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EDITORIAL

British Empire Extols ‘The Return of (Militarized) Geopolitics’

April 28 (EIRNS)—The April 26 multinational military conclave at the U.S. Ramstein Air Base in Germany, and its follow-on, go way beyond Global NATO. It is an outright Global Imperium of the self-anointed, “rules-based,” would-be rulers of the world. Hosted by U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, for the nominal purpose of coordinating military arms to Ukraine against Russia, the attendees came from most of the 40 nations invited, including from Africa and Southwest Asia, in addition to

NATO and non-NATO members from Europe. Such meetings are now to be held monthly, and a directorship was already set up in March, at the U.S. Army facilities in Stuttgart, called the European Control Center Ukraine, or ECCU.

Ramstein itself, long a logistics and drone deployment center, is now even more built-up. It occupies a 1,400 hectare area, serving as headquarters for the U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Africa, and the NATO Allied Command. There is a huge medical center with in-depth trauma and surgical staff, for war-surge capacity. In Stuttgart, at the U.S. European Command headquarters, the ECCU staffing has been built up, with personnel from 15 nations.

Germany is an occupied nation. Today the Bundestag ratified the new decision that Germany will now send heavy arms to Ukraine, a commitment the German government had been refusing to take on. However, after fierce pressure on Chancellor Olaf Sholz, he acquiesced this week. Canada, too, announced this week, that it will now send heavy arms to Ukraine.

In the U.S., President Biden today announced a mega-commitment of weaponry, calling for a \$33 billion mega-package of support for Ukraine over five months: \$20 billion in military aid, \$8.5 billion in economic backing, and \$3 billion in humanitarian assistance.

U.K. Foreign Secretary Liz Truss put this entire military flight forward into words, “[The Return of Geopolitics](#),” the title of a speech she gave April 27 to the London Lord Mayor’s Easter Banquet. Saying there must be a new “security architecture” to replace the United Nations, she made a wild rant about such things as the necessity of a “[network of liberty](#),” involving AUKUS, the Australia, U.K., U.S. defense bloc; the Indo-Pacific QUAD, comprised of the U.S., Australia, Japan, and India; and a G7 turned into an “economic NATO.” As for China, she said that those who say we should get along with the “rise of China,” are wrong in all respects. China’s rise is not inevitable!

Accompanying this week's Ramstein military mobilization, is a hyper-propaganda stream to demonize Russia for hideous war crimes in Ukraine and at large. UN Secretary General António Guterres went to Bucha today, in a high-publicity visit bemoaning war crimes, before meeting with President Zelenskyy in Kyiv.

President Putin addressed the entire spectrum of military and info-wars onslaught yesterday, warning: "Let me emphasize once again: if anyone intends to intervene from the outside and create a strategic threat to Russia that is unacceptable to us, they should know that our retaliatory strikes will be lightning-fast." He was speaking to the Council of Lawmakers at Tauride Palace in St. Petersburg to a Council of Lawmakers, on national parliamentary day.

This week's escalation of confrontation marks a new degree of danger. It also makes all the more important, the Schiller Institute's role of furthering activation for dialogue and action towards a new architecture for peace and development.

There are new voices of sanity, however, breaking through the dunning for war. In Sweden and Finland, opposition to joining NATO is sounding. Today on Swedish radio, the leader of the Left Party said, "no," to joining NATO, raising the threat of nuclear showdown. She said there must be a referendum. In Italy, President Sergio Mattarella has called for a new Helsinki Conference, in the spirit of the original 1975 meeting to discuss common grounds for all-Europe peace and security.

'Fools-Based Order'

As evil as the military geopolitics is, the delusions about the economy are equally awful. The economies of the Trans-Atlantic are sinking under a "fools-based order." Even the official government statistics out today report that the U.S. economy contracted by 1.4% over the 12 weeks from January-March, on an annualized basis of GDP. Striking growth occurred, however, in U.S. imports. Look at the physical collapse! U.S. railroads, for example, are so dysfunctional that they can no longer haul goods on schedule at all. Since 2016, some 45,000 rail jobs have been cut, as have locomotives,

switching yards, and other equipment, in order to temporarily prop up Wall Street shareholder values. As a consequence, for example, while there is fertilizer in central storage, it will not reach farmers in time for the current crop season.

