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EDITORIAL

Once Again, the Question Posed by Lyndon LaRouche: Have We Lost the Moral Fitness To Survive?

May 10, 2023 (EIRNS)—What should be said of an anachronistic monarchy, medievalist in both trappings and outlook, whose recently crowned King expresses the view that the planet is terminally overpopulated and requires a “vast military-style campaign” to impose a “fundamental economic transition” back to a feudal form of economy?

What should be said of an American Secretary of State who fawns over that King’s envoy, and breathlessly confesses that “many members of our team got up pretty early on Saturday to watch the [coronation] ceremony, including me,” and found that it “captivated millions and millions of Americans”? What of a Secretary of State who then states his agreement with visiting British Foreign Secretary James Cleverly that “we see very, very close strategic alignment” between the U.S. and the U.K.; that “we have the grit, we have the determination, we have the strategic endurance” to continue to wage NATO’s potentially thermonuclear war against Russia in Ukraine; and that a second front in that global war should be prepared against China?

And what, then, should be said of the American body politic that tolerates—at least it has so far—such a Secretary of State, in such a government, which joins the British Monarchy in its aggressive drive to return mankind to medieval conditions of bestiality? Can Americans no longer see that in Charles’s coronation we are witnessing, as [Helga Zepp-LaRouche](#) put it in her weekly webcast today, “a medieval farce that is in denial of reality,” a reality centered on “the collapse of the financial system.” “Theirs is not the winning proposition,” Zepp-LaRouche insisted. “It will not shape the future in any positive way.”

The medieval, brutish concept of Man that this dying empire is desperate to reinstate can be seen in the horrors of Haiti, and equally in the now commonplace “mass killings” which are sweeping the United States at

the rate of one every 16 hours. Have we really allowed the killer video games, the “recreational” use of drugs, the chatter of vacuous social media to anesthetize us into accepting this as “the new normal?”

Lyndon LaRouche addressed the core of the matter of this medieval concept of Man in his February 2002 masterpiece “[Economics: At the End of a Delusion](#)”:

“Brutish cultural relics of the cultural heritage of the ancient Rome and medieval feudalism, have more than merely persisted into the Twentieth Century; the effort to reverse the clock of modern history, back to brutishness, has been the dominant post-World War II trend in Anglo-American policy-shaping for about a half-century. The U.S. wars against its historic adversary, the British monarchy, are an example of the conflict between the U.S. defense of the principle of the general welfare, against that modern relic of the Norman-allied, imperial maritime power of Venice’s pro-feudalist rentier-financier policies, the policies of the British monarchy since 1714.”

Earlier in that same article, LaRouche wrote:

“The first thing to know, is that, contrary to some ivory-tower ‘true believers,’ the subject of economics did not exist in any rational form prior to what is known, alternately, as the Fifteenth-Century, or ‘Golden’ Renaissance. It was that Renaissance which defines the difference, between, the essentially medieval, A.D. 300-1400 history of European civilization, and its post-1400 phase, as modern civilization. Economy began with the birth of the modern nation-state, over the course of the Fifteenth-Century, Italy-pivotted Renaissance....

“Societies qualifying as such economies did not exist in ancient or medieval history. Those who ruled then, used the subject populations as virtual human cattle, for the advantage of the ruling oligarchy and its lackeys. For them, as for the notorious feudalist Dr. François Quesnay, the fruit of society belonged, by divine right, to the overlord; the rights of the toilers were limited to the same kind of rights a farmer accords to the lower forms of life he hunts down, or maintains, or culls as cattle. That

oligarchical system is also typical of the philosophy of John Locke, and the radical-positivist definition of ‘shareholder value’ recently upheld by the majority of the U.S. Supreme Court. The notion of accountability for the general welfare of a human population, as specifically human, as a whole, did not exist.”

As Helga Zepp-LaRouche stated succinctly in this week’s webcast: “Their voice is that of a past, dying empire.... The sooner more people stand up and say this has to stop, the better.”

