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EDITORIAL

Building a Coalition for Durable Peace

Feb. 10, 2023 (EIRNS)— Helga Zepp-LaRouche took to Twitter today to organize thousands of people around a durable peace built upon a new security and development framework in which the fundamental interests of all nations are respected. [Kim Dotcom](#), who hosted the Twitter Space, at first applauded Zepp-LaRouche for her “beautiful” vision and her intention

to bring it about, while remaining pessimistic about the potential to bring it into being. But as the discussion unfolded and additional voices entered the conversation, Zepp-LaRouche's committed optimism carried the day.

“This space turned into a wonderful effort to save the world. We must at least try. Here's the plan: Let's get religious leaders around the world to mobilize their followers and launch a peace movement against the war in Ukraine to prevent a potential nuclear war,” Kim Dotcom tweeted after the event, which he concluded by inviting Helga Zepp-LaRouche to become a regular guest on future shows, which he will announce to his 1.3 million Twitter followers.

All told, his three tweets about the event, to which 10,000 people tuned in during the live streaming, have garnered 350,000 impressions, earned thousands of likes, and provoked nearly 1,000 comments.

They were not the only two Germans to act for peace today. German Die Linke politician Sahra Wagenknecht and feminist publisher Alice Schwarzer have launched a [petition for peace](#) and are building for a peace rally in Berlin on February 25. “Negotiating does not mean surrendering,” they say. “Negotiating means compromises, on both sides. With the goal of preventing further hundreds of thousands of deaths and worse. That's what we think too, and that's what half of the German population thinks. It's time to listen to us!”

As far as the war drive goes, the economic collapse and the expansion of the military are running neck and neck, with the increase in U.S. debt service exceeding the military increase for the proxy war against Russia. With interest rates rising, making interest payments on the more than \$30 trillion in U.S. debt becomes more and more expensive.

Testimony by former Twitter executives at hearings by the House Oversight Committee is painting a picture of the decision to interfere in the 2020 election by suppressing coverage of the Hunter Biden laptop as having eerie parallels with the concoction of Guccifer 2.0 as the mythical Russian hacker who provided DNC emails to WikiLeaks—the inciting event for the Russiagate claims of Russian involvement in the 2016

election. The Hunter Biden laptop story, published by the *New York Post* on October 14, 2020, came only a few weeks after a table-top “exercise”—run by the Aspen Institute—to game out the release of supposed Russian disinformation related to Biden in the run-up to the election. Knowing that dangerous material was about to come out, those intent on putting Biden in the White House seeded social media executives with the narrative of a Russian plot. In 2016, with Julian Assange hinting that something big about Hillary Clinton was coming, the DNC pulled together a story that the materials to be published by WikiLeaks were not supplied by an insider mad at the party’s “fixing” the nomination for Clinton, but rather by a Russian hacker invented for the purpose: Guccifer 2.0.

The greatest purveyors of disinformation are those who insist that Russia must be defeated, that the military operation in Ukraine was “unprovoked,” that Russia blew up its own Nord Stream pipelines, that Chinese balloons savagely menace our way of life, and whatever new stories are cooked up next to manufacture support for a war that could end humanity, all in the face of a tottering economic system desperately in need of a physical-scientific revival.

We are just slightly more than one week from the [February 19 peace rally](#) in Washington, D.C., which may serve as an inflection point in breaking more widely into the public discourse. There is much to be done. Let us ask, as did Cotton Mather, “What Good can I do today?”

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

LAROUCHE MOVEMENT

Helga Zepp-LaRouche Transforms Twitter Space in Dialogue Hosted by Kim Dotcom

Feb. 10, 2023 (EIRNS)—Kim Dotcom hosted Schiller Institute founder [Helga Zepp-LaRouche](#) for a Twitter space of two hours and a quarter, during which his outlook was transformed by the woman from Trier. Although his response early on was that the ideas presented by Mrs. Zepp-LaRouche, while beautiful, could not be implemented. But by the end of the discussion, he was eager to collaborate, and proposed that she return every week to brief listeners on the progress with the Pope’s initiative for peace negotiations.

“This space turned into a wonderful effort to save the world. We must at least try. Here’s the plan: Let’s get religious leaders around the world to mobilize their followers and launch a peace movement against the war in Ukraine to prevent a potential nuclear war. More soon,” he tweeted after the event.

As of this writing (4:30 pm), Dotcom’s three tweets on the space have garnered some 275,000 impressions and nearly 800 comments. The number of concurrent listeners often exceeded 1,500 and may have reached 2,000. An estimated 10,000 people joined for at least some portion of the live discussion.

