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## EDITORIAL

### The City-Builders Speak in the Far East

Sept. 12, 2023 (EIRNS)—“You know what we’re going to do? We’re going to build nuplexes. Lay it out to ‘em. How do you build a nuplex? Well, you go out and dig a big crater.... Build a crater the size of a city, a

city of a half-million people, or 100,000 people, but build a crater for an industrial city of a new type, from six, seven or eight stories below the surface. On this thing, stick two nuclear plants, of one-half to two gigawatts each. We're not going to export a few, ten or twenty billion dollars worth of additional exports—we're going to export hundreds of cities!"

In Lyndon LaRouche's Presidential campaign announcement of 1978, his design of a new type of bank, called the International Development Bank, crafted to make technology transfer from the "advanced" to the "developing" sector the fundamental, characteristic loaning activity of that bank, was, and is revolutionary. LaRouche's unique concept of the World Land-Bridge, composed of what he called "development corridors," is also unique. It frees mankind from the need to build most cities along coasts, or pre-existing inland bodies of water, and instead, to import, through a system of water and power projects, the very process of systemic, "full-set" industrial development into the interior of continents. These two ideas shift the characteristic of not only how civilization, but the biosphere itself is evolving. These and other LaRouche ideas are the most advanced economic conceptions ever presented in an electoral campaign by any candidate for public office in history. They should be made the subject of discussion, deliberation and debate in the "non-elections" planned for the United States in 2024. These stand out as completely revolutionary ideas, even 45 years after they were first proposed. It is only by presenting ideas of this type, in the streets of the United States and Europe in particular, including in an electoral setting, that the basis for negotiations between Russia and the trans-Atlantic world, or China and the trans-Atlantic world, can be re-established on a higher conceptual footing than now exists.

Only if the method underlying LaRouche's economic proposals is increasingly publicly discussed is it likely that the Anglosphere can still be dissuaded from its disastrous, "surprisingly" short path to thermonuclear war. LaRouche publications are the short-term means to this end, augmented by vigorous social media campaigns that widely distribute video material such as the keynote speech by Helga Zepp-LaRouche at the Sept. 9 Schiller Institute conference, "Let Us Join Hands with the Global Majority

To Create a New Chapter in World History!” There, and in her [Ten Principles for a New International Security and Development Architecture](#) of November last year, the reader can encounter the best short-term introduction to the method by which a higher order of strategic international policy is made.

While many things are happening in current history, it is important for everyone who actually cares about civilization to read [President Putin’s Sept. 12 speech](#) to the annual Eastern Economic Forum plenary directly, rather than the various media distortions. It should be read from the standpoint of the LaRouche “City-Builder” new economic platform conception identified above. Why? Let us examine this statement, made by Putin in his keynote speech to the Plenary Session of the 8th Eastern Economic Forum today: “Essentially, we are witnessing a new emerging model of relationships and integration—and not by Western patterns, for the elite, for the chosen ‘golden billion,’ but for the entire humanity and the entire existing and developing multipolar world. This model offers creative energy, openness and focus on a specific outcome as a powerful competitive advantage of the Asia-Pacific region, a key factor that determines and I am sure will determine for a long time its global leadership in economic growth.”

In the speech, President Putin was concentrating his attention on the enormous potential of the Russian Far East, an area that is more than 80% that of the continental United States. Putin pointed out, “I should note here that the average percentage of explored subsurface resources in the Far East is now 35%. You understand, only 35% of the subsurface area has been explored. What does this mean? It shows that there is every opportunity for the mining industries to grow by leaps and bounds, including the strategic raw materials that are in short supply, and which will be in demand in the economy of the future. ... In order to increase the scope of geological exploration, we have launched a frontal strategy, it is called so beautifully: Geology. Revival of a Legend. I ask the government to include a separate section in it, dedicated to the study of the Far East subsurface and to start preparing a similar section for Siberia....”

