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EDITORIAL

The Silent March to a Nuclear Armageddon Is Broken—Make America Good Again

Oct. 13 (EIRNS)—As with a summer storm, the relentless, oppressive tension of a silent march toward nuclear war, has been broken. Two LaRouche movement youth leaders refused to play footsie with nuclear war, insisting that Congresswomen Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez (AOC) take in the horrifying reality of her actions. The video of Kynan Thistlethwaite and José Vega, confronting her at a New York City town meeting on her moral bankruptcy, her embrace of the war party, has exploded on the scene. In the first 24 hours, there were 5.5 million views, catapulting the video onto Fox News, RT, the *New York Post*, and a host of other locations.

Former Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard, who had just quit the Democratic Party, calling them out for transforming themselves into the war-party, appeared on Fox’s Jesse Waters show, calling upon one and all to pay “attention to what those two young men were saying.... One of the reasons that I left this Democratic Party of today is because they have become the party of war hawks. We are literally sitting on the precipice of nuclear disaster. You hear these young men saying ‘nothing else matters if we are all destroyed in a nuclear war.’ ” Tucker Carlson followed that up in Fox’s next show with repeated references back to the intervention on AOC, saying of Thistlethwaite and Vega that “these are real progressives”—unlike the fraud and “neocon” AOC.

The infamous Ukrainian “Center for Countering Disinformation”—whose blacklist attempted to shut down the Schiller Institute’s forums—just two days earlier had let slip their nightmare: That 50% of the Republicans in the United States were now convinced that the U.S. had thrown too many weapons into Ukraine, and had gone too far. Even if it were only a sort of feral sense from the CCD, it speaks to the non-linear processes afoot in the U.S. and the world. As they say, if even Greta Thunberg, the Greenie icon,

admitted that the German nuclear plants should be kept open, can spring be far behind?

On that note, the Asian-centered organization, Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia (CICA), came into being in Astana, Kazakhstan, after 31 years of existing as an occasional discussion group. India, China and Russia head up a list of 28 Asian-centered countries. President Vladimir Putin's far-reaching address sounded the themes for CICA's role in the world, joining the SCO, ASEAN and the EAEU. He stressed Asia's role in the birth of the multipolar world; the need for a new international economic arrangement, beginning with "more active use of national currencies in mutual settlements"; and on the deadly role of sanctions in destroying food security and starving populations. In a side meeting with Turkiye's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, they put on the table a new massive hub for Russian oil in Turkey, not only for distribution to the world but also for a center for the pricing of oil.

A clear trumpet has sounded. A new generation of LaRouche activists convenes on Oct. 15, sponsored by the [Schiller Institute](#). No stopping in the middle of the stream.

- Watch [Harley's Updates](#) with Harley Schlanger on Friday October 14, 2022: Every weekday morning on The LaRouche Organization, Schlanger will give you the strategic briefing you need to start your day.

NEW WORLD PARADIGM

Putin Tells CICA Summit, Asia Is Key to New Multipolar World

Oct. 13 (EIRNS)—Russian President [Vladimir Putin](#) presented a wide-ranging speech at the 6th Summit of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia (CICA), taking place on Oct. 12-13 in Astana, Kazakhstan. CICA involves 27 nations, including Russia, China, and India. Putin, as he has in recent international forums, put Asia into the

middle of the creation of a multipolar, constructive world. In his address, Putin made these points:

“The world is becoming truly multipolar, and Asia, where new centers of power are growing, is playing a major, if not the key role in this.... Asian countries are drivers of global economic growth. Integration associations, such as the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the Eurasian Economic Union, are working dynamically and effectively here.”

Russia plays a key role in these developments: “Russia is actively contributing to these processes. We are committed to the development and prosperity of Asia, to creating an open trade and investment cooperation space and broadening and deepening cooperation ties in various economic sectors towards this end. I would like to remind you that Russia was a founding country of the CICA Business Council....”

He further spoke of the Western economic warfare against its trade rivals and poor countries, and the need to overcome it in a new, just economic system: “Our Conference and other regional associations are dealing with many pressing issues, notably the increased volatility of global prices of energy, food, fertilizers, raw materials and other essential goods, which is affecting the quality of life in industrialized and developing countries. Moreover, this is creating a real threat of hunger and large-scale social upheavals, especially in the poorest countries.

