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EDITORIAL

Reality Strikes! ‘You Cannot Gag an Entire Population’

Aug. 18 (EIRNS)—Reality is striking dramatically with hardship and death from the economic breakdown of the Western financial system, warfare, and threat of nuclear conflagration. A most dangerous situation continues regarding the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant in Ukraine, where first reports

from the tripartite meeting in Lviv today of Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, with UN Secretary General António Guterres, indicate only that the games by Ukraine and the West continue to misrepresent what is happening with the facility, and threaten a provocation. Russian Defense Ministry spokesman Lt. Gen. Igor Konashenkov issued a statement today warning that Ukraine could stage an incident at the nuclear plant on Aug. 19, blaming Russia whose forces control the area, and timed to occur while Guterres remains in the country. Guterres is to visit a Black Sea port that day.

At the same time, however, there are elsewhere dramatic, positive initiatives—statements and actions—moving toward a new framework of common interest economic development and security for all nations.

In Beijing this week, the Forum of China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) released a review of the progress of joint development projects in Africa. Among the areas described were such accomplishments as the set-up of four “agro-technology” centers for research and training in, and dissemination of, high-yield practices. Trade has increased between Africa and China by 16% in one year, and a new renminbi center is in operation, to facilitate currency conversions involved in the trade.

In Moscow this week, the 10th Moscow Conference on International Security had the participation of at least nine delegations from Africa at the level of defense minister. South Africa Defense Minister Thandi Modise, in addition to participating in the formal sessions, visited the home town of Marshal Zhukov, in recognition of his leadership in World War II and the valor and sacrifice of the Russian people. She told the conference, “Together as peace-loving nations, we must say to those provoking wars and causing conflict across the globe: This far and no further! The world deserves peace, justice and security.... I bring fraternal greetings from the peace-loving people of the Republic of South Africa to the government and people of the Russian Federation, as well as to all delegates who are part of this international peace crusade.”

In South America earlier this month, the leaders of Bolivia celebrated with representatives of Russia's atomic energy firm Rosatom, at the opening of the Nuclear Technology Research and Development Center, where the first two units are now in operation, for nuclear medicine and food irradiation, respectively.

These occurrences are concrete expressions of what was described as the global "transition" underway, by Russian President [Vladimir Putin](#) in his Aug. 16 address to the Moscow International Security Conference. He stressed the importance of the Moscow venue, because, "today, such an open discussion is particularly pertinent. The situation in the world is changing dynamically and the outlines of a multipolar world order are taking shape. An increasing number of countries and peoples are choosing a path of free and sovereign development based on their own distinct identity, traditions and values."

In reviewing Putin's remarks and current developments in her webcast today, [Helga Zepp-LaRouche](#), founder of the Schiller Institute, which has been playing such a critical role in engaging the world in dialogue to further this transition, observed that those who oppose discussion, are failing when they try to criminalize debate. Zepp-LaRouche reported specifics on growing protests in Germany, demanding a new direction, but pointing out that some authorities are trying to stifle the protests in advance.

Zepp-LaRouche stressed, "You cannot put a gag order on the entire population when obviously things are not right, and by criminalizing even a discussion about it, I think this will backfire, and cause an incredible blowback, because that is not how you solve problems."

Today in Washington, D.C., letters were delivered from 16 American citizens, to the relevant Congressional and Senate Committees (Judiciary, Foreign Affairs, and Intelligence), demanding an investigation into how it came to be that on July 14, a U.S.-funded, Ukrainian government agency issued a "blacklist" of these citizens and of other American and international figures, comprising more than 70 individuals, declaring them

all to be “information terrorists” and “war criminals” guilty of promoting “Russian propaganda.”

Tomorrow in Denmark, the Foreign Ministry has scheduled a session to answer a similar query brought by a Member of Parliament about three Danish citizens on the Western-financed Ukraine agency’s blacklist.

Meantime, reality is vaporizing the concocted narrative that Big Bad Russia is the cause of all the energy, food, and other shortages hitting every day in the trans-Atlantic homeland of Global NATO. The only thing Russia did, was to be the victim of illegal EU and U.S. sanctions, wreaking worse havoc in Europe. In Germany, not just farmer demonstrations, but also other protest rallies are now scheduled for later this month, against the impossible conditions for business and communities. There is an Aug. 28 rally of craftsmen in Dessau, and a farmers’ protest Aug. 31 in Bonn. A South London rally last night, involving British rail and other workers, kicked off a planned series of demonstrations in 50 cities, demanding policies to restore the economy, and dump the geopolitical lies.

