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EDITORIAL

The BRICS New Development Bank Re-Christened

April 13, 2023 (EIRNS)—The elected leader of a very large country with a lot of resources posed a simple question today: “Every night I ask myself why all countries have to base their trade on the dollar. Why can’t we do trade based on our own currencies? Who was it that decided that the dollar was the currency after the [1971] disappearance of the gold standard?”

The speaker was Lula da Silva, the President of Brazil. He was speaking to a large roundtable meeting in Shanghai with the officials of the BRICS New Development Bank (NBD). He had just addressed the official

ceremony marking the assumption of leadership of the NDB by his colleague, Brazil's former President Dilma Rousseff. At the point that he asked, "Why can't we do trade based on our own currencies," he was interrupted by resounding applause from the Brazilian and Chinese dignitaries present.

Today was a day when the New Development Bank rediscovered its original purpose, to provide substantial development credit, free of IMF conditionalities, so that poverty can be eliminated, people fed, and countries develop all across the world. Lula had explained at the NDB ceremony: "The decision to create this bank" by Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa—the BRICS—"was a milestone in the joint action of emerging countries." Then, in a deep understatement, but one that needed to be expressed, Lula explained: "Given their size, the size of their populations, the weight of their economies, and the influence they exert in their regions and in the world," the five countries "could not remain oblivious to major international issues."

He concluded that "the New Development Bank meets all the conditions to become the great bank of the Global South."

If these developments weren't enough to send the financial speculation world of London and Washington into conniptions, Lula also made sure to take a tour of Huawei's facilities and speak with the Chinese about 6G developments.

Last week, there was a timely presentation made at the Moscow Economic Forum by physical economist Sergey Glazyev, addressing the secret of China's formula to wipe out poverty, with a view to other countries, in particular his Russia, being able to replicate the success. He explained, in so many words, that there is no substitute for a society to examine the most fruitful ideas for qualitative scientific breakthroughs being placed at the center of policy-making, with a marketplace with regulations that harness and benefit from individual initiative for those central societal goals.

Glazyev, a serious student of [Lyndon LaRouche's physical-economy](#) approach, displayed his new book, *The Chinese Economic Miracle: Lesson for Russia and the World*. In his review of the book in *International Affairs*, columnist Alexander Moiseev writes: “In the half-century since Deng Xiaoping’s reform and opening-up policy, China has made an unprecedented leap from deep backwardness to leading the world in terms of output and economic development. The population moved from the huts to the best cities in the world in terms of the quality of the living environment. Country roads have been replaced by high-speed rail and highways. From a predominantly agricultural country, with predominantly manual labor, China has become a world leader in the field of intellectualization and robotization of production. The once illiterate population today almost without exception has a higher or specialized secondary education. And this amazing leap in the development of the most populous country in the world occurred in just two generations.... China is becoming a leader in the formation of a new world economic order.”

So, what are you doing April 15 and 16? Become a leader in the formation of a new world economic order, one that you can be proud of, one that you can tell your grandchildren about, one where you can *have* grandchildren. Because: “[Without the Development of All Nations, There Can Be No Lasting Peace for the Planet.](#)”

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

Lula Identifies How BRICS New Development Bank Will Become the ‘Great Bank of the Global South’

April 13, 2023 (EIRNS)—Brazilian President Lula da Silva’s speech in Shanghai today at the investiture ceremony of former Brazilian President Dilma Rousseff as president of the New Development Bank (NDB), charts

a course for the BRICS New Development Bank to now fulfill its original mission: to provide substantial development credit, free of IMF conditionalities, an alternative to the dying trans-Atlantic financial system, so that poverty can be eliminated, people fed, and countries develop all across the world. Appropriately, it is Rousseff, the former President of Brazil whom Wall Street and London ordered thrown out of office in a de facto coup in 2016 (a task directed by the U.S. Department of Justice), who will now take the lead in this mission. In his prepared speech delivered at the ceremony, Lula elaborated:

“The decision to create this bank was a milestone in the joint action of emerging countries. Given their size, the size of their populations, the weight of their economies, and the influence they exert in their regions and in the world, Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa could not remain oblivious to major international issues.

“The unmet financing needs of developing countries were and remain enormous....

“For the first time, a development bank with global reach is established without the participation of developed countries in its initial phase. Free, therefore, from the shackles of conditionalities imposed by traditional institutions on emerging economies. And more: with the possibility of financing projects in local currency.