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STRATEGIC SHOWDOWN

Blinken Acts Cleverly

May 10, 2023 (EIRNS)—U.K. Foreign Secretary James Cleverly visited Washington to dictate the British Empire’s marching orders to a fawning Secretary of State Tony Blinken. During a [joint press conference](#) after their talks, they hammered away at a few central points: 1) the U.K.-U.S. strategic alliance is rock solid; 2) both countries are focused on “defending” themselves against China; and 3) that both the U.K. and U.S. will continue to show that “we have the grit, we have the determination” to hardline it on Ukraine and not flinch, in the words of Cleverly. They also announced that Prime Minister Sunak would be visiting Washington in June to meet with President Biden.

On the two countries’ special relationship, Blinken said: “I think we see very, very close strategic alignment. That includes when it comes to both our individual relationships and coordinated approach with China, which we discussed today.... [We have a] shared approach when it comes to key issues like ensuring peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait.” Blinken then quoted earlier remarks by Cleverly, that “The world is a healthier,

happier, safer, more prosperous place when the United Kingdom and the United States work closely together.” Blinken enthused: “I couldn’t agree more. And next month’s visit by Prime Minister Sunak to meet with President Biden will offer us a chance to do even more of that, and we’re very much looking forward to it.”

Cleverly said in turn: “We deal with them [world problems] effectively; we deal with them collaboratively. And we’re able to do so because of the very strong bilateral relationship that our two countries enjoy.” He also stressed that they had discussed China: “We made the point that we need to defend ourselves as nations—the U.K. is doing this, as indeed the United States of America is—against inappropriate activities by China. We also need to make sure that we build alliances and strengthen the pre-existing alliances that we have, as I’m doing today with the United States of America, but also with our friends in the Indo-Pacific region.”

Cleverly’s main thrust on Ukraine was ensuring that the U.S. continues to pour huge quantities of weapons and other military support into Ukraine, without flinching. The U.S., he noted, is “the largest donor” to Ukraine, “both in military and economic terms, and I know that your support is incredibly important in their ability to defend themselves against this unprovoked attack from Russia.” He reiterated the importance “that we stay resolute in our support, because it will become more painful and more expensive if we do no.”

“I think the message that we should send,” Cleverly stated, “is that when we commit to something, we stick with it.... We have the grit, we have the determination, we have the strategic endurance to see it through until its successful conclusion, and anyone watching should learn that lesson.” Later, in the context of the alleged Ukrainian counteroffensive, Cleverly said “we need to continue to support them, irrespective of whether this forthcoming offensive generates huge gains on the battlefield, because until this conflict is resolved and resolved properly, it is not over.”

Blinken responded: “I can only violently agree with my friend and strongly endorse what he’s just said. We have exactly the same perspective.”

German Chancellor Denounces Victory Day Event in Moscow

May 10, 2023 (EIRNS)—Adding to Ukrainian, Polish and Baltic leaders’ anti-Russian propaganda which wants the world to forget World War II and the toll the people of the Soviet Union paid fighting in that war, German Chancellor [Olaf Scholz](#) has claimed this year’s traditional Victory Day parade in Moscow was used by Russian President Vladimir Putin to flex his military muscle and promote the war in Ukraine. In an address in Strasbourg, France to the European Parliament marking Europe Day on May 9, Scholz proclaimed that “2,200 km to the northeast of Strasbourg, Putin is parading his soldiers, tanks and missiles.”

The European Union, however, should not be intimidated by the Russian leader’s “posturing,” the German Chancellor stated. He called on member states to “remain steadfast in our support for Ukraine—for as long as necessary.”

Scholz also spoke in favor of closer cooperation among EU member states on defense and arms production, and he stressed the importance of Europe’s alliance with the U.S., as well as the EU’s Eastward expansion, with the potential accession of the Western Balkan states, of Ukraine, of Moldova and of Georgia.

