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EDITORIAL

Ukraine, and the ‘Ibykus Principle’

July 29 (EIRNS)—On Thursday, July 28, a group of independent-minded writers, journalists and thinkers, most of them former participants in symposia organized by the Schiller Institute, began circulating the following response to an operation, launched by the multiple intelligence

agencies of NATO, to discredit them and prevent their exposure of the true nature of the so-called “Ukraine conflict.” That statement reads:

“We, the participants in various conferences of the Schiller Institute, are accused of promoting ‘Russian propaganda’ on a list posted by the Ukrainian ‘Center for Countering Disinformation,’ which is officially part of Ukraine’s National Security and Defense Council, operating under the authority of the President.

“In times of war, publishing such a list is tantamount to targeting individuals. It is all the more unacceptable that the list agglomerates the names of many speakers, representing top institutions from around the globe, with diverse opinions, who are involved in a dialogue, searching to arrive at peace in the interest of all.

“To assume that such a wide array of speakers are all ‘Putin agents’ and can’t think for themselves, can only be explained by a belief in conspiracy theories, or as mere vulgar propaganda, or both. The key question is whether the listed speakers are promoting viewpoints consonant with the truth.

“Normally, this would be up to an audience to decide. But the U.S./NATO efforts to blacklist those that would offer any ‘alternative narrative’ on Ukraine, until now, remains unchallenged.

“So, hats off to Ukraine for providing a handy list of speakers who voice different ideas.

“Those interested in finding out the truth will now be better able to compare the official story—the ‘narrative’—with an uncompromised critique, determine which can bear close scrutiny, and decide for themselves which analysis is closer to the truth.”

Many of those who appeared on the “Ukrainian blacklist” have endorsed this statement, and other names are now being added.

Ukraine’s destruction, an ugly affair that began with the “Project Democracy” illegal, criminal overthrow of the democratically elected government of Ukraine, directly managed by the United States State

Department's Victoria Nuland in February of 2014, is staged in two senses. First, Ukraine is one step in a larger, criminal process, spoken of by Britain's Prince Charles at the COP26 Halloween ghoulish fest in November of last year, of destroying national governments and national sovereignty in the name of "saving the planet." In Glasgow, Charles had proclaimed: "Here is needed a vast military-style campaign to marshal the strength of the global private sector. With trillions at its disposal, far beyond global GDP, and with the greatest respect, beyond even the governments of the world's leaders, it offers the only *real* prospect of achieving fundamental economic transition." Therefore, Ukraine, "in Her Majesty's Service," has been selected to be used as the "front line" in this global restructuring as a means to "jump-start," the Malthusian mass-depopulation of the globe.

Two of the Four Horsemen—war and famine, the latter affecting literally millions throughout the world—were being widely spread through that conflict, until last week's Black Sea Agreement in Istanbul, Turkey. That food export agreement represented, as UN Secretary General Guterres said, "a beacon on the Black Sea, a beacon of hope, a beacon of possibility, of relief in a world that needs it more than ever." Only days before, Helga Zepp-LaRouche, in the first sentence of her statement, "Lift Sanctions Against Russia Immediately!" said: "Only a fool can't see it: The sanctions against Russia only harm Russia marginally, but they threaten to permanently destroy entire key areas of industry and agriculture in Germany and all of Europe!"

Those that are fighting to shut the Ukraine war down, to shut the sanctions down, and to create an ad hoc committee that promotes a new, just economic system, combining the aspirations of the 1955 Bandung Conference with the FDR's original aspirations for the 1944 Bretton Woods process, have a vision for a real future for humanity. They are the natural enemies of the British Foreign Office's "junior partners," the Allen Dulles/John Foster Dulles-oriented American State Departments of the post-FDR era. It is this "special relationship" of the U.S. and Great Britain that has been responsible for overthrowing scores of the world's governments, and for involving the United States in useless,

counterproductive wars for the past seven decades. And specifically, with respect to the Schiller Institute, we now know that on July 14, the day of the issuance of the Ukrainian blacklist including 30 participants at our previous conferences, Andriy Shapovalov, head of the Center for Countering Disinformation, spoke at a conference where he termed those opposing the accepted “Ukraine narrative” with the truth to be “information terrorists.”