In Europe, there are hysterical calls for cutting off fuel imports from Russia, despite the impact that will have in shutting down European industry, agriculture, and living standards. The EU is now debating a sixth round of sanctions against Russia, since the other five didn't work, and an oil and gas embargo is among the proposals.

All the while, the world desperately needs measures to engage all possible and potential productivity for emergency production to meet the food crisis, pandemic health care needs, and much else.

The way out of this insanity is addressed by the international petition drive of the Schiller Institutes, "[Convoke an International Conference To Establish a New Security and Development Architecture for All Nations](#)," and by the March 28 Schiller Institute policy proposal, "[The LaRouche Plan for a New International Economic Architecture](#)." In particular, the principles involved will be discussed at an international youth dialogue on May 7, recognizing that, as the invitation states, "The world desperately needs the political and moral leadership of a new generation to chart a new course for humanity." Get in touch. Stay in touch. Get active.

- Watch [Harley's Updates](#) with Harley Schlanger on Friday April 29, 2022: Every weekday morning on [The LaRouche Organization](#), Schlanger will give you the strategic briefing you need to start your day.

STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

Watch Out! Britain's Liz Truss Proclaims, 'The Return of Geopolitics'

April 28 (EIRNS)—In an April 27 speech to the Lord Mayor's 2022 Easter Banquet brazenly titled "[The Return of Geopolitics](#)," U.K. Foreign Secretary Liz Truss laid out the British intention to use their war in

Ukraine—which it intends to ramp up—”to reboot, recast and remodel” the current international security and economic architecture along the lines of the British Empire. This, she outlined, is to be imposed through generalized sanctions and war, and enforced by a global military and economic NATO and associated ad hoc alliances, dubbed the “[Network of Liberty](#).”

Truss was clear that the U.K. intends to expand its war against Russia to include China, not later, now. Bragging that the U.K., unlike others, armed and trained Ukrainian troops “long before the war started,” Truss insisted that the same now must be done with Taiwan.

She explains: The UN and G20 have failed because Russia is involved. “We now need a new approach, one that melds hard security and economic security ... one that recognizes that geopolitics is back....

“The war in Ukraine is our war.” Ukraine’s victory, “a strategic imperative,” requires ramping up production of heavy weapons, tanks, airplanes. But, “we need to go further.... This has to be a catalyst for wider change. We must also apply this tough stance to the threats that are emerging beyond Ukraine.”

Those include not just beefing up the Polish military, as the U.K. is doing, and doing the same with the western Balkans, Moldova, Georgia.

“We also reject the false choice between Euro-Atlantic security and Indo-Pacific security.... We need a global NATO. By that I don’t mean extending the membership to those from other regions. I mean that NATO must have a global outlook, ready to tackle global threats. We need to preempt threats in the Indo-Pacific, working with our allies like Japan and Australia to ensure the Pacific is protected. And we must ensure that democracies like Taiwan are able to defend themselves.”

Global economics, too, is to be militarized, and China taken down:

“For too long many have been naïve about the geopolitical power of economics.... It’s time to wise up. Access to the global economy must depend on playing by the rules. There can be no more free passes. We are showing this with the Russia-Ukraine conflict—Russia’s pass has been

rescinded.... We are showing that economic access is no longer a given. It has to be earned. Countries must play by the rules....

“By talking about the rise of China as inevitable we are doing China’s work for it. In fact, their rise isn’t inevitable. They will not continue to rise if they don’t play by the rules....

“The G7 should act as an economic NATO, collectively defending our prosperity. If the economy of a partner is being targeted by an aggressive regime we should act to support them. All for one and one for all....

“Excellencies, ladies and gentlemen, geopolitics is back....”

IMPERIAL WAR & SANCTIONS

U.S. Ramstein Meeting on Arming Ukraine Goes Way Beyond NATO

April 28 (EIRNS)—The significance of the April 26 U.S.-sponsored meeting at the U.S. Ramstein Air Base in Germany on coordinating the supply of weapons to the Kyiv regime, is that the Anglo-American-driven effort to destroy Russia via Ukraine has gone way beyond NATO, even beyond Global NATO. The meeting, attended by a reported 40 countries from around the world including not only NATO members, but also “partners” based in Africa, Asia, and Southwest Asia, will become a monthly affair which “will be a vehicle for nations of good will to intensify our efforts and coordinate our assistance and focus on winning today’s fight and the struggles to come,” said Secretary of Defense [Lloyd Austin](#) in a press conference following the meeting.

