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## EDITORIAL

### The Future Belongs to Those with Real Ideas

Aug. 31, 2023 (EIRNS)—A report from Grayzone’s Anya Parampil sums up the situation in the world today. Parampil, who covered the BRICS Summit in Johannesburg last week, spoke to a diplomat from host nation South Africa who had met with Acting U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Victoria Nuland during her July 29-Aug. 1 visit to South Africa. The diplomat, reported Parampil, said that “Nuland and her team were demonstrably unprepared to grapple with recent developments on the

African continent,” and she quoted the diplomat that, “ ‘In over 20 years working with the Americans, I have never seen them so desperate.’ ”

The diplomat was, on one level, referring to the military coup that had occurred in Niger on July 26, but was certainly referring more broadly to the significant shift underway across the Global South and across the world. That sentiment was best reflected at the Aug. 22-24 BRICS Summit, which took a major step towards a new global architecture, focused primarily on the development of nations and a renewed determination to never again be subjected to geopolitical or colonialist machinations.

In such a world, it is no wonder that Anglo-American geopoliticians are feeling a little desperate.

The same sentiment was also voiced by Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán in an Aug. 22 interview with Tucker Carlson, who insisted that a Ukrainian victory over Russia is “a lie, it’s impossible,” and that instead a “new security architecture” with Russia is required to attain peace in Europe into the future. When questioned about the difficulty of going against the U.S. on that issue, Orbán reflected his germ of a new idea. Of course it’s better for Hungary to have good relations with the U.S., he said: “It’s a far nicer horizon to have a good relation, but even without that we can stand and we can survive, and we can grow.”

Consider also Afghanistan’s new set of contracts signed for mineral extraction and processing—the largest since the Taliban took over in 2021. A nation that previously had been crushed under the weight of NATO’s and Dope Inc.’s twin policies of death, but which has now nearly banned its opium production. “This will create thousands of jobs and significantly improve the economic situation of the country,” said [Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar](#) Aug. 31.

At the same time, it would be foolish to think that those who believe the world is theirs to control will simply relinquish that thought easily. Remember, this is the stuff that world wars are fought over, and very likely could ignite a thermonuclear World War III today. As the Anglo-American imperialists become more and more desperate—especially as they see the

Ukrainian counteroffensive as a flop—expect them to ignite new crisis points.

That now appears to be the plan in regard to Crimea. Today, the head of the Defense Forces of Ukraine South press office indicated that the Crimea “resistance movement is working” to further disrupt water and energy supplies, exacerbating the humanitarian crisis. Virtually all targets in Crimea are legitimate for destruction, she said. Remember the June bombing of Kakhovka Dam, whose reservoir is the clean water source for Crimea, which is now becoming an emergency nearly three months later.

Tensions are also escalating on the Korean Peninsula and around China, as efforts mount to build a NATO-of-the-East. There are even U.S. moves to treat Taiwan as a fully independent country by using a new military assistance program. Far from “defending democracy” these actions are further pushing China into an overt military crisis.

The world is clearly at a moment of great transformation, where ideas—such as expressed at last week’s BRICS Summit—possess an unusually large power to change peoples and nations. This is the task before the historic individual, like yourself, today, to learn to wield actual and potent ideas, and deploy them in a meaningful way.

Towards this end, the [Sept. 9 Schiller Institute conference](#) will be a nodal point that everyone sentient should attend.

- Watch [Harley’s Updates](#) with Harley Schlanger on Friday September 1, 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

### Taliban Signs \$6.5 Billion in Contracts for Mining

Aug. 31, 2023 (EIRNS)—Representatives of Afghanistan’s ruling Taliban signed agreements today with domestic and foreign companies that became

the largest deal ever signed since the Taliban came to power with the flight of NATO two years ago. The \$6.557 billion in contracts includes plans for seven mines, for gold, copper, lead, and iron. It will also involve some element of materials processing.

