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EDITORIAL

World War, Civil War—Only Aesthetic Education Can End the Violence

June 20 (EIRNS)—The extraordinary power of the Schiller Institute Conference of the past weekend was in the demonstration, in “flesh and

blood,” that there is no distinction between the extreme danger of global nuclear war and the equally extreme danger of the now onrushing collapse of the dollar-based global financial system. It is difficult to measure which would kill more people, whether by slow, painful starvation, or by instantaneous incineration.

Nor can we ignore the fact that the United States is rapidly descending into civil war, not primarily due to the extreme political polarization as much as to the fact that both “sides” fully agree on the insane march to world war, following on the British leash to once again provide American military might to serve the British Empire’s neo-colonial geopolitics. As Helga Zepp-LaRouche noted today in a discussion with the U.S. LaRouche Organization, the massive violence in the country, from the mass rioting of 2020 sparked by racial tensions, to the escalating murder rate in the major cities, to the riot at the Capitol Building in January, and, most emphatically the mass shooting by deranged youth and others on a nearly daily basis—all of this can not be overcome as long as the nation is waging deadly wars around the world and proudly arming neo-Nazis in Ukraine, while demonizing the political leadership and the culture of two great nations, Russia and China. Helga insisted: “There is no difference between violence in foreign policy and violence in society.”

The Schiller Institute Conference featured leading speakers from Russia, China, India, Japan, Brazil, Afghanistan, Germany, France, Italy, Greece and the United States. It included political leaders, political analysts, military, scientists, academics, farmers, economists and educators. While there were many different perspectives and some conflicting views on secondary issues, the united focus was the need for humanity to come together to stop the descent into nuclear Armageddon, and to put the now crumbling international financial system through bankruptcy reorganization through a New Bretton Woods Conference, assuring a new security and development architecture for all nations. To achieve this, the violence dominating the polity and society in the United States must be stopped, not by passivity, but by learning the lesson of nonviolent resistance taught by such great leaders as Mahatma Gandhi and Martin Luther King.

But achieving victory against evil through nonviolent resistance requires a transformation of the way of thinking in the population, breaking free of the drug- and propaganda-induced passivity of the citizenry. This requires access to an aesthetical education for all, in the manner taught by Plato, St. Augustine, Friedrich Schiller and Lyndon LaRouche. The Schiller Institute Conference addressed this in part through classical music—three of the panels were opened with: Robert Schumann’s setting of Heinrich Heine’s poem *Die Beiden Grenadiere*, capturing the perverted mind of militarism in the soldiers of the fascist Napoleon, returning from defeat in Russia; the Kyrie Eleison (Lord Have Mercy On Us) opening movement of Amadeus Mozart’s *Requiem* Mass, performed by the Schiller Institute Chorus and Orchestra at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston, 50 years to the day after the same Mozart *Requiem* was performed there as a solemn pontifical mass, in that location, in memory of the slain John F. Kennedy; and by the African-American Spiritual, *Hold On* (“Keep Your Hands on the Plow”), calling on mankind to persevere for the good no matter how dark the situation appears to be.

It was the genius of Lyndon LaRouche that he personified such aesthetic education, a knowledge of history, the science of human progress, classical culture, and a love for mankind as a whole, and that he knew that it is this that constitutes the true nature and mission of the human race. In 1971, after Richard Nixon began dismantling the Bretton Woods system built by Franklin Roosevelt, LaRouche forecast that the inevitable result of Nixon’s folly would be war, depression and social chaos. He warned that few people would want to heed his warning, feeling more comfortable accepting the “Bread and Circus” of crass entertainment and “go along to get along.”

But, he added, when his warning became reality, as is the case today, people will be forced to wake up, to look back to see who was telling the truth and who was lying—and that is the moment in which humanity can, and must, win.

A newly drafted international petition calling for a New Bretton Woods Conference will be issued by the Schiller Institute by the end of this week.

