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EDITORIAL

Mind, Production, and Artistic Imagination Make a Nation Sovereign, Explains Putin in Vladivostok

Sept. 14, 2023 (EIRNS)—Russian President Vladimir Putin provided a succinct account of what sovereignty of a country means, in such a way that it also most naturally cooperates with other sovereign countries. After his keynote address to the [Eastern Economic Forum](#) in Vladivostok on Sept. 12, he fielded numerous questions posed by EEF moderator Ilya Doronov, also a managing director of the RBC TV channel, about the future of the Far East and Russia over the next decade. Putin was profound and to the point:

“We are the makers of our future.... Scientists engage in R&D. Industrialists work in the sphere of material production, agriculture, in the industrial sector, etc. Cultural figures create images to preserve our values, which shape the inner life of every person and each citizen of Russia. All of this taken together will certainly yield a result.”

That is, scientific ideas drive R&D. That gets realized in production, the actual transformation of nature. And artists do something similar with the inner life—that is, what Friedrich Schiller famously described as the “aesthetic education” of mankind. Putin continued:

“All of this should become embodied in our country’s self-reliance, including in the areas of security and defense. But this does not mean that this country will go into self-isolation. This means that we will develop our own country and make it even stronger in cooperation with our partners and friends and in integration with the overwhelming majority of countries that represent most of the world population.

“I have already mentioned industry, science, and so on. But in so doing, we must under all circumstances preserve the soul of Russia, the soul of our multi-ethnic and multi-faith nation. This humanitarian component, along with science, education and real production, will be the basis upon which

this country will advance, while feeling and taking itself as a sovereign and fully independent state with good prospects for development. It will be this way.”

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NEW STRATEGIC & ECONOMIC ARCHITECTURE

Hong Kong Hosts Belt & Road Summit, Its Special Role Identified

Sept. 14, 2023 (EIRNS)—Hong Kong is the host for a Belt and Road summit this week, and the semi-official *Global Times* made a strong case that [Hong Kong](#), as a meeting ground between mainland China and the world, has a special role. They report: “With nearly 6,000 attendees and over 100 overseas and mainland delegations to the 8th Belt and Road summit in Hong Kong, Hong Kong is back on the world stage, eyeing closer partnerships with regions including the Middle East and Southeast Asia as the year also marks the 10th anniversary of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).”

John Lee, the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region explained: “Hong Kong is a participant, contributor and beneficiary of the BRI. The city, which serves as an important conduit between the Chinese mainland and the world, is expanding cooperation with BRI partners in a wide range of areas, including trade and investment, innovation and technology, and infrastructure development.” He pointed out that more agreements were being signed at this summit than at any other. “These record-breaking numbers are clear and compelling confirmation that Hong Kong has returned to the world’s center stage,” he said.

Lau Siu-kai, a member of the Chief Executive Policy Unit Expert Group, was quoted: “Given the hostility of the U.S.-led West, Hong Kong

needs to expand its international space to freely maneuver. The city has to actively participate in the BRI and forge stronger ties with the countries involved in the BRI.” *Global Times* wrote that Lau described Hong Kong as a financial, services, trade, information, legal settlement, and shipping hub, which can help to integrate the nations participating in the BRI. “With the steadfast support of the central government, Hong Kong’s status as a hub in the BRI will be enhanced, and that is the reason why Hong Kong is still able to win recognition worldwide notwithstanding hostility from the U.S.-led West.”

Vice-Premier Ding Xuexiang addressed the gathering by video, assuring everyone, as *Global Times* put it, that the “central government supports Hong Kong in maintaining its unique status and advantages, consolidating its position as an international center for finance, shipping, and trade, upholding a free and open business environment based on standard practices, preserving the common law system, and expanding smooth and convenient international connections, enabling it to play an even more vital role in the BRI...” The authors then quoted Ding: “We hope that Hong Kong will deepen regional cooperation, expand its trade network, and engage in closer interactions and collaborations with the rest of the world.”

