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EDITORIAL

Get the Truth Across

May 2 (EIRNS)—The world is divided into two groups, but not the usual right and left, nor democracy versus autocracy, nor other fairy tales. The division is, on one side we have Global NATO, which is bringing us to the point of nuclear annihilation, and/or mass famine. On the opposing side, we have those countries and peoples wishing to continue life, and advance. Apart from these sides, there is a large contingent in the dark—they know

nothing of what is really going on, thanks to the deliberate media blackout. And millions of poor souls are struggling to survive.

Helga Zepp-LaRouche, founder and leader of the Schiller Institute, described our present international situation this way today, adding, among other points, that there are new voices sounding the alarm about the danger. In the United States on May 1, the Veteran Intelligence Professionals for Sanity (VIPS) issued an Memorandum to President Biden, warning of the danger of nuclear war. Among the 21 signers are many prominent activist analysts, including, for example, [Col. Richard Black \(ret.\)](#), whose April 26 video interview with the Schiller Institute is getting thousands of views. In Europe, after Chancellor Olaf Scholz did a reversal last week, of his nation's stance on sending heavy weapons to Ukraine, a joint letter by 28 German artists protesting his decision, got 140,000 digital signatures over the weekend. There are other instances of activation in the face of the grim reality,

Zepp-LaRouche, noting that all this is “very useful,” stressed that what is needed is engaging people in how to get out of the dynamic of geopolitical confrontation altogether. This is the principle behind the [petition drive](#) and dialogue process of the Schiller Institute, whose last conference April 9, was the embodiment of leaders from diverse nations and outlooks, working together towards a common interest resolution of the crisis, by looking ahead to form, as the conference title said, “[A New Security and Development Architecture for All Nations](#).”

Lifting our efforts to this level involves conveying the truth to people, against extreme pressure. If you so much as say, for example, that there is a “pre-history” to Russia's Feb. 24 military deployment into Ukraine, you are in trouble—censored, and far worse. The information-warfare machine dictates that you must use the adjective, Russia's “unprovoked” action. Zepp-LaRouche has commissioned a chronology of the Global NATO operations—date, time, place and documentation from non-Russian sources, that created the pre-conditions for today's crisis.

Another key truth is that it is an evil lie that “limited nuclear war is winnable.” As expert Ted Postol, MIT Professor Emeritus, points out, the “logic” involved in using nuclear weapons is that when one is used, this leads to all being used, and annihilation. Yet, under global information-warfare, the discussion of how to use “tactical” nukes is encouraged.

Zepp-LaRouche, summed up the situation of the two sides in the world, saying that, “What is at stake is the existence of civilization.” In Congress, the level of corruption and insanity has dropped to the low stage where Illinois Rep. Adam Kinzinger (R) has introduced legislation to approve the U.S. sending troops to Ukraine, as a standby for when President Biden needs it, if Russia does a bio- or chemical-weapon attack, Kinzinger says.

But on the side of the sane and good, there is a massive realignment underway internationally, away from the Global NATO bloc, despite fierce pressure. This is evident in Africa, Asia and parts of Ibero-America. Look at India. A stream of Global NATO nabobs has gone to New Delhi in recent times, including European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, and Victoria Nuland, to bully India into denouncing and breaking with Russia, but to no avail.

Today in Berlin, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi had a press conference with Chancellor Scholz, after their meeting, and first reports are that there was a clash of international outlook expressed between the two. Modi spoke of the need for dialogue and resolution in Ukraine, Scholz demanded more weapons to Ukraine to defeat Russia.

The Schiller Institute’s next online dialogue is May 7, geared to youth internationally. Find the [Invitation](#) posted to the Schiller Institute website, and join the mobilization.

- Watch [Harley’s Updates](#) with Harley Schlanger on Tuesday May 3, 2022: Every weekday morning on [The LaRouche Organization](#), Schlanger will give you the strategic briefing you need to start your day.

STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

New VIPS Memo to Biden: ‘Nuclear Weapons Cannot Be Un-Invented’

May 2 (EIRNS)—The Veterans Intelligence Professionals for Sanity (VIPS) released a new memorandum on Antiwar.com May 1 addressed to President Joe Biden and entitled “Intel Vets: Nuclear Weapons Cannot Be Un-Invented.”

“The growing possibility that nuclear weapons might be used, as hostilities in Ukraine continue to escalate, merits your full attention,” the memo warns. “For almost 77 years, a common awareness of the awesome destructiveness of atomic/nuclear weapons created an (ironically stabilizing) balance of terror called deterrence. Nuclear-armed countries have generally avoided threatening to use nukes against other nuclear-armed countries. Putin’s recent reminders of Russia’s nuclear weapons capability can easily fit into the category of deterrence. It can also be read as a warning that he is prepared to use them *in extremis*....”