NEW STRATEGIC & ECONOMIC ARCHITECTURE

India and Argentina Sign Broad Agreement on Scientific and Technological Cooperation

Feb. 10, 2023 (EIRNS)—Scientific authorities of India and Argentina have signed exciting agreements on wide-ranging cooperation in the areas of nuclear energy, aerospace, nuclear medicine, satellite construction and biotechnology, among other specialties. During a [Feb. 7-9 visit to India](#), the president of Argentina’s National Atomic Energy Commission (CNEA) Adriana Serquis and Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation

Daniel Filmus met with Indian colleagues, visited several of India's leading scientific institutions, and met with External Affairs Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar to discuss the many areas in which they intend to cooperate. Pralhad Venkatesh Joshi, India's Minister of Parliamentary Affairs, stressed to the group India's interest in strengthening South-South cooperation.

In Mumbai, they visited the Bhabha Atomic Research Center (BARC), whose plant for radioisotope production was designed and built by Argentina's renowned high-tech INVAP company and the CNEA for India's Board of Radiation and Isotope Technology. The director of INVAP's nuclear division, Tulio Calderon, who was part of the Argentine delegation, explained that the plant will allow India to become self-sufficient in molybdenum-99, the isotope most frequently used for cancer diagnosis. At the BARC, the Argentines also met with Kamlesh Nilkanth Vyas, Secretary of India's Department of Atomic Energy.

Too numerous to mention here, meetings touched on all areas of potential cooperation. During the meeting Filmus had with India's Science, Technology and Earth Sciences Minister Jitendra Singh, the two issued a joint call for research projects in the areas of biotechnology and energy transition. This is the first time these countries will be working together to promote and finance research teams that will cooperate on strategic projects. In the area of biotechnology, Dr. Serquis said the idea was to develop a post-pandemic platform "to complete research in vaccines, potable water and food, among other matters."

On behalf of Argentina's National Space Activities Commission and the VENG aerospace company, Minister Filmus signed an agreement with the Indian firm Suhora Space Analytics, which will market the images from Argentina's two SAOCOM ground observation satellites in India as well as in Asian and African markets.

Members of the Argentine delegation reported that the highlight of their trip was meeting Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee, the granddaughter of Mahatma Gandhi, and president of the National Gandhi Museum. Dr.

Serquis reported that the meeting with Ms. Gandhi “was very emotional and very moving to hear her recount memories of her grandfather and what it was like when she was told that he had been assassinated. I found it very interesting to learn about her perspective and thoughts about the need to have an education in peace.”

STRATEGIC SHOWDOWN

Wagenknecht-Schwarzer Petition and Berlin Peace Rally on Feb. 25

Feb. 10, 2023 (EIRNS)—Die Linke member of Germany’s Bundestag Sahra Wagenknecht, joined Alice Schwarzer, publisher of Germany’s leading feminist-political magazine *EMMA*, to promote a petition urging peace talks on Ukraine before the conflict escalates into war between NATO and Russia. The two initiators of the petition also announced a national mobilization for a peace rally to be held in Berlin on Feb. 25. The petition already lists 69 German signers, and as translated from the original German, reads as follows:

“Today is the 352nd day of war in Ukraine. Over 200,000 soldiers and 50,000 civilians have been killed so far. Women have been raped, children frightened, an entire nation traumatized. If the fighting continues like this, Ukraine will soon be a depopulated, destroyed country. And many people throughout Europe are also afraid of an expansion of the war. They fear for their future and that of their children.

“The Ukrainian people, brutally invaded by Russia, need our solidarity. But what would be solidarity now? How much longer should fighting and dying continue on the battlefield of Ukraine? And what is now, one year later, actually the goal of this war? The German Foreign Minister recently spoke of ‘us’ waging a ‘war against Russia.’ Seriously?

“President Zelenskyy makes no secret of his goal. After the promised tanks, he is now demanding fighter jets, long-range missiles and warships—to defeat Russia across the board? The German Chancellor still

assures that he does not want to send fighter jets or ‘ground troops.’ But how many ‘red lines’ have already been crossed in recent months?

“It is to be feared that Putin will launch a maximum counterattack at the latest in the event of an attack on Crimea. Are we then heading inexorably down a slippery slope toward world war and nuclear war? It would not be the first major war that has started this way. But it might be the last.