The deals were signed in Kabul, and included the Ministry of Mines and Petroleum with private companies from Afghanistan, Türkiye, Iran, Britain, and China. The office of the [Acting Deputy Prime Minister for Economic Affairs](#) of Afghanistan tweeted on X: “This will create thousands of jobs and significantly improve the economic situation of the country.”

## COLLAPSING WESTERN SYSTEM

### Nuland Reportedly ‘Desperate’ During Tour Through Africa

Aug. 31, 2023 (EIRNS)—Grayzone journalist Anya Parampil reported from her trip to South Africa that an interesting change of tone has come from the renowned beast-woman, Acting U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Victoria Nuland. During Nuland’s visit to three African countries last month, she appeared “demonstrably unprepared to grapple with recent developments on the African continent,” a South African diplomat told Parampil. Nuland had arrived in the wake of the July 26 military coup in Niger, which followed similar anti-colonialist coups in Mali and Burkina Faso over the last two years.

“In over 20 years working with the Americans, I have never seen them so desperate,” the diplomat said. Despite her hawkish reputation, Nuland appeared “totally caught off guard” by the evident changes taking place on the continent. Parampil reported further that Nuland requested South Africa’s help in dealing with the regional conflicts, a request that was particularly touchy for the U.S., given its large military base in Niger.

While Nuland’s reported desperation certainly comes from the ongoing revolts taking place across Africa, it also certainly results from the much broader shift in mood throughout the world—as expressed in Aug. 22-24 BRICS Summit in Johannesburg. At that summit, numerous proposals were

put on the table that clearly pave the way for much of the world to leave all the colonialist policies behind forever—something the U.S., with its original anti-imperialist history, should understand quite well.

### **European Imports of Russian Liquefied Natural Gas Are Soaring**

Aug. 31, 2023 (EIRNS)—Despite the attempts to sanction all hydrocarbons from Russia, Europe is still consuming large amounts of Russian gas. In fact, European countries are importing 40% more Russian liquefied natural gas so far this year than they were at this time in 2021. According to an article in *Financial Times*, Russia is now the second-largest supplier of LNG to Europe, behind only the U.S.

The EU banned oil sales from Russia, but not LNG, despite many calls to do so. Therefore, as oil consumption dropped, Europe’s use of LNG has skyrocketed. That was also affected by the September 2022 Nord Stream sabotage, which was previously a main supply line. The EU had planned to completely phase out Russian fossil fuels by 2027, but implications for completely halting in EU economies clearly make the transition look unlikely. According to a campaigner at Global Witness, the NGO that compiled some of these findings: “It’s shocking that countries in the EU have worked so hard to wean themselves off piped Russian fossil gas only to replace it with the shipped equivalent. It doesn’t matter if it comes from a pipeline or a boat—it still means European companies are sending billions to Putin’s war chest.”

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

### **LaRouche Speakers Discuss ‘BRICS Tectonic Shift’ with International University Network**

Aug. 31, 2023 (EIRNS)—On Aug. 30, Dr. George Mutalemwa and Prof. Nirmala Gopal of “Global Peace Studies” moderated an online forum dedicated to the “BRICS,” which was addressed by The LaRouche Organization’s Bill Ferguson and David Cherry of *EIR*.

Speaking to an audience of 30, Professor Gopal remarked, “I want to thank you immensely for taking us down this in-depth, insightful, comprehensive, courageous, historical narrative. I think what you gave us now, an insight, which we would not be necessarily able to pick up either through Google or [online] texts that are easily available, for that I think we are tremendously grateful. And I’m hoping that the food you have given us for thought here is going to stimulate the discussion, as I open the floor for discussion ... thank you once again, Mr. Ferguson.”

This initial “Global Peace Studies for Sustainable Development in Africa” forum on BRICS was hosted by a international coalition of university-based organizations. Less than 24 hours earlier, the event was nearly derailed by the sudden, unexplained pullout and complete severing of relations with the coalition by a South America-based entity which had previously provided technical broadcasting and video service. There was an air of relief and victory among the participating members of the coalition that members of TLO and Schiller Institute stepped in to provide the necessary technical support, permitting the event to go forward.

