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EDITORIAL

War with Russia? The Dignity of Man Lies in Your Hands

Jan. 27 (EIRNS)—The Russian Federation continues to insist that the United States and NATO commit to satisfying Russia's need for assurances that its national security requirements will be respected. But the responses this week—delivered officially by the U.S. and NATO—fall far short of the mark. While offering room for negotiation on secondary matters, the U.S. and NATO have given no positive response on Russia's core security demands.

Russia, which is moving forward with military exercises in Belarus and the Arctic, and organizing training drills using its nuclear forces, has repeatedly made clear that failure to respond will force the use of “military or military-technical measures.” Will those measures include the forward deployment of hypersonic nuclear missiles? Placing short-range nuclear missiles in Kaliningrad? The U.S. maintains some 200 nuclear gravity bombs in Europe, through joint nuclear missions. If Russia moves to bring similar pressure to bear on the United States, how small will become the window of decision for responding to a real (or perceived) nuclear attack?

You and I can’t count on U.S. politicians, British imperialists, or NATO commanders to get this right—to avoid a situation which, whether through calculation or accident, could rapidly escalate to an unsurvivable nuclear exchange that would kill hundreds of millions of human beings within an hour and devastate civilization globally, perhaps permanently.

Neither can the NATO/Anglo-American maniacs attempting to force Russia and China into submission count on the acquiescence of their supposed partners and instruments. Secretary Blinken claims that NATO is unified, that there “is no daylight between” the views of the U.S. and other NATO countries. But he is wrong. Those intent on crushing Russia fret that a single NATO country could destroy the consensus on which its decisions must be made. Will Croatia stand firm? Will Bulgaria? Will Hungary dutifully play its suicidal role? Will Germany, after its 1941-1945 attack on the Soviet Union, truly set up another war against Russia? Will diplomats, politicians, generals, and thinkers break ranks?

This is the unanswered question of the moment.

As Russian diplomats are kicked out of Washington, D.C., as American diplomats reportedly plan to leave Beijing, as the media drumbeat for war intensifies and as supporters of peace are cast as traitors—as weapons fly into Ukraine, as new sanctions are mulled—as calls for censorship grow—will you stand up for the dignity of the human species, and for your own life as well? Will you overthrow the hideous Malthusian dogma that says we are too numerous, and the false culture that says we are animals? Will

we be here to marvel at the shocking observations the James Webb Space Telescope will soon be transmitting back to Earth?

A crisis of this magnitude—an absolute branching point in history—demands great things of us. The LaRouche movement, headed by Helga Zepp-LaRouche, has warned of the magnitude of the crisis, to which increasing numbers are awakening, and has committed itself to catalyzing the needed new paradigm on this planet.

In his poem *The Artists*, Friedrich Schiller—the namesake of the Schiller Institute—expressed the awesome responsibility that forces itself upon each of us today.

“The dignity of man into your hands is given,

“Protector be!

“It sinks with you! With you it is arisen!”

Can the future count on you?

STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

Lavrov Briefs Media That the U.S. Gave ‘No Positive Response’ to Russia’s Demand for Security Guarantees

Jan. 27 (EIRNS)—In reply to a media question today, Russian Foreign Minister *Sergey Lavrov* commented that the U.S. had offered “no positive response” to the Kremlin’s core demands for *security guarantees* made in December. “There is no positive response to the main issue, which is our clear stand on the continued NATO enlargement towards the east and the deployment of strike weapons that can pose a threat to the territory of the Russian Federation, which we consider unacceptable....” Lavrov explained in his remarks, which are posted to the Foreign Ministry website. “It is indicative that now when we propose coordinating legally binding security guarantees in the Euro-Atlantic region, our Western colleagues respond by urging us to respect the coordinated principles of security guarantees in that

region. After saying this, they add that this means that NATO has a right to expand, and nobody can prohibit it from considering any country's request for joining the alliance.”