Syrian President Assad Invited to Arab League Summit

May 10, 2023 (EIRNS)—Syria’s official SANA news agency reports today that Syrian President Bashar al-Assad has received an invitation from Saudi King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud to attend the Arab League summit to convene in Riyadh on May 19. The invitation was conveyed to Assad by Ambassador Nayef Al-Sudairi, Saudi Ambassador to Jordan. Assad “conveyed his greetings and thanks to the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques for the invitation, stressing that the upcoming Arab summit in

Saudi Arabia will enhance joint Arab action to achieve the aspirations of the Arab peoples,” SANA reported.

This development comes off the extraordinary diplomatic breakthrough that China achieved by bringing about a rapprochement between Saudi Arabia and Iran on March 10. That achievement stunned London and Washington, that were caught flat-footed. Both Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Foreign Secretary James Cleverly likewise did their best to stop the Arab League decision to reinstate Syria, but could only muster sour grapes. “We do not believe that Syria merits readmission to the Arab League,” said Blinken, “but they have to make their own decisions.” Cleverly could only sniff: “The U.K. is very uncomfortable with Syria’s readmission to the Arab League. But, as Secretary Blinken said, that ultimately is a decision for the membership of the Arab League.”

U.S. Grows Military Presence in Europe

May 10, 2023 (EIRNS)—The U.S. military presence in Europe is growing. The U.S. and Spanish governments announced on May 8 an agreement for the addition of two Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyers to the four already home ported in Rota, Spain. Under the new agreement, the U.S. can host six naval warships at Naval Station Rota. The agreement between the two countries follows a commitment last summer to allow the U.S. to increase the number of ships, USNI News reported, citing Reuters.

Meanwhile, ten A-10 attack aircraft have deployed to Europe in support of the U.S. Army Europe’s Defender Europe 23 exercise. The aircraft are to be split between Zaragoza, Spain and Thessaloniki, Greece. Six C-17 cargo aircraft and three C-130s are to follow, to be based mainly in Aviano, Italy.

Meanwhile, two military exercises are underway in Southern Finland. “Southern Griffin 23,” a special forces exercise, kicked off today, reports Yle’s press review, and involves not only a Finnish army regiment but also units from the U.S. and Europe. Exercise Arrow 23 has been ongoing since May 1 and is being billed as Finland’s first involvement in an exercise as a member of NATO.

“The attitude has changed. We are in NATO. We have an obligation to defend each other and act together. Until now, we have participated in NATO exercises over the years as a partner country, but we are no longer a partner, but a member of the Alliance. This affects the nature of maneuvers both in Finland and abroad,” said Finnish army commander Gen. Timo Kivinen. The exercise includes units from the U.K., Latvia, Estonia and the U.S. and runs through May 14.

Belarus Authorities Confiscate Explosive Material Capable of Blowing Up Several Trains

May 10, 2023 (EIRNS)—Belarus authorities have confiscated explosive materials sent into the country, which were enough to blow up several passenger trains during the May 9 Victory Day celebrations. Vladimir Atrashkov, Chief of the Central Office for Special Expert Evaluations of the State Forensic Examination Committee of Belarus, said that the explosive can be classified as plastic explosive C4 of American make. C4 is often used for carrying out terrorist attacks.

Several mail parcels full of explosives were delivered to Belarus. The explosives were disguised as household appliances. Electric detonators were also seized. On the whole, the materials could be used to assemble several explosive devices.

According to Belarus TV network ONT, four young people have been arrested and are making their confessions. They were acquainted with another Belarusian citizen, who is now in Kiev. That individual was given a mission by the Central Intelligence Office of the Ukrainian Defense Ministry and found people to carry out this mission in Belarus.