The economic and moral principles of sovereignty and nationhood will be taken up this Saturday, Aug. 20, in a special international, live online event, “Tribute to the 75th Anniversary of Indian Independence,” at which Helga Zepp-LaRouche will speak, joined by Sam Pitroda, a leading policy figure in India, who served seven Indian prime ministers over the years.

On Sept. 10-11, the Schiller Institute will host its international conference on the 100th anniversary of statesman, economist Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. The invitation, in this *Alert*, was issued today: “Inspiring Humanity To Survive the Greatest Crisis in World History.”

- Watch [Harley’s Updates](#) with Harley Schlanger on Friday August 19, 2022: Every weekday morning on The LaRouche Organization, Schlanger will give you the strategic briefing you need to start your day.

UKRAINE

Russia Warns of Provocation at Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant While UN Secretary General Is in Ukraine

Aug. 18 (EIRNS)—Russian Defense Ministry spokesman Lt. Gen. Igor Konashenkov issued a statement this morning warning that the Kiev regime is planning a major provocation at the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant on Aug. 19, while UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres is in Ukraine, “as a result of which the Russian Federation will be blamed for creating a man-made disaster at the power plant.” His statement identified several Ukrainian military units, including nuclear-chemical protection troops and an artillery unit that are preparing to take actions as part of the provocation. Guterres is in Lviv today, and goes to a Ukrainian Black Sea port Friday, Aug. 19. On Aug. 20 he will be in Istanbul at the Turkish Center for Inspecting Shipping.

“Ukrainian leadership has repeatedly spread rumors that Russian troops have occupied the nuclear power plant and are shelling AFU [Armed Forces of Ukraine] with long-range artillery systems while shielding themselves with NPP,” the statement said. “We would like to point out that the Russian troops have no heavy weapons either on the territory of the plant or in the surrounding areas. Only security units are stationed there. The Armed Forces of the Russian Federation are taking all necessary measures to ensure the security of Zaporizhzhia NPP.” The plant has continued to operate with its Ukrainian staff, providing electricity as usual to all civilians in the region.

At about the same time, Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova told the “Soloviev Live” TV show that what the Kiev regime is engaged in is nuclear blackmail. “This is not just a provocation, this is what we condemned as nuclear blackmail. And what else is it but a long-standing provocation around a nuclear facility, a direct threat to nuclear power. This is certainly an act of nuclear blackmail,” she stressed. Zakharova asserted that in this way the Ukrainian authorities are not just blackmailing one country or a specific political entity, but the entire European continent. “We

are talking about nuclear energy, the whole European continent is being held hostage because this is all in the heart of Europe,” she added. The resulting disaster, she said, cannot be limited by geography but only by time.

To dramatize the geographical risk, Lt. Gen. Igor Kirillov, the Chief of Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Protection Troops of the Russian Defense Ministry, released maps showing that were a major radiation leak to occur, most of the contamination would flow north and west from the plant, depending on weather patterns, primarily affecting Western Ukraine as far away as Lviv.

Ukraine’s Special Forces Are an Extension of NATO’s Special Forces

Aug. 18 (EIRNS)—As more of the dirty and provocative escapades of Ukraine’s Special Operations Forces (SOF) come to light, it is worth noting the recent account of Karen McTear, the British Royal Navy official who heads the NATO Liaison Office in Kiev. She made a point of the special close relationship and close cooperation of Ukraine’s SOF with NATO’s SOF. This was part of her otherwise brief summary of the “greatly increased cooperation” between NATO and Ukraine since the 2014 Maidan events, during a forum held last month, to celebrate the 25th anniversary (on July 9) of the NATO-Ukraine “Distinctive Partnership.”

A *Janes* defense news article from last March reviewing this relationship reports that the Ukrainian Ministry of Defense signed a Letter of Intent in 2015 for SOF cooperation “with NATO Special Operations Headquarters (NSHQ)—a move that included the planned certification of SOF units to work alongside their international partners in the NATO Response Force.... In recent years, Ukraine’s SOF have participated in an extensive number of joint training packages with NATO and non-NATO partners. Examples include multiple training programs with the U.S. Special Operations Command Europe to ‘extend levels in co-operation and trust in order to defend more effectively against Russian aggression,’ according to an April 2021 meeting.”

