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## EDITORIAL

### **AUKUS Warhawks Circle the Pacific, as ‘World Citizens’ Movement Grows**

March 9, 2023 (EIRNS)—On Monday, March 13, the leaders of the U.S., the U.K., and Australia meet in San Diego to confer as the “AUKUS Partnership” on “security in the Pacific,” meaning belligerence against

China and Russia. High on the San Diego agenda is nuclear submarines—building and deploying many more in the Pacific.

AUKUS—Australia, U.K., and U.S.—is the Pacific franchise of Global NATO, which, on the other side of the globe, is perpetuating the Ukraine proxy war against Russia, grinding up Ukraine, destroying Europe, and threatening World War III in the process.

The latest instance of this insanity comes from an informal meeting March 7-8 of European Union defense ministers discussing how to requisition €2 billion worth in more artillery ammunition for Ukraine, when their national economies are falling apart. Ukraine is running out of ammunition. The EU ministers' scheme is to have 15 armament firms produce the ammunition, while EU member states supply them from their stockpiles, no matter about anything else. EU foreign affairs representative Josep Borrell, infamous for his remarks from another planet, advised that nations should empty their stockpiles for Ukraine, and fill them up in the future. After all, he said, EU “member states, happily for them, they are not at war, so they can wait [for supplies of new munitions].... I don't see the danger. Why is it dangerous?” He advised the EU national representatives to maintain “a war mentality,” and then they will find a way to produce.

In the real world, millions are in the streets over the economic breakdown in Europe. In France, more than 3 million demonstrated on March 7, many continue, and March 11 will be another mass-strike day. In Greece, mass protests have continued in major cities and throughout the country, over the wreckage of their nation, manifested in the deadly train crash on Feb. 28. In the Netherlands, a farmer demonstration intends to bring 5,000 tractors to The Hague, on March 11, demanding the government stop its agriculture shutdown policies. Note: The mayor of The Hague is threatening to bring in the military if even two tractors show up.

In these circumstances, leadership initiatives are critical to end the NATO regime—including its attempted “war economy”—and to launch measures to restore production and the conditions for development. This was the sense of mission among those attending the live international

discussion which took place yesterday in the new-format weekly briefings on March 8 by Schiller Institute founder and leader [Helga Zepp-LaRouche](#), in which hundreds participated from many countries.

One action in the United States, with direct international impact, is the galvanizing effect of putting members of the House of Representatives on the spot, with insistence that U.S. forces must be pulled out of Syria. On March 8, H.Con.Res.21, a reassertion of Congress's jurisdiction over the power of war, received 103 affirmative votes, and 321 against. Though the measure failed, the voting record of each legislator is now clear, so this is the beginning, not the end of the matter. The lead sponsor of the resolution, Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-FL), told the Intercept, today: "Syria is my lead-off hitter. We're going to take a trip around the globe. We may go to Yemen. We may have stops in Niger. We may have stops in Sudan. Maybe ultimately, we'll end in Ukraine."

Co-sponsors of the Feb. 19 "Rage Against the War Machine" Washington and sister rallies announced today that they are commencing "Operation Warhawk Removal."

Zepp-LaRouche spoke in this week's dialogue about many features of the world situation, including the economic breakdown, and danger of nuclear holocaust. She said, "We have to have a discussion of how we get out of this. I have proposed since the Ukraine war started in February—we had conferences of the Schiller Institute since April—that we urgently need to have a new international security architecture and development architecture, which takes into account the interest of every single country on the planet. I have proposed [Ten Principles](#) for how such a new architecture could be organized. And I think it is extremely urgent that we get an international discussion: Is the human species capable of avoiding World War III—which this time would be nuclear and nobody would survive it—and can we give ourselves an order which allows for the survival and well-being of all nations on this planet?"

