bills will be reconciled remains to be seen. The Senate opened debate yesterday on its version of a continuing resolution, which includes \$6.2 billion for Ukraine (about one-quarter of Biden's request).

In the House, Reuters states that McCarthy is facing intense pressure from his caucus to cut spending and achieve other conservative priorities. Several hardliners have threatened to oust him from his leadership role if he passes a spending bill that requires any Democratic votes to pass.

This was seen earlier in the week by three proposed amendments which, while they were voted down, gained a significant amount of support. The first amendment, sponsored by Rep. Andy Biggs (R-AZ), would have removed all \$300 million in Ukraine aid from the House bill, but lost 104-330. Another amendment to restrict all Ukraine security assistance was proposed by Matt Gaetz (R-FL), which lost 93-339. Finally, a bipartisan resolution was proposed to ban the sale of cluster munitions, co-sponsored by Gaetz with Sarah Jacobs (D-CA), Ilhan Omar (D-MN), Pramila Jayapal (D-WA) and Jim McGovern (D-MA). Altogether 75 Democrats voted for the resolution as well as 85 Republicans, though it still lost 160-269.