The minister began by acknowledging that Russia had been requested to keep the content of the U.S. response confidential, and went on to say, “As for the essence of the document, the responses offer grounds for serious talks only on matters of secondary importance.”

The Foreign Minister further stated that “We will now focus on getting clarity regarding this hypocritical position of our Western partners” that it is ostensibly impossible to guarantee NATO's non-expansion. “[P]recisely in 1990, when Germany was reunified and the issue of European security was raised, they solemnly promised that NATO would not expand even an inch eastward beyond the Oder River. These facts are well known and have been included in many memoirs by British, U.S. and German officials. But now that this issue has become a matter of fierce debates, we have been told that the promises were only verbal. When we mentioned the memoirs, our Western partners responded that they were not serious and that their words were misinterpreted. They chose a rather immature way to explain the reckless expansion of the alliance.

“But now that we have cited the promises made not in word but in the form of documents signed by the leaders of all OSCE states, including the U.S. President (the 1999 Istanbul Declaration and the 2010 Astana Declaration), our Western partners have to find a way out of a very serious situation. The point is that both declarations set out the participating states' commitment to the principle of indivisible security and their pledge to honor it without fail. This principle ... very clearly ... includes two interconnected approaches. The first is the freedom of states to choose military alliances. The second is the obligation not to strengthen their security at the expense of the security of other states. In other words, the freedom to choose security arrangements is conditioned by the pledge to respect the security interests of any other OSCE state, including the Russian Federation,” Lavrov continued.

“It is indicative that now when we propose coordinating legally binding security guarantees in the Euro-Atlantic region, our Western colleagues respond by urging us to respect the coordinated principles of security guarantees in that region. ... [T]his means that NATO has a right to expand, and nobody can prohibit it from considering any country’s request for joining the alliance. The principle according to which no state may strengthen their security at the expense of the security of other states is being deliberately ignored. Our Western partners make no mention of the Istanbul or the Astana declarations during the ongoing discussions on European security. They are keeping away from this matter. We cannot accept this,” he asserted.

Lavrov continued his explanation, saying: “During my talks with Antony Blinken in Geneva, I asked him to explain why they regard the obligations made within the OSCE as a menu from which they are free to choose the dishes that taste good to them, and why they are disregarding or talking round their pledge to honor the interests of other countries. Mr. Blinken did not reply to my question. He only shrugged his shoulders, and that’s it. I told him, just as I have told our other colleagues, that we would shortly send them an official request for an explanation why they choose only one of their commitments and disregard the other commitments on which its implementation depends. It will be an official request sent to all countries whose leaders signed the Istanbul and Astana declarations. I hope that it will not take them long to explain the Western position.

“Other than that, we are analyzing the Americans’ response. As Antony Blinken has said, they have coordinated it with Ukraine and with the other Western countries, with U.S. allies. We have also received NATO’s response from Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg. We are analyzing these two documents as a package, because they have been provided in response to the [draft treaty](#) and [draft agreement](#) we proposed in December 2021. After an inter-agency coordination of our conclusions, we will submit them to President Vladimir Putin, who will make a decision on our further actions,” he concluded his reply to media.

Stoltenberg Defines NATO 'Core Principles'—Anyone Can Join NATO and Russia Be Damned

Jan. 27 (EIRNS)—In his remarks to the media in Brussels yesterday, NATO Secretary-General **Jens Stoltenberg** elaborated on three topics that NATO's response to Russia's Dec. 15, 2021 proposed agreement for security guarantees had touched on. Echoing U.S. Secretary of State Tony Blinken, Stoltenberg fervently proclaimed that “what we have made clear is that we will not compromise on some core principles”—that every nation has the right to choose its own path. “So NATO respects a country or a nation when they decide to apply for NATO membership, as for instance, Ukraine, or when they decide to not apply for a NATO membership as Finland and Sweden have done. So, this is about respecting the right to self-determination. We are standing by the core principles on which European security has been based for many years.”

