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EDITORIAL

Helga Zepp-LaRouche Explains Schiller Institute's Concept for New Security and Development Architecture on CGTN

March 7 (EIRNS)—There are two distinctly different universes co-present in the world today. One is driven by geopolitics in its final stage of

madness, incompetency, and destruction, and the other, a counter-pole committed to stability, centered on China, and potentially re-aligning many nations toward sound mutual development. This latter outlook was expressed today in a two hour international press conference given by Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi. It was held on the sidelines of the annual national legislative conference of China, attended by some 5,000 people conferring on policy.

Wang Yi called for “calm and rationality” when looking at the events in Ukraine, including the history and complexity of the situation. He sternly warned that there must be a stop to bloc politics anywhere, and no transfer of an “Asian NATO” into the Indo-Pacific region. Calling for an early negotiated settlement to the conflict in Ukraine, he listed China’s plans for humanitarian aid. He warned, there must be no new Cold War. China will continue to work with Russia as UN Security Council members, and in other ways, all under the principles of the UN Charter.

Wang reported that the Belt and Road Initiative has “maintained momentum,” enlisting 10 more nations in 2021 into its “family,” and now having a total of 118 in collaboration. He called for advancing the Global Development Initiative, which that Xi Jinping had introduced in the September UNGA, discussing as areas of focus health care, food, green development and employment, and means of partnering among nations, NGOs, and all who are willing to step up.

Within minutes of the speech, CGTN broadcast a live discussion on its “[Dialogue](#)” program, with a panel discussion of the press conference import, and the world situation, in which Schiller Institute President Helga Zepp-LaRouche described the need for an entirely new world security and development architecture, and the urgency to convoke a conference, and to discuss the content of this architecture and collaborative action. She appeared on the panel, with two other guests, who likewise stressed the urgency of setting a new course for the world, in particular to pull back from the danger of nuclear war.

Zepp-LaRouche said that China “taking a leadership role” is very important, and Minister Wang Yi’s presentation was a breath of fresh air. She presented the model of the Peace of Westphalia, which ended 150 years of warfare, as what can guide us today, in which we should “convoke an international conference to take care of the security interests of every single country in the world.” Zepp-LaRouche spelled out what should be the “content” of the deliberation and action: a modern health care system in every nation, defeating famine, and other urgent tasks.

Zepp-LaRouche spoke of bringing this content into collaborative action with ongoing groups. She made reference to Wang Yi having recently put forward the idea that the Belt and Road Initiative could collaborate with the Build Back Better plan put forward by the United States and others of the G7. Zepp-LaRouche said, why not have the BRI, the Build Back Better and the EU’s Global Gateway address the world’s problems jointly—hunger, epidemics, poverty. She pointed out the ongoing role of the BRICS, the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, the G20, and others of this kind.

What this necessitates is facing that the Western financial system has failed. Zepp-LaRouche discussed this, saying that we must create a new credit system. To sum up, Zepp-LaRouche said, “some of these points will be the test of humanity.”

Contrast this discussion with the crazed behavior among the self-exalted leaders of the U.S./U.K./NATO bloc—not just their lies and militarism about Ukraine, but also denials and lies about the worsening chaos in the basic means to life—fuel and food—for hundreds of millions of people around the world. Sanctions, bans and military threats have been thrown at Russia, which in recent times has accounted for a significant share of world oil, gas, fertilizer and food production, and other critical goods. For example, Russia has supplied 17% of the world’s natural gas and 12% of its oil in recent times. Now, suddenly, when these supplies are—surprise, surprise—not forthcoming, the very same U.S./U.K./NATO gang leaders who caused the chaos, are going wild with both more lies, and wild contingencies.