COLLAPSING WESTERN SYSTEM

Kiev Announces Assassination of ‘Kremlin Propagandist’ for Next Week

Sept. 14, 2023 (EIRNS)—The American transgender woman [Sarah Ashton-Cirillo](#), Ukraine’s new English-language spokesperson for their controversial “Territorial Defense Forces,” yesterday broadcast a threat to assassinate those who publicly voice the “Kremlin line”: “Next week, the teeth of the Russian devils will gnash ever harder, and their rabid mouths will foam in uncontrollable frenzy as the world will see a favorite Kremlin propagandist pay for their crimes. And this puppet of Putin is only the first. Russia’s war criminal propagandists will all be hunted down, and justice

will be served as we in Ukraine are led on this mission by faith in God, liberty and complete liberation.”

Today Valery Fadeev, the chairman of Russia’s presidential human rights council, urged national law enforcement to take the threat seriously. The remark appears to be “a threat of murder or serious bodily harm” and thus a crime under Russian law. “Considering the lamentable record of attempts on the lives of Russian journalists and public figures.... Russian security services should pay attention to it.” He declared that it should not be dismissed out of hand just because of its over-the-top presentation.

Ashton-Cirillo, a “leftist” who attempted to organize the far right to a rally in Las Vegas, to disrupt the 2020 election, and who attempted to be an FBI informant against a Republican city council candidate, is not above making outlandish statements just to call attention to herself, and she has initiated minute-long videos called “Russia Hates the Truth.” But Kiev has declared that the speech or writings of journalists, professors, politicians, etc., are to be treated as soldiers firing bullets, making them legitimate targets for elimination.

The hate and desperation Ashton-Cirillo expresses may be her own, but they are coherent with the hitlists of Ukraine’s notorious “Myrotvorets” and of the Kiev Presidency’s “Center for Countering Disinformation,” including the assassinations of journalist Darya Dugina, military blogger Vladlen Tatarsky, Ukrainian elected officials and others. Russia’s Federal Security Service reported that, in July, they busted a Kiev-run group believed to have intended to assassinate RT Editor-in-Chief Margarita Simonyan and journalist Ksenia Sobchak.

Kiev’s Podolyak Strikes Again, Says India and China Have ‘Low Intellectual Potential’

Sept. 14, 2023 (EIRNS)—The adviser to the head of Ukraine’s Office of the President Mykhailo Podolyak first explained two days ago that India and China “have low intellectual potential”—and then, yesterday, just when it could not get worse, he succeeded in making it worse.

Podolyak explained that India, China, and Türkiye were “profiting” from the war by maintaining trade with Russia. “Technically, it is in their national interests,” but, for example, “China should be interested in Russia disappearing, because it is an archaic nation that drags China into unnecessary conflicts. It would be in their interest now to distance themselves from Russia as far as possible, take all the resources it has, and take part of the Russian territory under their legal control,” he reportedly told Ukrainian media on Sept. 12. That evidently is how China would act if its intellectual potential were sufficient. And assumedly India and Türkiye had advantages in destroying Russia that they were seeing.

However, the “problem with these countries is that they do not analyze the consequences of their own moves. These countries, unfortunately, have low intellectual potential.” He admitted that India had a lunar exploration program—evidently without noticing that China has that and more—but added that it “does not mean that this nation understands what the modern world precisely is.”

Then, yesterday, the Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman urged Podolyak to clarify his remarks, when asked about them during a media briefing. Sure enough, Podolyak clarified away. First he explained on Twitter/X that it was Russia’s fault that China and India didn’t understand his comments: “Classic Russian propaganda: take it out of context, distort the meaning, scale it up to separate target audiences with conflict provocation.” While issuing no retraction of his claim about the “low intellectual potential” of India and China, he dug a bit deeper:

“Türkiye, India, China and other regional powers are increasingly and clearly justified in claiming global roles in the modern world.” However, “the global world is much broader than even the most thoughtful regional national interests. The global world is based on stability and predictability, on rationality and strategy, on international law and clear rules of the game.” These are exactly the elements that Russia is trying to undermine. “One way or another, it is irrational to ignore this due to situational and regional economic interests, as it has long-term consequences.”

So, India and China and other countries “have low intellectual potential” only in the sense that they are just too narrow in their view. And that leaves them irrational in the face of global realities. Only victims of Russian propaganda would take offense, or perhaps those with insufficient intellectual potential.

One might ask, what is the rational way someone of proper intellect would deal with the global realities? Podolyak answers: “The sooner Russia loses, the more chances the world has to return to stability and the rules of the game. The task of the great powers is to accelerate this moment.”