“Ukraine can win individual battles—supported by the West. But it cannot win a war against the world’s largest nuclear power. That’s what the top U.S. military man, General Milley, says. He speaks of a stalemate in which neither side can win militarily and the war can only be ended at the negotiating table. Then why not now? Immediately.

“Negotiating does not mean surrendering. Negotiating means making compromises, on both sides. With the goal of preventing further hundreds of thousands of deaths and worse. That’s what we think too, that’s what half of the German population thinks. It is time to listen to us!

“We citizens of Germany cannot directly influence America and Russia or our European neighbors. But we can and must hold our government and the Chancellor to account and remind him of his oath: ‘To avert harm from the German people.’

“We call on the Chancellor to stop the escalation of arms deliveries. Now! He should lead a strong alliance for a ceasefire and for peace negotiations on the German as well as on the European level. Now! Because every lost day costs up to 1,000 more lives—and brings us closer to a Third World War.

“Alice Schwarzer and Sahra Wagenknecht”

Hungary Asserts NATO Membership for Ukraine Now Would Mean World War

Feb. 10, 2023 (EIRNS)—The Hungarian government does not back Ukraine’s aspiration to join NATO and makes Kiev’s potential entry to the EU contingent on protecting the rights of Ukraine’s national minorities,

Minister of the Prime Minister's Office Gergely Gulyas told reporters in Budapest on Feb. 9.

Responding to a media question regarding Ukraine's desire to join NATO, Gulyas said that any country can file a membership application. "However, right now, Ukraine's immediate accession to NATO would mean world war," Gulyas cautioned.

Speaking about the prospects of Ukraine's EU membership, he underscored that Kiev must ensure progress in protecting the rights of national minorities—particularly, Ukraine's Hungarian minority, most of whom live in the Trans-Carpathian Region—if it wants Budapest to endorse its membership application. So far, Ukraine's legislation on education and the national language "does not comply with European norms." "Progress has to be made" on these issues, the Hungarian official emphasized.

As another indication of Hungary's views, when Zelenskyy visited European Council, Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orbán did not join the heads of state and government gathered on a podium in applauding. A video posted to Twitter by [War Monitor](#) shows Orbán, on the second row, directly behind Zelenskyy, obviously not applauding, as Charles Michel directed the Ukrainian actor join the EU leaders in a "family photo."

Ukrainians Acknowledge U.S. Providing Targeting Information for Ukraine's HIMARS Rocket Launchers

Feb. 10, 2023 (EIRNS)—The *Washington Post* reported yesterday that Ukrainian officials say they require coordinates provided or confirmed by the United States and its allies for the vast majority of strikes using the HIMARS rocket launchers that the U.S. has supplied, "a previously undisclosed practice that reveals a deeper and more operationally active role for the Pentagon in the war." This disclosure, the *Post* says, was confirmed by three senior Ukrainian officials and a senior U.S. official.

One senior Ukrainian official said Ukrainian forces almost never launch the advanced weapons without specific coordinates provided by U.S.

military personnel from a base elsewhere in Europe. Ukrainian officials say this process should give Washington confidence about providing Kiev with longer-range weapons. If so, then the U.S. is backing Ukrainian strikes on civilians in the D.P.R., if the allegations by D.P.R. officials, that HIMARS are being used in those strikes, are also true; but the *Post* doesn't address that, instead leaving the impression that the HIMARS are only used against military targets.

The senior U.S. official acknowledged the key American role in the campaign and said that the targeting assistance served to ensure accuracy and conserve limited stores of ammunition for maximum effectiveness. The official said that Ukraine does not seek approval from the United States on what to strike and routinely targets Russian forces on their own with other weapons. The U.S. provides coordinates and precise targeting information solely in an advisory role, he claimed. Left unsaid in the *Post* report is whether the targeting information includes the use of HIMARS rockets in attacks deliberately aimed at civilian areas in the Donbass, including the attack on a hospital in the L.P.R. at the end of January that killed 14 people and wounded 24 others.

Tanks but No Tanks

Feb. 10, 2023 (EIRNS)—The tanks that have been promised to Ukraine just aren't coming. That's the gist of a report published in the *Wall Street Journal* yesterday, at least. According to that report, European allies are reluctant to make good on earlier signals despite intense lobbying from Berlin in recent days. This is raising doubt that enough tanks can arrive in Ukraine in time for an expected Russian offensive. It is also leaving Germany's government in an awkward position it has sought to avoid: becoming the sole purveyor of a large contingent of Western-made main battle tanks for Ukraine. Europe's sudden misgivings about supplying Ukraine with tanks reveal that, as with ammunition and heavy artillery, North Atlantic Treaty Organization members in the region have fewer operational tanks that they can spare, the *Journal* says.