“The creation of this Bank shows that the unity of emerging countries is capable of generating relevant social and economic changes for the world. We do not want to be better than anyone else. We want the opportunity to expand our potential, and to guarantee dignity, citizenship, and quality of life for our people.

“Therefore, besides continuing to work for the effective reform of the UN, the IMF, and the World Bank, and for changing the trade rules, we need to creatively use the G20 (which Brazil will chair in 2024) and the BRICS (which we will lead in 2025) in order to reinforce the priority themes for the developing world in the international agenda.

“The New Development Bank has great transformative potential, as it frees emerging countries from submission to traditional financial institutions, which want to govern us, without having a mandate to do so.

“The BRICS bank has already attracted four new members: Bangladesh, Egypt, the United Arab Emirates, and Uruguay. Several others are in the process of joining, and I am sure that the arrival of President Dilma will contribute to this process....

“For all these reasons, the New Development Bank meets all the conditions to become the great bank of the Global South....

“It is intolerable, that on a planet that produces enough food to meet the needs of all humanity, hundreds of millions of men, women, and children have nothing to eat. It is inadmissible that the irresponsibility and greed of a small minority endanger the survival of the planet and of all humanity....”

In separate remarks to a big roundtable meeting later with officials at the NDB, Lula questioned the hegemonic role of the dollar even more bluntly, which clearly got the goat of London and Wall Street. The *Financial Times* labeled him a “leftist ... lend[ing] his voice to Beijing;” while Bloomberg charged that Lula is “supporting China’s crusade against U.S. global dominance just as he prepares to meet with President Xi Jinping.” The part of Lula’s remarks which upset them was reported by the *Financial Times* thusly:

“ ‘Every night I ask myself why all countries have to base their trade on the dollar,’ Lula said in an impassioned speech at the New Development Bank in Shanghai, known as the ‘BRICS bank.’ ‘Why can’t we do trade based on our own currencies?’ he added, drawing loud applause from the audience of Brazilian and Chinese dignitaries. ‘Who was it that decided that the dollar was the currency after the disappearance of the gold standard?’ ”

Sergey Glazyev Shows How China Directs Credit into Productive Growth

April 13, 2023 (EIRNS)—In his presentation to the Moscow Economic Forum on April 4, on the second session panel, “[China. Experience of Modernization for Russia](#),” Russian Academician Sergey Glazyev focused on China’s credit policy for productive growth, and its elimination of super-profits and bubbles. In a certain part of his speech, Mr. Glazyev stressed:

“China set the foundation for economic growth.... It gives priority to public interest versus private interests. These are not empty words. Indeed, these are the guiding principles for strategic planning.... This is something that is regulated to increase the well-being of the nation.... It is supported by beneficial loans, sometimes with zero-percent interest rates. Those looking for super-profits, those types of activities are repressed. The idea is that the government is setting the strategic priorities.

“Those who do meet the criteria of the economy’s development, get unlimited government support....

“The economists know that investment growth is the key to economic growth.... In China, the investment growth was sevenfold. The loan growth was five fold. Where did it get its loans from? ... The general loan-based growth to the productive sector allowed for a very impressive growth. The level of monetization [to the productive sector] today in China is twice as high compared to Europe and the United States. That being said, we do not see in China the same kind of bubbles, the boom and bust cycles which have long become a characteristic of the Western economies. The growth of investment [in China] necessarily entails a new technology and the lowering of inflation in the long term.”

Glazyev, who greatly admired the physical economic ideas of [Lyndon LaRouche](#), also displayed at the Moscow forum his new book, *The Chinese Economic Miracle: Lesson for Russia and the World*. In his April 3 review for [International Affairs](#), columnist Alexander Moiseev wrote: “In the half-century since Deng Xiaoping’s reform and opening-up policy, China has

made an unprecedented leap from deep backwardness to leading the world in terms of output and economic development. The population moved from the huts to the best cities in the world in terms of the quality of the living environment. Country roads have been replaced by high-speed rail and highways. From a predominantly agricultural country, with predominantly manual labor, China has become a world leader in the field of intellectualization and robotization of production. The once illiterate population today almost without exception has a higher or specialized secondary education. And this amazing leap in the development of the most populous country in the world occurred in just two generations....

“The combined power of China’s development institutions and the scale of their use to finance investment in the development of both their own and joint ventures far exceeds the investment mechanisms of international cooperation available to other countries. China is becoming a leader in the formation of a new world economic order.”