Those who know something of the scientific history of the United States, can hear the implication of what Putin is actually discussing here. What is the significance, in American history, for example, of the United States Geological Survey, the United States Coast Survey, or the U.S. Geodetic Survey, and their roles in establishing a scientifically independent, increasingly self-sufficient United States? In response to the passage of the John Quincy Adams-inspired General Survey Act of 1825, “authorizing the President to employ officers of the Army Corps of Engineers to make surveys for roads and canals of national importance,” Virginia Sen. John Randolph stated, “if Congress possesses the power to do what he is proposing in this bill ... they may emancipate every slave in the United States.”

The BRICS process, so denounced and dismissed for so long by those that would have the world plunged into perpetual war, has increasingly emerged as the “seed-crystal,” but nonetheless central physical reality of a future “new planetary correlation of forces.” About Putin’s speech, though they reported secondary matters, Reuters and other press outlets could not grasp much, though many decided to fixate on the Russian President’s statement in discussions with the [forum moderators](#), that “If one looks into the security sphere, new physical principles weapons will ensure the security of any country in the near historic perspective. We understand this very well and are working on it.” That scared them enough to report it, along with the visit of North Korea’s Kim Jong Un to Russia and “what it could possibly mean.”

What it *all* basically means—what the BRICS-Plus process, informed by the revolutionary ideas of Lyndon LaRouche can mean—is that the Sun is setting on the multiple imperialisms that have dominated too much of human life for far too long. The British are not amused, but they are also not capable of stopping the process, short of instigating thermonuclear war. As for the role of cities in acquiring greater human wealth, intelligence, and freedom, consider this.

In the year 1800, some 3% of the world lived in cities. In 1900, some 14% of the world lived in cities. As of now, 55% of the world lives in cities. It is projected that by the year 2050, a least 68% of the world will be living in cities. “Together, India, China and Nigeria will account for 35% of the projected growth of the world’s urban population between 2018 and 2050. By 2050, it is projected that India will have added 416 million urban dwellers, China 255 million and Nigeria 189 million.”

Who will build these cities of the future? Where will those city-builders be born? When LaRouche proposed a revolution decades ago, of phased-in, eventually thermonuclear fusion-based economies that manufactured cities for export, built to change as they aged, with modular industrial capabilities, he also conceived of workforces so conversant with the “machine-tool principle” that they were skilled in changing their very skills, to adapt and be incorporated into industries yet unknown. These are the workforces that will build the African cities of the future, not die on the shores of Libya or in the fatal seas of the Mediterranean. Whether in the form of space technology, fusion technology, high-speed rail/magnetically levitated trains technology, water and power technology, etc. It is time for the city-builders, and city dwellers, worldwide, to as opposed to Mike “Mouse-o-lini” Bloomberg’s “Venetian world city-states” project, build hundreds of cities, brimming with the optimism that only the final end of colonialism can bring the human race.

- Watch [Harley’s Updates](#) with Harley Schlanger on Wednesday September 13, 2023: Every weekday morning on The LaRouche Organization, Schlanger will give you the strategic briefing you need to start your day.

## NEW STRATEGIC & ECONOMIC ARCHITECTURE

### Russian Trade Appears Recovering to Pre-Ukraine War Level

Sept. 12, 2023 (EIRNS)—According to a Sept. 7 report of the Kiel Institute for the World Economy’s “[Kiel Trade Indicator](#),” Russia’s goods trade is recovering to the volume levels prior to the war sanctions put on Russia by the United States and “Global NATO” from February 2022 onward. The report says: “Activity in Russia’s ports is surprisingly high. For the first time since the outbreak of the Ukraine war, the volume of goods unloaded at Russia’s three largest container ports, St. Petersburg, Vladivostok, and Novorossiysk, is approaching the levels seen at the outbreak of the war.

“In particular, arrivals at Russia’s most important container port, St. Petersburg, had slumped by 90% in the meantime and then jumped in recent weeks. ‘Where the goods are coming from is not clear from the container ship movements, but Russia seems to be rejoining the world trade. This occurs despite sanctions imposed by Western nations and the falling value of the ruble, which is disappointing,’ ” the report quotes co-author Vincent Stamer, head of Kiel Trade Indicator, as saying.

The “Kiel Indicator” report was discussed in an article Sept. 9 by [Radio Free Europe](#). The RFE article added, “Russia’s economy is now forecast to grow more than 2% this year.” While the source of that forecast is not given, it is higher than the most recent estimates of the Russian Finance Ministry and Central Bank—or, may represent a new estimate.