“Russia can no longer doubt that the U.S. and NATO aim to weaken Russia (and to remove him, if possible)—and that the West also believes it can accomplish this by pouring weapons into Ukraine and urging the Ukrainians to fight on,” it says further. “We think these aims are delusional.”

Finland Moving Closer to Applying for NATO Membership

May 2 (EIRNS)—On April 30, the largest party in the Finnish opposition, the Finns Party, announced that it would support Finland’s application to join NATO. Party chair Riikka Purra said at a press conference in Helsinki on April 30 that the party council voted 61-3 in favor of membership, reported the Yle broadcaster. The Finns join two other opposition parties, the center-right Christian Democrats and Movement Now which together control 82 seats in the parliament.

Yle reports this morning, however, that the Finnish paper *Iltalehti* had a bigger scoop. The paper reported that Finnish President Sauli Niinistö will endorse Finnish NATO membership on May 12. Niinistö has kept his cards

close to his chest in recent months, Yle says, even as he negotiates the practicalities of any possible application, so this declaration would indicate that the process is really moving forward. Following the President's announcement, parties in parliament will back his positive NATO stance. *Iltalehti*, citing foreign and security policy sources, suggests that Niinistö will make his position clear by noon on May 12 before parliamentary groups convene for a meeting at 2 p.m.

NATO Continues Exercises on Europe's Eastern Flank

May 2 (EIRNS)—The U.S.-sponsored Defender Europe 2022 exercise has begun in Poland. Poland is among nine countries hosting the Defender Europe (DE22) and Swift Response 2022 (SR22), large-scale U.S. Army-led, multinational, joint military exercises held from May 1-27, the Polish press agency PAP reports the Defense Ministry saying in a statement on May 1. “A total of 18,000 troops from over 20 countries will take part in the drills ... including about 7,000 on the territory of Poland,” the statement said. DE22 and SR 22 belong to “a series of cyclical defensive training drills, they are not aimed against any country and are not related to the current geopolitical situation in the region,” it added.

U.S. POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

Congressional Insanity Rushing Toward World War III

May 2 (EIRNS)—Rep. Adam Kinzinger (R-IL) is playing with fire but is evidently too stupid to realize it. During an appearance on CBS's “Face the Nation” yesterday, he announced that he has introduced legislation to authorize President Joe Biden to send troops into Ukraine should Russian President Vladimir Putin use chemical, biological or nuclear weapons there. The history of chemical weapons hoaxes in Syria suggests that were Biden to sign such legislation, similar hoaxes in Ukraine would not be long in coming, not least, as we have reported, now that the White Helmets that played a major role in those hoaxes, are now in Ukraine.

Kinzinger compared the current situation in Ukraine to pre-World War II and said while the U.S. should continue to work to contain the ongoing war, it should also be prepared to respond in the event of a Russian escalation. “If Vladimir Putin wants to escalate with the West, he will,” he claimed (proving that he in fact knows nothing about Russia and Putin—ed.). “It’s easy for him to do it. And I think right now what we’re doing with supply and with Lend-Lease, with the financing is right.”

Kinzinger said that while he did not think “we need to be using force in Ukraine right now,” he introduced his Authorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF) to give the President “congressional leverage” to deploy the U.S. military “if WMDs, nuclear, biological or chemical are used in Ukraine.”

“[It] doesn’t compel the President to do it. It just says if it is used, he has that leverage,” he said. “It gives him, you know, a better flexibility, but also it is a deterrent to Vladimir Putin.”

On the other side of Capitol Hill, Senate Foreign Relations Chairman Robert Menendez (D-NJ) showed that he is also out of his mind. He said on NBC’s “[Meet the Press](#)” that Congress “will do what it takes” to ensure a Ukrainian victory over Russia. Menendez “warned” that Putin may feel emboldened to expand his assault to other European countries if he is not stopped in Ukraine. “It is about the international order,” he said. “If Putin can ultimately not only succeed in the Donbas but then be emboldened maybe to go further, if he strikes a country under NATO, under our treaty obligations with NATO, then we would be directly engaged.”

“Stopping Russia from getting to that point is critically of interest to us, as well as the world so that we don’t have to send our sons and daughters into battle,” he said. “And I think that that ability not to have to send our sons and daughters into battle is priceless.”

Menendez was also on “[Fox News Sunday](#),” and responded as to whether Russia would use tactical nuclear weapons in Ukraine: “One of my concerns is that, ironically, the more success the Ukrainians have, the greater the risk that Putin will do something, because he’s losing and has to

save face at home. And so the potential of a chemical, biological or tactical nuclear weapon may grow as a result of that. And that is a real concern.” He then summarized the lies that Putin had used chemical weapons against civilians in Syria, and that therefore he is “capable” of committing like attacks in Ukraine.