On that occasion, Shapovalov said, “Information terrorists should know that they will have to answer to the law as war criminals.” Organizations present for this speech included the U.S. Civilian Research and Development Foundation (CRDF Global Ukraine), the NGO “International Academy of Information” and the “National Cyber Security Cluster.” The event was held with the support of the U.S. State Department.

The State Department involvement poses an interesting question, especially considering the implicit threats issued against not only American citizens, but American candidates for elective office as well, namely Diane Sare and Geoff Young. As Scott Ritter points out in his open letter to Senators Chuck Schumer and Christine Gillibrand, and Rep. Paul Tonko, “on July 12, 2022, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) issued a press release in which it announced that \$1.7 billion in direct budgetary aid was provided to Ukraine under Public Law 117-128, which allowed the Government of Ukraine, among other things, to pay the salaries of Ukrainian civil servants. This would logically include the salaries of the employees of the Ukrainian Center for Countering Disinformation.

“As a constituent whose name has appeared on a so-called ‘blacklist’ published by the Ukrainian Center for Countering Disinformation, my personal and professional life has been, and continues to be, detrimentally impacted by the chilling effect of being labeled a ‘Russian propagandist’ for simply exercising the right to free speech guaranteed by the United States Constitution. Moreover, Ukraine has a history of converting ‘blacklists’ of this nature into ‘kill lists,’ where those who speak out against

the policies of the Ukrainian government are being murdered or threatened with violence. I am certain you agree with me that Congress cannot be in a position where, through its actions, foreign governments are provided the means to intimidate citizens of the United States from exercising their Constitutionally protected rights regarding free speech.”

This is no time to remain “an average person” to idly stand by as these crimes are committed in the name of “democracy,” and in the name of the United States—in your name. This is no time for those who know better, to squat and pretend that they are simply “the average person.” There is a way to both know the truth, and to fight for it. As economist and statesman Lyndon LaRouche asked, in his document “[The Science of the Human Mind](#)”: “*How is universal truth defined with certainty, and what are the human mind’s potentialities for ordered progress in discovering this universal truth?*” [Emphasis in original.]

LaRouche’s life and work were the answer to that question. It was perhaps inevitable, that in this 100th anniversary-year of the birth of Lyndon LaRouche, the [cranes of justice](#) would once again circle above the heads of a world polity, and, as with the poet Ibykus, compel those that are now responsible for the greatest of crimes being committed against humanity, to unexpectedly speak his name, and thus, despite their intent, admit their nature, and their guilt.

FLASH! An NBC News article was posted tonight with the following title and sub-head: “[Russian Operative Used U.S. Activist Groups To Spread Propaganda, Feds Say...](#) Aleksandr Viktorovich Ionov also worked to interfere in U.S. elections and undermine support for Ukraine, the Department of Justice said in an indictment.” “It did not identify the U.S.-based groups. But shortly after the Ionov indictment was announced, the FBI in Tampa confirmed to local media it had raided headquarters of the Uhuru Movement in St. Petersburg, Florida, in connection with the alleged conspiracy.”

- Watch [Harley's Updates](#) with Harley Schlanger on Monday August 1, 2022: Every weekday morning on The LaRouche Organization, Schlanger will give you the strategic briefing you need to start your day.

STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

Investigate State Department Role in Assembling Ukrainian Hit List

July 29 (EIRNS)—Ukraine's Center for Countering Disinformation (CCD) published a new report on July 14, fingering [78 international "speakers"](#) as purveyors of alleged "Russian propaganda." The first 30 names on the list, including Schiller Institute founder Helga Zepp-LaRouche, all had one thing in common: Each had spoken before at least one Schiller Institute international conference this year.

A number of the 78 named by the CCD, which operates under the Ukrainian presidency's National Security and Defense Council, warned after learning of its existence that this was a hit list, and a threat to their personal security.