## STRATEGIC SHOWDOWN

### Is the Biden Administration Setting Up Bombardment of Russia with U.S.-Made Cluster Munitions?

Sept. 12, 2023 (EIRNS)—Reuters, in another report regarding leaks that the U.S. might include the 300 km-range Army Tactical Missile System (ATACMS) missile in the next tranche of weapons and munitions for the Kiev regime, also stated that the Biden Administration is considering the version of the ATACMS missile equipped with a warhead loaded with

cluster munitions. That warhead comes loaded with over 300 bomblets while the cluster version of the standard HIMARS rocket that Ukraine is already using can be loaded with over 500 bomblets, but has a much shorter range of about 45 km.

The Reuters report came a day after U.S. Secretary of State [Tony Blinken](#) told ABC News on its “This Week” broadcast that he has, in effect, no objection to Ukraine using long-range weapons provided by the U.S. to bombard Russian territory. “These are long-range missiles, 200 miles in range,” ABC News interviewer Jonathan Karl said, referring to the ATACMS missiles. “Are you OK if those missiles allow Ukraine to attack deep into Russian territory?”

“In terms of their targeting decisions, it’s their decision, not ours,” Blinken replied.

“Are you—are you OK with—I mean, obviously, they’re—it’s their decisions, but is this war now escalating into Russia?” asked Karl. Blinken responded with a long rant on the alleged brutality of Russia’s war in Ukraine and the Kiev regime’s right to self-defense leaving Karl with no time for any further followup question.

“By successfully winding down the clock babbling about what Ukraine has a right to do, Blinken avoided discussing the real issue of what the U.S. itself is doing. Nobody disputes that Ukraine has a right to attack Russian territory....” commentator Caitlin Johnston writes. “What’s being debated is whether the U.S. should be backing those attacks, because doing so could lead to nuclear war.”

The Kiev regime already has a long record of attacking civilians on both sides of the front lines. In the spring of 2022, Ukrainian forces used a Soviet-era Tochka U missile loaded with cluster bombs to attack the train station in Kramatorsk, killing about 65 civilians. During the summer of 2022, Ukrainian forces fired thousands of Lepostok mines into civilian neighborhoods in Donetsk, which have so far killed at least 3 civilians and wounded about 100 more. Now, imagine U.S.-made bomblets falling on Bryansk, Belgorod or other Russian regions and killing civilians. That will

aid in creating the conditions that Johnstone warned against, and what Blinken appears to have given the green light to, in the case of the Kiev regime.

### **Japan's Foreign Minister Visits Kiev, Rants about Russian 'Aggression'**

Sept. 12, 2023 (EIRNS)—Yoshimasa Hayashi became the first Japanese Foreign Minister to visit Ukraine, ranting about Russian military aggression, an “outrageous act that shakes the very foundation of the international order, and Japan cannot condone any attempts to unilaterally change the status quo by force.” To further display his obeisance to the lies about Ukraine, he visited Bucha, offering prayers for the “victims” of Russia’s supposed “atrocities.” He also denounced the referendum votes to become part of Russia as “shams” which were “totally unacceptable.”

*Japan Times* reports that “Hayashi met with a spate of officials in Kiev, including President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, with the two agreeing ‘to begin talks on a bilateral Ukrainian-Japanese agreement on security guarantees,’ Zelenskyy said.”

Japan has given \$7 billion in non-lethal aid to Ukraine. Sending military goods is illegal in Japan.

### **Kim Jong Un Arrives in Russia**

Sept. 12, 2023 (EIRNS)—Russian Natural Resources and Environment Minister Alexander Kozlov greeted North Korean leader Kim Jong Un after the train arrived at the Khasan station in the Primorye Region. Kozlov wrote on his Telegram channel that Russia and North Korea have been good friends for 75 years. “All these years we have been supporting and helping each other not only as neighbors, but also as close partners,” Kozlov added.