“For its part, Russia is doing its best to supply crucial products to the countries that need them. We call for lifting the artificial and illegal obstacles, which are hindering the revitalization of the normal operation of global supply chains, in order to be able to address pressing tasks in the field of food security.

“Like many of our Asian partners, we believe that it is necessary to start a revision of the operating principles of the global financial system, which for decades allowed the self-proclaimed ‘golden billion,’ which has been using capital and technology flows to its sole advantage, to largely live at others’ expense.

“As a priority measure, we believe it is necessary to more actively use national currencies in mutual settlements. These measures would definitely help strengthen the financial sovereignty of our states, develop domestic capital markets and deepen regional economic integration.”

India, China, and Russia, Plus 25 Other Countries, Form CICA into New International Body

Oct. 13 (EIRNS)—Beginning in 1992, then-Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev initiated an inter-governmental forum for enhancing cooperation toward promoting peace, security and stability in Asia, which became known as the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA). Today, at its 6th Summit, meeting in Astana, Kazakhstan, the 28 member countries established themselves as an international organization. Host Kazakhstan President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev declared the adoption of the “[Astana Statement on the CICA Transformation](#).”

Further, on the sidelines of the summit, CICA Executive Director Kairat Sarybay and the Chairman of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC) of the Eurasian Economic Union Mikhail Myasnikov signed a memorandum of understanding for increasing cooperation between [CICA and the EAEU](#). CICA’s actions today have positioned it for a timely contribution to Asia’s critical role in the new multipolar world.

The current members are: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Cambodia, China, Egypt, India, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Qatar, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Pakistan, Palestine, the Republic of Korea, Russia, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkiye, the United Arab Emirates, Uzbekistan, and Vietnam. Another nine countries and five international organizations have observer status. CICA Executive Director Kairat Sarybay told journalists in a briefing today that CICA had made the “decision on the accession of Kuwait as a member state,” bringing the member countries to 28.

Putin and Erdogan Propose a Gas Hub in Turkiye as a Center for Price Setting

Oct. 13 (EIRNS)—At the Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia (CICA), taking place on Oct. 12-13 in Astana, Kazakhstan, Russia’s President Vladimir Putin and Turkiye’s President Recep Tayyip Erdogan held a bilateral meeting on the sidelines. Putin referred to Turkiye as “currently the most reliable transit country for gas supplies to Europe,” and proposed “we can consider building another gas pipeline and establishing a gas hub in Turkiye for trade with third countries, first of all European countries, of course, but only if they are interested.” Erdogan favorable received proposal. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov reported to media in Astana: “Instructions were immediately given by both Presidents—right during the negotiations—to work on this issue. Various options have even been discussed.”

The two leaders also discussed the Ukraine grain deal which President Erdogan had brokered, and Russia’s construction of the Akkuyu Nuclear Power Plant in Turkiye, with Putin telling Erdogan, “We are meeting the [work] schedule and it looks like we will be able to ... launch the first energy unit by the centenary of the Republic of Turkiye.”

Importantly, Putin also raised the prospect that his proposal for a gas pipeline and hub in Turkiye would reshape the world’s oil market. “This hub, built by Russia and Turkiye together, would serve as a platform for both supplies and pricing, as pricing is a critical issue these days. The prices today are exorbitant. We would be able to regulate them properly at a market level without any political implications.” “During the operation of this hub that we can create together, certainly this would be the platform not merely for supplies but also for price setting, because the pricing issue is the very important issue,” Putin said. “These prices are exorbitant now. We could smoothly adjust [them] at a normal market level, without any political coloration.”

Less speculation, more supply. Some eyebrows were raised in Amsterdam.