Andriy Shapovalov, acting head of the CCD, has made that threat explicit. In an address to an international roundtable on countering disinformation on July 14, the very day the CCD list was released, Shapovalov charged that people who deliberately spread disinformation are "information terrorists," subject to be tried as "war criminals."

As reported on the CCD's "Events" page: Shapovalov emphasized to the (unnamed) participating "representatives of state authorities, public organizations, mass media and international experts," that " 'people who deliberately spread disinformation are information terrorists.' He noted that in order to protect the information space, it is necessary to make changes to the legislation. 'Information terrorists should know that they will have to answer to the law as war criminals,' he emphasized."

The U.S. State Department played a key role in organizing and funding the roundtable to which Shapovalov delivered this chilling threat, on the very day his center published its hit list. As the following initial

investigation shows, the State Department knew or should have known of the threats issued. The question arises: Were any State Department officials involved in drawing up the hit list and encouraging its publication?

According to the CCD, the conference was “supported”—that is, funded—by the State Department, and the U.S.-headquartered Civilian Research and Development Foundation (CRDF Global Ukraine) was responsible for organizing the event, along with several Ukrainian outfits.

Funders of the CRDF Global Ukraine, a public-private organization “founded in 1995 in response to the collapse of the Soviet Union,” include the State Department, State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, the Defense Department, and DOD’s Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA), the “U.K. government,” and the U.K. government’s Counter Proliferation & Arms Control Centre. Led and staffed primarily by people with long careers with the U.S. “MICIMATT” (Military-Industrial-Congressional-Intelligence-Media-Academia-Think-Tank complex), “Countering Disinformation and Cyber Security” is one of the CRDF’s “strategic areas,” along with nuclear proliferation and bioweapons lab operations, and a few other areas. The CRDF’s Eastern Europe & Eurasia Hub has operated out of Kiev since 1997.

In April 2022, U.S. Department of State Senior Assistance Coordinator for Ukrainian Affairs David Shlaefer played a leading role in a “national cybersecurity cluster” held by the National Cybersecurity Coordinating Center of Ukraine’s National Security and Defense Council, with support from CRDF Global and the U.S. State Department Office of the Coordinator for Assistance to Europe and Eurasia, according to the CRDF.

It is clear that, should anything happen to any of the 78 people included on the Ukrainian hit list, the U.S. State Department could be held co-responsible for that harm.

Ukraine Accuses Russia of ‘Stealing’ Grain on Syrian Food Vessel That Docked in Lebanon

July 29 (EIRNS)—Another incident of Ukraine, London and their cohorts blaming Russia for “stealing grain” produced in Ukraine is playing out this week. This is right on cue to cause disruption to the July 22 four-way signed “Black Sea Grain Initiative,” under which grain is being loaded right now from three designated Ukraine ports, with the ships soon to embark.

The incident kicked off when the Syria-owned ship *Laodicea*, carrying flour and barley, landed in the Lebanese port of Tripoli on July 28, and the Ukraine ambassador objected to the Lebanese government that the cargo was grain that Russia stole from Ukraine. Ukraine is demanding confiscation and an investigation.

As of today, the Lebanese government seems to have rejected the Ukrainian accusation. AP has a report from a “senior Lebanese customs official” that there was “nothing wrong” when customs inspected the *Laodicea*. Its papers are in order. The ship is carrying barley and several thousand tons of flour. The Russian Embassy in Beirut has declared Ukraine’s charges “baseless.” The Lebanese private purchaser reports that some of the flour was to be offloaded in Beirut, and the remainder go on to Syria.

Expect more to play out on this incident. It is a repeat of charges made in recent months by Ukrainian officials, that Russia was “stealing” grain grown in Ukraine, and shipping it out of Crimea.

There are more sordid details to this week’s incident. The *Laodicea* vessel and its Syrian company owner are both under sanctions from the U.S. Treasury Department since 2015, according to media reports.