The *Korea Herald* had reported earlier that Kim, “publicly flanked by a cadre of key military officers,” had entered Russia aboard his train. “The move strongly signals that the focus of the impending summit will revolve around strengthening military cooperation, despite explicit repeated

warnings from the United States about the potential consequences for both countries, including additional sanctions in the event of arms transfers from North Korea to Russia.”

Among those accompanying Kim are: Vice Chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Workers’ Party of Korea Ri Pyong-chol, “who holds the highest-ranking military position and is widely recognized for his pivotal role in North Korea’s nuclear and missile development, who was seen as part of Kim’s entourage in photos released by state media.” Also part of the delegation is Pak Jong-chon, who serves as the director of the Department of Political Leadership over Military Affairs, and holds the second-highest-ranking military position. He was also seen in the company of Kim. The commanders of the North Korean navy and air force were also seen in Kim’s entourage.

“Especially considering the significant presence of military personnel, we are closely monitoring the possibility of discussions regarding arms deals and technology transfer between North Korea and Russia,” South Korean Defense Ministry spokesperson Jeon Ha-gyu said on Sept. 12.

So far, the only hint as to what may be on the agenda for Kim’s meeting with Putin has come from Kremlin spokesman [Dmitry Peskov](#). “Above all, the issues related to bilateral ties, cooperation, trade and economic ties and cultural exchanges will be discussed,” Peskov said this morning, reported TASS. “Certainly, there will be an intensive exchange of opinions on the situation in the region and on international affairs in general, because this is of interest both to Putin and to our guest from Pyongyang.” He then, however, added: “Naturally, being neighbors, our countries cooperate in certain sensitive spheres which should not be publicly revealed or announced.”

### **Canadian Sunset: ‘BRICS Is a Paper Tiger’**

Sept. 12, 2023 (EIRNS)—*Geopolitical Monitor* declared from its limited Canadian base (of intelligence), “The BRICS Is Not a Strategic Threat to the United States.” They said this, meaning by it, that the BRICS is “too weak” to be a threat: “Despite widespread enthusiasm in anti-Western

circles, the soon-to-be 11-member economic bloc is a partnership of convenience. It is not a long-term alliance nor a strategic threat to the United States. The criteria to join the BRICS are vague. There is no charter and no fixed secretariat. Not even a functional website. This paper tiger also has a long list of structural challenges to overcome. Its ideological incoherence, characterized by issues ranging from internal conflicts of interest to divergent international perspectives, will pose complex challenges to the ‘bloc’ for the foreseeable future.”

Those familiar with the phenomenon of “sundown syndrome” among patients suffering from dementia will have momentary sympathy for the enraged, even vicious character of the Canadian (read British) response. It is sundown for the British Empire, but very hard for them to admit that. As for individual cases of “imperial sundowner syndrome”—those that become irrational upon realizing that in fact the Sun does set upon the British Empire—several medical remedies are available, though it is not clear that any of them can correct, or even alleviate, chronic stupidity.

### **Kremlin Spokesman Asserts German and French Leaders Unable To Mediate Ukraine Conflict**

Sept. 12, 2023 (EIRNS)—Kremlin spokesman [Dmitry Peskov](#), in an interview with the RBC news outlet on the sidelines of the Eastern Economic Forum in Vladivostok, made clear that neither German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, nor French President Emmanuel Macron could act as mediators in the conflict with Ukraine. “Evidently, both Mr. Macron and Mr. Scholz would like to continue to pretend, at least on the surface, that they can be mediators, but actually, of course, they have essentially lost this chance. For they have lost their autonomy in this entire story,” he said reported TASS. These leaders, according to Peskov, “prefer to align themselves with the decisions that are made in Washington,” even if this harms them and their countries. At the same time, he noted that Russian President Vladimir Putin “has never ruled out the possibility of continuing dialogue with the European leaders.”

“Moscow’s position is clear, transparent, sound and consistent. There is nothing new about it and will not be. We must ensure our security and the security of our future generations. We cannot allow a nationalist regime to grow stronger near our border. We cannot afford to see NATO missiles and NATO military infrastructure being deployed several kilometers from our borders,” Peskov stressed, and insisting that Russia cannot accept this, so it has to take appropriate measures.

