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EDITORIAL

Catalyzing Beauty

June 22 (EIRNS)—A great potential for change exists in the world, even in the countries of NATO. What sort of spark can catalyze the potential seen in the ferment of anti-war, anti-green, anti-inflation agitation, to produce a new strategic, economic, and cultural architecture?

A personal connection to beauty, to progress, to science, to anti-entropic *change*—which the LaRouche movement is committed to providing—can serve as the needed spark.

What is the potential?

In Italy, even as the Senate abdicates military decision-making to Mario Draghi, the people are on the streets: dozens of anti-war rallies and marches are held across the country. In Brussels, thousands gather to oppose both the deadly inflation and the NATO policy (not Putin!) that is driving it. In the U.K., authorities are attempting to sweep under the rug a major rail strike. Farmers in Holland are on the streets to protest the latest green policies that prevent them from growing the food and raising the animals to feed people. Airlines are understaffed. Transport costs and energy as a percentage of economic costs are growing.

In the U.S., a culture of violence threatens—abroad, in military interventions and demeaning foreign policy, and domestically, with increasing shootings, ugly entertainment, and a brutal attempt to prevent honest discussion of pressing issues.

And that discussion is needed! The trans-Atlantic economies are imploding. The growing tide of increasingly expensive weapons pouring into Ukraine to secure a defeat of Russia are failing to achieve that stated end. Sanctions against Russia and China, in particular, are causing dislocations of trade internationally, affecting all nations of the globe.

This all leads to a dead end, of challenging Russia and China—and any other nation that dares to stand up—to a nuclear game of “chicken.”

The world is coming to realize the sad state of affairs, and can be inspired to take up the challenge of setting history on another course.

This past weekend’s conference of the [Schiller Institute](#) demonstrates the quality of discussion and solutions needed in the world. And the inspiring U.S. Senate campaign of Diane Sare serves as a bright spot of hope in the difficult but necessary task of changing the United States itself.

There's plenty of bad news to go around. What meaningful, *necessary* good news will you create, and inspire others to create, today?

- Watch [Harley's Updates](#) with Harley Schlanger on Thursday June 23, 2022: Every weekday morning on [The LaRouche Organization](#), Schlanger will give you the strategic briefing you need to start your day.

STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

Ritter Declares, Russian Victory in Ukraine Could Spell the End of NATO

June 22 (EIRNS)—Scott Ritter, a former Marine intelligence officer and former UN weapons inspector in Iraq, argued in an interview with [Left Lens](#) posted on YouTube on June 20 that a Russian victory in Ukraine will spell the end of NATO. “NATO and the United States are facing the kind of moral and physical defeat at the hands of Russia that will probably mean the end of NATO,” he told presenter Danny Haiphong in the video. “I don’t think NATO survives this.”

“That doesn’t mean that they’re going to dissolve tomorrow,” he clarified. But Ritter stressed: “I think people have forgotten that just in August of last year, NATO suffered a huge humiliation: the withdrawal from Afghanistan.”

“NATO was struggling after that: ‘who are we? what are we doing?’ ” he said. “And now they’ve stood up to Russia, to be brave against her, and they’re going to lose against Russia without even fighting.”

Ritter reiterated a point he made earlier in the interview that Russian forces were destroying the arms sent by NATO members to prolong the war in Ukraine—and that Kiev was now asking for more donations of equipment than most Western European armies even possess. “By the time Russia finishes this, Russia will have an army that’s the most seasoned, combat-experienced military in the world, facing off against NATO forces

who are poorly-trained, poorly-led and, guess what, now poorly-equipped because they gave all their weapons away,” he said.

Russian UN Envoy Presents History of Ukraine’s Ideology of Violence

June 22 (EIRNS)—Yesterday, the UN Security Council convened to discuss “Maintenance of peace and security of Ukraine.” Russia’s Permanent Representative to the [UN Ambassador Vassily Nebenzia](#) used the occasion to present a history of the violent ideology behind Ukrainian “nationalism” that the trans-Atlantic faction on the council probably didn’t want to hear. “The ideology of violence and hatred, i.a. to its own people, stands at the core of present-day Ukrainian state policy,” Nebenzia said. “This ideology provoked atrocious crimes of the Kiev regime against its own people that became one of the key reasons of today’s crisis in Ukraine.”