UKRAINE WAR & SANCTIONS

German Feminist Leader Warns of Danger of World War III

May 2 (EIRNS)—If Germany delivers offensive weapons to Ukraine, “we must ask ourselves whether we are not escalating the drama,” leading German feminist Alice Schwarzer said today on Deutschlandfunk radio. The danger of getting into a Third World War is real, she said. “We have reached a point ... where Germany—and all of Western Europe—risks becoming a party to the war.”

Schwarzer said, “We wonder how compelling the further destruction of Ukraine and the thousands of deaths are.” She also referred to surveys on arms deliveries, which showed that about half of Germans were against the delivery of more weapons. This is something that needs to be discussed, she said.

Schwarzer is the initiator of an Open Letter signed by 27 other prominent artists, calling on the German government not to pump weapons into Ukraine, thereby prolonging the war and suffering, but to, instead, take the lead in diplomatic efforts for a peace solution. The letter, introduced at the end of last week, had more than 140,000 digital signatures by this morning.

The 28 signers of the open letter, who are very different, were counting on more intensive negotiations to end the Ukraine war, with a non-military solution, Schwarzer said. The point, she said, is to keep the high price for Ukrainians small. “We’re sitting here on the balcony looking down into the battlefield. We’re not dying.”

The feminist had already warned on May 1 on the Bild talk show, “The Right Questions”: “For the first time in my life, I am seriously convinced of the danger of a new world war.” While helping Ukrainians defend themselves was the right thing to do, she said, it was a matter of “drawing a very difficult line between support for defense and the supply of weapons that can be understood by Mr. Putin as weapons of aggression.”

If the Russian leadership describes the danger of a conflict waged with nuclear weapons as very concrete, “then we simply have to take that seriously and weigh it very carefully,” Schwarzer said on the talk show. At the same time, she warned against overstating Ukraine’s “admirable” military successes against Putin’s forces. “Such selective victories are one thing. Bringing the world’s second nuclear power to its knees in its entirety is something else.”

NEW ECONOMIC ORDER

Peskov Also Forecasts Gold Backing for New Ruble

May 2 (EIRNS)—Secretary of the Russian National Security Council Nikolay Patrushev’s April 26 comment that Moscow “is working on linking the price of the ruble to gold and other commodities” was reinforced later the same day by President Vladimir Putin’s spokesman Dmitry Peskov. Peskov said “The question of creating a financial system in Russia, in which the ruble’s value will be tied to gold and currency assets, is now being discussed.”

However, Bank of Russia Governor Elvira Nabiullina evidently is not part of and/or not sympathetic to these discussions. On the same day as Patrushev and Peskov’s statements, Nabiullina remarked at a press conference that “it is not being discussed in any way”; moreover, she stressed that the ruble must have a floating exchange rate. Nabiullina’s answer was to a question by Reuters, and it was reported internationally only by Reuters.

The Bank of Russia central bank made another substantial cut April 29, from 17% to 14%, in the very high interest rate (of 20%) it set March 1 in reaction to NATO's monster financial sanctions. The Bank of Russia is now forecasting an inflation rate between 18% and 23% in Russia in 2022 as a whole, but says it could be lower depending on the "pace of import substitution and the restructuring of the Russian economy."

African Countries Continue To Defend Rights To Develop Domestic Resources

May 2 (EIRNS)—During a seminar on "the challenges and opportunities for promoting an inclusive energy transition in Mozambique," organized by the (British/Nigerian) Center for Democracy and Development on April 28, the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Mineral Resources and Energy Teodoro Vales came out strongly for the defense of African countries to use their own resources for development. While in the previously discussed case of Nigeria this has referred to development of domestic natural gas, in Mozambique's case, it includes that most offensive of fuels—coal.

"A lot is said about abandoning coal," said Vales, "But right now [exportation of] coal is the major contributor to the balance of payments, and in second place we have the heavy mineral sands. So we cannot abandon these sources from one day to the next, because the necessary conditions must be in place for us to do this."

According to coverage in the Club of Mozambique, Vales added that the current government "has set the ambitious target of producing an extra 600 MW of power by 2024, of which 400 MW will be generated by gas-fired power stations, and 200 MW will come from solar, wind and hydro-electric power."

This sentiment was echoed separately in Angola, during a "conference on the current situation of the mining sector" on April 26. Diamantino de Azevedo, Angola's Minister for Mineral Resources, Oil and Gas, told attendees that the Angolan government will continue to pay special attention to the country's mineral wealth, creating a business environment capable of attracting investors to the mining sector.

While in Angola that usually refers to the major export, diamonds, according to de Azevedo, “currently over 20 national and foreign companies had a license to explore for gold, copper and lithium,” reported Agencia Angola Press. A report from August 2021 in *Miningmx*, says that neighboring Botswana is also currently assisting exploration for new coal reserves—including advancing financing—a situation which mining consultants note is “vastly different” from the situation in South Africa, where coal is being shut down.

SCIENCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Sanctioned by Europe, Russia Now Plans Lunar Work with China

May 2 (EIRNS)—Just days after Europe’s space agency ESA suspended cooperation with Russia on all Moon missions, Moscow turned to China in search of a partner. According to TASS, Roscosmos Chief Dmitry Rogozin is taking lunar proposals to China. “Before the end of May, I plan to hold detailed dialogue with our Chinese colleagues on our cooperation in this direction,” he told TASS.

This partnership will be in line with Roscosmos’ deal with the China National Space Administration signed between the two agencies in 2017, regarding a space cooperation program that was planned for 2018 to 2022. Under the deal, both agencies had agreed on subjects such as the study of the Moon and of deep space, space research and related technologies, satellites and their use, the component’s base and materials, interaction on data of Earth’s remote sensing and other issues.

Apart from the 2017 agreement, Rogozin had also signed an MOU with CNSA head Zhang Kejian for building an international lunar station in Moon orbit. The development follows Rogozin’s statement of partnering with China if Western countries refuse to remove sanctions imposed on Russia for its military operation in Ukraine.

Webb Telescope Outshines All Expectations

May 2 (EIRNS)—On April 28, NASA and JPL announced another crucial achievement for the [James Webb Space Telescope](#)—the alignment of the telescope is complete, and it's been confirmed that each of its powerful onboard science instruments is capable of capturing crisp, well-focused images, which were proudly posted by NASA on the website.

The team has decided to move forward with the next and final steps in preparation for its scientific operations, which are known as the science instrument commissioning. This is expected to take about two months.

Mashable India website reported on April 30: “For the test, Webb pointed at part of the Large Magellanic Cloud, a small satellite galaxy of the Milky Way, revealing a deep, dense field of hundreds of thousands of stars, registering across all the observatory’s sensors. Though space telescope images sometimes recreate color the way people’s eyes perceive them, other times they’re selected to highlight specific features. Engineers chose the scarlet palette to emphasize contrast.”

NASA’s caption on the Webb Telescope Image Sharpness Check concluded: “Webb’s Fine Guidance Sensor tracks guide stars to point the observatory accurately and precisely; its two sensors are not generally used for scientific imaging but can take calibration images such as those shown here. This image data is used not just to assess image sharpness but also to precisely measure and calibrate subtle image distortions and alignments between sensors as part of Webb’s overall instrument calibration process.”

The optical performance continues to exceed the engineering team’s wildest expectations. NASA’s website continues: “Webb’s mirrors are now directing fully focused light collected from space down into each instrument, and each instrument is successfully capturing images with the light being delivered to them. The image quality delivered to all instruments is ‘diffraction-limited,’ meaning that the fineness of detail that can be seen is as good as physically possible given the size of the telescope. From this point forward the only changes to the mirrors will be very small, periodic adjustments to the primary mirror segments.”

“ ‘These remarkable test images from a successfully aligned telescope demonstrate what people across countries and continents can achieve when there is a bold scientific vision to explore the universe,’ said Lee Feinberg, Webb optical telescope element manager at NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center....

“ ‘With the completion of telescope alignment and half a lifetime’s worth of effort, my role on the James Webb Space Telescope mission has come to an end,’ said Scott Acton, Webb wavefront sensing and controls scientist, Ball Aerospace. ‘These images have profoundly changed the way I see the universe. We are surrounded by a symphony of creation; there are galaxies everywhere! It is my hope that everyone in the world can see them.’ ”

COLLAPSING WESTERN FINANCIAL SYSTEM

Americans’ Real Incomes Are Falling Quite Rapidly

May 2 (EIRNS)—U.S. Labor Department data released this week along with the Commerce Department’s report of declining GDP in the first quarter of 2022, show that the real incomes of U.S. employees are falling faster than the -2.7% at which real weekly wages have been reported to have declined over the past year to March 2022.

First of all, the inflation-adjusted total compensation costs of employers for civilian workers in the United States economy dropped by a much larger -3.7% , consisting of a -4.2% drop in real benefit values, and a -3.6% decline in the real cost to employers of wages and salaries. This is over the same year to March 2022, and was reported April 29 in the Labor Department’s Employment Cost Index.

Moreover, the Federal Reserve reported April 29 that over the four quarters ending with March 2022, the purchasing power of U.S. household incomes after taxes dropped by \$2.2 trillion in 2021 dollars, and that constitutes a decline of -10.9% , easily the largest such drop since at least 1947 when this data record began.

Cruelly, it was the Federal Reserve and Treasury's "turning off the tap" of massive money-printing and borrowing and unproductive spending since 2019, which made this drop in real household income so large. That same massive money-printing, by the time it was put on pause, had been the trigger setting off raging inflation in an unproductive economy.