A key focus of these meetings will be improved coordination with participating nations’ defense industrial bases, Austin went on. “That means dealing with the tremendous demand that we’re facing for munitions and weapons platforms.”

Defense News, in reporting on the meeting, noted that in March, U.S. European Command created a new unit called the European Control Center Ukraine (ECCU), to coordinate and synchronize equipment deliveries from Washington and its partners. Fifteen other countries, some NATO members

and some not, have provided staff for the ECCU, located at U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart, a senior defense official told reporters on April 26.

Defense News also notes that the center has worked to rapidly ramp up deliveries to Ukraine, with flights to Europe going from fewer than 1 per day at the beginning to 8-10 flights per day now, delivering weapons from over 40 nations to Ukraine.

The *New York Times* asked Austin about his statement in Kyiv the day before, that “one of the United States’ goals in Ukraine now was to see Russia weakened,” and wanting to know what that means, specifically. “I think we’ve been pretty clear from the outset—we do want to make it harder for Russia to threaten its neighbors, and leave them less able to do that,” Austin replied. He claimed that over the course of the last 62 days, “Russia has—in terms of its land forces, their land forces have been attrited in a very significant way—casualties are pretty substantial, they’ve lost a lot of equipment, they’ve used a lot of precision-guided munitions, they’ve lost a major surface combatant. And so they are, in fact, in terms of military capability, weaker than when this started.”

Therefore, “it will be harder for them to replace some of this capability as they go forward because of the sanctions and the trade restrictions that have been placed on them. And so, we would like to make sure, again, that they don’t have the same type of capability to bully their neighbors that we saw at the outset of this conflict.”

Bundestag Approves Letting Germany Supply Heavy Weapons to Ukraine

April 28 (EIRNS)—The German Bundestag approved allowing Germany to supply heavy weapons to the Kyiv regime today in a cross-party resolution backed by the Social Democrats (SPD), Christian Democrats (CDU-CSU), Greens, and Free Democrats (FDP). The opposition Alternative for Germany (AfD) and Linke rejected the resolution, with the more fundamental criticism coming from the AfD. “Today, the Bundestag is passing a motion that will prolong the war in Ukraine and could make us a belligerent in a nuclear-led war,” said Tino Chrupalla, AfD party and

parliamentary group leader. The motion reads like a “declaration of accession to a war,” he said, insisting that it is in Germany’s interest to maintain good relations with both Ukraine and Russia in the future.

U.S. POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

Biden Asks Congress for \$33 Billion To Fund Months More of NATO’s War Against Russia

April 28 (EIRNS)—The White House announced this morning that Congress authorized spending another \$33 billion, of largely U.S. taxpayer monies, to cover what “we believe is needed to enable Ukraine’s success over the next five months of this war.” Not to end the war in Ukraine, but to fund almost a half-year more of NATO’s proxy war against Russia, which officials think might last even longer!

Roughly \$14 billion in U.S. monies was already spent in the last two months on “security, humanitarian, and economic support that has allowed the United States to respond to Russia’s aggression in Ukraine at a scope, scale, and speed that has never been seen before,” a senior administration official told reporters in a [background briefing](#) this morning. “Despite having no boots on the ground, our assistance has made a significant difference on the battlefield in helping the brave citizens of Ukraine ... to continue to deplete the Russian military.... As we have said, this fight could well last months or more.”