Among the figures that Nebenzia named as being behind the ideology of the Kiev regime was Dmytro Dontsov. Dontsov “came up with a theory of integral nationalism that he had borrowed from a Frenchman called Charles Maurras,” Nebenzia continued. Maurras played a crucial role in setting the conditions in the 1930s which led to the French collapse in the face of the Nazi onslaught in May-June 1940. “Without going into detail of this theory, I will just tell you that it was based on the ideology of hatred. It advocates for a sectarian society, promotes immoral ways of achieving one’s goals, welcomes cruelty, suggests imposing the will of active minority on a gregarious majority, promulgates the superiority of Ukrainian race. All this envisages hatred to Russians and to Russia as a ‘kingdom of darkness.’ ”

Nebenzia charged that U.S./NATO supplied weapons were now being used in that genocide in the Donbas. “Last week alone, 6 people were killed and more than 30 injured by strikes against Donbas launched from European and American weapons,” he said. Nebenzia had listed the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Germany, France, Poland, Austria, Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Greece, Denmark, Ireland, Spain, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Romania, North Macedonia, Slovakia,

Slovenia, Turkey, Finland, the Czech Republic, Sweden, and the Baltic states, as countries that delivered weapons to the Kiev regime. He charged that each of those states “is directly responsible for dragging out the Ukrainian crisis, deaths of civilians, and also of Ukrainian military personnel whom the corrupt Ukrainian leadership thrusts to the frontline as cannon fodder.”

“No matter how hard you try, you may only drag out the agony of Kiev’s Russophobic neo-Nazi regime, but never stop it,” Nebenzia concluded. “The regime was doomed back in 2014, when it waged a criminal war on its own people. Millions of Ukrainians wait to be absolved of it, which we can conclude from people’s attitude to Russian troops in the liberated territories. Our special military operation will be carried through, and all its goals will be achieved.”

Dontsov’s fascist ideology is extensively covered in [EIR’s April 29, 2022](#) issue.

Ukraine Foreign Minister Scolds West As ‘Enablers of Russian Imperialism’

June 22 (EIRNS)—[Dmytro Kuleba](#) has written an article in *Foreign Affairs* to complain that the U.S. and Europe are not doing enough for Ukraine, and that nations supplying it with weapons while sanctioning Russia are actually siding with Putin!

He grumbles that “calls for dangerous deals are getting louder. As fatigue grows and attention wanders, more and more Kremlin-leaning commentators are proposing to sell out Ukraine for the sake of peace and economic stability in their own countries. Although they may pose as pacifists or realists, they are better understood as enablers of Russian imperialism and war crimes.”

Considering the enormous rates of inflation being suffered around the world, and the shortages of fuel, food, and fertilizer, it is clear that leaders of NATO countries are more than capable of going after Russia while undermining their own “economic security” at home.

Although Kuleba acknowledges that “it is only natural that people and governments lose interest in conflicts as they drag on,” he claims that “if we lose, there will not just be no more Ukraine; there will be no prosperity or security in Europe.” Of course, the only chance of achieving prosperity and security in Europe would be through collaboration with the Eurasian Economic Union and the Belt and Road Initiative, as well as adopting new security guarantees that recognize the interest of *all* parties—including Russia. Has Europe taken that approach?

The Ukrainian official paints a fantasy image of Russia: “Russia is a revanchist country bent on remaking the entire world through force. It actively works to destabilize African, Arab, and Asian states both through its own military and through proxies.... In victory, Putin would be emboldened to stir up more unrest and create more disasters across the developing world.” That Kuleba is appealing to the U.S. and NATO to prevent “disasters across the developing world” takes *chutzpah* to a new level.

While it could be argued that the main purpose of national governments is indeed to promote “peace and economic stability in their own countries,” Ukraine has shown that it is capable of putting others ahead of its own interests: it contributed the third-most troops to the disastrous 2003 invasion of Iraq.

BoJo’s Father Wants To Go to Xinjiang To See the Situation for Himself

June 22 (EIRNS)—A new “tempest in a teacup” may blow up to something much bigger as Prime Minister Boris Johnson’s father has announced his intention to visit Xinjiang. Stanley Johnson has apparently been a big fan of Marco Polo, and as a young man took Polo’s reported trip from Italy to Afghanistan. He did not go farther at the time, but he wants to do so now—and he wants to take a camera team with him! He has been in contact with the Chinese ambassador, who is favorable to the trip, and arrangements could also be made to have a CCTV team along with Johnson père. He will

also be taking brother Max Johnson, who is based in Hong Kong, with him on the trip. He intends to spend six weeks “in the field,” he said.