The invitation is now out for the next Schiller Institute international conference, on April 15, “[Without the Development of All Nations, There Can Be No Lasting Peace for the Planet.](#)”

- Watch [Harley's Updates](#) with Harley Schlanger on Friday March 10, 2023: Every weekday morning on The LaRouche Organization, Schlanger will give you the strategic briefing you need to start your day.

## STRATEGIC SHOWDOWN

### **U.S., U.K., Australia Leaders To Meet March 13 on ‘AUKUS Partnership,’ a Pacific NATO Against China and Russia**

March 9, 2023 (EIRNS)—In the Pacific city of San Diego, California, on March 13, a meeting is set for President Joe Biden, U.K. Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, and Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, on the topic of the AUKUS Partnership, the security pact among the U.S., Australia, and the U.K. The White House has released very few details. Albanese will be coming to the U.S. directly from his meeting in India. There is speculation that among the results of the meeting might be to support Australia to start building nuclear submarines.

There are some wild-eyed Dr. Strangelove-type squawks coming from various quarters, including from ranking U.S. military, about potential military encounters in the Pacific in the near and distant future.

On March 8, a scenario was drawn out for how and why the U.S. Navy must sink Chinese Navy ships off Taiwan’s east coast, as a priority, if war breaks out over Taiwan. This was from Gen. Kenneth Wilsbach, commander of the U.S. Pacific Air Forces (PACAF), who addressed the March 6-8 [AFA 2023 Warfare Symposium](#), in Aurora, Colorado. He said that lessons were learned on how to scramble military activity, from the Aug. 3, 2022 visit of then-House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to Taiwan. Wilsbach told the reporters: “We’ve got to sink the ships. Sinking ships is a

main objective of not only PACAF but really anyone that's going to be involved in a conflict like this," he was quoted as saying by [Military.com](#).

On March 7 in Australia, *The Age* newspaper ran a prominent spread, "Australia 'Must Prepare' for the Threat of China War," part of a three-day series culminating in a joint communiqué and including recommendations for action, titled "Red Alert." A March 7 editorial informs: "Australians have been kept in the dark about the threat posed by China. ... [An] expert panel assembled by *The Age* ... thinks fighting could come as early as 2026, should Chinese President Xi Jinping take the opportunity while the U.S. and its allies are unprepared and distracted by the war in Ukraine, which has vacuumed up the Western world's stocks of ammunition and military equipment."

### **Mass Protests in Tbilisi, Georgia Touted as 'Anti-Russian'**

March 9, 2023 (EIRNS)—It appears someone is trying to spark a Maidan-style color revolution in Georgia. Thousands of protesters have been demonstrating at Georgia's Parliament building in Tbilisi. Protesters in some cases are wearing gas masks and helmets, and some have been throwing Molotov cocktails and fireworks at police. They currently have the building blockaded, and may have the entire building surrounded.

The demonstrations are supposedly in response to a new law requiring that NGOs receiving more than 20% of their funding from abroad register as foreign agents. Opponents have called this a "Russian"-style law, and it has been denounced as going against Georgia's "European course"—a clear indication of the kind of color revolution that is intended. There has also been agitation around the release of former President Mikheil Saakashvili, who was convicted *in absentia* in 2018 of abuse of power during his presidency, and imprisoned on his return to Georgia in 2021. The U.S. Embassy has come out in support of the protesters, saying that the imposition of the "foreign agents" law is a "dark day for democracy" in Georgia. The embassy also mulled the possibility of imposing sanctions on the country for suppressing the protests.

Prime Minister Irakli Garibashvili responded to the protests on March 7, stating: “I want to tell everyone that the time when politicians and authorities served the interests of foreign countries is over in [our] country. We serve the interests of Georgia. Everyone should remember this well, and not try to interfere in the internal affairs of our country.”

After the protests continued to grow, on March 9 the governing coalition withdrew the bill in an effort to calm them down. A statement announcing the withdrawal said, “The machine of lies was able to present the bill in a negative light and mislead a certain part of the public.” The opposition, however, released a joint statement in response, insisting that the protests would continue nonetheless, “because there are many young people who do not trust Georgian Dream,” referring to the governing party.