Qin Gang Speaks at Potsdam Palace on Postwar World Order

May 10, 2023 (EIRNS)—Chinese [Foreign Minister Qin Gang](#), during his trip to Berlin, today visited the Potsdam Palace, where the Potsdam agreements, which laid the basis for the postwar world order, were signed. These agreements also included the demand for returning all Japanese-

occupied areas, including Taiwan, to their legitimate authorities, in this case China.

The Potsdam Conference in 1945 played an important role in establishing the international order after World War II, and has special historical significance for the Chinese people, Qin said. The “Potsdam Proclamation” issued after the meeting reiterated the provisions of the “Cairo Declaration,” including that the Chinese territories stolen by Japan, including Taiwan, should be returned to China. This is a major achievement of the World Anti-Fascist War. It was paid for by the lives and blood of 35 million Chinese soldiers and civilians, Qin declared.

He said that U.S. attempts to support “Taiwan independence” went against the commitments signed at that time and would never be acceptable to the Chinese people. “The postwar international order must be maintained! International fairness and justice must be upheld!” he said. Engaging in “Taiwan independence” splits, challenging international justice and order, and going against the trend of history are doomed to a dead end. “China’s national reunification must be realized!”

EU Loaded for Bear Against China

May 10, 2023 (EIRNS)—European Commission President [Ursula von der Leyen](#) made a quick visit to Kiev yesterday, where she reported on the new sanctions the EU is proposing to impose on Russia, including “secondary sanctions” against China and others for supposedly breaking existing EU bans on exports to Russia. “First, we are sharpening our existing tools,” she said. “We are adding more products to our transit ban. For example, advanced tech products or aircraft parts that are going to third countries via Russia will no longer end up in the Kremlin’s hands,” she remarked.

“Secondly, we are proposing a new tool to combat sanctions circumvention. If we see that goods are going from the European Union to third countries and then end up in Russia, we could propose to the member states to sanction those goods’ export,” von der Leyen declared.

The European Union also intends to impose a ban on the transit of many goods through the territory of the Russian Federation, trying to strengthen compliance with the previously imposed measures.

The formal meeting to discuss these new sanctions began on May 10, but did not start well for the EU dictatorship. Reuters reports: “European Union states were holding a first discussion on Wednesday [May 10] on proposed new sanctions over Russia’s war in Ukraine that would target Chinese and Iranian firms and allow export curbs on third countries for busting trade restrictions. Talks among the EU envoys were set to be heated, according to one diplomat, with Russia hawks upset the plan does not go far enough but others wary of damaging their international ties. Widely differing perspectives mean a quick deal is not expected, several diplomats said.

“Diplomatic sources familiar with the proposal—drafted by von der Leyen’s [EU] Commission—said it also included blacklisting ‘tens’ of new companies, including from China, Iran, Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan.”

Reuters admits that all 27 EU countries must agree for new (11th round) sanctions to take effect. These would be the first sanctions on China over the war in Ukraine. They also say some countries are “frustrated the Commission’s proposal did not include stopping Russian diamond imports or nuclear energy cooperation.”

In a speech before the European Parliament, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz endorsed von der Leyen’s call for “smart de-risking” of Europe from China, and said, according to Bloomberg: “Our relationship with China is aptly described by the triad ‘partner, competitor, systemic rival’—although without a doubt rivalry and competition on China’s part have increased,” Scholz said. “The EU is aware of this development and is reacting accordingly.”

The *Financial Times* claims to have seen a draft of new sanctions that will be included against Chinese companies trading with Russia. “Eight Chinese businesses accused of selling equipment that could be used in weapons have been listed in a new package of sanctions, seen by the

Financial Times, which will be discussed by EU member states this week,” the *FT* wrote. “The punitive measures are so far just proposals, subject to the unanimous approval of the EU’s member states.” Perhaps the EU will have to follow through on their threat to end the unanimity policy, which could well end the EU itself.

COLLAPSING WESTERN SYSTEM

Federal Reserve Warns of a Looming ‘Sharp Contraction’ of Bank Lending in the U.S.