STRATEGIC WAR DANGER**Ambassador Antonov Discusses U.S. Visas for Russian Delegation to UNGA with State Department**

Aug. 18 (EIRNS)—Russian Ambassador to the U.S. [Anatoly Antonov](#) told Rossiya 24 TV yesterday that he expected to visit the U.S. State Department, today, to discuss the issuance of visas to Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and the other members of the Russian delegation who will be traveling to New York to attend the UN General Assembly in September. “Tomorrow I will have another visit to the State Department, where one of the central issues I intend to raise is this exact issue: the issue of a full-scale participation of our minister and the delegation in the upcoming September events in New York,” he said, reported TASS.

Regarding the state of U.S.-Russia relations, Antonov reported that political engagement between Russia and the U.S. has almost come to a complete halt, with contacts happening only occasionally. “I have to admit that the Russian-U.S. political dialogue is paralyzed today. As a result, even the areas that are of mutual interest to the two countries suffer. Contacts are occasional,” he said, reported TASS. “We are firmly convinced that without direct interaction of our powers, it’s impossible to solve not only the problems of bilateral relations, but also issues concerning the whole world.”

“The situation is deplorable. I’d like to say otherwise, but I can’t. Everything that was created in recent years has come apart. It seemed that two years ago the relations were complicated when we had the Trump Administration expelling Russian diplomats, wrangling over property. But today they are just unprecedented,” Antonov continued. He said the U.S. propaganda is trying its best to demonize the Russian authorities. Russians traveling outside their country or residing in the U.S., “are discriminated against for being Russians, intimidated, persecuted, threatened,” he said. “Unfortunately, cultural, scientific and educational ties have been severed. Mentions of the role of our country in World War II are being blotted out,” the ambassador said.

On arms control, Antonov said that he plans to talk to Pentagon officials soon about New START but that Russian requests to talk about the substance of Biden's Aug. 1 offer to restart talks have received no response from the Administration so far. "But I expect to meet with representatives of the [U.S.] Department of Defense and the State Department in the near future, where it would be possible to dot the i's and determine whether the Americans are really ready for equal, mutually beneficial interaction."

The seven-part transcript of the complete interview is posted to the [Embassy's Telegram](#) channel, along with a [27-minute video](#) of the interview with English subtitles.

No Agreement Reached in Brussels Meeting of Serbian and Kosovan Leaders

Aug. 18 (EIRNS)—Meeting in Brussels today, Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic and Kosovo's Prime Minister Albin Kurti failed to reach any agreement on long-standing border and recognition issues that have intensified tensions between them in recent weeks. In late July, Kosovo's attempt to ban the use of Serbian license plates and IDs of ethnic Serbs living in the northern part of Kosovo greatly inflamed the situation, which was only temporarily settled under pressures from the EU and the NATO-led Kosovo Force International Mission (KFOR).

The two did agree to continue meeting in coming days, in hopes of reaching some agreement on normalizing relations, ABC News reported. Today's meeting was mediated by the EU's High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Josep Borrell and Miroslav Lajcak, EU Special Representative for the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue. Prior to the meeting, Borrell and Lajcak had said they expected the parties to be flexible enough to reach at least a preliminary agreement. Vucic was not optimistic, because, as he put it, the two sides disagreed on almost everything. However, he stated that he wants above all to "avoid any kind of possibility of escalation or conflict.... We need a rational approach ... a compromise solution and not someone's desire to find a new solution in

which someone could blackmail Serbia or order Serbia how to behave,” he said, RT quoted him.

Kurti has provocatively announced that he wants Kosovo to join NATO and accused Russia of using Serbia to threaten Kosovo. “Kosovo’s institutions and citizens in the current situation have reason to be vigilant about [the] destructive approach of our northern neighbor towards Kosovo and the region in general under Russia’s detrimental agenda for Europe and the Balkans,” he said.

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg jumped in during a press conference yesterday in Brussels with Vucic, to announce that NATO was prepared to increase its military presence in Kosovo should the situation require it. “We now have a significant mission, a military presence in Kosovo close to 4,000 troops,” he told reporters.