- Watch [Harley's Updates](#) with Harley Schlanger on Tuesday June 21, 2022: Every weekday morning on [The LaRouche Organization](#), Schlanger will give you the strategic briefing you need to start your day.

COLLAPSING WESTERN SYSTEM

Major British Unions Plan Strikes Over Ravages from Inflation, Raising Possible First General Strike in a Century

June 20 (EIRNS)—The possibility of a general strike, the first in almost a hundred years, is being discussed in the United Kingdom. The unions are not identifying the actual causes of the hyperinflationary binge, but are simply demanding increased wages to counter it, ignoring that the inflation is expanding and would soon wipe out any small gains they achieve today.

This week the railway unions, including the London Underground, will go on three days of strikes, which will cut service by 80%. That is intersecting demands by other large unions for wage increases, and comes at a time when inflation is at 7%, a 40-year high according the British statistical authority, and the cost of living increased by more than 10% between April 2021 and April 2022.

The Rail, Maritime and Transport Union (RMT) will strike on June 21, 23 and 25 across Network Rail and 13 train operating companies. RMT General Secretary Mick Lynch said that “members want a decent pay rise, job security and no compulsory redundancies.” On June 21, strikes are also set to affect the London Underground. The government is provoking a strike; so far, they have offered RMT a 2% pay raise, with an extra 1% if they accept job cuts, and the teachers have been offered 3%.

The real possibility of a general strike, which would be the first since 1926, now overshadows Britain. RMT's Lynch has called for other unions to take up the cause of the working people. And for the first time, the

prospect of a general strike was put on the table. Commenting on the failure of talks between the government and the RMT on June 19, he warned that it will take a miracle to prevent an “Armageddon.”

At the same time, two of the largest trade unions, the National Education Union (NEU) representing teachers and National Health Service workers, warned that unless they receive assurances of pay increases closer to inflation by June 22, it plans to ballot its 450,000 members for strike action. The postal delivery union is voting now on a strike mandate.

On June 18, thousands marched through central London in a protest against the high cost of living, organized by the Trades Union Congress (TUC). According to Sputnik, the TUC said that every worker has almost £20,000 since 2008 because pay has not kept pace with inflation.

STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

British Army Chief Wants To Fight Russia

June 20 (EIRNS)—General Sir Patrick Sanders, the new chief of the British Army, sent a message to his troops upon taking office, last week, in which he called upon them to be ready to fight high-intensity warfare against Russia. Sanders said the Army must prepare “to fight in Europe once again” as the conflict in Ukraine continues. “There is now a burning imperative to forge an Army capable of fighting alongside our allies and defeating Russia in battle,” he said, the *Independent* reported. “We are the generation that must prepare the Army to fight in Europe once again,” he declared.

The problem is that the British Army has been shrinking for years. The *Independent* reports that the government set out plans last year to reduce the size of the regular Army, lowering the target size from 82,000 personnel to 72,500 by 2025. When the announcement was made in March 2021, the Army had around 76,500 regular soldiers.

Sanders said he is “the first Chief of the General Staff since 1941 to take command of the Army in the shadow of a land war in Europe involving a

continental power.” He went on: “Russia’s invasion of Ukraine underlines our core purpose to protect the U.K. by being ready to fight and win wars on land.”

Mikhail Ulyanov, Russia’s envoy to international organizations in Vienna, remarked on Twitter that long before Sanders, there were many prominent personalities who dreamed of conquering Russia. “All of them ended up not quite well. What makes him sure that he can be an exception, including before he is replaced in the current century?”

Boorish Johnson Demands To Fight Russia to Last Ukrainian

June 20 (EIRNS)—In London, Boris Johnson placed an absolutely wild op-ed in *The Times*—“We Will Never Be Secure if We Turn Our Backs on Valiant Ukraine”—on June 18 with no connection to the reality that Ukraine is losing the war. In it, Johnson claimed that “Vladimir Putin’s visions of glory” would not stop at “dismembering Ukraine” but has “arrogated to Russia an eternal right to ‘take back’ any territory ever inhabited by ‘Slavs.’ ” If Putin is not stopped, “every dictator would feel emboldened to pursue their own ambitions by force—and no nation anywhere would be safe.”