Stanley Johnson has also called on Parliament to lift the ban on the Chinese ambassador, who was not allowed to visit Parliament last year in response to sanctions placed by Beijing on certain U.K. MPs, who were leading the charge on Xinjiang sanctions. (In Scotland, however, Ambassador Zheng Zeguang, was given a very warm welcome this week at a meeting of Friends of China in Edinburgh.) Conservative and other parliamentarians have gone into a frenzy over both the trip and the elder Johnson’s statements on the ban. Boris, it seems, has not yet commented.

COLLAPSING WESTERN SYSTEM

Congress Passes New Monstrosity To Restrict Trade From China

June 22 (EIRNS)—The Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act, was signed by President Biden in December and is set to go into effect in June. The question now is how extensive it will be. The onus of proof is placed on the almost impossible task of “proving the negative”: that is, producers must show proof that their products have not involved any “coercion” on the labor that went into it. The sanctions presently target materials for solar panels, textiles, and tomatoes, but this could also be expanded to include coal, petroleum, gold and electronics.

Obviously, the sanctions are aimed at causing difficulties for China in Xinjiang where they are also interested in maintaining high employment. Unemployed workers are a sure source of unrest for the government. But what about American consumers who see the price of their garments, their solar energy costs, as well as the costs of tomatoes soar. “Shooting oneself in the foot” is a mild comparison to make in this respect. Shooting oneself in the head is more appropriate.

The Chinese Foreign Ministry responded to a question on the act at a press conference on June 21. “The U.S.’s Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act is built on a lie and designed to impose sanctions on relevant entities

and individuals in Xinjiang,” Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin said. “This move is the furtherance of that lie and an escalation of U.S. suppression on China under the pretext of human rights. Moreover, the act is solid evidence of the U.S.’s arbitrariness in undermining international economic and trade rules and global industrial and supply chains.

“The act is a clear indication that the U.S. is seeking to engender forced unemployment in Xinjiang through legal form of actions, and to make the world decouple with China. It fully exposes the U.S.’s hegemonic nature—a country that violates human rights and breaks rules in the name of preserving them. China strongly condemns and firmly opposes these acts and will act forcefully to uphold the lawful rights and interests of Chinese companies and nationals,” Wang said.

U.K. Rail Strike Continues as Inflation Hits 9.1%, a 40-Year High

June 22 (EIRNS)—When one opens the website of the *Guardian*, one will not find an article on the biggest strike in more than three decades, but has to go to the U.K. page and search halfway down. That is despite the fact that the subway in London was closed down, and this morning many Underground workers did not return to their jobs on time, causing chaos. The *Guardian* continued to put “Putin’s war” on the front page to dominate the news. The website of the mass tabloid *Express* included an article that could not easily be found. The *Daily Mail* had a lead article, headlined, “You Won’t Beat Us,” against the unions. That article reported on the commuter chaos because Underground workers did not show up on time for work as expected the day after a one-day strike.

The Labour Party should change its name to the Anti-Labour Party. A memo apparently from the office of Labour Party leader Keir Starmer leaked to PoliticsHome on June 20, said Labour must “show leadership,” which meant “frontbenchers including [parliamentary private secretaries] PPSs should not be on picket lines.” That was soon violated by three frontbenchers. They are expected to be disciplined next week. Also members of the left-wing Socialist Campaign Group, were on picket lines,

including the former shadow cabinet members John McDonnell and Ian Lavery.

A spokesperson for Momentum, the pro-Corbyn the left-wing group, issued a statement saying: “The Labour party was founded to represent the interests of workers. But under Keir Starmer’s leadership, the party has lost its way. Instead, it is Socialist Campaign Group MPs out there on the picket lines with rail workers who refuse to accept cuts to their pay and conditions, in a time of spiraling inflation. That’s the basic solidarity that the Labour name demands.”

While the strike continues, talks between the RMT and the government have resumed with an offer of 4% by the government.

The brewing summer of discontent is spreading in other parts of Europe. EasyJet employees announced a nine-day strike a day after the company announced plans to cut 11,000 flights from its summer routes. The worker’s union is demanding a 40% increase in the basic salary of flight attendants and have called for three 72-hour strikes starting July 1. Ryanair employees in Belgium, Portugal, Italy and Spain have also announced large-scale strikes in the coming days.