### **Ukraine’s CCD Hit List Hypes Organizing To Bust Up Russia**

March 9, 2023 (EIRNS)—Ukraine’s Center for Countering Disinformation (CCD), a hit list run out of President Zelenskyy’s National Security and Defense Council, enthusiastically reported March 6 on the ostensible results of a “[National Online Referendum on Self-Determination of National Republics](#)” of Russia. The Kremlin is “in shock,” the CCD cries, because five populous Russian regions overwhelmingly want to separate from Moscow.

“Votes for secession from the Russian Federation were held from Feb. 16 [-28] in five Russian regions ... in Konigsberg (Kaliningrad and Oblast), Ingria (St. Petersburg and Leningrad Oblast), Kuban (Krasnodar region), Siberia and the Urals. 5.634 million people took part in the vote, which is a representative sample,” the CCD writes. Among the slogans of the ostensible referendums were “Enough with feeding Moscow!” “Enough of dying for the Kremlin!” “Vote for the Independence of your republic!”

Online referendums are notoriously unrepresentative of anything, and their organizers can claim any results they please, but the intent of the operation is clear. According to the CCD, “the ultimate goal of the ‘Forum of the Free Peoples of Russia’ is to change the administrative and territorial structure of the Russian Federation and the emergence on its territory of a

number of free, independent and democratic states.” Organizers will meet within a month to define the next steps for achieving this goal, says the CCD.

So much for Western denials that the goal of NATO’s proxy war against Russia, using Ukraine, is to dismember the Russian Federation. The referendum was announced at the 5th Forum of the so-called Free Nations of Post-Russia, held Jan. 30 on the premises of the European Parliament in Brussels.

Washington’s Brzezinski-minded Center for European Policy Analysis (CEPA) is actively involved. Its notorious Russia-hating British operative, former *Economist* senior editor Edward Lucas, took part in a January forum hosted in Brussels by a neocon group in the European Parliament. In his March 5 CEPA piece, titled “Russia’s Collapse: Ringside Seat,” Lucas reports that the forum was titled “Imperial Russia: Conquest, Colonization and Genocide,” with two Polish MEPs also involved in organizing it. He described the Post-Russia Forum as bringing “together the ethnic, linguistic, and regional groupings who are united by dislike for centralized rule from Moscow.... It attracted well-known ethnic minorities such as the Chechens, Tatars, and Ingrians, as well as Cossacks and autonomy campaigners from the Pskov, Smolensk, and Tver regions of Russia.”

Lucas is more realistic than the CCD as to the immediate potential for success of “Post-Russia,” suggesting that a campaign for decentralization may be needed to create conditions for Russia’s disintegration. But, the insistence on “decolonization” is important, too. “That is why I am heading to Brussels this week for another conference, titled ‘Pushing Pushkin: The Imperialism and Decolonization of Russian Culture.’ ”

## U.S. POLITICAL & ECONOMIC

### Rep. Gaetz Takes New Ground in Growing Anti-War Movement

March 9, 2023 (EIRNS)—The Congressman from Florida has certainly made waves in the recent days around his H.Con.Res.21, voted down in the

House March 8 by a vote of 321-103, with almost an even split between Republicans and Democrats. Gaetz had challenged anti-war Democrats in the past week to remember their previous anti-war stances, which have been virtually nonexistent for years. Yet yesterday's vote garnered the support of 47 Democrats, including many in the Congressional Progressive Caucus.

Despite its defeat, Gaetz said of his resolution: "I am encouraged that the kerfuffle my Syria legislation has brought to the Republican conference may lead us to a broader discussion about the 2001 AUMF [Authorization for the Use of Military Force], the 2002 AUMF, and it's obviously well past time for us to reconsider those authorizations in light of the world we live in, in 2023," said Gaetz.