Johnson declared that “nearly four months after Putin invaded Ukraine and started the biggest war in Europe since 1945, the U.K. and our allies are united in our iron resolve never to countenance any of the above.” The most important “fact” is that “Ukrainian heroism and sacrifice saved Kyiv from Russia’s armored assault and preserved the state with President Zelenskyy at the helm.” With this nonsense as his starting premise, Johnson then goes on to paint the Russian special military operation as “Putin’s failure.”

“Putin may not realize it but his grand imperial design for the total reconquest of Ukraine has been derailed,” Johnson claims. “Don’t fall for the notion that heavier Russian firepower must translate into steady Russian gains. Don’t be fooled by Russia’s agonizingly slow advance in the Donbas region or the tactical back-and-forth in the Severodonetsk salient.”

“Seizing all of the Donbas was Putin’s objective as long ago as 2014, when he ignited a separatist rebellion and launched his first invasion. Now, eight years and thousands of lives later, he is still short of this goal.

“Alas Putin’s failures do not mean he will have the wisdom to retreat. In his isolation, he may still think total conquest is possible. I am afraid that we need to steel ourselves for a long war, as Putin resorts to a campaign of attrition, trying to grind down Ukraine by sheer brutality. The U.K. and our friends must respond by ensuring that Ukraine has the strategic endurance to survive and eventually prevail.”

In response, Johnson says that Britain and its allies must keep the weapons flowing, must “help preserve the viability of the Ukrainian state,” and develop the alternative overland routes for Ukraine’s economy in the face of Russia’s “blockade” of Ukraine’s Black Sea ports.

“We must strengthen the hand of our Ukrainian friends to finish this war on the terms that President Zelenskyy has laid out. That should be the definition of success. The Ukrainian people have been clear they will not be forced into accepting less than that,” BoJo concludes. “In so doing, we and our allies will be protecting our own security as much as Ukraine’s and safeguarding the world from the lethal dreams of Putin and those who might seek to copy them.”

Roscosmos Director Fears U.S. Could Start First Space War

June 20 (EIRNS)—Roscosmos Director General Dmitry Rogozin is expecting that the West will go to war in space. “We can see where actually the Western space world is heading. It is heading for war,” he told Rossiya 24 TV in an interview yesterday, reported TASS. Rogozin said that the big U.S. defense contractors, such as Lockheed Martin, Boeing and SpaceX, are connected to a data cloud, gathering visual and radar intelligence in real time in order to “provide the opportunity for the Ukrainian Armed Forces to use this data cloud for designated targets, to guide their ballistic missiles or to operate a multiple launch rocket system.”

Referring specifically to SpaceX's Starlink constellation of satellites, Rogozin said that "tasked by the Pentagon, the U.S. Department of Defense, it promptly brought subscriber equipment (to Ukraine) ... and this subscriber equipment is distributed among units of the Ukrainian Armed Forces and the nationalist battalions," he said. "It receives a broadband signal, including internet access, and thereby unmanned systems are controlled, and the units are controlled."

RT, in its coverage, puts Rogozin's remarks in the context of U.S. Cybercom chief Gen. Paul Nakasone's June 1 interview with Britain's Sky News, in which he admitted for the first time that the U.S. was supporting Ukraine by conducting offensive hacking operations.