(Of course, just because a nation decides to apply for NATO membership does not mean it will become a NATO member, since its application must be accepted by NATO.)

Of the three points he singled out, the first related to re-establishing diplomatic ties between NATO and Russia “which Russia severed,” he claimed, without mentioning that in October, NATO had expelled eight Russian diplomats, the last in a series of expulsions with no explanation. Second, NATO is ready to “engage in dialogue” and “listen to Russian concerns,” but of course always respecting each nation's right to choose its own security alliances; and, Russia should cease “aggression” aimed at NATO allies and “withdraw its forces from Ukraine, Georgia and Moldova.” Stoltenberg continued to insist that Russia is “illegally occupying Crimea.” Third, he proposed that risk reduction and transparency agreements on exercises plus arms control proposals should be pursued.

Stoltenberg repeated the same tired British Foreign Office/U.S. State Department gibberish, that “a political solution is still possible, but, of course, Russia has to engage in good faith.” Charging that Russia has used

“aggression” against Ukraine since 2014, he repeated that NATO “cannot and will not compromise on principles.” He loudly insisted that all of NATO is united, everyone is on board, and “all our allies have agreed” with the written response submitted to Russia. Should Russia invade Ukraine, he warned, NATO has “plans in place we can activate on very short notice.”

Russia Proposes that U.S. Remove Its Nuclear Weapons from European Territory

Jan. 27 (EIRNS)—In an interview published today with TASS, Director of the Russian Foreign Ministry’s Department for Nonproliferation and Arms Control Vladimir Yermakov said that Moscow has proposed that the U.S. return all of its nuclear weapons stationed in Europe to American territory and bring an end to NATO’s nuclear sharing program. “We insist that NATO’s ‘joint nuclear missions’ should be stopped immediately, all the American nuclear weapons be returned to U.S. national territory and the infrastructure that allows their rapid deployment should be eliminated. This aspect is one of the elements of the package of measures proposed by us to Washington in the context of considering the issues of security guarantees,” he said. Yermakov observed that the U.S. has some 200 B61 nuclear gravity bombs in Europe and engages with non-nuclear weapons countries in training to use them against targets on Russian territory.

Yermakov also affirmed that Russia’s proposals for a mutual moratorium on the deployment of land-based intermediate- and shorter-range ballistic missiles is still on the table. If required political decisions are made in favor of such joint efforts, experts could start working on technical issues in depth, he said. A missile crisis cannot be avoided, if efforts fail to ensure restraint and predictability in this sphere, he said.

“The initiatives that we put forward earlier to ensure restraint and predictability in the missile sphere in the wake of the termination of the INF [Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces] Treaty had been ignored for a long time and were actually rejected at the NATO summit in June 2021,” he said. “We keep insisting on the priority task of reaching a fundamental understanding that the problems arising in this sphere should be addressed

immediately. Otherwise, new ‘missile’ crises cannot be avoided,” the senior Russian diplomat cautioned.

Moscow observes U.S. preparations for deploying land-based intermediate- and shorter-range missiles in Europe and the Asia-Pacific, he said. “The United States continues active testing of advanced land-based intermediate- and shorter-range missiles and is making preparations for their deployment in Europe and the Asia-Pacific region. All these moves are taking place with the acquiescence or even with the support of NATO members,” Yermakov pointed out.

As for broader arms-control initiatives, Yermakov said progress is possible only if it’s based on consensus among all countries. Yermakov stated that Russia holds a strong belief that there can be no winners in a nuclear war and that it must never be unleashed. “For a long time, we have consistently promoted the idea of reaffirming this principle by all the states of the nuclear five,” he said, referring to the [Jan. 3 statement on preventing nuclear war](#), signed by the five official nuclear weapons powers—Russia, United States, China, U.K. and France. “I would like to hope that in the current difficult conditions of international security, the approval by the leaders of the nuclear powers of this type of political statement will help reduce the level of tension and curb the arms race, help build confidence and form the basis for future control over offensive and defensive arms inasmuch as they are interconnected, as well as measures to reduce risks,” Yermakov said.