***Wall Street Journal* Worries, Global South Is Not Buying What We’re Selling**

Sept. 14, 2023 (EIRNS)—The *Wall Street Journal* said out loud what your basic Western geopolitician is thinking just now—the Global Majority countries are restless and may be out of control. Today’s *WSJ* article explains how the opening of the UN General Assembly next week presents a problem. Western officials have overestimated the willingness of neutral nations to join anti-Russia policies in support of Ukraine.

Jan Techau of the Eurasia Group consulting firm is quoted: “It’s clear that the West overall has been surprised by the pretty widespread reluctance by many of the countries in the so-called Global South ... to come on board.” Techau cited “animosity toward the U.S. and Europe” in some parts of the world and the desire of rising powers such as Brazil and South Africa to “assert their independence.”

Then it turns out the drive to line up neutral nations behind the Zelenskyy “peace formula”—that is, Ukraine regains control over all its former territories, Russia forgoes war reparations, and the Russian leadership is put on trial—was a non-starter. *WSJ* notes that many “emerging countries” have resisted demands for reparations and a tribunal, and “the international willingness to call out Russia publicly has diminished.” The last straw seems to have been that the G20 final statement last week failed to condemn Russia, and it didn’t even call the conflict a war “against Ukraine.”

The clueless *WSJ* can't explain these developments; rather, it is reduced to making the glum observation that, at the upcoming UN General Assembly meeting, non-Western participants are likely "to shift the global focus onto their priorities: global inequality and debt relief."

How the worm has turned.

STRATEGIC SHOWDOWN

Russia Producing Seven Times More Artillery Shells than All of NATO

Sept. 14, 2023 (EIRNS)—In an article posted yesterday, the *New York Times* exposes that, despite massive U.S. sanctions, Russian war production has increased to levels above what they were at the beginning of the special military operation in February of 2022. "Today, Russian officials have remade their economy to focus on defense production. With revenue from high energy prices, Russia's security services and ministry of defense have been able to smuggle in the microelectronics and other Western materials required for cruise missiles and other precision guided weaponry. As a result, military production has not only recovered but surged," the *Times* says. It names Armenia and Türkiye as two "pass through" countries Russia has been able to use to "subvert" U.S. export controls.

Buried in the middle of the article is this gem: "Western officials also believe Russia is on track to manufacture two million artillery shells a year—double the amount Western intelligence services had initially estimated Russia could manufacture before the war." Further, the *Times* cites an Estonian Defense Ministry official saying that Russia is producing artillery shells at a rate that is seven times that of NATO combined.

So much for the theory, repeated by State Department spokesman Matt Miller yesterday, that Russian President Vladimir Putin is "begging" for artillery rounds from North Korea and is otherwise "scrounging" the world over for spare parts to keep his war machine going.

Former French President Sarkozy Argues To Choose Nuclear War or Diplomacy

Sept. 14, 2023 (EIRNS)—Former French President [Nicolas Sarkozy](#)'s relatively benign comments on Aug. 16 with *Le Figaro Magazine*—that Ukraine should forget about joining NATO or the EU, but should secure “an international agreement providing it with extremely strong security assurances to protect it against any risk”—earned him a tongue-lashing from Kiev. Yesterday he weighed in a bit more aggressively.

Speaking yesterday to French news station [BFMTV](#), he advised those in Kiev that it was in their best interests to remain “neutral.... Bringing Ukraine into NATO would not promote peace.” There are but two solutions available to Ukraine and the West. The first is the “annihilation” of Russia, but this has the disadvantage of being unrealistic, as “we are not going to wipe out the second nuclear power in the world” and undesirable, as “the world risks falling into total war.”

So, a more achievable scenario is “diplomatic discussion.” As a former head of state, he said, his experience had given him a clear view of what can be achieved. And for those who “tell me Putin has changed and [that] we cannot have discussions with him,” Sarkozy said: “Those who say that are generally those who have never met him.”

Otherwise, he explained that the West had a role in provoking the hostilities: “When you wave the muleta [the red cape] under the bull’s nose, you shouldn’t be surprised if he attacks.”