Look at fuel. Today the U.S. sent a delegation to Caracas, to seek lining up Venezuelan oil, which they had sanctioned and banned for years, trying to topple the government of President Nicolas Maduro. Now the U.S.—champion of democracy—is courting his formerly spurned government with enticements of lifting sanctions. European and U.S. teams are likewise seeking to renew the 2015 JCPOA nuclear deal with Iran, in hopes of more oil from that nation. A little problem is that Russia, too, is a signatory to the JCPOA, and won't go along with crap. Localities face the prospect of mass energy cuts from Massachusetts (a Russian gas importer) to Germany.

On March 8, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen is to deliver her emergency energy program, which is expected to be her signature pastiche of crazy talk about more wind power, more energy-efficient homes, and freezing in the dark for the sake of Western values, etc. Maybe she will bring back her 2021 proposal about burning a candle in an upturned flower pot, to take the chill off your frigid room.

The situation is out of control, but at the same time, closer than ever to a break-out point for sanity and morality. For those suffering and dying from the horrific, but preventable conditions of war, disease and starvation, let us dedicate our redoubled efforts now for a new security and development architecture in the interests of all.

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STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

China Willing To Play Constructive Role in Promoting Peace Talks, Says Wang Yi at Annual Press Conference

March 7 (EIRNS)—Chinese [Foreign Minister Wang Yi](#) held his annual press conference today on the sidelines of the National People's Congress, fielding questions for nearly two hours. Declaring that the world today is

far from peaceful, he said, “Countries need unity, not division, dialogue, not confrontation.” A good portion of the press conference was taken up with the situation in Ukraine and its implications for the world. “China is ready to continue to play a constructive role in promoting peace talks and work with the international community to mediate as necessary. We should uphold the vision of common, comprehensive cooperation, and sustainable security, stop conflicts through negotiation, settle disputes through dialogue, enhance mutual trust through cooperation and jointly build a world of lasting peace.”

He complained that certain countries were holding on to maintaining their hegemony. “We should uphold true multilateralism, advocate the common values of mankind, oppose hegemony and power, defend the international system with the UN at its core, uphold the basic norms governing relations based on the purposes of the UN Charter, and make the global governance fairer and more equitable. We should build a new type of international relations.”

When asked about the Russia-China relations, he said that their cooperation “contributes to peace and development.” It was based on the independence of the two parties and they opposed any interference into the relationship by third parties. He referred to their Joint Statement issued on Feb 4. Wang Yi said that the statement “sent an unequivocal message that China and Russia are opposed to a new Cold War” and the two will “maintain a strategic focus for the new era.”

With regard to U.S.-China relations, he said that the U.S. had stated that it didn’t want a Cold War and didn’t want to change the Chinese system and opposed Taiwan independence, but that they have yet to put those claims in practice. The U.S. “keeps provoking China on its core interests. How the U.S. and China will get along still has be worked out,” he explained. He also scored the “Indo-Pacific strategy,” stating: “This is a byword for bloc politics. They claim to follow international rules, but follow their own rules. This is no blessing for the region. The aim is to create an Asian NATO, and it will subvert the self-determination of the

region. The Asia-Pacific is a promising land for cooperation, not a chessboard for geopolitical contest.”

On Europe, he considered that the relationship should not be controlled by a third party, and that the Europeans should view the relationship from a strategic perspective. “I hope Europe will adopt a more rational view on China as the cooperation will deliver more benefits to the world.”

Third Round of Russian-Ukrainian Talks End After Three Hours

March 7 (EIRNS)—The third round of talks between Russia and Ukraine ended near Brest in Belarus after three hours today with assurances of progress on the implementation of humanitarian corridors out of a number of Ukrainian cities. “The third round of negotiations has ended. There are small positive [developments] in improving the logistics of humanitarian corridors.... Intensive consultations have continued on the basic political block of the regulations, along with a ceasefire and security guarantees,” Mykhailo Podolyak, an advisor to the office of the Ukrainian President, wrote on his Telegram channel, reported Ukrinform. “Regarding the political track, which includes a ceasefire, truce and an end to hostilities in general, intensive consultations will continue; today there are no results which significantly improve the situation, but nevertheless I emphasize once again that talks will continue,” Podolyak said.