Lithuania Blocks Rail Transit of 'Sanctioned' Freight from Russia to Kaliningrad

June 20 (EIRNS)—On June 18, the Lithuanian government announced that it would be imposing bans on the transit by rail of sanctioned goods from Russia to Kaliningrad in line with illegal European Union sanctions on Russia. Not surprisingly, Russia is protesting the decision. The Russian Foreign Ministry called in the Lithuanian chargé d'affaires demanding that the ban be lifted and warning that Moscow would retaliate if it were not. The Foreign Ministry stated that Russia viewed the move as openly hostile, and that it violated Lithuania's international legal obligations, namely the 2002 Joint Statement of the EU and the Russian Federation on Transit between the Kaliningrad Region and the rest of the Russian Federation, reported TASS.

"They should be aware of consequences, and the consequences will follow, unfortunately," [Maria Zakharova](#) told the Solovyov Live television channel. If Russia qualifies other countries' decisions as "openly hostile," there won't be any attempts to find a "formula" to defuse the situation, Zakharova said. "Such steps are inadmissible, they will bring about an appropriate response," the diplomat said.

“This decision is truly unprecedented. It is a violation of absolutely everything. We understand that this is due to the relevant decision of the European Union—to extend sanctions to transit. We also consider it illegal,” Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said today. “The situation is really very serious, and it requires a very deep analysis before preparing any measures or any decisions. This thorough analysis will be carried out over the next few days.”

The Lithuanian Foreign Ministry responded to the Russian protest by saying, in effect, it wasn't us, it was the EU. “Passengers and goods not subject to the EU sanctions regime continue to be transported through the territory of Lithuania to and from Kaliningrad,” the ministry said in a statement, reported the Baltic News Service. “Lithuania has not imposed any unilateral, individual, or additional restrictions on the transit. Lithuania has consistently implemented EU sanctions, which have different transition periods and deadlines for entry into force.”

Kaliningrad's governor on June 18 told its 1 million residents to remain calm as “our ferries [from St. Petersburg] will handle all the cargo.” He said that two large ferries are running now and seven will be running by the end of this year. A look at the map shows that should Finland become an active partner and/or member of NATO, these shipments into and through the Baltic Sea—already looking like a “Berlin airlift”-type arrangement—could become contested, and threats of another war develop.

Neo-Nazi Aidar Battalion Surrenders in Lugansk

June 20 (EIRNS)—The major development since yesterday seems to be the surrender of the neo-Nazi Aidar Battalion in the settlement of Metelkino, an eastern suburb of Severodonetsk. “In the suburbs of Severodonetsk, in Metelkino, the surrender of the Aidar militants together with their leaders was confirmed,” [Rodion Miroshnik](#), the Lugansk People's Republic Ambassador to Moscow, wrote on Telegram, TASS reported yesterday. Miroshnik added that the village has been completely cleared from militants and “recently invincible Nazis” are now testifying about their

deeds and drawing on maps the location of their “associates” in Lisichansk and its suburbs.

Miroshnik added that the militants in the Azot chemical plant are signaling that they are ready to continue negotiations. A source in the L.P.R. militia told TASS that information obtained from Aidar members is being used for negotiations with the militants, but that foreign mercenaries are blocking any voluntary surrender. “Negotiations with Ukrainian forces at the Azot plant have been unsuccessful so far. They did not start coming out and surrendering, but the talks continue,” the source said.

Two New Laws in Ukraine Ban Sales or Performance of Russian Books and Musicians

June 20 (EIRNS)—Reuters reported June 19 that Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy is ready to sign two new “de-Russification” laws passed by overwhelming majorities in Ukraine’s purged Verkhovna Rada. The first will prohibit the printing of books written by any Russian citizen who still held citizenship after 1991 (no reading Solzhenitsyn for your patriotic Ukrainian), unless he or she renounces it and becomes a Ukrainian citizen. The other bans the playing of music by such Russians on the media or on public transport, and increases the “quota” of purely Ukrainian language content and music on TV and radio stations—which are at this point essentially all government run or controlled.

The official explanation is that Ukrainian citizens simply won’t listen to Russian music or read Russian writers’ books, “so these laws will help Ukrainian authors share quality content” with the public.