Ro Khanna (D-CA), who supported the resolution, gave an optimistic view of the development: "There is a new generation of thinking on two central issues: a concern about wars and entanglements over the last 20 years that have not made us safer, and a concern over the offshoring of our domestic production over bad trade deals that have left the working class and middle class poorer," Khanna said. "I believe that this new generation of political leaders can help fix those two mistakes that the country has made and that there is an emerging consensus that we should not have our troops fighting overseas without Congressional authorization."

Representative Gaetz's concluding remarks in the House debate evinced a strong determination to end the "forever wars," and a willingness to admit that the American presence has actually worsened the situation on the ground throughout Southwest Asia. The Congressman said that, despite claims to the contrary, having U.S. troops in Syria "is a recruiting tool for ISIS." "We have to also acknowledge, Syria and Iraq are the two countries on the planet Earth where we have done the most to fund ISIS. We give weapons to these so-called moderate rebels—which I actually thought was an oxymoron—and it turns out they're not that moderate. Sometimes the rebels we fund to go fight Assad, turn around and raise the ISIS flag. And so it's quite silly to be saying we have to withdraw to stop ISIS when it is

our very presence in Syria in some cases that has been the best gift to ISIS,” he said.

He mentioned Al-Nusra, and the numerous other groups within Syria. “There’s no real clear delineation as to what the ‘enduring defeat of ISIS’ means,” he said. This is not our role, and our vision of democracy has not worked: “We have tried this time and again, to build a democracy out of sand and blood and Arab militias, and time and again, the work we do does not reduce chaos. Oftentimes, it causes chaos—the very chaos that then subsequently leads to terrorism.”

Gaetz also hit at the narrative that the U.S. is upholding the “balance of power” in the region, promulgated by what he identified as “Georgetown School of Foreign Service” acolytes: “You go tell that to the parents of the Americans who have to sleep tonight in Syria, who have to guard oil fields with Iranian drones coming at them—that they’re necessary to preserve the balance of power.”

Further, Gaetz gave an interesting comment given to the [Intercept](#) regarding his future plans: “Syria is my leadoff hitter. We’re going to take a trip around the globe. We may go to Yemen. We may have stops in Niger. We may have stops in Sudan. Maybe ultimately, we’ll end in Ukraine”

### **Anti-War Leaders Commend Efforts of Gaetz**

March 9, 2023 (EIRNS)—Following the fight over the resolution to withdraw troops from Syria, a number of leading figures who had raised their voices at the “Rage Against the War Machine” rally on Feb. 19, have now come out in praise of the War Powers Resolution of Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-FL). Libertarian National Chair and “Rage Against the War Machine” organizer [Angela McArdle](#) tweeted today: “171 Republicans & 150 Democrats voted to keep our troops in Syria w/out a declaration of war or any meaningful reason. I will absolutely be working with other 3rd parties to primary the shit out of the most vulnerable warhawks.

“OperationWarhawkRemoval has officially commenced.”

Another person who addressed the Rage Against the War Machine rally last month, and has now come out praising Gaetz, is journalist [Max Blumenthal](#). On March 9 he tweeted: “Americans who want to see an end to the U.S. occupation and plunder of Syria owe Matt Gaetz and his partners in the Congressional Progressive Caucus a debt of gratitude for their effort. A similar coalition has driven Rage Against The War Machine and antiwar efforts across Europe.”

### **Mainstream Media Add Flourishes To Cover-Up Story on Nord Stream Sabotage**

March 9, 2023 (EIRNS)—Major media are coming out with new details and twists of the cover story that a bunch of well-trained guys rented a boat, dived into the deep, and put the explosives on the Nord Stream pipelines. Two of the latest such reports:

*The Wall Street Journal*. On March 8, the *Journal* posted, “[U.S. Probes Whether Pro-Ukraine Group Had Role in Nord Stream Explosions](#).” Citing the inevitable anonymous intelligence officials, the daily claims that the CIA warned German foreign intelligence, the Bundesnachrichtendienst (BND), about a potential attack on the Nord Stream gas pipelines months before an attack was carried out. They even claimed that three Ukrainian nationals were attempting to rent ships in countries that border the Baltic Sea. They also claim that CIA Director William Burns and National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan were considering the possibility that Ukraine was behind the attack as early as October, but did not say what that assessment was based on, or if it was related to the pro-Ukrainian group that allegedly attacked the pipelines. One the themes of the story is that “Western officials no longer suspect Russia of ordering the alleged attack against undersea gas pipelines,” as stated in its kicker.