Russian chief negotiator Vladimir Medinsky told reporters afterwards that Russia hoped to sign protocols with the Ukrainian side on a number of issues already agreed upon in principle, but said this did not take place. Instead, the Ukrainian side has taken the package of documents brought by Russia to the negotiations home for further study, he said, reported Sputnik. “I will speak frankly. Our expectations from the negotiations did not materialize, but we hope that next time we will be able to take more substantial steps forward. The talks will continue,” Medinsky said.

Russia Warns NATO on Air Support for Ukraine, Accuses U.S. of Violating Bio-Weapons Convention

March 7 (EIRNS)—Maj. Gen. Igor Konashenkov, the spokesman for the Russian Defense Ministry, issued a warning and made an explosive allegation during a statement he delivered on March 6.

“Almost all combat-ready aviation of the Kiev regime has been destroyed,” Konashenkov reported. “At the same time, we know about Ukrainian assault aircraft that had previously flown to Romania and other border countries. The use of the airfield network of these countries for basing Ukrainian military aviation with subsequent use against the Russian Armed Forces can be regarded as the involvement of these states in an armed conflict.” One might presume that this warning could also encompass the provision of combat aircraft to Ukraine from airfields in Poland.

As for the allegation: “During a special military operation, the facts of the Kiev regime’s emergency cleanup of traces of a military biological program funded by the U.S. Department of Defense implemented in Ukraine were revealed,” Konashenkov said. “We have received documentation from employees of Ukrainian biological laboratories on the emergency destruction of especially dangerous pathogens of plague, anthrax, tularemia, cholera and other deadly diseases on Feb. 24.”

These documents are now being analyzed by Russian nuclear, biological, chemical (NBC) protection troops. “It is obvious that with the beginning of a special military operation, the Pentagon had serious concerns about the disclosure of conducting secret biological experiments on the territory of Ukraine,” Konashenkov said. “The received documents confirm that the development of biological weapons components was carried out in Ukrainian biological laboratories, in the immediate vicinity of the territory of Russia.”

He concluded: “In order to prevent the disclosure of facts of violation by the United States and Ukraine of Article 1 of the UN Convention on the Prohibition of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons, the

Ukrainian Ministry of Health sent an instruction to all biological laboratories on the emergency liquidation of stored stocks of dangerous pathogens.”

COLLAPSING WESTERN FINANCIAL SYSTEM

Bankers Assess the Vulnerabilities of the Russian Economy to Financial Warfare

March 7 (EIRNS)—Reuters today carried an evaluation of the strengths and weaknesses of the Russian economy, in the face of the all-out financial warfare being waged against that country.

“The speed with which Russia has unplugged from the developed world is breathtaking. Economic sanctions and public outrage are compelling big companies like Apple, Nike and Ikea to halt Russian sales. Shipping groups have suspended container traffic while international air travel has stopped. Oil giants and global accounting firms are pulling out.”

The article then provides targeting for the next wave of financial attacks. “Financial sanctions imposed by America, Europe and Japan exposed big weaknesses in Putin’s economic defenses, disabling [read “stealing”—ed.] as much as half the country’s \$630 billion stash of foreign exchange reserves and triggering a run on the ruble.”

However, Reuters notes, “Putin and his officials have responded by preventing capital from leaving the country, abruptly severing intricate financial links....

“Russia’s need for foreign capital is limited as exports have exceeded imports every year since 1998 due to overseas sales of energy.... China and India may over time prove more willing buyers of Russian hydrocarbons. And the People’s Republic—already Russia’s largest trade partner—can supply some of the electronics and machinery that the West will no longer deliver.”

Where is Russia vulnerable? “Putin’s government can ramp up domestic production of some goods,” Reuters explains, “but others are impossible to

replace in the short term. Airbus and Boeing, which have stopped delivering spare parts and servicing aircraft in Russia, supplied all but nine of flag carrier Aeroflot's 186-strong fleet. Russia struggles to make its own semiconductors, so products from cars to mobile phone equipment will become scarce. Businesses that use software provided by the likes of SAP and Oracle, which have both halted sales and support, will have to rethink their systems."