While Russia has always been open to negotiation, the preconditions for peace talks simply don’t exist at present, Peskov stressed. “The special military operation was an extreme option to achieve our goals. We had to achieve our goals. We had to ensure our security, solve problems with security guarantees for ourselves, for future generations. We had to prevent the establishment of a nationalist regime absorbed by the North Atlantic Alliance near our borders,” he said. “If some other preconditions besides military solutions regarding our problems showed up, then negotiations would start again.”

Peskov also drew the distinction between Ukraine joining NATO, and Finland and Sweden joining NATO. “The thing is that the Russian Federation has no issues with either Sweden or Finland. We have no security-related issues with them. We have no territory-related issues with them. These countries are not waging a civil war against their regions. These countries do not kill Russians on their territory. These countries do not ban the Russian language as a pariah language. So we have no problems with them. The situation there is completely different,” he said. “But things are completely different with Ukraine, and the situation in Ukraine is absolutely unacceptable to us.”

Russia “does not threaten either Finland or Sweden,” he said. “We hope we are not threatened by either Sweden or Finland. And we hope that there will be no missiles on the territory of these countries that will be directed toward us.”

## Lula Sends Trusted Personnel to Argentina To Assist Sergio Massa's Presidential Campaign

Sept. 12, 2023 (EIRNS)—According to the daily *La Política Online* Sept. 11, the Brazilian strategist responsible for Lula da Silva's electoral victory in 2022, Edinho Silva, is now working with the campaign of Argentina's Sergio Massa, presidential candidate of the ruling Union for the Fatherland (UP). Bringing Silva into the campaign coincided with the official "relaunching" of Massa's campaign Sept. 9 in the northern capital of Tucuman, which also included a shakeup in the campaign's top leadership.

On Aug. 28, as soon as Lula returned from the Aug. 22-24 BRICS summit in South Africa, he met with Massa in Brasilia for one day, during which he questioned Massa intensively on how the election campaign was going against lunatic fascist Javier Milei, telling the candidate, "It's your responsibility to win, do what you must, but win." At this point, polls indicate that the Oct. 22 elections will result in a runoff between Massa and Milei and that the third candidate, neoliberal Patricia Bullrich, will be eliminated.

Milei has sworn that should he win, he'll cut ties with "communist" Brazil and China, prevent Argentina from joining the BRICS, and pull out of the four-nation Mercosur customs union, among other things. Lula, who was responsible for securing the invitation to Argentina to join the BRICS, warns that a Milei victory "would set Latin America back 40 years." He is prepared to do everything possible to assist Massa in defeating Milei, whom he calls "crazier than Bolsonaro," another fascist lunatic, who preceded Lula in office.

During the Aug. 28 meeting, Lula offered to send his own media specialists to help Massa's campaign, particularly in social media communications and strategy. He also said he would be prepared to deliver a recorded or video message to the Argentine people as the Oct. 22 elections approach. Last week, *La Política Online* reports, Massa sent trusted representatives to São Paulo to meet with Edinho Silva and as of Sept. 10, Silva's people had arrived in Argentina to begin working on

Massa's campaign in social media, communications strategy and preparation for the first candidates' debate Oct. 1.

Silva is a longtime Lula ally, who has served as a city councilman, state and federal legislator, president of Lula's Workers Party in São Paulo and Secretary of Communications for former President Dilma Rousseff in 2015. He was said to be key to reorganizing Lula's electoral campaign at a moment of vulnerability which was instrumental to Lula's victory.

## COLLAPSING WESTERN SYSTEM

### German Construction Industry in Deep Crisis

Sept. 12, 2023 (EIRNS)—The triad of slow bureaucracy, green regulation red tape, and rising costs of energy and materials has created a situation that compels many German construction firms to cancel planned projects. In August, 20.7% of firms reported canceled projects, up from 18.9% in July, according to the Munich-based Ifo Institute for Economic Research. “Cancellations in residential construction are piling up to a new high,” said Klaus Wohlrabe, head of Ifo's surveys. “We have not seen anything comparable since the survey began in 1991. The uncertainty in the market is huge.”