Britain and France, which have the biggest armed forces among European NATO allies, have around 220 tanks each, but it is unclear how many are actually battle-ready, according to GlobalFirepower, an online database. Germany has a similar number of tanks, with government surveys showing that less than half of them can be deployed, because the rest are in need of repair. By contrast, Russia started the war with over 12,000 tanks, while Ukraine had nearly 2,000.

So far, only Germany and Poland have approved substantial deliveries of tanks for Kiev—around 200 and 74 (Poland gave Ukraine about 250 old Soviet-era T-72s last summer), respectively, including a mixture of new and older models. Canada has committed 4 modern German-made tanks.

The story is the same with jet fighters except without the promises. “Britain knows what Ukraine needs and is very happy to help in many ways,” British Defense Secretary Ben Wallace told BBC regarding the Kiev regime’s demand for jet fighters. According to Wallace, the transfer of combat aircraft to the Zelenskyy regime would take months, so instead London was focused on the supply of other means of defending Ukrainian airspace, including longer-range missiles and drones.

Wallace also dismissed as unrealistic suggestions from former Prime Minister Boris Johnson to provide 100 Typhoon warplanes. “If I gave away all the fighter jets, and all the tanks, that would mean taking them out of Estonia and taking them out of Britain, and there are lots of obligations here,” he pointed out. According to Wikipedia, the Royal Air Force has 101 Typhoons in service.

French President Emmanuel Macron has also ruled out the delivery of jet fighters. “Fighter jet deliveries are not a priority. This is not what the Ukrainian army needs now,” he told reporters in Brussels after Zelenskyy’s show with the EU in Brussels yesterday. “Under no circumstances can fighter jets be delivered in the coming weeks.”

U.S. POLITICAL & ECONOMIC

Defense Budget's Rise Is Eclipsed by Debt Service

Feb. 10, 2023 (EIRNS)—While the U.S. military budget has rocketed up from about \$700 billion in Trump's last year in office to \$847 billion now, another national cost—interest on the federal debt—has risen much faster, and surpassed it. Interest annually on the federal debt was about \$350 billion at the turn of the century; \$415 billion at the time of the 2008 financial crash, and more than \$500 billion in 2020. In 2021-22, however, with the total federal debt rising by 20% and interest rates on it, long near zero, suddenly ranging from 2% to over 5% depending on the duration and month of issue of the Treasury security, interest payments on the federal debt reached \$853 billion in 2022 according to data from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and a report from the Clemson University College of Business. The rise in that cost is still accelerating.

New Insights Into Twitter Executives' Decision To Censor Hunter Biden Laptop

Feb. 10, 2023 (EIRNS)—In October 2020, Twitter strongly censored the *New York Post's* reporting on the contents of Hunter Biden's laptop. Users could not tweet links to the story, the *New York Post's* account was itself shut down, and it was not even possible to send the link to the story *via direct messages to other users!*

Questioning of former Twitter executives by the House Oversight Committee revealed that despite having set up coordination with the FBI for years, the decision to censor the story came not from asking the FBI directly, but from following conversations of cybersecurity experts on Twitter.

[Margot Cleveland](#), writing yesterday at The Federalist, reports that former head of trust and safety Yoel Roth acknowledged having participated in a fall 2020 exercise hosted by the Aspen Institute to game out how to respond to a “hack and leak” October surprise involving Hunter Biden. The exercise was run by Garrett M. Graff, who tweeted shortly after

the *Post* story was published. “I literally wrote and ran a tabletop exercise at @AspenDigital this summer about this very type of incident—and then wrote about how the media should react better. Here’s the scenario and here’s my playbook,” he wrote, with a link to his thoughts.

This sure sounds like the invention of Guccifer 2.0 to direct attention away from the contents of the Democratic National Committee and Podesta materials published by WikiLeaks, and towards a supposed Russian hack origin. Knowing that the WikiLeaks reporting was on its way, the DNC got to work on creating the Guccifer 2.0 story. Looks like the Aspen Institute exercise was a parallel.

According to Graff, the exercise was designed and run by Vivian Schiller, former head of news at Twitter, and former CEO of National Public Radio (NPR). She weighed in shortly after Graff to boost his “playbook.”