Russian Ambassador Antonov Says He May Be Asked To Leave U.S. in April as U.S.-Russian Tensions Hit Diplomats

Jan. 27 (EIRNS)—U.S.-Russian tensions are being played out in the diplomatic arena, as the U.S. Embassy in Moscow and the Russian Embassy in Washington, D.C. are struggling to operate with reduced staff and constant expulsion of their diplomats. What should be the normal duties of foreign diplomats—traveling around the country to which they are posted, learning the culture, and meeting the people—are impossible for U.S. and Russian diplomats posted to each others’ countries as their

respective governments engage in tit-for-tat retaliation over granting visas, and expelling diplomats. Over 2017-18, the U.S. seized Russian diplomatic compounds in Washington, New York, San Francisco and Seattle, some of which officially were officially Russian diplomatic property. So far, the State Department has neglected to respond to embassy requests that Russian diplomats have access to their properties.

Yesterday, part of a group of 27 Russian diplomats who were ordered to leave the U.S. by Jan. 30, did return to Russia, while another group of 28 is supposed to leave the U.S. by June 30, the *New York Post* reported. None of those told to leave have been declared *personae non gratae*, but were warned by the State Department that if they stayed beyond the departure dates they were given, they would lose their diplomatic immunity and could be arrested.

Russian Ambassador Anatoly Antonov reports that he, himself, may also have to leave Washington by April, unless Russia meets Washington's demand that visas be granted in Moscow to the bodyguards of U.S. Ambassador John Sullivan. "Everything that has been happening over the recent months only suggests that the U.S. has taken an increasingly hardline stance" on Russia's diplomatic presence on American soil, he told media on Jan. 26. He told RT that in the four years he's been in Washington, a total of 300 people, including diplomats and their families, have had to leave the U.S. The situation his diplomats face is untenable, he said, as they must wrangle to get visas renewed or other documents issued.

NATO Military Deployments in Eastern Europe

Jan. 27 (EIRNS)—According to figures published in Wikipedia in 2021, the U.S. Army has 26,800 troops in Europe. These include two combat brigades based in Germany and an airborne brigade based in northern Italy. These units contribute on average two battalions at a time to the forward NATO presence in Poland and the three Baltic countries. In addition, an armored brigade and an aviation brigade are maintained in Poland on a rotational basis as is a forward element of the Fort Knox-based U.S. Army V Corps headquarters in Poznań. In addition, the U.S. maintains a U.S. Air

Force detachment at the Lask air base in central Poland and a U.S. Navy detachment to run the Aegis Ashore BMD installation in Redzikowo. The U.S. also leads the NATO Enhanced Forward Presence (EFP) battalion in Orzysz, with about 900 troops. The total number of U.S. troops in Poland on a rotational basis is reported to be about 4,500. The rotational troops also participate in exercises and other operations in the Baltic states and in the Balkans as well.

On Jan. 24 Reuters published a roundup of NATO troop deployments that reports the following:

- Some 4,000 troops in the four Enhanced Forward Presence battalions in the three Baltic countries and Poland (American troops in total make up about 1,000 of those troops). The U.K. leads the EFP battalion in Estonia with 900 troops and has another 150 in Poland under U.S. command.

- NATO air-policing mission in the Baltics, which at last count had 14 fighter jets that rotate in every few months to air bases in Lithuania and Latvia from different countries.

- NATO multinational land force of up to 4,000 troops in Romania.

- France and Germany lead NATO's Very High Readiness Joint Task Force of 5,000 troops, which is a component of the 40,000-troop NATO Response Force. Spain, Portugal, and Poland will also provide troops this year. None of these formations has been activated.

- There are also NATO naval task forces which are always operating from the Mediterranean to the Baltic Sea.