LAROUCHE**LaRouche Movement Activists Confront AOC on Nuclear Threat and Cowardly Hypocrisy of Democrats**

Oct. 13 (EIRNS)—Two LaRouche movement activists in New York, Kynan Thistlethwaite and José Vega, launched a powerful intervention at Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez’s town hall meeting Wednesday, Oct. 12. In the middle of the meeting, Thistlethwaite, followed by Vega, stood up and denounced AOC for lying as a pawn of the establishment, even as we step to the brink of nuclear war—all while funding and supporting the Nazis in Ukraine. The two demanded that, in a world playing with nuclear confrontation, nothing else mattered right now. In a particularly powerful part, Vega said that he had supported her initially in hopes that she would fight for the people of New York; however, she had instead betrayed him and others. She is now a liar and a tool of the war-hungry establishment.

The extreme response to their intervention has shown that there is at least a strong portion of the United States that does not appreciate being goose-stepped into nuclear war. The Twitter video, as of this evening, has 5.5 million views and has literally hit the nation by storm. Many, many prominent individuals have shared the video online, including Glenn Greenwald, Jimmy Dore, Max Blumenthal, and it has been posted to websites, such as those of the Gateway Pundit, Zero Hedge, *Washington Examiner*, *New York Post*, RT, and Fox News. Fox News also began two of their prime time shows—Jesse Waters and Tucker Carlson—with the intervention and extensive discussions of the danger of war.

Vega posted a [video](#) of the intervention on his Twitter page.

Fox News Hosts Underline Danger of Nuclear War, Highlight LaRouche Intervention

Oct. 13 (EIRNS)—Starting at 7:00 p.m. tonight, the confrontation of LaRouche activists with Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY), known as AOC, began radiating through major media in the U.S. Jesse Waters of Fox News hosted Tulsi Gabbard on his prime time show, opening the discussion with the video of Kynan Thistlethwaite and José

Vega's intervention shaming AOC. Waters ridiculed the congresswoman's skirting the issue and her commitment to war.

Waters then asked Gabbard to chime in. She responded saying: "I hope everyone was paying attention to what those two young men were saying, and paying attention to the pain and the anguish, and the fear and the concern that they were expressing to their representative in Congress. The fact that she was *so* dismissive of them really points to the bigger problem in Washington. One of the reasons that I left this Democratic Party of today is because they have become the party of war hawks. We are literally sitting on the precipice of nuclear disaster. You hear these young men saying 'nothing else matters if we are all destroyed in a nuclear war,' that President Biden and the Democratic leaders in Congress have led us into. And they are completely failing in their responsibility, the president's foremost responsibility, to keep us safe, to keep us free."

Waters then asked her if there are any in Congress on the left who are opposing the war. She answered, "no, not a single one.... These people are right. Where are the so-called progressives? Where are the peace champions, the AOCs, the Bernies, all the people who claim to be representing this movement? They're absolutely silent, and they are the ones leading us into nuclear war.")

Then at 8:00, [Tucker Carlson](#) gave an extraordinarily strong statement on the issue of war and the absence of rational opposition to it in the U.S. He launched a full assault on AOC as a patchwork of media concoctions, while in actuality she was ushered in as a loyal establishment boot-licker. He quoted journalist Sameera Khan, a speaker at the Oct. 15 [Schiller Institute conference](#), who pointed out AOC's instantaneous abandonment of an anti-war stance back in 2018, and tweeted: "How long will we be moaning on and on about single-payer while there's bipartisan support for nuclear Armageddon?"

Carlson then aired Thistlethwaite and Vegas' intervention on AOC. Moving on, he said of the Ukraine conflict, that it quickly became clear what it really was about: a war against Russia, to destroy Russia. He tore

into AOC as a fake and a fraud, pretending to be for the “working class” while her real constituency was NBC News and the establishment. He repeatedly referred to Thistlethwaite and Vegas’ intervention—“these are real progressives,” he said, while calling AOC a neocon and a fraud.

On Zelenskyy, Carlson displayed the comedian president demanding more money and weapons from the West. Then he retorted: “Some uppity foreigner in a t-shirt telling us he needs money for critical investments? Up yours buddy!”

More reports will likely follow of the radiating effects of our activity and speaking the truth, and of this intervention in particular. But what is clear is that a certain nerve has been struck in the last 24 hours, and various non-linear effects are underway.