Ferguson began his remarks with citing LaRouche’s reading, during his 1984 Presidential campaign national TV address, from Elliott Roosevelt’s 1946 book, *As He Saw It*, detailing his accompanying his father during the war years. LaRouche had chosen FDR’s August 1941 admonishment to Churchill off Argentia, Nova Scotia, that the U.S. would not help Britain fight World War II in order to save the British Empire and its “18th-century methods,” but was committed to using “20th-century” American methods to industrialize and raise the living standards of what would become the former colonies.

This opening presentation set the tone of the discussion segment and prepared the participants to appreciate David Cherry’s outline of the fight to inspire Africa to industrialize via exploiting every energy resource available for use, especially in order to become nuclear-driven economies.

Both Cherry and Ferguson’s remarks were punctuated with visuals, including *EIR* Special Reports and magazine covers, photos of Helga Zepp-

LaRouche as the “Silk Road Lady,” and of Lyndon LaRouche 1980’s Bangkok address on the Pacific Basin Great Project, the English translation of Sergei Glazyev’s book *Genocide*, and images of *EIR* and Schiller Institute World Land-Bridge reports from 1997 to 2017.

All were urged to sign Helga Zepp-LaRouche’s “[Appeal to Citizens of the Global North](#)” and to register for the Sept. 9 Schiller Institute Conference, “[Let Us Join Hands with the Global Majority To Create a New Chapter in World History!](#)” Immediately several participants from one professor’s network registered for the Sept. 9 conference.

### **Child Migrant Labor Violations on the Rise**

Aug. 31, 2023 (EIRNS)—On Aug. 21 the U.S. Labor Department Office of the Inspector General (OIG) initiated an investigation of the department’s Wage and Hour Division (WHD) and its efforts to curtail violations of child labor laws. From January 2018 to April 2023, child labor violations increased by 69% according to the Department of Labor, many of these violations involving migrant children. In July 2023 alone, 765 individual WHD investigations found that 4,474 children were employed in violation of U.S. child labor laws. The OIG investigation is to determine if adequate measures are being taken to prevent abusive child labor practices.

Department of Homeland Security (DHS) data indicate that 152,000 unaccompanied alien children, crossed the Southern border into the U.S. during the year 2022. Approximately 75% of these children were from Guatemala, Honduras, and El Salvador, known as the “Northern Triangle,” the majority of the remaining children coming from Mexico.

Unaccompanied minors are taken into custody by U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and subsequently released to the Department of Health and Human Services’ Office of Refugee Resettlement. ORR then attempts to find sponsors to care for the children, preferably relatives, who have been screened for employment status, income, criminal background, and other such criteria. The screening process, however, is far from perfect, putting children in danger of being released into the custody of abusive

sponsors. According to HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra, ORR has no legal oversight responsibility for children once they are transferred to a sponsor.

In February, [Packer Sanitation Services, Inc.](#) of Kieler, Wisconsin was fined \$1.5 million by the Labor Department after an investigation found that 102 children aged 13 to 17, many of them migrants, were working hazardous overnight jobs at 13 meat-processing facilities in eight states. The paltry fine is due to the law maximizing the fine per violation at \$15,138. Companies utilizing Packer Sanitation's services include many of the giant food cartels, including Tyson Food, JBS Foods, and Cargill.

The children, after attending school during the day, were tasked during the night with cleaning sharp cutting tools and using hazardous chemicals. Many were found to have chemical burns on their hands. According to a March 1 NBC News report, the Justice Department, in collaboration with DHS, has opened an investigation to determine if the migrant children were victims of a human-trafficking scheme in which smugglers may have provided them with false identities stolen from U.S. citizens in order to lead them into these dangerous slaughterhouse jobs.