U.S. POLITICAL & ECONOMIC

White House Issues Instructions to Media, How To Cover Biden’s Impeachment

Sept. 14, 2023 (EIRNS)—A day after House Republicans launched an impeachment effort against President Joe Biden, the White House actually issued instructions to the news media on how to cover the matter.

On Sept. 12, U.S. [House Speaker Kevin McCarthy](#) (R-CA) launched the impeachment effort by directing committees to open a formal inquiry into the allegations of influence-peddling and solicitation of bribes by the Biden family. Yesterday, a Biden senior adviser, Ian Sams, also a spokesman for the White House Counsel's Office, instructed the *New York Times*, CNN, and others: "It's time for the media to ramp up its scrutiny of House Republicans for opening an impeachment inquiry based on lies." The impeachment effort, he wrote, should have "set off alarm bells for news organizations." Sams attached a 14-page appendix of talking points for the media to adopt.

Legal scholar Jonathan Turley, as reported by RT, said that the directive "has an uncomfortable feeling of marching orders to the media." By trying to influence the coverage, Turley maintained, the administration "removes any pretense of separation between the Biden personal legal team and the White House Counsel's Office."

The impeachment investigation includes the matter of influence-peddling, from allegations and indications of the Biden family selling access and governmental actions. The difference here, evidently, is that the White House now is attempting to peddle influence, apparently without handing out any bags of cash.

Hunter Biden Indicted on Gun Charge and Lying about Drug Addiction

Sept. 14, 2023 (EIRNS)—Hunter Biden, son of President Joe Biden, was indicted today by a federal grand jury in Delaware, for unlawful possession of a gun and lying about his drug habit in order to obtain a firearm. The indictment charges that, in October 2018, Biden "knowingly made a false and fictitious written statement" to a licensed arms dealer. On the background check form, Biden declared that he was not a drug addict, so as to be able to buy a Colt Cobra 38SPL revolver. He has since admitted to being addicted to crack cocaine, with little memory of 2018 or 2019. The gun was thrown away by his lover, his sister-in-law Hallie Biden, the widow of his brother.

A plea agreement in June would have settled the gun charges, along with eliminating felony charges of tax violations on massive funds obtained from alleged bribes, but questions from the federal charge apparently blew up the deal. It remains unclear whether Hunter will get a second chance on that arrangement.

SCIENCE & INFRASTRUCTURE

Russian Grain Going East, with New Grain and Logistics Hub with China

Sept. 14, 2023 (EIRNS)—According to the Sept. 13 *South China Morning Post*, a group of companies that manage the development of grain production and infrastructure in Russia’s Ural Mountains, Siberia and the Russian Far East signed an agreement Sept. 11 with the state-run China Chengtong International Investment Co. to create a logistics hub located between Russia’s Vladivostok and China’s northeastern province of Heilongjiang. The agreement for the new hub, named [Grain Terminal Nizhneleninskoye-Tongjiang](#), was signed at the Eastern Economic Forum in Vladivostok.

Among other things, this logistics agreement reflects shifting crop and trade patterns, as developing nations and those of the Global South create new mechanisms for trade outside the clutches of the big cartels. This Russia-China land corridor will provide for China’s food security and help stabilize the international grain markets.

Last week, Chinese President Xi Jinping visited Heilongjiang, noting that the region must become an important gateway in China’s “northward opening-up.” *SCMP* points out that the Trans-Baikal Grain Terminal, affiliated with the New Land Grain Corridor, also secured a contract Sept. 11 with China’s Guangdong BestCon Intelligent Equipment firm to create the first specialized land grain fleet in Russia, which can serve as an alternative to sea routes.

China’s semiofficial [Global Times](#) emphasizes how important Russia-China cooperation is for China’s food security, and that the new corridor

could potentially further increase bilateral grain trade by providing a new transportation solution for grain cooperation.

Compared to traditional air and maritime transport, land transport is faster, more flexible and more reliable. China is aiming to diversify its food imports, and diversified food transport can help reduce China's grain import risk and the time and cost of food imports.

China has made great strides in improving its food self-sufficiency, both for staples and grain production. However, it must feed 1.5 billion people while having only 7% of the world's arable land. It has worked at diversifying its food structure and imports of foods such as soybeans, corn, wheat, potatoes and other agricultural products *Global Times* reports. Russia has historically been a key source of agricultural products for China.