Cleveland’s article details the string of “experts” and “fact-checkers” who denounced the reporting as being a Russian disinformation campaign.

GREEN GREAT RESET

The Wind Is Down, and Losing Money

Feb. 10, 2023 (EIRNS)—The bad performance of wind power installations again in this year’s Texas cold snap pointed to a bigger picture: Offshore wind turbine builders are also underperforming, and losing a lot of money.

General Electric’s turbine business, one of the larger builders, lost a whopping \$2.2 billion in 2022, and is cutting its workforce by about 20%; only the new tax credit in the mislabeled Inflation Reduction Act might save it.

Siemens Gamesa, the wind turbine unit of the German industrial giant which calls itself “the global leader in offshore power generation,” lost just \$974 million in its fiscal first quarter of October-December 2022 alone, according to Reuters on Feb. 1. According to Fox News, it didn’t receive a single offshore turbine order in that quarter, and its orders for onshore

turbines dropped by 46% from a year earlier while the costs for those onshore windmill giants rose by 25% on the year.

Danish firm Vestas, another big offshore wind producer, said in a report covered by Reuters Jan. 27, “In 2023, we expect high inflation levels throughout the supply chain and reduced wind power installations to impact revenue and profitability negatively.”

Rapid component price inflation and lack of reliability have led to suspensions of the major offshore wind projects along the U.S. East Coast, which were supposed to be the path to 30 GW of offshore wind by 2030 in the Biden Administration’s plan.

In Texas at the beginning of February, in a winter storm with snow and cold, turbines froze and available wind power capacity dropped to 1.6 GW out of 37 GW. A vice-president of the power generation firm NRG, admitted, “From wind, little reliability was promised, and it has delivered to expectations.” [State Sen. Tan Parker](#) said on Twitter Feb. 2, “Texas can’t thrive on a wind and solar-only energy future. When we need it most, wind and solar can’t deliver enough to make a significant difference. Oil and gas will continue to be the main energy source for our state and nation for the foreseeable future,” accompanied by a graph showing the two together producing 4.6% of Texas energy, and a downcast Texan looking a windmill and saying, “C’mon, do something...”

OTHER

U.S. ‘Exempts’ from Sanctions Some Humanitarian Aid to Syria

Feb. 10, 2023 (EIRNS)—Yesterday afternoon, the U.S. [Treasury Department](#) announced the promulgation of Syria General License (GL) 23, issued by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC), “which authorizes for 180 days all transactions related to earthquake relief that would be otherwise prohibited by the Syrian Sanctions Regulations (SySR).”

“As international allies and humanitarian partners mobilize to help those affected, I want to make very clear that U.S. sanctions in Syria will not

stand in the way of life-saving efforts for the Syrian people,” said Deputy Secretary of the Treasury Wally Adeyemo. “While U.S. sanctions programs already contain robust exemptions for humanitarian efforts, today Treasury is issuing a blanket General License to authorize earthquake relief efforts so that those providing assistance can focus on what’s needed most: saving lives and rebuilding.”

The release claims that there are already broad exemptions allowing humanitarian relief in Syria by the UN, the U.S. government and NGOs in “regime held areas,” but the new authorization “expands upon these broad humanitarian authorizations already in effect under the SySR for NGOs, international organizations (IOs), and the U.S. government. This GL reflects the United States’ commitment to support the people of Syria through their ongoing earthquake crisis. While sanctions relief alone cannot reverse longstanding structural challenges and the brutal tactics of the Assad regime, it can ensure that sanctions do not inhibit the life-saving assistance needed following this disaster.”

The [Syrian Foreign Ministry](#) responded to the U.S. Treasury announcement by calling it misleading. “The misleading decision issued by the U.S. administration regarding the partial and temporary freezing of some of deadly and unilateral coercive measures imposed on the Syrian people is nothing more than a copy of previous sham decisions that seek to give a false humanitarian impression, since it stipulates alleged exemptions for humanitarian purposes and the facts on the ground proved its falsehood,” the ministry statement said, reported SANA, today. “The U.S. coercive measures and U.S. policies have deprived the Syrian people of their natural wealth which is being plundered and have limited the ability of state institutions to improve living standards, achieve development goals and provide basic services,” the statement read. “The new U.S. decision confirms Washington’s adherence to its illegitimate sanctions and therefore the U.S. administration will not be able to deceive Syrians and the world with its attempts to embellish its image and evade its responsibility to obstruct rescue efforts and support those affected by the earthquake and meet the basic needs of the suffering Syrian people.”