Ukraine’s ‘Disinformation’ Kill List Worries about a Breakout from the U.S. Population

Oct. 13 (EIRNS)—Ukraine’s notorious “Center for Countering Disinformation” (CCD), as it were, “gave away the ghost.” On Oct. 11, the CCD put out an article, “[Elon Musk Is So Different: How the Narrative of the Main Inventor of the 21st Century Has Changed](#),” ostensibly about [Musk’s Peace Initiative](#). And, of course, there, one finds out that Musk is an idiot who knows nothing about the realities of Ukraine and the dirty Russians. So, his completely unrealistic peace proposals—such as Ukraine being non-aligned or Ukraine not blocking the freshwater pipeline to Crimea—are ridiculed.

But then the posting takes a curious turn: “Perhaps the most important factor in the issue of the publication of the author’s ‘peace plan’ of Elon Musk is the mid-term elections in the U.S.A.... And here the results of the survey on support for military aid to Ukraine are very interesting. For example, 50% of Republican supporters believe that U.S. military aid is excessive.... That is precisely why the ‘populists’ from Trump’s group, to which Musk actually belongs, paint a ‘peaceful way out of the war’ because their electoral supporters like such theses.... Therefore, one should not be

surprised by Musk’s statements, since it is only a pursuit of electoral support....”

Thus, the CCD—the same that gained notoriety for its blacklist, threatening, in particular, activists and participants at Schiller Institute forums designed to create a “peaceful way out of the war”—worries that “50% of Republican” voters turn their backs on drinking the Kool-Aid of permanent war.

COLLAPSING WESTERN ECONOMIC SYSTEM

How’s That War on Inflation Going?

Oct. 13 (EIRNS)—The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics report for September’s inflation dramatically understates the reality for anyone who has shopped in a grocery store recently; but it does report that food has increased in price by 13% over the last year, with another 0.7% increase from August to September. The official percentage increase in price over the last year for food and non-food items together was given as 8.2%.

The Social Security Administration announced that the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) will be 8.7% for 2023, supposedly to catch seniors up on their bills. This is the highest COLA since 1981, when Paul Volcker sent interest rates up to the 20% range. It didn’t catch people up then and won’t now. Otherwise, just in the last week, home mortgage rates shot up from 6.66% to 6.92%—that is, for those with excellent credit and who can pay 20% upfront.

Perhaps, if you refrain from eating food and from living in a house, you might survive the war on inflation.

Environmentalists Fissioning, after Thunberg Warms to Nuclear Energy

Oct. 13 (EIRNS)—In an interview with Greenie icon Greta Thunberg yesterday in Stockholm, ARD talk show host Sandra Maischberger asked what she thought about nuclear energy. When confronted with the reality of having to use coal to avoid freezing in the dark, Thunberg relented: “If we

have them [the remaining nuclear plants] already running, I feel that it's a mistake to close them down in order to focus on coal.”

UKRAINE SHOWDOWN

Ukrainian ‘Farmer’ Boasts in TV Interview of Murdering ‘Collaborationists’

Oct. 13 (EIRNS)—While presented as a local Ukrainian farmer (actually the commander of the volunteer battalion “For Petrovshchyna” and football club owner), one [Oleksandr Povoroznyuk](#), in a town perhaps in the Dnipropetrovsk Oblast, was interviewed by the Kolomoisky television network, the same one that made Volodymyr Zelenskyy into a star. The journalist asked Povoroznyuk about hunting down locals working with the Russians. He assured her that they are on the case. “But we haven’t had time to get them into jail. They disappeared ... somewhere.” He goes on: “People are disappearing....” Finally, and now obviously enjoying himself, laughing and giggling, he says: “It is necessary to make a population census at least. How many people are missing in the region. Because there are...” The interviewer fills in, “losses.” He concludes, “Yeah, big losses.”

Anatoliy Shariy, the indomitable Ukrainian journalist, posted the video, and provided English subtitles.