According to [Antiwar.com](https://www.antiwar.com) on June 19, the first law will ban new publication of books in the Russian language no matter who writes them or what their authors renounce. Author Kyle Anzalone observes the irony that a movie starring actor/comedian Volodymyr Zelenskyy was banned in 2018 because it was produced in Russian. Since the Russian military action started, Zelenskyy’s government has purged the Rada of members it considered “pro-Russian,” in an action reminiscent of the Nazis’ 1933 purges of the Bundestag which began with the Communist members.

U.S. POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

Collapsing Crypto Bubble Was Larger Than Subprime Mortgage Bubble

June 20 (EIRNS)—Before the 2008 global financial crash, shadow-bank lenders issued about 12 million subprime mortgage loans totaling a bubble of roughly \$2 trillion, made much larger by mortgage-backed securities (MBS) and other derivatives. At the end of April 2022, total global investment in crypto instruments was about \$2 trillion, but had been about \$3 trillion at the end of 2021, according to the estimate of a firm called CoinMarketCap. An end of May 2022 estimate by Statista claims that crypto “market cap” is actually now down to \$1 trillion or less, so that nearly two-thirds of it has vaporized.

Thus cryptocurrencies have been the objects of a debt bubble larger than the size of subprime mortgages in 2007-08, and which is collapsing under the first rise in interest rates. Moreover, it is becoming clear that based on this bubble there has been an unknown but large volume of derivatives, super-leveraged collateralized credit products, and repo lending. There are now runs on these products as well as on the underlying crypto holdings from which investors are trying to escape.

So while private cryptocurrencies are now being shown to be just another, completely unregulated securities bubble, it is also being shown to be a shadow-banking sector which was expanding very rapidly from early 2020 until the early spring of 2022. It is one of the “locks of the approaching storm,” in Shelley’s phrase.

In an interview posted today by the [Mercatus Center](#) at George Mason University, law professor Lev Menand of Columbia University locates referenced cryptocurrencies as just one element in the Federal Reserve’s early spring 2020 bailout of the entire shadow-banking sector as well as the banks. Menand doesn’t locate the start of this huge bailout correctly in September 2019 with the Fed’s takeover of repo lending, but his point is important: Runs on shadow banks produced an immense global demand for dollars, exploding with the February-March pandemic-related collapse, and

the Fed provided the dollars by buying debt of every conceivable kind worldwide. This made the money-printing spree from late 2019 onward much larger and more purely speculation-oriented than all the Fed's previous decade of quantitative easing programs aimed at big banks, so that it fed a runaway inflation. "And so this is the second time the Fed has done this," he said. "In some ways, it was on a greater scale this time. The runs were fiercer.... It did trillions of market functioning purchases, which was not something really that it did in 2008. It tried to heal the shadow bank balance sheets by pushing up asset prices to strengthen their financial position, to quell the run."

(This is why so much of Wall Street believes that the Fed's current qualitative tightening and interest rate raising will reverse into mass money-printing again soon—after destruction of developing nations.)

Menand also perceptively located the CARES Act, passed by Congress on March 25, 2020, as part of this unleashing which he calls the "unbound Fed"—Wall Street called it "regime change."

NEW ECONOMIC ORDER

Cheminade Insists, with Macron Election Defeat, France Must Now Quit NATO Integrated Command

PARIS, June 20 (EIRNS)—In his first post-election tweets, Jacques Cheminade, president of Solidarité et Progrès, welcomed the defeat of Macron and outlined the way to go. "The defeat of Emmanuel Macron in the legislative elections of 2022 makes it possible for France to change policies. The NATO summit at the end of June in Madrid aims at controlling the EU to turn it into a military union against Russia and China. Let's constitute a front against it."

"To leave NATO's integrated command is the absolute priority, because to remain there will take us to war, 'despite ourselves.' We will judge the worth of those elected to the National Assembly according to their choice on this matter. Those who have said they were favorable to this policy, must now face their conscience."