## STRATEGIC SHOWDOWN

### **Hungary's Prime Minister Viktor Orbán Briefs Tucker Carlson on Complexities of War and Peace**

Aug. 31, 2023 (EIRNS)—On Aug. 22, [Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán](#) sat down with [Tucker Carlson](#) in Budapest for a lengthy interview on topics including the Nord Stream destruction (and why part-owner Germany has “lost its sovereignty”), the danger of world war, the history and culture of Hungary, why Ukrainian membership in NATO is impossible, and the need for the West to offer a new security architecture to Russia and to Ukraine. In his relaxed, engaging, and sometimes jovial manner, Orbán also spoke to the American people, explaining these complex issues—not as a “Putin puppet” as Western media depict him—but as a patriotic leader deeply concerned about the future of his country

and the world. He would love to be friends with the U.S., he said, but Hungary will survive without it and will thrive.

He warned: “These are very dangerous times. A Third World War could be knocking at our door. This is why we have to be very careful.” He reported that that is what he told Biden at the July NATO Summit in Vilnius, “be careful.” If any Western nation were to send troops to Ukraine, it would immediately mean war between NATO and Russia. Ukraine can’t win against Russia, he stressed. “The Russians are far stronger, far more numerous than the Ukrainians.” Any idea of a Ukrainian victory over Russia “is not just a misunderstanding, it’s a lie. It’s impossible.” Ukrainians will run out of soldiers sooner than the Russians. “What finally will count is boots on the ground and the Russians are far stronger.” What’s happening to the Ukrainian people now is “tragic,” he said. He said of Russia, “We have to understand that we cannot beat them as we do just now. It’s impossible. They will not kill their leader. They will never give it up. They will keep together the country and they will defend it.”

On the issue of Ukraine joining NATO, Orbán recalled that there was a chance that it was being considered in 2008, but Western powers rejected it. The Russians became stronger and stronger and today that window of opportunity is closed. More to the point, he said, “We can’t afford to have that long borderline between Russia and Ukraine,” with a Ukraine that belongs to NATO. “That would mean immediate war danger to all of us, even in Washington. So, it’s dangerous, even for the United States. It’s not just dangerous for the region, but even for you, for the families.” Since Ukraine’s membership “is not a realistic proposal now,” he proffered, instead, “we should make a deal with the Russians on the new security architecture to provide security and sovereignty for Ukraine, but not membership in NATO.”

Carlson asked if he were in charge of NATO, say if he were Joe Biden, what would he do? Orbán replied without hesitation: “Peace. Call back Trump! Because you know, you can criticize him for many reasons, but the best foreign policy of the recent several decades belongs to him. He did not

initiate any new war, he treated nicely the North Koreans, and Russia and even the Chinese. ... Had Trump been President at the time of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, the Russians wouldn't have been able to do that. So Trump is the man who can save the Western world and probably the human beings in the globe as well.”

Orbán insisted that Biden's policy on Ukraine, which includes a substantial Hungarian ethnic minority, and which borders Hungary, is not working. Therefore, the only solution is peace. If the U.S. stopped the money and weapons supply, peace would break out the next morning. The solution “is in American hands. Only the United States can do it, no one else,” said Orbán. Replying to a question about Hungary's relations with the U.S., the prime minister remarked that “it is not an easy situation, because it would be much easier to cooperate with the U.S. government. The prospects are much better if we have good relations, but we can do without them, we can survive this period and we can grow.”

He went on: “Although we are NATO members and allies of the United States, we are treated worse than the Russians.” But, Hungary will “survive on our own.” He had an interesting discussion of the meaning of the word “liberal,” which is supposed to mean “freedom” in the West, but “today in Europe, the word liberal means that you are the enemy of freedom, because you have hegemonic expectations of society, including in terms of values and concepts of man. So liberals are against freedom.”