U.S. POLITICAL & ECONOMIC

Sen. Rand Paul Demands Repeal of Espionage Act, in Wake of Trump Raid

Aug. 18 (EIRNS)—In an Aug. 13 tweet, Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY), called for repealing the Espionage Act, enacted by Congress in June 1917. This is the law which former President Donald Trump is “suspected” of violating, according to the Department of Justice. “The espionage act was abused from the beginning to jail dissenters of WWI,” Paul wrote. “It is long past time to repeal this egregious affront to the 1st Amendment.”

In his tweet, Paul included a link to an article published in 2019 by Jacob Homberger, founder of the Future of Freedom Foundation, who also called for the repeal of the Espionage Act, but in connection with the case of WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange. Homberger called the Espionage Act a “tyrannical law” that had been enacted to punish political dissidents and was now being used by U.S. officials to secure the criminal indictment of Assange, *Newsweek* reported.

Senator Paul had also previously called for Assange to be granted immunity from prosecution in exchange for coming to the U.S. and testifying.

Group of 9/11 Families Tells Biden, Afghan Central Bank Funds ‘Are Theirs, Not Ours’

Aug. 18 (EIRNS)—In an Aug. 16 letter to President Joe Biden, 77 members of the [9/11 families](#) called on him to affirm that the \$7 billion in Da Afghanistan Bank (central bank) funds currently being held by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York belong to the Afghan people and should be returned to them. To use those funds to pay off 9/11 family members in court judgments “is legally suspect and morally wrong,” the letter argues, and urges Biden to modify his Feb. 11, 2022, Executive Order and “affirm that the Afghanistan Central Bank funds belong to the Afghan people and the Afghan people alone.”

In previous court cases, some 9/11 families were awarded \$3.5 billion from the confiscated funds, while the Biden administration began negotiations with the Taliban to create a mechanism by which to distribute the remaining \$3.5 billion to the Afghan people, stipulating that the Taliban could not access it, and offering the spurious argument that the Afghan Central Bank lacked the appropriate regulatory and other means to handle the funds responsibly. Following the recent killing of al-Qaeda leader Ayman Al Zawahiri, the administration halted negotiations on creating this alternative mechanism on the pretext that the Taliban hadn’t broken with al-Qaeda.

The letter from the families makes the point that earlier lawsuits brought by a small group of 9/11 family members, “and the legal claims involved, are complex. But these arguments are founded on a false premise. This money does not belong to the Taliban,” as the lawsuits claimed. “This money comes from Afghanistan’s Central Bank, and as such, it belongs to the Afghan people. Victims of terrorism, including 9/11 victims, are entitled to their day in court. But they are not entitled to money that lawfully belongs to the Afghan people,” the letter charges.

The letter goes on to describe the impoverishment of the Afghan people, with nearly 9 million at risk of starvation. While affirming that these funds belonging to the Afghan people won't solve Afghanistan's problems, and figuring out how to transfer the funds is a formidable task, it underscores the simple reality that the money "is theirs, not ours."

COLLAPSING WESTERN SYSTEM

New Study Predicts Deep 'Fuel Poverty' and Misery for British Subjects by January 2023

Aug. 18 (EIRNS)—A new study co-authored by Jonathan Bradshaw of social policy research unit at the [University of York](#) paints a stark picture of the misery British subjects will experience by next January, with an estimated two-thirds of all U.K. households trapped in "fuel poverty" by then, and an inadequate government response that will leave even middle-class households finding it difficult to pay their bills, the *Guardian* reported Aug. 17. Following further increases in the so-called "price cap" planned for October and January, 18 million families, some 45 million people, will struggle to make ends meet.

"Fuel poverty" is defined as when energy costs exceed 10% of the household's net income. The new study includes some striking statistics: 86.4% of pensioner couples and 90.4% of single parents with two or more children are expected to fall into this category by January, if not before, with inflation for July registering a 40-year high of 10.1%. Stuart Rose, chairman of the ASDA supermarket chain, slammed the government for a "horrific" lack of action over inflation.

The York study points out that there are significant variations in regions' ability to cope with the increased energy costs. In the southeastern part of the country, 57.9% are expected to struggle with energy bills by January; that figure rises to 70.9% in West Midland, and 76.3% in Northern Ireland.

Tory candidates for Prime Minister, Foreign Secretary Liz Truss and former Chancellor of the Exchequer Rishi Sunak are tripping over each

other to come up with solutions, but really have nothing to offer that would make the slightest difference. Truss went from insisting on tax cuts and a tough “no handouts” policy, to, a few days later, offering people “targeted” support. The Labour Party leadership announced plans early this week to freeze the energy price cap at its current level, eliminating planned increases for October and January.

NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER

More Support for Aug. 28 Dessau ‘Craftsmen for Peace’ Rally

Aug. 18 (EIRNS)—The leftist, antifascist organization “Peace with Russia” has endorsed the Aug. 28 rally of “Craftsmen for Peace” in Dessau, Germany, calling on citizens nationally to join the protest. Their statement includes the following:

“Instead of respecting the interests of other states ... the West tries to proselytize them with its own values. In this crusade of values, wars were waged against Yugoslavia, Iraq, Afghanistan, Somalia, Yemen and Libya, regime changes were supported or pursued, and sanctions were imposed in order to impose its own worldview on other societies.

“As in these examples, however, Ukraine is not about solidarity and values. It is about interests. But these are not the interests of ordinary people. All the people of the world want to live a decent life. We don’t want to starve, we don’t want to freeze in winter and we don’t want to sink into poverty. Need, misery and despair are good for nothing. That is why we fight as little people for our interests. Let us demand:

“Stop the sanctions, because they harm us ourselves!

“Commissioning of Nord Stream 2, so that we have enough gas for the Winter!

“Bring prices down!”

Invitation for Sept. 10-11 Schiller Conference on the 100th Birthday of Lyndon LaRouche

Aug. 18 (EIRNS)—The Schiller Institute issued a press release announcing a conference to celebrate the centennial of Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.'s birthday on Sept. 8, 1922. The conference “Inspiring Humanity To Survive the Greatest Crisis in World History,” will take place on the weekend of September 10-11, starting at 10 a.m. EDT (18:00 CET):

Today, we are all living through the most dangerous moment in all of known history. Thermonuclear war, unprecedented starvation and famine, and the rapid transmission of new species of diseases, are all happening at once, encouraged by the Malthusian policies of a mad faction of the trans-Atlantic elite. They engage in war after war, coup after coup, which, no matter how much they deny it, can lead to the deaths of billions of people through thermonuclear carnage, perhaps even in the short term.

The smug Anglosphere proconsuls who call their “unipolar world” dictatorship design, “the march of democracy,” assert their right to invade anyone’s nation “to save the planet,” but howl in protest when, after the violent overthrow of the elected head of state in Ukraine in 2014, an eight-year war, and the ignoring of the UN-supported Minsk Accords, military action is taken by Russia. Not only are relations between Russia and U.S./NATO at an all-time low, but provocations with China are not far behind. The continent of Africa, and nations in Asia and South America are told to choose between the contrived construct “U.S./NATO vs. Russia/China,” but isn’t this really the old colonialism in new clothes, with labels like “climate security,” “the autocracies vs. the democracies,” etc.?

This view must be rejected in favor of establishing a new, inclusive world security and development architecture, with an advanced world health platform, including food, water, and other health essentials, as the immediate area of cooperation among nations. Now, instead of cooperation, nations are told they have to take a moral stand in conflicts which they did not initiate, did not consent to, and cannot explain to their own populations. This usually costs them in lives and fortune, and is of no benefit to them.

But the world has moved on from the unipolar dominance of 1990. One hundred-fifty nations have embarked on an entirely different road, sometimes referred to as the Belt and Road Initiative, but actually a new process with a completely different orientation with the purpose of establishing a harmony of interests—economic, scientific, and cultural—not a dictatorship of “democracies.”

The world is only now coming to realize, one hundred years after his birth, how advanced the economic ideas and forecasts of Lyndon LaRouche have been over the past more than fifty years. From the [August 15, 1971](#), decoupling of the U.S. dollar from the gold reserve standard, to LaRouche’s June 2014 economic report presenting “[Four New Laws](#)” to save the U.S.A. and the world economy, Lyndon LaRouche provided solutions for each phase of the crisis of the past decades. The purpose of this conference is to deliberate upon and propose solutions, based upon LaRouche’s principles of physical economy, which might still, even at this late date, rescue mankind from what might appear to be, but need not be, the road to self-destruction, even self-extinction.

Panel One: How To Inspire Humanity To Survive the Greatest Crisis in World History

Panel Two: Defend the Right To Deliberate! Speak Out Against Blacklists and the Suppression of the Search for Truth

Panel Three: Presenting the “LaRouche Library”: LaRouche in Dialogue with the World’s Nations

Panel Four: The Art of Optimism: Using the Classical Principle To Change the World