*The Times*. On March 8, [The Times](#) of London wrote that knowledge of the Nord Stream bombers “has been circulating in intelligence circles for months but not revealed.” Western intelligence knew almost immediately that it was done “by a private venture originating in Ukraine,” but wanted to keep the information hidden, for fear it would irritate Germany and

undermine anticipated German support in sending Ukraine Leopard 2 tanks. The intelligence briefing on the whodunit had been at an unnamed Scandinavian embassy in Brussels a week after the Sept. 26, 2022 bombing, according to *The Times* report.

Unfortunately for Global NATO and their tangled web of lies, not all the stories are matching up. Ukraine's Defense Minister Oleksii Reznikov, visiting Stockholm for the informal meeting of EU defense ministers, was asked by a reporter whether Ukraine was involved in the Nord Stream sabotage. He replied: "For me, this is a rather strange story that has nothing to do with us. I think that an official investigation that is being conducted by the concerned authorities will reveal all the details. It would be a certain compliment to our special forces, but these are not our actions."

### **Oklahoma Voters Reject 'Recreational' Marijuana**

March 9, 2023 (EIRNS)—Last week, Oklahoma voters defeated an attempt to legalize marijuana for "adult" recreational use. Five years ago, Oklahomans voted up "medical" marijuana, requiring no specifics on what medical conditions are appropriate for such "treatment," but now have drawn the line—a line crossed by 21 other states. The Oklahoma vote was a decisive 62-38%. Oklahoma has licensed 2,900 medical dispensaries and almost 8,000 farms over the past five years, for "medical" pot. Some 2,000 of those farms are under investigation for fraud or diverting supply to illicit Oklahoma trade, which supplies the largest amount of black-market cannabis to the East Coast.

The only U.S. states that have not legalized the mind- and culture-destroying marijuana are Nebraska, Kansas, and Idaho. The rest have at least legalized the sale of CBD products and/or "medical" applications, and 21 have legalized so-called "recreational" use by adults.

## NEW STRATEGIC & ECONOMIC ARCHITECTURE

### ***China Daily* Covers the Schiller Institute Feb. 23 Webinar Demanding Truth About Saboteurs of Nord Stream**

March 9, 2023 (EIRNS)—Today’s issue of the leading English-language newspaper *China Daily* posts an article, “[Global Efforts Urged in Nord Stream Probe](#),” reporting on the latest diversionary cover-up stories in the *New York Times* and elsewhere, and quoting from Helga Zepp-LaRouche and other speakers at Schiller Institute’s Feb. 23 webinar on the urgency of a proper investigation to get to the truth. The Schiller Institute forum was titled, “[Investigate Nord Stream Revelations: Stop Nuclear World War III](#).”

The daily quoted Mrs. Zepp-LaRouche on Seymour Hersh’s Feb. 8 exposé that the sabotage was carried out by the U.S. Navy on orders from President Biden. “And Germany and the entire EU, rather than getting cheap gas from Russia, have now a very far-reaching energy dependency (on) the United States. We are faced with the total danger of deindustrialization in Germany....

“It is even worse. Germany has become a pawn in the strategy by the unipolar world faction, based on the Anglo-American special relationship....” *China Daily* quoted her speech.

Another speaker, human rights lawyer and professor of international law Francis Boyle, told the Schiller forum that the sabotage of Nord Stream was an “act of war and a war crime” under international law, because they were civilian infrastructure. Therefore, it could come under the jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court, he argued.