Insight into Putin’s Claim that Kiev Sought To Blow Up the TurkStream Pipeline

Oct. 13 (EIRNS)—After Russia’s President Putin and Turkiye’s President Erdogan met today and announced their pursuit of a massive Turkish hub for the distribution of Russian natural gas, the Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov announced that the TurkStream, the Russian-Turkish submarine pipeline that goes from Russia under the Black Sea to Turkiye, and connects to a Bulgarian line, had been targeted by terrorists, but that the plot had been foiled. Peskov explained: “Certain forces ... have already made an attempt on TurkStream. The saboteurs have been caught, and several people have been arrested. They wanted to blow it up. On our territory, on soil.” He didn’t specify further today, but it is likely that

Peskov was referring to a mid-September report by Russia's FSB that they had captured a Ukrainian agent and his accomplices, that were involved in a plot to bomb a Russian facility sending natural gas to Turkiye.

Peskov was speaking to reporters at the CICA summit in Astana, Kazakhstan, where both Putin and Erdogan had their meeting, and discussed future plans for a major Russian gas hub in Turkiye. Peskov explained that TurkStream was the only “fully functional, fully loaded and ‘working as clockwork’ route” for Russian gas to EU countries. He added that Putin, earlier, had “hinted about the origins of certain forces” that were behind an attack on TurkStream. Peskov also did not amplify that comment, but on Oct. 10, Putin had accused Kiev sabotage plots aimed at Russian energy infrastructure, including the TurkStream pipeline.

Of some note, Ukraine's Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba, mistakenly thinking that he was speaking with his ally, former U.S. Ambassador to Russia Michael McFaul, admitted Kiev's involvement in sabotage explosions inside Russia. When the fake “McFaul” probed Kuleba about Ukrainian intelligence agents presumably working inside Russia, Kuleba replied, “Well, if you were to ask me who blows up things in Crimea or Belgorod [Russia], then speaking privately, as much privacy as we can have in a Zoom call, I'd tell you, yes, that was us.” The [Russian pranksters Vovan and Lexus](#) released their video of the call today.

Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman [Maria Zakharova](#) emphasized on her Telegram channel that Kuleba's was the admission of a very high-ranking government official who “confessed to committing terrorism. And in such a way—‘yes, that's us.’ Not just the special services or individual saboteurs. The government, the state.”

Russia Reveals Any Rigging of the Bombed Pipelines ‘Investigation’ Shows Evidence of Guilt or Coverup

Oct. 13 (EIRNS)—Today, Russia's Foreign Ministry declared that the attempt to rig an “investigation” into the Sept. 26-27 bombing of the Nord Stream natural gas pipelines would only point the finger at those doing the egregious act of excluding Russia from the investigation. After all, the

Russians engineered, built, and monitored the underwater pipelines that go through the Swedish and Danish waters.

Not only is Russia being excluded from the investigation by Germany, Denmark, and Sweden, but on Oct. 10, Sweden's Prime Minister Magdalena Andersson announced that they would not even share with Moscow the current results of their investigation into the pipeline explosions: "In Sweden, our preliminary investigations are confidential, and that, of course, also applies in this case."

Today, [Russia's Foreign Ministry](#) issued a press release, that it had summoned the representatives of Germany, Denmark, and Sweden to convey its "bewilderment" over the failure to respond to their request for cooperation, which Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin had made early in the month. As RT recounted, while both Russian authorities and the pipeline's owner, Gazprom, have not been granted access to the investigation, it appears that Berlin, Copenhagen, and Stockholm have accommodated similar requests made by others, including the U.S.

The Foreign Ministry statement made the obvious point: If their calls for cooperation are ignored, Moscow will have to assume that the three European countries "have something to hide or they are covering up the perpetrators of these terrorist attacks.... Russia will, of course, not recognize any 'pseudo-results' of such an investigation, unless Russian experts take part in it."

Foreign Minister [Sergey Lavrov](#) had extensive, very angry remarks in his Oct. 11 interview with the Russian program "60 Minutes": "Yesterday, the Swedish Government's spokesperson said they were conducting an investigation jointly with the Danes and the Germans, but would not allow the Russians to come near the site. They are investigating the damage caused to our property but keep us on the sidelines and are unwilling to show us anything lest, God forbid, we find out the truth. It was reported that US experts would participate in processing the data collected over there. Here are double standards for you," he said in part.