Syrian and Saudi Foreign Ministers Map a Future Together

April 13, 2023 (EIRNS)—The Syrian and Saudi Foreign Ministers met in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, yesterday, burying the hatchet on over a decade of confrontation. In the [Joint Statement](#) of Syria’s Faisal Mekdad and Saudi Arabia’s Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud, “The two sides concurred that it was crucial to address humanitarian issues, create an environment that would allow aid to reach all areas of Syria, establish the prerequisites for Syrian refugees and displaced people to return to their homes, put an end to their suffering, allow them to return home safely, and take additional steps that would help stabilize the situation in the entire Syrian territories.

“The two sides stressed the importance of enhancing security and combating terrorism in all its forms, and enhancing cooperation in combating drug smuggling and trafficking, emphasizing the need to support the institutions of the Syrian state to extend its control over its territories to end the presence of armed militias and external interference in the Syrian internal affairs.

“Both sides also discussed the necessary steps to achieve a comprehensive political settlement of the Syrian crisis that would end all its repercussions, achieve national reconciliation, and contribute to the return of Syria to its Arab fold and the resumption of its role in the Arab world.”

At the statement’s conclusion, they welcomed the start of procedures to resume the consular services and aerial flights between the two countries.

Prince Faisal had invited Dr. Mekdad to come to Jeddah to discuss “efforts to find a political solution to the Syrian crisis that preserves Syria’s unity, security, stability, Arab identity, and territorial integrity while also serving the interests of its brotherly people.”

On April 14, nine Arab countries are to meet in Jeddah to discuss Syria’s re-entry into the Arab League. The Saudis are concerned to deal with the stated opposition of Qatar. Otherwise, Bahrain and Qatar agreed yesterday to re-establish relations, and Saudi representatives are in Sana’a, Yemen, meeting with the Houthi government over a possible road to peace.

STRATEGIC SHOWDOWN

Russians Test ‘Promising Combat Equipment’ on ICBM Test Flight

April 13, 2023 (EIRNS)—The Russian Ministry of Defense yesterday announced the launch of an ICBM from the Kapustin Yar test range: “The purpose of the launch was to test promising combat equipment for intercontinental ballistic missiles. The launch proved the efficiency of the design and technical solutions used in the new strategic missile systems. The missile warhead engaged a target at the Sary Shagan firing range [in Kazakhstan, 2,000 km away]. The objectives of the launch were fully reached.” The Ministry’s statement did not identify the type of missile launched nor what missile the combat equipment was being tested for, but it’s likely for the new Sarmat heavy ICBM, one of the features of which is that it will be able to outflank U.S. anti-missile systems.

Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Ryabkov assured reporters, however, that Moscow provided the necessary notifications prior to the

launch. “All notifications of launches of intercontinental ballistic missiles or ballistic missiles from submarines are being duly provided as usual,” he said, reported TASS.

Ukraine Reports Explosion at Zaporozhye Nuclear Power Plant

April 13, 2023 (EIRNS)—Ukraine’s state nuclear energy company Energoatom issued a statement today saying that there had been an explosion at the Russian-controlled Zaporozhye Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP). The state-run news agency Ukrinform states: “Sources say that an explosion occurred near the turbine room of Unit 4.” However, the Energoatom statement, under the headline, “A Russian Mine Exploded Near the Control Room of the 4th Power Unit at the ZNPP,” reads:

“The Russian occupiers continue to turn Zaporozhye NPP into a military base by mining the perimeter around the plant. And these actions cannot but have consequences. Europe’s largest nuclear facility continues to suffer from the arbitrariness of the Russian military and their henchmen. According to sources, an explosion rang out near the engine room of the 4th power unit. As the nuclear terrorists themselves stated, their mine detonated....” The clear implication is that the establishment of a perimeter had something to do with an explosion near a unit’s turbine room.

It is not known presently what exploded. However, for over a year, the only thing that has exploded anywhere near the nuclear units has been Ukrainian artillery fire. Energoatom would have readers assume that a mine from around the perimeter exploded, and they refer to Dmytro Orlov, the “mayor” of the adjacent city of Energodar, saying that residents have noticed the Russians planting mines around them.

However, first, Orlov has not been in Energodar for over a year, much less the mayor. Next, Energodar, along with the adjacent ZNPP facility, have been shelled by the Ukrainians, and at least attempted invasion has occurred. Furthermore, TASS quoted IAEA Director Rafael Grossi as having said in a statement yesterday: “IAEA experts present at the site continue to regularly hear shelling in the area. Near the plant itself, two

landmine explosions occurred outside its perimeter fence, the first on 8 April, and another four days later.”