## COLLAPSING WESTERN SYSTEM

### **EU Defense Ministers Plan for €2 Billion in Ammo to Kiev Regime**

March 9, 2023 (EIRNS)—What was called an “informal” meeting of the European Union defense ministers was held over March 7-8 in Sweden. Ukrainian Defense Minister Oleksii Reznikov also participated. According to the official statement on the website of the Swedish EU presidency, the

ministers discussed the EU's military support to Ukraine, especially the training of the Ukrainian Armed Forces by the EU's Military Assistance Mission Ukraine. The mission commanders provided a status update at the meeting. They also discussed financing the procurement of artillery ammunition.

At the closing press conference with host Defense Minister Pal Jonson on March 8, Borrell said he had made a three-part proposal to the EU defense ministers: "The next weeks will be critical," said Josep Borrell describing a €1 billion support package to "immediately reimburse" allies for their ammunition shipments to Ukraine, financed by the European Peace Facility, the EU's off-budget funding mechanism for actions with military and defense implications. Second, to support the joint ammunition procurement program under coordination of the European Defense Agency, for which Borrell said the European Peace Facility would allocate another €1 billion. Finally, Borrell said the most crucial element of the plan is to ramp up long-term production capabilities to meet future demands: "We are in war times, and we have to have ... a war mentality."

Sputnik reports that Borrell, on the sidelines of the meeting, had argued that since the EU countries are not at war, they don't need ammunition from their stockpiles, and quoting the callous hypocrite as saying: "Member states, happily for them, they are not at war, so they can wait [for new supplies of munitions].... I don't see the danger. Why is it dangerous?"

Demonstrating that the EU is just an annex to NATO, Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg participated in a working luncheon with the ministers and UN Under-Secretary-General for Peace Operations Jean-Pierre Lacroix.

### **Polish President Sees Nord Stream Sabotage as a 'Good Thing'**

March 9, 2023 (EIRNS)—The destruction of the Nord Stream pipelines delivering Russian gas to Europe via Germany was a good thing, Polish President Andrzej Duda told CNN on yesterday. He claimed that the sabotage had freed the continent from Moscow's plans for "dominance," and that it had ended Poland's dependence on Russian gas. Asked about media reports that pro-Ukrainian forces may have been behind the attack on

the pipeline, Duda said he could not confirm those claims, but insisted that if Nord Stream ceased to exist, it would be “beneficial” for Europe.

Poland was a major opponent of the Russian-German gas pipeline project and even lobbied in August 2022 for it to be dismantled, roughly a month before the attack. Duda also denounced the project as part of Europe’s appeasement strategy in relations with Russia.

The Polish President, who spoke to CNN during a visit to the United Arab Emirates, also suggested handing all Polish MiG-29 fighter jets over to Kiev, but only as part of an international coalition. “We are ready to deliver these planes, and I am sure that Ukraine would be ready to use them immediately,” he said. Duda, however, urged for Ukrainian pilots to be trained to operate U.S. F-16 fighter jets, arguing that Kiev’s forces would in any case be eager to be “up to NATO standards.”

### **Greek Railway Workers Continue their Strike, as Students Take to the Streets Again**

March 9, 2023 (EIRNS)—The Greek railway unions renewed their strike action to include March 10. They have been on strike since March 1, the day after the Feb. 28 train crash at Tempi, killing at least 57. They are unlikely to return to work until their demands are met. Representatives of the national federation of workers at railroad and fixed-track transport means said that the federation demands safe, high-quality, public train service. They also added that it will table its proposals to restart train services at its March 9 meeting with Giorgos Gerapetritis, the minister of state for transportation and infrastructure.

Meantime, students again took to the streets in Athens this morning under the slogan, “This crime will not be covered up for all the dead, we will be a voice.” Students and youth had played a leading role all over Greece in the March 8 national demonstrations. Many of those killed and injured in the crash were students returning to school at Thessaloniki from holidaying in Athens.