May 10, 2023 (EIRNS)—The Federal Reserve has just released its bi-annual survey of risks facing the U.S. economy, and they warn of a coming “sharp contraction” of bank lending. The key quote from the report, as reported by the *Washington Post*, is:

“Despite decisive actions by the Federal Reserve, the [Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation], and the U.S. Department of the Treasury, concerns about the economic outlook, credit quality, and funding liquidity could lead banks and other financial institutions to further contract the supply of credit to the economy,” the report read. “A sharp contraction in the availability of credit would drive up the cost of funding for businesses and households, potentially resulting in a slowdown in economic activity.”

The *Washington Post* adds that already “all over the country, small businesses are feeling banks pull back on lending.” The *Financial Times* reports that “U.S. banks expect to tighten lending standards over the course of the year because of worries about rising losses in their loan portfolios and concerns that customers will continue to withdraw deposits, according to a survey from the Federal Reserve.... Banks over the course of the first three months of 2023 had pulled back in commercial and industrial lending, real estate lending and consumer lending. Three-quarters of respondents to the survey also flagged worries about declining values of borrowers’ collateral.”

Official data from the St. Louis Fed’s FRED series shows total commercial bank loans and leases dropping \$12.065 trillion to \$12.062

trillion in the first quarter of 2023—before the impact of the wave of bank failures was really felt.

International Community Paralyzed as Horror Envelops Haiti

May 10, 2023 (EIRNS)—The UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) Volker Turk the head of the UN Integration Office in Haiti (BINUH) Maria Isabel Salvador, and Christo Dupuoy, special representative to the Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS) have all issued urgent pleas this week calling for the deployment of an international security force to Haiti to assist the Haitian National Police in dealing with the uncontrolled upsurge in gang violence, killings, kidnappings and rapes that have occurred during the first quarter of 2023, intensifying the grave humanitarian crisis.

The gangs are themselves creations of internationally controlled drug-running networks, part of the London-run “Dope, Inc.” apparatus—a fact which none of the above reports touches upon.

The reports issued by OHCHR and BINUH for the first quarter of 2023 are horrific enough, documenting acts of “extreme cruelty” committed by gangs against the population, with 1,634 victims killed, abducted or injured compared to 674 for the same period a year ago. Gangs now deploy snipers and move into areas and start shooting randomly to kill as many people as possible—beheadings, lynchings and burning people alive are not uncommon. No one is safe. It’s estimated that 80% of Port-au-Prince is controlled by gangs, and now gang violence is extending into other regions such as the Artibonite Valley.

The UN, the OAS and many governments have been discussing the Haitian situation for almost a year, watching it spiral out of control but stuck in a state of paralysis, with no idea of a coherent policy.

The recent emergence of vigilante groups—citizens who organize and arm themselves with axes, machetes, rocks, knives or anything they can find to fight back against the gangs, using their same brutal methods—has created another level of horror. Sometimes the police try to stop these

vigilante groups or sometimes they join with them, to capture gang members, stone them to death, lynch them or burn their bodies on the streets. In the past few weeks, an estimated 75 gang members have been killed in this way. Residents are appealing to the Haitian diaspora to finance the purchase of more axes and machetes.

Daniel Foote, the former U.S. Envoy to Haiti, told the *Guardian* that he wasn't surprised by the violence, given the failure of police to deal with the gangs. "At some point, I thought they were going to start to take matters into their own hands because they've got no choice. They've got nothing else. The Haitians, like anybody, can only take so much. The gangs have stolen their lives from them." As for a foreign intervention, Foote said he was "100% ideologically opposed" to another foreign intervention, given the utter failure of previous ones, including by the UN. But, he said, "I believe that they're going to need an intervention. It's just that bad.... It's not Haiti any more; it's a prison."