In sum, the only danger to Zaporozhye’s Nuclear Power Plant, the largest in Europe, has come from Ukrainian forces, including an assault by 600 special forces, and the cutting of power lines to the plant. The plant’s dependence on a single still-functioning power line “poses a major risk to nuclear safety and security amid signs of continued military activity,” stated Grossi.

Russia’s Federal Security Names Ukrainian as Organizer of Assassination of Journalist Tatarsky

April 13, 2023 (EIRNS)—Russia’s Federal Security Service (FSB) has identified a second individual as active in the April 2 assassination of Russian military blogger Maxim Fomin, who wrote under the pseudonym of Vladlen Tatarsky. The FSB states that a Ukrainian citizen, Yuriy Denysov, delivered the bomb via an intermediary to Darya Trepova, the woman who handed the bomb, hidden inside a statuette, to Tatarsky at an event in St. Petersburg. The explosion killed Tatarsky and wounded 30 others in the audience. Trepova was arrested on April 3 and is reported to be talking to the authorities.

According to the FSB, Denysov came to Moscow in February, made living arrangements close to Tatarsky, and tracked his habits and movements. The FSB provided video of Denysov leaving Russia on April 3 for Armenia, then Turkiye, assumedly on his way back home to Ukraine, and also a photo of his Ukrainian driver’s license. They describe him as part of a “Ukrainian sabotage and terrorist group” and that he was deployed “on the instructions of the Ukrainian special services.”

Otherwise, the Russian-language website for *Moskovsky Komsomolets*, MK.ru, reports that Denysov worked as a private security guard, that he was a weightlifter, and that he closed his VKontakte social media page in March 2023. Evidently, he was an activist on the Maidan in 2014 and was educated at Mariupol’s Azov State Technical University. It is not yet

known whether Denysov is linked to the man from whom Trepova took instructions, Roman Popkov.

COLLAPSING WESTERN SYSTEM

Western Hypocrisy Sinking the Ukraine-Russia Grain Deal

April 13, 2023 (EIRNS)—Last year’s grain deal with Ukraine and Russia could have gotten precious food and fertilizer to needy countries around the world, had the West not been fixated on its geopolitics above all. While Russia has allowed Ukraine to export grain via the Black Sea, UN Secretary General António Guterres, who brokered the deal, has been unable to get Washington or Brussels to lift relevant sanctions that would allow Russian vessels to sail, for instance, with 242,000 tonnes of grain “blocked in the ports of Latvia, Estonia, Belgium and the Netherlands,” according to a statement today from the [Foreign Ministry](#). In particular, as [Moscow](#) has insistently pointed out, as the EU and others “repeat like a machine that food and fertilizers are not under sanctions,” what that means is “Russia must keep its food and fertilizers, sit on them but not take them anywhere, even though they are not under sanctions.”

Russia agreed on March 18 to extend the “Black Sea Initiative” grain deal for 60 days, making clear in its press release today: “Russia reaffirms its position that there can be no discussion of the Black Sea Initiative after May 18 without any progress regarding the five systematic problems (reconnecting Rosselkhozbank [Russian Agricultural Bank] to SWIFT; resuming supplies of agricultural machinery, spare parts and maintenance service; lifting restrictions on insurance and reinsurance, plus unblocking access to ports; restoring the work of the Tolyatti-Odessa ammonia pipeline; and unblocking foreign assets and accounts of Russian companies related to the production and transportation of food and fertilizers).”

Russia has twice extended the agreement, most recently for 60 days, to allow Guterres to secure Western cooperation. Guterres said at the time the UN would “do everything possible to preserve the integrity” of the deal. There’s been no progress.

Never mind the West's pretense at concerns for starving people, they never intended Russia to provide grain and fertilizer to needy countries. In the meantime, shortly after renewing the grain deal in March, [President Putin](#) told the conference on "Russia-Africa in a Multipolar World": "[W]e insist on full compliance [of the grain deal] with key Russian requirements, first of all, as I said, showing concern that grain and fertilizers go to the needy states of Africa, and not be transported ... to well-fed European countries. Meanwhile, out of the total volume of grain exported from Ukraine, approximately 45% went to European countries, and only 3% to Africa. Now I may say a few more words about this.