Orbán underscored that the United States is still the world's number-one superpower. But, he stressed, “it is not the voice of America, it is the voice of the U.S. government, and not all Americans judge the situation the way the government does.” Carlson pointed out that the U.S. government had poured taxpayer dollars into the coffers of Orbán's opponents during the last election to prevent Orbán's election. Orbán confirmed it had been “a lot” of money and that Americans certainly didn't know how their tax dollars were being used.

Addressing the legal proceedings against Trump, the Prime Minister pointed out that it is unthinkable in Hungary for the judiciary to be used

against political opponents. He argued that “if we go down this road, there is no chance of uniting the nation, and if the nation is not united, it is impossible to set great goals.” Political competition is fine, “but it has to be fair, it has to be legally unquestionable. Otherwise, people sacrifice their country, the future of their country, for personal success, which is not acceptable, at least not in Hungary.”

Prime Minister Orbán recalled that Hungary is an ancient nation, established 1,100 years ago. “So we are a historical nation, using the same language, no relatives, nobody speaks the same language around us. Germans and Slavic, no Hungarians. So therefore, to maintain the language, to maintain the culture for this country, it’s a big achievement by itself.”

### **Ukraine’s Military Policy for Crimea Is To Cut Off Its Drinking Water**

Aug. 31, 2023 (EIRNS)—Natalia Humeniuk, head of the United Coordination Press Center of the Defense Forces of Southern Ukraine, announced today, according to Ukrinform: “The humanitarian situation on the peninsula [Crimea] is quite difficult. There are very significant problems with drinking water and energy supply there, and these problems will spread, because the [Kiev regime’s] resistance movement is also working, the partisan movement is working.”

Humeniuk also announced the Kiev regime’s larger policy for Crimea, that “all targets located in the temporarily occupied peninsula and capable of supplying the Black Sea Fleet are legitimate targets for destruction as they are the enemy’s reserves for renewing its combat capability.... Our task now is to ensure that the enemy’s combat capabilities are the lowest possible. And I think we will find out more detailed results later.” The phrase “capable of supplying” the fleet is so broad, surely by design, it is hard to imagine what is not a target for sabotage in Crimea.

The attitude is certainly coherent with Kiev’s destruction of the Kakhovka Dam on June 6, at the beginning of its so-called counteroffensive. The Kakhovka reservoir was a prime source of clean

water for Crimea. When that was destroyed, it was expected that the harmful effects would become serious within a few months.

### **U.S. To Sell Weapons to Taiwan as if to a Country**

Aug. 31, 2023 (EIRNS)—The Biden administration has approved the transfer of \$80 million worth of U.S.-made military equipment to Taiwan using the Foreign Military Financing program. The FMF program is normally reserved for financing military purchases by countries to which the U.S. has accorded full recognition as sovereign countries. According to Associated Press, this is the first time that FMF will be used for Taiwan, the implications of which “will likely infuriate China.”

The Foreign Ministry responded to a question by AFP in today’s press conference: “The U.S. decision to provide weapons to China’s Taiwan region under the so-called Foreign Military Financing used for sovereign states seriously violates the one-China principle and the stipulations of the three China-U.S. joint communiqués, especially the Aug. 17 Communiqué of 1982. This move seriously violates international law and basic norms governing international relations, undermines China’s sovereignty and security interests, harms peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait, and sends gravely wrong signals to ‘Taiwan independence’ separatist forces. China deplores and firmly opposes them,” said Wang Wenbin. “There is but one China in the world and Taiwan is an inalienable part of China’s territory. The Taiwan question is entirely China’s internal affair that brooks no foreign interference. We urge the U.S. to ... stop enhancing military contact with the Taiwan region or arming it by any means or under whatever pretext...”

### **U.K. Foreign Secretary Cleverly’s China Visit Was Not All Smooth**

Aug. 31, 2023 (EIRNS)—British Foreign Secretary James Cleverly’s visit to Beijing yesterday was intended to “reestablish lines of communication” so as to “avoid mistrust and errors,” he told BBC. Disengagement with China, he said, “is not credible.” In an interview with Bloomberg, he explained that he wanted to engage directly with the Chinese government, “building lines of communication, addressing the areas where we have

disagreements but looking at opportunities to work together on some of the major issues affecting both our countries and the world.”