The need for grain, flour, cooking oil, and other staple foods is desperate in Lebanon, Syria, Yemen, and elsewhere, making this geopolitical incident especially heinous. There were bread protests outside bakeries in Lebanon this week.

In reality, there is every reason to accept Russia's report that they are buying some grain locally, and shipping it. Plus, in any devastated area, where grain is abandoned in silos or elevators, better it should go to human use, than to rats or rot.

COLLAPSING WESTERN FINANCIAL SYSTEM

Senior German Bank Official Reveals Sanctions Are a Boomerang for the West

July 29 (EIRNS)—Helaba Die Landesbank Hessen-Thüringen Chief Economist [Gertrud Traud](#) has assessed that the sanctions against Russia have harmed Germany and the entire rest of the world more than the country against which they were directed. She further concludes that the impact of the war and the sanctions on the Russian economy is much less than initially expected. On the one hand, Russia was better prepared for war than U.S. and NATO had assumed, and on the other hand, Russia's ostensible isolation in the world is not as strong as they had hoped.

The anticipated shortage of imports into Russia as a result of sanctions have not had the desired effect of destabilizing Russia as much as expected. On the contrary, Russian international trade is steadily increasing, e.g. China holding on to the construction of a gas pipeline. However, in the world's poorer countries, the danger of significant crises from the sanctions continues to grow.

It is aggravating how significantly the U.S. and NATO had overestimated the vulnerability and fragility of Russia related to the importance of its now-blocked supply of raw materials for global trade.

Therefore, Traud concludes that sanctions against Russia cannot “win” anything in this way.

Italian Think Tank Cautions, ‘Farm to Fork’ Green Agriculture Is Turning Europe into Wasteland

July 29 (EIRNS)—A study published by the Italian think-tank Divulga says that the EU Green Deal strategy will reduce agriculture production overall

by 10-30%. The price of beef will increase by 24%; pork by 43%; grain imports will increase by 24%; rapeseed 98%. Italy will export 50% less olive oil and wine, whose price will increase 24-46%.

This is the combined result of the “Farm To Fork” policy and the introduction of the “Nutriscore,” a nutrition rating label based on the British Food Standards Agency nutrient profiling system.

An article in the daily *La Verità*, reporting the Divulga study, comments that “The Farm To Fork program ... will transform Europe into a garden without farming, outsource the fulfillment of food needs to unhealthy and polluting foreign productions, and move environmental garbage to the rest of the world.” Consequences are already visible: Italian fresh produce exports dropped by 3.15% (8.1% in value) in the first four months of the year according to Fruitimprese.

The article cites a study by the Joint Research Center of the EU, which has been classified because of its negative evaluation of the Farm To Fork strategy, the U.S. Agriculture Department (USDA) and the Wageningen University as well.

NEW ECONOMIC ORDER

China’s Exports Surge in First Half of 2022, Amid Zero Tolerance Methods in Shanghai COVID-19 Outbreak

July 29 (EIRNS)—China’s trade for the first six months of 2022 jumped to \$2.94 trillion (19.8 trillion yuan), a 9.4% increase compared to the first six months of 2021, China’s General Administration of Customs reports. Comparing the first six months of 2022 to the first half of 2021, China’s exports shot up 13.4% to \$1.65 trillion, and its imports rose by 3.4% to \$1.29 trillion.

China’s trade growth was led by exports, and a preliminary look at the data shows manufacturing and industrial goods constituted well over 50% of China’s exports.

China's trade growth dumbfounded and far exceeded "expert predictions": Its trade grew by 0.1% in April over March; 9.5% in May, relative to April; and 14.3 % in June over May. What surprised most is that China was able to accomplish this despite taking the world's most rigorous measures to combat an outbreak of the COVID-19 Omicron variant in Shanghai (its largest manufacturing city), which ran from Feb. 28 to July 20. Beijing's health authorities responded with mass testing and a strict lockdown in Shanghai in its zero-tolerance COVID policy. The outbreak also spread to Beijing, Guangdong, and Hunan.