The strikes are all about the escalating cost of living and runaway inflation which cannot kept off the front pages of the media. This afternoon, the British Office for National Statistics reported that inflation has reached 9.1%, the highest since 1982, while the Bank of England said it expects inflation to reach 11%, according to BBC. While the government is demanding there should be no wage increases, a BBC-commissioned survey of more than 4,000 people revealed that 82% said they thought their wages should increase to match the rising price of goods and services.

The RMT railway workers union is calling for a 7% wage increase, which doesn’t even keep up with inflation, but is only being offered 3%. Unison, which represents public sector workers, accused ministers of “living on another planet” over “talks of public sector pay restraint.”

Britain Denies Visas to Russian Parliamentarians

June 22 (EIRNS)—Russian parliamentarians attempting to attend the annual OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, to be held in July in Birmingham, have been denied visas by the U.K. government.

“Since all members of Russia’s Federal Assembly are on the U.K. sanction list, we have asked the [OSCE Parliamentary] Assembly’s leadership, as well as the Russian Foreign Ministry beforehand to look into the issue and to secure Britain’s guarantees our legislators will be granted visas,” explained Sen. Vladimir Dzhubarov, the First Deputy Chairman of the Federation Council’s Committee on International Affairs. “Regrettably, we received an outrageous reply [that] the British government cannot issue visas to Russia’s delegates to the OSCE PA whatever the purpose of their visit.”

He considers their action to be a violation of the 2016 OSCE PA Declaration, which says that all member states are required “to abide by their commitment to guarantee to all members of the Parliamentary Assembly the freedom to attend any official OSCE events ... by issuing any visas or travel permits required.”

NEW ECONOMIC ORDER

Chinese President Sets the Tone for Upcoming BRICS Summit

June 22 (EIRNS)—Speaking on June 22 at the opening of the BRICS ceremony of the BRICS Business Forum, which precedes the two-day BRICS Summit, host Chinese President [Xi Jinping](#) clearly indicated that the world was at a major crossroad. “Right now the world is facing drastic changes and a pandemic, both unseen in a century. Various security challenges keep emerging. The world still faces strong headwinds on its path toward recovery. And global development has suffered major setbacks. Where is the world headed: Peace or war? Progress or regression? Openness or isolation? Cooperation or confrontation? These are choices of the times that we are confronted with,” Xi said.

He also gave very clear warnings about the attempt to divide the world into blocs. “To politicize the global economy and turn it into one’s weapon, and willfully impose sanctions by using one’s primary position in the international financial and monetary systems will only end up hurting one’s own interests as well as those of others, and inflict suffering on everyone,” he said. “Economic globalization is a response to productivity, and as such represents an unstoppable trend. Anyone who attempts to turn back the wheel of history and block others’ way will only have his own path blocked.”

He said despite changes in an evolving global environment, the historical trend of openness and development will not reverse course, and the shared desire to meet challenges together through cooperation will remain as strong as ever. He called on all countries to rise to the challenge and forge ahead with resolve toward the goal of building a community with a shared future for humanity. Xi said the international community should embrace solidarity and coordination and jointly maintain world peace and stability. He stressed that “The BRICS mechanism is an important cooperation platform for emerging markets and developing countries.”

The BRICS Summit takes place on Thursday, June 23. The High-Level Dialogue on Global Development (the “BRICS-Plus” session) will take place on June 24.

African Union Chair Macky Sall Promotes Diplomacy in Europe

June 22 (EIRNS)—The President of Senegal and current chairman of the African Union [Macky Sall](#), who had an extended and very fruitful meeting with Putin on June 3 in Sochi, has been making the rounds in Europe and continuing to take a non-aligned position, urging a negotiated solution to the Ukraine conflict. First, in Brussels, he asked the Europeans to ease up on the sanctions, as they are having a dire impact on food supplies in Africa. “We want to pay, but it is becoming impossible. So we ask the Europeans for the same mechanism as for gas and oil,” Sall said in a June 18 interview with French weekly *Le Journal du Dimanche*. The general

response to him from Western media and officials has been that the sanctions do not pertain to food and fertilizer exports—so just deal with it.