In meetings with Vice President Han Zheng and Foreign Minister Wang Yi, Cleverly managed to offend his hosts by raising the treatment of the Uyghurs in Xinjiang and human rights in Hong Kong. While he said that no significant global problem “can be solved without China,” he proclaimed that China has responsibility on the global stage because of its size, history and global significance, and “that responsibility means China fulfilling its international commitments and obligations.”

Wang Yi countered that in the current volatile international situation, the two countries should work together to face global challenges, “safeguard world peace and stability,” and push bilateral relations “forward rather than backward.” He reminded Cleverly of China’s position on Taiwan, warning that Taiwan independence is “incompatible” with stability across the Taiwan Strait. Cleverly insisted that his government’s position on Taiwan remains “unchanged,” and that it adheres to the One China policy. He also stressed that British companies are very interested in greater cooperation with China and “exploring the Chinese market.”

But *Global Times* today warned that the U.K.’s repeatedly challenging China’s core interests over Taiwan will “undoubtedly be an important factor affecting the stability of the relationship.” Despite Cleverly’s protestations, London announced at the end of July that it will host later this year the 26th annual “U.K.-Taiwan Trade Talks,” disregarding the fact that China strongly opposes any official interactions with Taiwan by nations that have diplomatic ties with Beijing. As *Global Times* points out, it is a clear violation of the One China policy as well.

Cleverly’s overtures were made less convincing by the Commons Foreign Affairs Committee report released Aug. 30, “[Tilting horizons: the Integrated Review and the Indo-Pacific](#),” which for the first time referred to Taiwan as “an independent country.” Tories on the committee howled about the Sunak government’s approach to China, and demanded that its currently classified China strategy be declassified. Former Tory leader Iain

Duncan Smith called Cleverly's trip "the latest stage of Operation Kowtow," that was "pointless" and "smelled terribly of appeasement."

### **Britain's Chatham House Argues Don't Opt for 'False Peace' in Ukraine, Insists the War Must Go on!**

Aug. 31, 2023 (EIRNS)— "[Pushing Ukraine to Negotiate Now Would Be Disastrous](#)" is the title of an article by James Nixey, director of the Russia and Eurasia program at Chatham House, also known as the Royal Institute of International Affairs (RIIA). Nixey is highly disturbed about doubts surfacing in the U.S., including inside the Biden administration, about Ukraine's counteroffensive and calls by some for preparing the groundwork for peace negotiations.

But, he desperately warns, "this can't be a reason to pursue peace negotiations!" The counteroffensive hasn't stalled—it's just that the U.S. was too timid about supplying Ukraine with a "technological battlefield edge." Weakening support now will only make Ukraine more vulnerable, with the resulting threat to European and global security. Nixey points to "worrying signs" that even in some areas of the U.S. government, support for Ukraine is "wavering," but repeats that now "is not the time to talk." It's of course understandable and "ostensibly reasonable and often well-intentioned," he admits, that there is an urge to find an end. But nothing that Russia says or does contains "reasonable grounds for compromise."

There's only one way to get this "slower-than-desired offensive" moving, Nixey insists. The West "should accede to Ukraine's wish list, not least for longer-range weaponry that can reach behind front lines, including into Russian territory." Raising negotiations at this stage suggests "a lack of belief in a Ukrainian victory on the part of Ukraine's supporters and an unwillingness to stay the course" and that is not acceptable. If Donald Trump should win the U.S. election in 2024, it would greatly empower Putin, Nixey observes, but it may not even be necessary for him to win. "The greater danger comes from Ukraine's friends in the Western powers pushing for a false peace, and a 'solution' to the conflict that sows the seeds of even greater disaster."