China implemented its measures because of the belief that every human life is sacred. The British financiers and others have tried to browbeat China into tolerating an "acceptable death" level from the disease, rather than save everyone.

China's latest trade figures show that a commitment to manufacturing, and also to a zero-COVID policy, with rigorous testing and inoculation, reinforce one another.

GREEN GREAT RESET

Malthusian Slow Medicine Promotes Lie that Advanced Healthcare Endangers the Planet

July 29 (EIRNS)—Green ideologues threaten to make Jonathan Swift's "Modest Proposal" look like a realistic proposition. A "Slow Medicine" initiative claims that healthcare, in particular modern diagnostics such as magnetic resonance, is a climate killer and therefore humanity must de facto renounce modern healthcare. Results of a so-called study were presented at a Turin conference on "Choosing Wisely" organized by "Slow Medicine" on July 25.

"The environment is a health issue, changes in the environment affect health," explains Guido Giustetto, head of the Physicians Association of Turin, "but there is another very interesting relationship, which is not always known: It is the fact that the health system, the system of health organizations contributes, in a part that is not exactly small, to global

warming. Some studies calculate this to be around 4 to 4.5%. So the totality of our activities also generates an increase in temperatures.

“Let’s take concrete examples, to understand what we are talking about. If we, for example, take a blood test, we contribute to the production of carbon dioxide, CO₂, and therefore to an increase in heat. To give an idea, for every thousand blood tests we pollute, through the production of CO₂, as if we drove 700 km by car. But the most discouraging figure is that for CT scans, MRIs. An MRI working for an average year produces an amount of CO₂ corresponding to the pollution produced by a car traveling 500,000 km.

“What can we do then as physicians?” Giustetto asks. “We have two paths: the first is to try to make people, and also our colleagues, aware of this phenomenon. The second is to move concretely: when we decide to prescribe an MRI, a blood test, remind ourselves that if it’s not essential, if it’s not appropriate, if it’s not important, in addition to doing something useless and therefore wasting resources, we also do damage because we increase the problem of temperatures and therefore the climate crisis that we are experiencing” (although he gives zero evidence that blood tests or MRIs, or for that matter CO₂, have anything to do with temperatures.)

The first “Slow Medicine” society was born in Italy in 2011. Slow Medicine is associated with “Choosing Wisely,” an initiative of the American Board of Internal Medicine Foundation.

Greens Have To Go, Nuclear Power Must Be Restarted!

July 29 (EIRNS)—The German government is introducing a so-called gas levy. Economics Minister Robert Habeck (Greens) expects additional costs of several hundred euros per household! This step is “necessary to protect gas suppliers from bankruptcy,” he says. This levy will be imposed in addition to higher gas prices consumers will be forced to pay anyway. The gas bills will be up to €2,000 more for a 4-person household for the winter season. For millions of very-low-income households, all of this amounts to 1.5 of their monthly incomes.

Gas customers will likely have to pay a new levy starting in October, because of the rapid rise in prices for gas imported from countries other than Russia, which the government is pushing. With the levy, the government is allowing struggling importers to quietly pass on costs to households and industry, despite existing contracts!

The other aspect of the Habeck policy is drastic cuts in consumption of gas—in private households, the industry and in the public administration. As for the last, Hannover has been the first to take drastic measures to reduce energy consumption, announcing that henceforth public employees have to wash their hands with cold water at work. Moreover, the city’s residents will also have to brace for colder temperatures indoors, with the maximum room temperature in public buildings, including day-care centers, limited to 20°C (68°F). In sports halls, it cannot exceed 15°C (59°F), and outside lights for public buildings will be switched off.

Whereas this leads nowhere, the resumption of calls against shutting down nuclear power, due to be completed at the end of this year, provide some light on the horizon. The most prominent figures insisting on maintaining nuclear power has been Christian Democratic Union Chairman Friedrich Merz, who also recommended the development of thermonuclear fusion. His own CDU, however, had led the government in its effort to shut down Germany’s nuclear power after the Fukushima nuclear problems in Japan from the March 2011 tsunami (an extraordinarily infrequent occurrence in Germany).