Then on June 20, Volodymyr Zelenskyy held a virtual meeting with the African Union—the first since the outbreak of the Ukraine conflict. Unfortunately for Zelenskyy, even though he invited every head of state from the continent, only four showed up: Macky Sall of Senegal, the President Alassane Ouattara of Côte d’Ivoire, President Mohamed al-Menfi of the Libyan Council, and the President Denis Sassou Nguesso of the Republic of the Congo (Brazzaville). The rest only sent ministers or other government officials in what is seen as a snub to the Ukrainian President.

Zelenskyy had been trying for two months to speak to the African Union to “explain” his position, but has been repeatedly rejected, including by Sall. It’s not clear what changed this time leading to the event, but the African leaders have maintained their insistence on diplomacy. As widely reported, since the outbreak of the Ukraine conflict most African countries have not fallen for the narrative about Russia’s “unprovoked war of aggression,” being more wise to the old ways of colonial manipulation.

African Union Commission Chair [Moussa Faki Mahamat](#), who had also attended the June 3 meeting in Sochi meeting with Presidents Sall and Putin, tweeted that African nations “reiterated the AU position of the urgent need for dialogue to end the conflict.” Sall, for his part, called to de-escalate the conflict and emphasized the need to increase food exports, saying “Africa remains committed to respect for the rules of international law, the peaceful resolution of conflicts and freedom of trade.”

Putin Sends Greetings to BRICS Business Forum

June 22 (EIRNS)—In his short speech of greeting to the BRICS Business Forum, Russian President [Vladimir Putin](#) expressed the potential of BRICS cooperation in bringing about a different system than the dying Western/NATO system.

He spoke frankly of the difficulties:

“Entrepreneurs of our countries are forced to develop their businesses in a challenging environment when Western partners neglect the basic principles of market economy, free trade, and inviolability of private property. They follow, in fact, an irresponsible macroeconomic course, including the launch of the ‘printing press’—uncontrolled emission and accumulation of unsecured debts.

“At the same time more and more politically motivated sanctions are continuously introduced, mechanisms of exerting pressure on competitors are further strengthened. There is intentional destruction of cooperation ties; transport and logistics chains are destroyed. And all this is contrary to common sense and basic economic logic ... negatively affecting the wellbeing of people, in effect, of all countries.”

But BRICS initiatives point in a different direction: “For example, in the first three months of this year, trade between the Russian Federation and the BRICS countries increased by 38%.” Putin spoke also of opening Indian chain stores in Russia, of greater access for Chinese products, of international expansion of the Russian Financial Messaging System and MIR payment system. “We are exploring the possibility of creating an international reserve currency based on the basket of BRICS currencies.”

The sword of Damocles hanging over these proposals is the threat of nuclear war. A new international security architecture, one that includes a reformed U.S. and more independent NATO countries, is desperately needed!

GREEN MALTHUSIANISM / FAMINE

Earthquake in Afghanistan Kills Estimated 1,000

June 22 (EIRNS)—A devastating earthquake has struck Afghanistan; the death toll as of 10:30 EDT is put at 1,000, with at least 1,500 more people injured, Bakhtar news agency reports. *Afghanistan Times* fills out some details: It was magnitude 5.9, at a depth of “just 6” miles, near the Pakistani border. “Pakistan’s Meteorological Department said the quake’s epicenter

was in Afghanistan's Paktika province, some 31 miles southwest of the city of Khost."

Afghanistan Times cites U.S. Geological Survey seismologist Robert Sanders on the fact that the impact of an earthquake is not only determined by its magnitude, but also geography, building quality, and population density weigh in. "Because of the mountainous area, there are rockslides and landslides that we won't know about until later reporting. Older buildings are likely to crumble and fail. Due to how condensed the area is in that part of the world, we've seen in the past similar earthquakes deal significant damage."

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid told Iran's Sahar TV tonight that the government has formed a crisis management headquarters, centralizing Health, Defense, Culture, Interior and other ministry efforts and overseeing the provision of food, home appliances, tents, and other basic necessities. The Ministry of Defense is to provide ground and air assistance to help the injured, Iran's PressTV reported.

Afghanistan needs help—and its money unfrozen! Taliban's Supreme leader Haibatullah Akhundzada issued a plea today for the international community and humanitarian organizations "to help the Afghan people affected by this great tragedy and to spare no effort."

Afghanistan, which remains isolated from much of the world economy because the U.S. and EU refuse to remove sanctions upon it, does not have the resources it needs to face this latest humanitarian crisis. Mujahid again called on the U.S. to release the \$7 billion in Afghani reserves which it has "frozen"—i.e., robbed from the nation.