As a result of the rapid rise in construction costs and much higher interest rates, many projects that would have been profitable in early 2022 are currently no longer viable, he said. “The scaling back of subsidies due to stricter energy-saving requirements is also putting a strain on builders' calculations,” Wohlrabe said. But even much-propagandized “green economy projects” can't get off the ground—like the Southlink overland power line from the wind parks in the North Sea down to Germany's southernmost regions. This power line, whose construction began in a ceremony yesterday, is designed to be 700 km long—of which only 17.6 km has been approved so far! Originally scheduled to be ready by the end of 2022, the target is now 2028-2030, and likely even later.

As a result, construction companies have increasingly found themselves in trouble. Some companies still have well-filled order books. However, 44.2% of the companies surveyed had already reported a shortage of orders, up from 40.3% in July. By comparison, at the same time last year, the figure was only 13.8%. “Some companies are already up to their necks in water,” Wohlrabe said, adding that currently, 11.9% of residential construction companies are already reporting financing difficulties. “This is the highest figure in over 30 years.”

Note that none of the English or German publications or news agencies indicate to whom Wohlrabe made his remarks, or when he was speaking.

### **More Warnings about Germany’s Construction Industry on the Brink of Collapse**

Sept. 12, 2023 (EIRNS)—RT calls attention to a report in *The Economist* from Sept. 7, warning that Germany’s crucial construction industry is “on the brink of collapse”—putting in jeopardy the economic as a whole. The report says the sector makes up 12% of the country’s GDP and employs a million construction workers.

“We are sending our construction industry into the abyss,” they quote the chief executive of German housing giant Vonovia, Rolf Buch, as saying.

The article indicated that despite the German government’s pledge to build 400,000 flats a year, industry estimates have shown that about 700,000 a year are needed, “not least to house the more than 1 million Ukrainians” taking shelter in Germany. Last year, just 295,000 new buildings were built. Buch described the resulting shortage of affordable housing in parts of the country as a “societal tinderbox.”

*The Economist* wrote that soaring energy prices and high building material costs, a result of supply-chain disruptions, have been crippling the construction industry. Meanwhile, higher interest rates have increased the cost of the debt that many German builders rely on to get projects off the ground, it noted. All of this has resulted in construction firms and property

developers going bust. In the first four months of this year, 437 building companies have filed for insolvency, representing an increase of 20% year-on-year.

The German Property Federation (ZIA) had already said in its spring report that housing shortages had likely reached their highest level in 20 years and that the gap between supply and demand may widen to 700,000 buildings by 2025. According to ZIA estimates, 1.4 million people will be looking for a place to live in 2024 and will be unable to find one, “if we don’t turn things around immediately.”

## U.S. POLITICAL & ECONOMIC

### **Biden Tries To Divide Vietnam from China**

Sept. 12, 2023 (EIRNS)—President Joe Biden visited Hanoi after the G20 summit in India, where he raised U.S. ties with Vietnam to the level of “comprehensive strategic partnership.” The effort to drag Vietnam out of the Chinese orbit was not hidden—he said the agreement puts the U.S. relations with Hanoi “on a par with that of Beijing’s and Moscow’s.” This is far from the truth, as China-Vietnam trade is over \$300 billion annually, more than double that of the U.S.-Vietnam trade.

Just a week ahead of Biden’s visit to Vietnam, Liu Jianchao, head of the International Department of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, led a CPC delegation on a visit to Vietnam over Sept. 4-6, solidifying the close ties of China and Vietnam.

## SCIENCE & INFRASTRUCTURE

### **Putin Pointing to Defense Based on New Physical Principles**

Sept. 12, 2023 (EIRNS)—TASS quoted Russian President Vladimir Putin as saying during a meeting with the session moderators at the 8th Eastern Economic Forum: “If one looks into the security sphere, new physical principles weapons will ensure the security of any country in the near historic perspective. We understand this very well and are working on it.”

The President was concluding a response to remarks by V. Pirozhkov, who said he had moderated a session on “Technological Development of Russia: How To Overtake without Catching Up.” The entirety of the exchanges between [President Putin](#) and the Vladivostok moderators is posted to the Kremlin’s Russian page.

Developing weapons based on new physical principles involves the use of novel technologies and principles of action, TASS explains: such weapons include laser, ultrasonic, radiofrequency, and other branches.