"Let me stress that only if our position is taken into account will fair and comprehensive implementation of the Black Sea 'grain deal' be ensured, and depending on this, we will decide on our further participation.... From August 1, 2022 to March 20 this year, 827 ships left Ukraine, of which only 3 million tons of grain were sent to Africa ... despite the fact that this whole deal was presented under the sauce that we need to ensure the interests of African countries.

"By the way, I draw your attention to the fact that during the same time, despite all the restrictions and restrictions on the export of Russian grain, almost 12 million tons were sent from Russia to Africa.

"And ... [if] we still decide not to renew this deal after 60 days, then we are ready to deliver all the volume that was sent in the previous time to countries in Africa ... to deliver from Russia ... free of charge."

Russia Proves Ukraine Up To Its Eyeballs in Grain Deal Corruption

April 13, 2023 (EIRNS)—Today the Russian Foreign Ministry's press release "[On the Istanbul Package Agreements](#)" referring to the Black Sea grain deal, included an explanation why on April 11, all shipment of grain through the Black Sea was halted: "About the inspections. ... [T]he administration of the Ukrainian ports realized that they could also make money off the order of passing ships, and began to take bribes from ship-owners to fast-track registration. This corruption story was widely covered even in the Ukrainian media.

“In these conditions, as well as due to a significant increase in supplies for rich countries (more than 40% went to the EU alone) amid a reduction of the share for countries in need (down to 2.6%), which runs counter to the initially declared humanitarian goals of the initiative, the Russian delegation proposed to include the list of ships carrying food for African countries and/or those in line since January in the Ukrainian registration. This, however, drew an antagonistic reaction from the Ukrainians, who did not want to lose a source of additional illegal income and cancelled all applications on April 5 (which was not mentioned in the UN press release). Thus, as a result of the actions of the Ukrainians themselves and the UN members, the registration and inspection of ships stalled.”

Today, Ukraine’s Foreign Minister [Dmytro Kuleba](#) articulated Kiev’s new solution at a “Conference on Black Sea Security of the International Crimea Platform,” hosted in Bucharest by the Council of Europe—the Strasbourg-based “human rights” organization of 40-some nations, which threw Russia out in March 2022. Kuleba explained: “It’s time to work out a comprehensive security network for all nations of all the region that feel threatened by the maniac on the loose. It’s time to turn Black Sea into what the Baltic Sea has become: a sea of NATO....

“We all want peace. But a just and lasting peace, like the one envisioned by President Zelenskyy’s Peace Formula. ... Real peace means restoring the internationally recognized borders of Ukraine. Real peace means a safe homeland for the Crimea Tatar people in the Ukrainian Crimea. Real peace means grain ships in the Black Sea, not warships. A world under the rule of international law rather than force is what real peace means.”

U.S. POLITICAL & ECONOMIC

Drop Charges Against Julian Assange Six House Members Tell Justice Department

April 13, 2023 (EIRNS)—Six U.S. Representatives, Cari Bush, Greg Casar, Jamaal Bowman, Alexandria Ocasio Cortez, Ayanna Pressley, and Ilhan

Omar signed a joint letter insisting U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland drop the criminal charges against [Julian Assange](#). On April 11, they wrote:

“We write you today to call on you to uphold the First Amendment’s protections for the freedom of the press by dropping the criminal charges against Australian publisher Julian Assange and withdrawing the American extradition request currently pending with the British government....

“The *New York Times*, the *Guardian*, *El País*, *Le Monde*, and *Der Spiegel* have taken the extraordinary step of publishing a [joint statement](#) in opposition to the indictment, warning that it ‘sets a dangerous precedent, and threatens to undermine America’s First Amendment and the freedom of the press.’

“The ACLU, Amnesty International, Reporters Without Borders, the Committee to Protect Journalists, Defending Rights and Dissent, and Human Rights Watch, among others, have written to you three times to express these concerns....

“Leaders of nearly every major Latin American nation, including Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador, Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, and Argentinian President Alberto Fernández have called for the charges to be dropped....

“The U.S. Department of Justice can halt these harmful proceedings at any moment by simply dropping the charges against Mr. Assange. We appreciate your attention to this urgent issue. Every day that the prosecution of Julian Assange continues is another day that our own government needlessly undermines our own moral authority abroad and rolls back the freedom of the press under the First Amendment at home. We urge you to immediately drop these Trump-era charges against Mr. Assange and halt this dangerous prosecution.”