U.S. POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

Bloomberg News Operative Demands To Keep Gas at \$5 a Gallon

July 29 (EIRNS)—Bloomberg Opinion columnist Eduardo Porter, in a July 20 op-ed, “[The Earth Wants Biden To Keep Gas Prices High](#),” lays out a policy whose effect would be to savage economies and depopulate the world. Porter argues: “When President Joe Biden visits the decommissioned coal-fired Brayton Point power plant in Somerset, Massachusetts, on Wednesday [July 20] to lay out his planned executive

actions on climate, his allies will be looking for bold initiatives.... But here's one bold move that Biden is unlikely to make, despite the real dent it would put in the emission of heat-trapping carbon dioxide: Stop the fall in gasoline prices.”

Porter avers that high energy prices should make people “use less energy altogether.” He excoriates Biden’s recent trip to Saudi Arabia, in an attempt to get the Saudis to bring down gasoline prices: “one wonders what to make of a president who invokes a climate emergency yet fails to understand climate change.”

“Keeping gas at \$5 by presidential fiat, is probably more difficult than I imagine.... But perhaps there is a method whereby any drop in price automatically triggers an increase in the gas tax, such that the average price to the consumer remains at \$5.”

At a July 19 hearing, U.S. Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg insisted, “the more pain that we are all experiencing from the high price of gas, the more benefit there is for those who can access electric vehicles.”

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Chinese Science Team Unveils Lunar-Based Phase for ‘Planetary Defense System’ from Asteroids, Comets

July 29 (EIRNS)—China has an ambitious plan for a “Planetary Defense System,” to protect the Earth against celestial threats. Wu Weiren, the chief designer of the Chinese Lunar Exploration Program, has released his idea for a new phase of that program in a Chinese peer-reviewed journal *Scientia Sinica Informationis*, according to July 23 *South China Morning Post*, in [“China Plans Turning the Moon into an Outpost for Defending the Earth from Asteroids, Say Scientists.”](#)

Wu explains, according to Hong Kong’s *SCMP*: “The new plan included putting three guardian satellites carrying lots of fuel and kinetic weapons into the Moon’s orbit around the Earth. Two optical telescopes would be built on the Moon’s south and north poles to survey the sky for any threats

that slipped through the ground-base early warning network, especially those approaching from the blind side facing the Sun....

“Under the plan, when the system detects a surprise visitor with the potential to cause severe damage, it sends one or all of the guardian satellites to intercept the asteroid with a lead time as short as a week, faster than any large rockets launched from Earth could be, according to the team.”

The paper by Wu and his colleagues describes how “It will have the ability to intercept incoming asteroids from all directions, and can form a defense circle about twice the size between the Moon and Earth—about 800,000 km in diameter.”

China is building an Earth defense system consisting of giant radars and telescopes on our planet in an attempt to manage an extinction event such as the one that wiped out the dinosaurs about 65 million years ago. But there are limits to an Earth-based system, according to Wu. Although the chance of extinction-level impact remains low, about 60% of asteroids big enough to destroy a country were not recorded and tracked by humans, according to an estimate by astrophysicists. None of the major impact incidents on Earth since the 1970s triggered an alert until the asteroid hit.

“These asteroids all came from the direction of the Sun,” according to Wu’s research team. The Sun’s glare made detection using optical telescopes almost impossible. Radar systems performed best when tracking known targets. And the growing population of satellites in orbit further reduces the chance of discovering small celestial objects from a distance, they wrote. Wu’s team maintains that most of these problems could be overcome with telescopes operated at the Moon’s polar regions, saying they calculated that the viewing angles of lunar telescopes would almost perfectly cover the entire blind spot on Earth.

In part because of the expense, China would likely invite other countries to collaborate on building observatories as part of the International Lunar Research Station, a project jointly launched by China and Russia to build a permanent settlement on the Moon by 2030, reports Wu’s team.