Reuters puts the total number of U.S. troops in Europe at about 74,000, more than 10,000 of whom are there on a rotational basis. These include air and naval personnel, as well as ground troops.

According to available reports, troop deployments in Ukraine are probably fewer than 1,000, including 200 from the U.S., 200 from Canada, and smaller numbers from the U.K., and other countries. These are not combat troops, but are on training and advisory missions. For the most part, these troops are located at training ranges in western Ukraine, but the

Russians have charged that small numbers of NATO special forces instructors, including some from Britain, are also in Donbas.

Anglo-Americans Demand More NATO Troops in Eastern Europe, as Some NATO Member Countries Hesitate

Jan. 27 (EIRNS)—According to news reports that broke yesterday, the U.S. and Britain are in discussions with other NATO members about additional troop deployments to the East, “as a show of support in the face of Moscow’s ongoing aggression,” three unnamed U.S. officials told CNN. Among the countries considering accepting the deployments are Romania, Bulgaria, and Hungary. The deployments would number approximately 1,000 personnel to each country and would be similar to the forward battle groups currently stationed in the Baltic States and Poland.

This is another area where cracks are showing in NATO unity. An unnamed European diplomat said that the U.S. and U.K. are among those considering the new, pre-invasion deployments, but not all 30 NATO member countries are willing to go along. NATO allies have not been entirely on the same page about the severity of the threat, CNN says. CNN cites Germany’s refusal to supply arms to Ukraine as the prime example, but the French are reportedly characterizing British officials calling for more NATO military deployments as “alarmist.” French President Emmanuel Macron has been accused of undermining Western unity, reports Britain’s daily *Guardian*, by insisting that the EU can broker a de-escalation plan with Russian President Vladimir Putin in parallel talks to U.S.-led negotiations. “We mustn’t underestimate the risk, we are extremely attentive and concerned, but we’re also concerned about not creating more volatility,” a French official told France24.

Even the Kiev regime is pushing back regarding the severity of the alleged threat from Russia. On Jan. 25, White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki called the invasion threat “imminent,” but Ukrainian officials called the situation with Russia “dangerous” but not “imminent.” A source close to the Ukrainian leadership told CNN on Jan. 25 that the defense and intelligence chiefs are analyzing satellite images of Russian forces “from

U.S. and other Western agencies” on an hourly basis, but are not yet seeing Russia “getting into combat mode, or positioning themselves to attack.”

In the Balkans, the Romanian President Klaus Iohannis reportedly said yesterday that Romania would welcome additional NATO troops, but neighboring Bulgaria is hesitating. Government officials in Sofia announced yesterday that the Bulgarian army would be reorganized to defend Bulgaria, and that no troop deployment to Ukraine would be undertaken. Defense Minister Stefan Yanev refused to comment on reports by Bulgarian National Radio that Sofia would not accept the deployment of 1,000 U.S. soldiers on its soil, but would be fine with French troops instead.

GREEN ‘GREAT RESET’

Crazy CO2 Pipelines Aim To Bring Green Finance to Farm Belt

Jan. 27 (EIRNS)—Over 400 Iowa farmers have filed objections to threats of using eminent domain against their farmland to install a carbon-capture pipeline system across 1,200 miles of five Midwest farm states, where it will go to a permanent sequestration site in North Dakota.

Three companies, Valero Energy Corporation, BlackRock Global Energy & Power Infrastructure Fund II, and Navigator Energy Services, together, have teamed up with Summit Carbon Solutions of Ames, Iowa, whose senior advisor is former Gov. Terry Branstad.

Carbon dioxide has many useful roles in the modern economy, not to mention as plant food, and the infrastructure for CO₂ includes, in some locations, pipelines and storage capacity. However, the three proposed green CO₂ pipelines now being contested in Iowa and neighboring states, are not only not useful, they are unproductive to the point of madness. They should be cancelled immediately.