President Biden called it “critical” that Congress approve the funding as soon as possible. The breakdown of the new funding request, in broad terms includes:

- \$20.4 billion in security and military assistance for Ukraine and for U.S. efforts to strengthen European security; “these resources will put urgently needed equipment into the hands of Ukraine’s military and police, as well as help NATO deter and defend against Russian aggression over the long-term,” the [White House Fact Sheet](#) reports. This includes ensuring “additional artillery, armored vehicles, anti-armor and anti-air capabilities flowing into Ukraine uninterrupted;”

- \$8.5 billion in economic assistance to keep the Ukrainian government afloat, able “to provide basic citizen services,” to “counter Russian disinformation” and fund journalists, support small- and medium-sized agro-businesses, and for the Ukrainian state energy company to buy gas;

- \$3 billion in “humanitarian assistance” has to cover what Ukraine needs, plus aid for millions of Ukrainian refugees, as well as provide “direct food support, including wheat and flour, for individuals in developing countries impacted by Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, as well as helping countries build more resilient agricultural systems.”

- \$500 million to “support American farmers produce more crops like wheat and oilseed;” this aid appears to be in the form of “crop insurance incentives” and other schemes for “greater access to credit.”

Lastly, an unnamed amount will activate the Defense Production Act to expand domestic production and reserve of critical materials, such as nickel and lithium.

The administration is also asking Congress to pass bills authorizing it to use the money they have stolen from Russia under the sanctions to partially cover these costs. The public reports on this front do not mention stealing national reserves, but focus on properties and assets seized from Russian “oligarchs,” so far. The House passed an “Asset Seizure for Ukraine Reconstruction Act,” by a 418 to 8 vote yesterday, and a similar bill is already before the Senate.

White House Sets Up ‘Disinformation’ Agency, To Win the ‘Information War’

April 28 (EIRNS)—The Biden administration announced yesterday the establishment of a “Disinformation Governance Board” in the Department of Homeland Security. Its executive director is Nina Jankowicz, who is touted as an expert in countering disinformation. She served as an advisor to the Ukraine Foreign Ministry on disinformation in 2016-17, and was in charge of the Russia-Belarus programs at the National Democratic Institute. She presently is the “Disinformation Fellow” at the Wilson Center. She

wrote a book, *How To Lose the Information War: Russia, Fake News, and the Future of Conflict*, that was published in 2020.

As for her role in spreading disinformation, she stated in an interview with ABC News in October 2020 that the Hunter Biden laptop story is “a Trump campaign product.” She was involved in circulating the letter signed by more than 50 intelligence operatives claiming that the story was an example of “Russian disinformation.” Last week, asked by NPR to comment on the takeover of Twitter by Elon Musk, she warned that free speech and the lack of censorship (promised by Musk) will make things worse.

National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan today launched an international operation parallel to this domestic deployment, with yet another coalition of “like-minded countries” outside the UN framework, this one to police global thought. Call it the “Alliance of Democratic Censors.” Sullivan held an early-morning virtual meeting with ministers of 60 “partners” to launch a “[Declaration for the Future of the Internet](#)” to defeat “digital authoritarianism.” The declaration promises that “partners in this Declaration intend to work toward an environment that reinforces our democratic systems and ... promotes a free and competitive global economy.”

China and Russia were not invited. Taiwan’s digital minister Audrey Tang, however, was. India was one of the countries invited, but has yet to decide whether to join. A [White House Fact Sheet](#) included a list of the participating countries.

A [background briefing](#) given by two administration officials April 27 makes clear that the declaration is public packaging for nastier enforcement operations being worked on to somehow stop China, Russia, and other countries from setting up an internet outside their control, to which not every country signing on may be privy. For example: The Biden team called it a “declaration,” because some target countries refused to sign onto their draft call for an “alliance.”

NEW ECONOMIC ORDER

Chinese Ambassador to Paris Explains Xi's Security Initiative Is a Political Solution to Ukraine Crisis

April 28 (EIRNS)—On April 26, the Chinese Ambassador to France Lu Shaye gave a hard-hitting interview to Mandarin TV, a private Chinese network in France, on its program, “Parole de l’Ambassadeur,” in which they discussed President Xi Jinping’s concept of a Global Security Architecture.

Mandarin TV: On April 21, Chinese President Xi Jinping advanced the Global Security Initiative in his speech at the opening ceremony of the Boao Forum for Asia Annual Conference 2022. Could you tell us about the initiative?