U.K. Food Price Inflation Highest in 45 Years, as Bankers Say 'Let 'Em Eat Cake'

May 10, 2023 (EIRNS)—British households have been hit with a record jump in food prices as decades-high inflation continues to cripple the economy, according to the latest figures from the British Retail Consortium. A report by the Consortium, which represents U.K. supermarkets, showed on May 9 that fresh food prices soared by 17.8% in April on an annual basis, while prices for canned goods and other store-cupboard items accelerated by 12.9%.

Official figures showed last month that the rate of inflation in Britain had eased slightly, but still remains above 10%, with food and drink costs at a 45-year high.

According to the Trussell Trust charity, almost 3 million emergency food parcels have been handed out at U.K. food banks in the past year, with the number provided for children topping 1 million for the first time. Against that background, remarks by the Bank of England's chief economist Huw Pill are a scandal: He has stated that British households and

businesses need to accept that they are poorer and should stop asking for wage increases which were, as he claimed, the main cause of pushing prices higher.

NEW STRATEGIC AND ECONOMIC ARCHITECTURE

Argentine Finance Minister Invited to BRICS New Development Bank's Annual Meeting

May 10, 2023 (EIRNS)—Dilma Rousseff, President of the BRICS New Development Bank (NDB), and Chinese Finance Minister Liu Kun, who is also vice-chairman of the NDB's board of governors, have extended an invitation to Argentine Finance Minister Sergio Massa to attend the Bank's 8th annual meeting that will take place in Shanghai over May 30-31. Entitled "Shaping a New Era for Global Development," and hosted by China, the meeting will include not only finance ministers of member nations, but also representatives of national governments, bankers, business leaders and representatives of civil society.

According to the Argentine dailies *Dangdai* and *Infobae* today, a top agenda item of the meeting will be the issue of modifying Article 7 of the Bank's statutes to allow it to pre-finance Brazilian exports to Argentina, which would pay for those exports in pesos, to be later converted to Brazilian reals. This type of non-dollar trade arrangement would mean that Argentina wouldn't have to use its very scarce dollar reserves to pay for imports from Brazil.

This matter was discussed by Argentine President Alberto Fernández and Brazil's Lula da Silva when the two met in Brasilia on May 2, at which time Lula expressed his desire to assist Argentina at a time of grave financial crisis. The NDB has a contingency fund to deal with market crises but, so far, it can only be accessed by member nations.

Following his meeting with Fernández, Lula spoke with Rousseff to discuss possible NDB help for Argentina, which, however, requires modifying one article of the Bank's statute and obtaining the approval of BRICS finance ministers. He said he had also spoken with Chinese

President Xi Jinping about helping Argentina and that China's Foreign Minister Qin Gang had traveled to the bank's headquarters in Shanghai specifically to discuss the Argentine case with Rousseff.

The invitation to the annual meeting states that “world development confronts ever greater challenges,” among them “the weakening of economic growth, the increased volatility of financial markets, the upsurge of geopolitical tensions, fragmentation of trade networks and the deterioration of climate perspectives. The world is experiencing great changes not seen in a century.”

The goal of the NDB annual meeting, as the invitation explains, is to debate how the Bank “can improve its role in connecting the BRICS and other emerging and developing markets to work together for that new era of global development.”

SCIENCE & INFRASTRUCTURE

China To Build World's First 1,000 kph Maglev Train

May 10, 2023 (EIRNS)—China News Service reports that China will now be working to build the world's first experimental ultrahigh-speed maglev train with a maximum speed of over 1,000 kph in Harbin, Heilongjiang Province. Construction of associated products related to the route will also be launched as part of the project.

Beijing-based transport technology firm World Artery, one of the firms behind the project, said in a statement sent to the *Global Times* today that the experimental project will be used to boost local tourism.

A transportation tube of partial vacuum status for ultrahigh-speed maglev line, the major part of the program, can help the vehicle to accelerate to the speed of over 1,000 kph at a relatively low cost and high level of safety.

Zheng Bin, president of World Artery, said the construction of the trial route will be a breakthrough in the field, which is also a great leap in technology in translating the concept into reality.