The article then suggests how to use all of this to overthrow or at least slow down Putin: "Nevertheless, they [the Russian people] have become unwilling participants in a real-time test of what happens when a country tries to rewind globalization at warp speed. Whether Russians are willing to accept the consequences will help determine whether Putin continues his deadly assault on Ukraine, or whether he is eventually forced to back down."

Germany Considering Flight Forward into Darkness, To Cut All Gas and Coal Imports from Russia

March 7 (EIRNS)—Demands like those by Bundestag member Norbert Röttgen (CDU), a notorious Cold War ideologue, that Germany instantly cut all Russian imports of gas and coal are an exception, so far. However, one should not have much illusion that if the pressure on Germany increased much more, the government might give in and do it, leaving 80 million Germans to "freeze in the dark." Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock and Finance Minister Christian Lindner declared over the March 5-6 weekend that they do not have total import cuts from Russia on the agenda.

Baerbock gave an interview on ZDF TV public television last night, in which she was asked: "What would happen if we said: OK, stop oil imports immediately, stop gas immediately? All the lights wouldn't go out in our country right away, would they?"

Baerbock replied: "Well, if we were to take everything off the grid immediately, yes. If we look at coal in particular, 50% of imports come from Russia. And coal-fired power plants produce electricity and heat for

us and other countries. That's why my colleague Robert Habeck is working flat out to buy alternatives for gas and oil. And we are now looking again, for example, at how we can proceed step by step, so we gradually pull the plug here, too. But there is an overall responsibility.

“We are already experiencing a recession. And we are prepared, as I have repeatedly made clear, to pay a very, very high economic price. Only if the lights go out tomorrow in Germany in Europe, that doesn't mean that the tanks will stop. As I said, if that were the case, we would do it immediately.

“But if we take further steps now, and as I said, we are preparing further sanctions measures, then we have to be prepared to bear that in the long run, because what the Russian President is doing, with the invasion, but also with breaking international law, that has to have consequences in the long run, too. And it must be clear to everyone that these sanctions must also last for a long time.”

Lindner told BILD TV yesterday: “If we do without gas, oil and coal supplies from Russia, it means that prices in Western Europe and the world will rise dramatically because of the expected shortages.... Even if Germany were to use the money, it would not be easy to buy coal, gas and oil elsewhere.” Lindner warned, “In the intermediate term—not now, not in the summer, but maybe next fall and winter—we would have supply shortages and would have to discuss very drastic measures.”

Anglo-Americans' Ukraine-Russia Conflict Endangers Palladium and Neon Supplies for Digital Economy

March 7 (EIRNS)—Electronic chips, aka integrated circuits composed of transistors, resistors and diodes, are a key element of the world's increasingly digital economy. They can be found in satellite dishes, cars, computers, farm machinery, mobile phones and airplanes, to name but a few. The chip itself consists of many complex layers of semiconductor wafers, copper and other required materials. It can contain billions of components in a tiny surface area made from a semiconductor material.

After provoking the war in Ukraine, the West has discovered it has a problem, since Russia and Ukraine are supplying the two key raw materials required to produce chips.

“The Russia-Ukraine war could hit global supply chains that are already constrained due to the pandemic and the worst impact would be on the ongoing chip shortage because the warring nations control significant supplies of key raw materials that go into making semiconductors,” Moody’s Analytics warned in a report: “Russia controls as much as 44% of global palladium supplies, Ukraine produces a significant 70% of the global supply of neon—the two key raw materials that go into making chips.”

According to Press Trust of India (PTI): “The markets can expect the global chip shortage, that began with the pandemic, to worsen if the military conflict lingers on, the agency said in the report released on Friday [March 4]. Though chip-making companies have stockpiled resources since the 2015 shortage, the elevated demand during the pandemic signals that if a peace deal is not brokered soon, the chip shortage would get worse.”