Lu Shaye: Currently, the Russian-Ukrainian conflict is still going on, the flames of war are still burning on the European continent. Peace is all the more fragile and precious. It is against this backdrop that President Xi Jinping put forward the Global Security Initiative at the 2022 annual conference of the Boao Forum for Asia, to provide an urgently needed solution. This initiative includes “six commitments”: commitment to carry the vision of common, integrated, cooperative and sustainable security; commitment to respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of individual countries; commitment to observe the purposes and principles of the UN Charter; commitment to address the legitimate security concerns of all countries; commitment to seek peaceful solutions to inter-state differences and disputes through dialogue and consultations; and finally, commitment to a comprehensive approach to preserving traditional and non-traditional security. This important initiative not only embodies a grand vision, but also includes pragmatic solutions to concrete problems.... It is a living illustration of the concept of a community of shared future for humanity in the field of security, which sets the course for a political solution of the Ukrainian crisis.

When we look at the ins and outs of the Russian-Ukrainian conflict, we can see that it is exactly the long-standing actions of certain countries

against these “six commitments” that have led to the crisis. The Cold War ended 30 years ago, but the Cold War mentality has never faded from history. To consolidate its hegemony, the United States is still obsessed with bloc confrontation and the zero-sum game, and tries to ensure its own security at the cost of others’ insecurity. NATO, in continual defiance of Russia’s legitimate security concerns, has completed five rounds of Eastward expansion, driving Russia into a corner. On the eve of the Russian-Ukrainian conflict, the United States continuously fanned the flames of tension between Russia and Ukraine, provoking and irritating Russia in every way, which eventually led to escalation. After the crisis erupted, the U.S. paid lip service to peace, but in reality continued to act in ways that was exacerbating antagonism and escalating confrontation.

At a time when significant progress was being made in negotiations between Russia and Ukraine, some countries deliberately staged incidents and accelerated the delivery of arms to Ukraine, killing the hope for a cessation of hostilities. The United States is not really interested in peace, democracy or human rights, but in using this conflict as much as possible to satisfy its geopolitical interests and preserve its hegemony....

SCIENCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

China Space Tests Show How Cosmic Rays Boon To Crop Seed Breeding

April 28 (EIRNS)—*Global Times* reported on April 27 that China’s Oct. 15, 2021-April 16, 2022 Shenzhou-13 space mission achieved a breakthrough in space seed breeding: A total of 12,000 seeds—clover, oats, rice, edible mushrooms (from spawns), and cabbage—returned with the human crew on April 16.

It has been 35 years since China’s first space seed breeding effort in 1987, and nearly 1,000 new species have been created, of which 200 have displayed outstanding performance, according to media reports.

One of the well-known dangers of cosmic radiation in space is that it can damage DNA and cause undesired mutations. However, Chinese

scientists took advantage of this quality—space seed breeding uses the effect to deliberately mutate the genes of seeds sent into space, in order to create new species for greater variety. Yang Hongshan, an expert at the Lanzhou Institute of Husbandry and Pharmaceutical Science of the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, explained that by comparison, on Earth “it takes 10 years to breed a new species of clover, and oats may take 7-8 years.”

Clover is one of most important feed materials for livestock which remains a shortcoming for the country’s agriculture. “China has to import 1.3 million to 1.5 million tons of clover each year. Clover seeds from space may accelerate Chinese clover species breeding and ensure the development of this ‘chip’ in agriculture,” said Wang Tao, professor at China Agricultural University.

China’s space seed breeding level also reflects the nation’s advancing aerospace technology, Li Guoxiang, a researcher at the Rural Development Institute of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, told the *Global Times* on April 27. “There are only a few countries in the world with mature aerospace technology, and China’s level of space seed breeding technology is at the world-class level.”

COLLAPSING WESTERN FINANCIAL SYSTEM

U.S. Natural Gas Futures Skyrocket; Green Reset Figures In

April 28 (EIRNS)—U.S. natural gas futures have skyrocketed since April 25, well before the Russian decision to cut gas deliveries to Poland and Bulgaria. Among the factors are the increased international demand, as well as the internal refill, which is below a five-year average. However, Bloomberg points to another reason: the Great Reset. In the past, producers used to cool down prices by shifting from gas-powered to coal-powered plants to produce electricity, thus reducing price pressures on gas. That is not possible today, thanks to zero-carbon policies.