In another tweet, Cheminade targeted the high level of abstentions, 53.7%: “It is urgent to give a direction to France, or we risk having robots replacing the political leadership. Pull out of NATO and fight the military financial oligarchy and go for a new, win-win world economic order.”

London Losing Africa Gambit as Ukraine Gambit Plays Out

June 20 (EIRNS)—Reality may be starting to dawn on the clay-footed would-be rulers of the world that the world might not conform to their underlying “zero sum” assumptions. On June 16, Reuters ran a headline which read, “As Ukraine Distracts, Russia and China on March in Africa,” written by veteran Asia desk reporter Peter Apps. “With Western nations heavily preoccupied with Moscow’s invasion of Ukraine this year,” Apps wrote, “both Russia and China have been on the march in Africa—to the mounting concern of the United States and its European allies, worried their influence on the continent may be in serious decline.”

While Apps continued by rehashing tales of Russian mercenaries and China’s imagined military expansion on the continent, what really has the empire worried are the things not said, like the tremendous appreciation Russia got from African countries at the 25th St. Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF) over June 15-18, which attracted delegations from Algeria, the Central African Republic, Mali, Ethiopia, Zimbabwe, not to mention guest country Egypt (the host of this fall’s COP27), and to which the SPIEF devoted an entire session.

Speaking at the Russia-Africa session, EAEU minister and economist Sergey Glazyev said: “Africa is one of the important promising areas [for Russia]. An intense partnership must be strengthened to bring our economies closer together. We have had extensive experience of cooperation with Africa since the Soviet era.” In comments covered by the Federal News Agency, Glazyev specifically referred to Central Africa, where he said that “between 2016 and 2019, turnover [trade] doubled from \$41 million to \$80 million,” urging Russia to further “strengthen its position.”

Mali Minister of Mining, Energy and Water Resources Lamine Seydou Traore urged expansion of the two countries' bilateral cooperation, which has been primarily in defense, "into the economic sphere," but not before expressing "gratitude" to Russia for its help in military training, and "welcom[ing] Russia's growth in the international arena."

In an interview following the session, Central African Republic Prime Minister Felix Molua told FAN that, after the coup (to reclaim the government from French-backed dictator François Bozize) in 2013, "Russia responded to the call, [their] specialists trained our soldiers and officers." Without Russia's help, Molus stressed, "we would not have been able to develop the armed forces so strongly. I highly appreciate their work." The Prime Minister also raised the possibility of hosting Russian bases in C.A.R.

Thus, while London tries to paralyze the world by its geopolitical confrontation in Europe, the real world bypasses the Empah's losing gambit, and moves forward without them.

Indonesia Proclaims, 'We Want the War in Ukraine To Be Stopped'

June 20 (EIRNS)—Indonesian President Joko Widodo was interviewed on CNBC June 17 from Serang, Indonesia, and said that he is now joining those few heads of state who are organizing for negotiations to end the war in Ukraine. Jokowi said it "must end" as it's driving up food and energy prices and putting developing nations like Indonesia at risk. "The most important thing that I'm concerned with is the food price. So, we want the war in Ukraine to be stopped, resolved with negotiation so that we can concentrate [on] the economy. "If not, it will never be over, this is dangerous for countries, particularly, developing countries."

As *EIR* has reported, President Widodo is the host of the November meeting of the G20 and has insisted against great pressure from the United States, and efforts by Australia to remove Russia's G20 membership, that Russian President Vladimir Putin has been included in the invitations to that meeting.

President Widodo reported in the interview that he will attend the G7 meeting June 26-28 at the invitation of the host government, Germany. TASS reported June 15 that Jokowi will be meeting President Putin on June 30. He did not confirm this in the interview. “After G7, I will visit several countries that are related [to the] food issue,” is what he replied to that question from CNBC interviewer Martin Soong.