Palladium is almost always transported by passenger planes. With most of Europe’s airspace closed to flights from Russia, miners like MMC Norilsk Nickel PJSC are examining alternative routes to supply customers. End of February, the precious metal extended its rally this year to 30% as traders brace for difficulty securing exports. Concerns are particularly high as above ground stockpiles have dwindled for years due to demand outstripping supply.

“There is no doubt that unless the situation is defused quickly, there will be frictions in all Russian trade and this will affect palladium,” said Nikos Kavalis, managing director at Metals Focus Ltd. “Over time ways to overcome them would emerge, whether this through ever more complicated routes, shipments to China or other consuming countries.”

UKRAINE

Ukraine Charges Russia with Bombing Babyn Yar, in Kiev Regime's Latest 'Big Lie'

March 7 (EIRNS)—Despite the outbreak of Western media use of the one-liner, “Zelenskyy is Jewish,” so as to brush aside any investigation of the neo-Nazi problem in Ukraine, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy is on record in saying that Judaism plays almost no role in his life, and many other factors are much more important. So, in his new role thrust upon him as defender of the Jewish faith, he went flight-forward, treating the horrendous genocide at Babyn Yar as a fit subject for the cheapest of lying.

Zelenskyy's tweet: “To the world, what is the point of saying ‘never again’ for 80 years, if the world stays silent when a bomb drops on the same site of Babyn Yar? At least 5 killed. History repeating...” How could this be understood as anything but, “the Russians bombed the site of the Nazi mass murder of Jews, five people were killed there, and the Russians are about to escalate the genocide.” His tweet did what it was calculated to do, setting off a wave of horrific images, triggering a visceral gut reaction, not to be erased.

However, there simply was no bombing of Babyn Yar.

As the chairman of the Babyn Yar Memorial Center's advisory board, Natan Sharansky, explained: A missile targeted a broadcast tower and hit it. There was damage from the flying debris to the nearby sports complex. (He didn't say it, but there was probably also damage to two other nearby establishments, a hamburger restaurant and a motorcycle repair shop.) However, the Babyn Yar “site,” different from the Babyn Yar Memorial, encompasses hundreds of acres. And there are also three cemeteries—including a Jewish cemetery—closer to the broadcast tower than the Memorial. Sharansky: “The bomb was of course targeting the radio tower.” Nothing of the Memorial was damaged, and a close-by synagogue was “not damaged.... The building that was damaged [the former sports facility] was not ... part of the museum.”

In fact, hours before the single missile was fired, the Russian Defense Ministry had publicly warned the neighborhood that “the technological infrastructure of the SBU [Ukraine’s Security Service] and the 72nd main PSO [Psychological Operations Unit] center in Kyiv will be hit with high-precision weapons. We call on ... Kyiv residents” not to get close to the 370-foot-high broadcast tower. No one did, and no civilians died or were wounded. There’s no argument that when any military site, or artillery emplacement, within Ukraine’s cities, is targeted only with high-precision weapons, the debris flying off the target is indeed dangerous and both can and will cause damage. Very little is claimed here, and none to the Memorial.

U.S. POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

Milley and Blinken in the Baltics Pledging Military Support

March 7 (EIRNS)—Chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Mark Milley was in Estonia this morning where he met with Estonian defense chief Martin Herem at the Ämari Air Base. The Estonia’s ERR news agency reported that its evening television news broadcast “Aktuaalne Kaamera” (“Current Camera”) quoted Milley saying the United States is committed to NATO and its Article 5 collective defense clause. “I’m here to reemphasize that message and to assure our partners that the United States of America is with them as part of NATO and the other piece is to defer any further territorial aggression from Russia. There is no indication right now of a Russian attack on Estonia or any other of these Baltic countries but we want to make sure it stays that way.”