The four companies have CO₂ capture agreements with 31 biofuels plants and 20 fertilizer and ethanol plants, to transport their CO₂ to a destination where it will be sequestered underground. In the course of this,

CO2 burial certificates will be available as carbon credits for sale to other entities needing them, such as in California. This will supposedly benefit farmers by making the ethanol plants “green,” ensuring that their corn will still have a market. Those pushing the scheme say that without it, the ethanol plants may be shut down.

Farmers in the dozens of counties that the pipelines would cross are in revolt against the scheme and the whole green pack of lies.

There are three schemes: An Iowa project, Midwest Carbon Express, envisions building 710 miles of pipeline across about one-third of Iowa’s 99 counties. A second section would go into Minnesota and Nebraska. A third pipeline would connect the first two pipelines to pipelines passing through South Dakota and finally to North Dakota, where the CO2 would be stored in underground caverns.

All told, the pipes would extend 2,000 miles and cost \$6.5 billion. The pipelines would supposedly capture the carbon equivalent of over 25 million cars per year.

How would it get paid for? These companies would look to loans, hopefully government-backed, and to “green investors”! John Deere & Co. is a “strategic investor,” and many ethanol plants have agreed to help finance this, as they will get added dollars from selling their low-carbon footprints. California currently pays \$200 per metric ton for carbon credits and federal tax credits pay \$50 per metric ton of carbon sequestered.

Ethanol is already wildly inefficient in the physical economy. These added incentives would continue to drive the economy towards wasteful processes of low energy-density.

Instead of burning corn and sending CO2 thousands of miles away, use crops for food! The future of power lies in nuclear fusion, not shoveling your dinner into your gas tank.

U.S. POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

General Flynn Warns Conflict with Russia Risks Nuclear Devastation

Jan. 27 (EIRNS)—Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn (ret.) has warned that NATO’s “threatened Eastern expansion” could “become the principal cause of a devastating war.” Flynn was briefly Trump’s National Security Advisor, before his forced ouster as part of the Russiagate operation against both Trump and the potential for a new paradigm of peaceful cooperation with Russia.

Writing an op-ed on Jan. 24 in the *Western Journal*, Flynn warns of the danger of “most Americans having no idea how close we have been brought to armed conflict with the Russian Federation.”

“The rhetoric about the Ukraine conflict is out of control,” he asserts, citing lunatic Sen. Roger Wicker’s assertion that “we don’t rule out first-use nuclear action” in potential conflict with Russia.

“First-use nuclear action rhetoric is not only extremely dangerous, but these types of nonsensical remarks also threaten the stability of the entire world,” Flynn asserts. If Ukraine were admitted to NATO, Russia would face nuclear missiles placed literally on its border, “closer to Russia than Cuba is to the United States.”

“If President John Kennedy was justified in risking war to prevent nuclear missiles from being installed in Cuba in 1961, then why exactly is Russian President Vladimir Putin being reckless in risking war to prevent NATO weapons from being installed in Ukraine in 2022? Would any great nation allow the development of such a threat on its border?” Flynn asks.

“The events of October 1962 remind us that there are great principles that govern how great nations must treat each other to preserve the peace,” Flynn reflects.

He cites de Vattel’s 1758 *Law of Nations*, about which he says, “It takes principles of natural law and applies those principles to nations,” and quoted: “Every nation ... has ... a right to prevent other nations from obstructing its preservation,” and, “Every nation is obliged to cultivate the

friendship of other nations, and carefully to avoid whatever might kindle their enmity against her.”

To this advice Flynn adds that of George Washington’s, to “meddle as little as possible in their affairs where our own are not involved.”

After all, the United States and Russia “each have thousands of nuclear weapons that could kill hundreds of millions.”

We must remind ourselves of the true consequences of war, Flynn advises, and that “a looming war with Russia would be anything but fair.”

“Take that to the bank,” he concludes, “if you can find one after a nuclear exchange.”

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