Herem said that for Estonia, the threat does not end when Russia’s military campaign ends in Ukraine. “We remain in danger. And we discussed what we will do when this threat reaches us, our region,” he said. The U.S.’s role in the region was also discussed.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken was also in the Baltics today. He gave remarks from Vilnius. Before leaving Lithuania, he tweeted, “after reaffirming the importance of U.S.-Lithuanian relations and our shared

commitments to democracy, security, and prosperity, we stand in solidarity with our NATO Ally, especially in the face of common threats and challenges to our values.”

Before Vilnius, Blinken visited Moldova. There he met with President Maia Sandu and pledged support for the country’s support for refugees coming from Ukraine. 120,000 have so far arrived in the country of 2.6 million. “Moldova has chosen the path to democracy, a more inclusive economy, a closer relationship with the countries and institutions of Europe, and the United States supports Moldova in those efforts grounded in our respect for the neutrality that’s enshrined in the constitution,” he said.

NEW ECONOMIC ORDER

Wang Yi Gives Annual Press Briefing: Belt and Road Is Moving Forward, Elaborates Global Development Initiative

March 7 (EIRNS)—In reply to a question on the Belt and Road Initiative at his press conference today, Foreign Minister Wang Yi said that the BRI had maintained its momentum during the COVID-19 outbreak, with new projects completed, like the China-Laos high-speed railroad. China has conducted joint vaccine production cooperation with partners from 20 developing countries and the China-Europe Railway Express has been in full operation delivering goods and vaccines to Europe. During the last year, 10 more have begun cooperating with China on the BRI, and there will be new opportunities developing in the post-COVID-19 world.

He also raised the fact that the Global Development Initiative proposed by President Xi has been embraced by the UN for the implementation of the UN 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda. He said that China was prepared to work together in the GDI with other countries, and specified four principles for joint development under the GDI. “First, we need to synergize in key areas, in food, health, employment, and green development. Second, we need to respond to the needs of all countries.

Third, we need to partner with cooperation mechanisms. Fourth, we need to reach out to partners in all sectors.”

Wang Yi also observed that 2022 will be the Year of Asia in respect to development as three major international meetings will be hosted in Asia: the BRICS Summit by China, the APEC Leaders’ Summit by Thailand, and the G20 summit, which will be hosted by Indonesia. These will undoubtedly be important venues to discuss further development of these initiatives.” We welcome the participation of all parties,” Wang Yi said. President Xi’s call for the GDI was “another clarion call to put people front and center.”

Imran Khan Refuses To Denounce Russia

March 7 (EIRNS)—In response to a letter signed by 20 European Union ambassadors in Islamabad last week, demanding Pakistan denounce Russia, Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Kahn retorted, while speaking at a political event: “What do you think of us? Are we your slaves ... that whatever you say, we will do?”

The EU letter was in response to Pakistan’s abstention from voting on the March 2 UN General Assembly motion denouncing Russia’s special operation in Ukraine.

“I want to ask the European Union ambassadors: Did you write such a letter to India?” Khan demanded to know, Sputnik. Khan also reportedly said that Europe has failed to condemn India over Kashmir, where Pakistan and India have fought two wars.

Kahn said further that in return for Pakistan’s assistance to the NATO alliance in Afghanistan, instead of thanks, Pakistan had received condemnation.

On March 6, Khan said that Pakistan is “friends with Russia, and we are also friends with America; we are friends with China and with Europe; we are not in any camp.” He went on to say that Pakistan would remain “neutral” and collaborate with those working to end the Ukraine conflict.

On March 4, a spokesman for Pakistan's Foreign Ministry stated at the press briefing that it was "not usual diplomatic practice" for envoys to make public requests as in their letter, "and we have made that clear." He further explained, "We took note of that and in a subsequent meeting with a group of ambassadors, we expressed our concern about it, because as I said that is not the way diplomacy should be practiced, and I think they have realized it."

Some European envoys who shared the joint statement on Twitter reportedly subsequently erased the tweets.