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EDITORIAL

Stand Up for Humanity: No World War with Russia/China; No Money for Arms to Ukraine

Oct. 9, 2023 (EIRNS)—There are two reactions internationally to the terrible events of last weekend in Israel/Gaza, now worsening by the minute. There are those trying to exploit it out of geopolitical, evil intent, and there are those calling for ceasefire, calm, and for addressing and solving the factors that led to such a horror. Out of respect for the terrible personal anguish immediately involved, there is no other vantage point from which to view the crisis, except from the highest level, in order to take action to end it.

On the geopolitical side are many fateful moves. The U.S. has sent into the Eastern Mediterranean, as a show of force and readiness for attack, a battle group led by the world's largest aircraft carrier the USS Gerald R. Ford. U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin has ordered munitions and supplies to Israel to support maximum revenge action. The European Union today suspended all life-maintaining humanitarian aid for Gaza. The European Commission acted without even consulting its 27 member nations. They will meet in emergency session Tuesday, Oct. 10. The EU suspended its aid, at the same time that Israel has imposed a "complete siege" to cut off all electricity, water, food and other supplies to the 2.3 million people of Gaza.

Altogether, the death toll among Palestinians and Israelis, and other nationalities from Thailand to the U.S., is more than 2,000, with thousands injured, and no stopping in sight.

On the side of reason and compassion, there are calls for a ceasefire, for starting talks, and for dealing with the impacted misery in Gaza and Palestinian territories, and for establishing the two states of the peoples of Israel and Palestine. This was jointly reiterated today by the Secretary General of the Arab League Ahmed Aboul Gheit and by Russian Foreign Secretary Sergey Lavrov, meeting in Moscow, who committed "to stop the bloodshed." Lavrov spoke of working "with those countries that are interested in establishing lasting peace in the Middle East." Gheit, a former Egyptian Foreign Minister, said, "We demand the creation of political prospects and a fair resolution of the Palestinian-Israeli conflict."

This same view has been stated as the policy by China, and repeated today in Beijing by President Xi Jinping when he met with U.S. Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer (D-NY), leading a Congressional visit to China, who chastised China for not supporting Israel strongly enough.

Meantime, there is the ominous push to build the case that Iran is responsible for the Hamas attack, so therefore Iran "deserves" Western (NATO) assault—a trigger to global holocaust. The media info-warfare networks of NATO are working overtime to repeat the phrase, "unprovoked

attack by Hamas” on Israel, in the same way that they charge Russia with an “unprovoked attack” on Ukraine in February 2022. In the U.S., from Fox News to CNN, supposedly opposite ends of the political spectrum, “unprovoked” is the word.

Today the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, meeting in Copenhagen, was addressed (by video) by Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who likened Russia and Hamas as both terrorists, for their “unprovoked” attacks. He demanded that the U.S. overcome its “internal” political bickering, and come up with the money for arms and support for Ukraine.

These few updates underscore the critical call to action that the International Peace Coalition, the Schiller Institute, and collaborating networks and figures worldwide are sounding: Stop the warfare! Cut off the funding.

Schiller Institute founder Helga Zepp-LaRouche said today: “I think that our approach, no matter what is the situation on the ground, you cannot look at any one of these situations individually alone. You have to look at Ukraine, NATO expansion since 1990; the Ukraine war, the danger of that leading to World War III in the short term. Now, we have, in addition to that, the situation in Southwest Asia. Other conflicts are looming, like the Taiwan issue with China, Global NATO. And then you have a lot of smaller conflicts which nevertheless are very severe for the people it attacked, like Armenia and Azerbaijan over Nagorno-Karabakh. And not even to start to talk about Haiti and Afghanistan, and all of these other terrible situations.

“So our approach must be, we absolutely have to catalyze this whole thing into a new paradigm, because only if you establish a new security and development architecture which takes into account the security interests and development interests of every country, can there be a peaceful resolution. And that has been our policy since the beginning of the Ukraine war, and I think that that just goes for the Southwest Asia situation as well.”

By the time of the transmission of this *Alert*, the Schiller Institute will be posting an international statement, as a call to action. In Washington, D.C. on Wednesday, October 11, midday outside Congress, the LaRouche Organization will hold a rally, on the theme of, “No Money to Ukraine, No World War III with Russia, China.”

A Schiller Institute spokesman reported tonight, “In the next hours and days, the Congress of the United States, the parliaments of Canada and Europe, the presidencies of Central and South America, and the governments of Asia and Africa must hear and see the people of the world stand up for humanity against world war with Russia/China, and the ‘theater population wars’ that are part of that world war. We need to get on the phones and into the offices of public officials, we need to go into the streets and in front of governmental institutions, to say that war is not the answer; that imposing war upon the dispossessed and poor is a crime against humanity; that not one more dollar should be spent on weapons for Ukraine....”

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

STRATEGIC SHOWDOWN

China Calls for Two-State Solution in Palestine, Diplomacy To Stop Fighting

Oct. 9, 2023 (EIRNS)—Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Mao Ning indicated today that China is following the Gaza-Israel conflict with great concern. “We’re deeply saddened by the civilian casualties and oppose and condemn acts that harm civilians. We oppose moves that escalate the conflict and destabilize the region and hope fighting will stop and peace will return soon. The international community needs to play an effective role to jointly help cool down the situation,” she told reporters during the ministry’s regular [press briefing](#). “To end the cycle of conflict between

Palestine and Israel, it is essential to restart the peace talks, implement the two-state solution and settle the Palestine question fully and properly through political means at an early date so as to take care of each party's legitimate concerns. China will continue to work relentlessly with the international community towards this end.”

The *Times of Israel* noted that Mao's statement comes after U.S. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer told China's Foreign Minister that he was very disappointed by Beijing's previous statement on the recent Hamas attack because it didn't show any sympathy or support for Israel. “I urge you and the Chinese people to stand with the Israeli people and condemn these cowardly and vicious attacks,” Schumer, who is leading a delegation of six senators to China, told Foreign Minister Wang Yi.

Schumer later met with President Xi Jinping, and also informed him that Schumer expected China to condemn the attacks.

Wall Street Journal Reports Iran Plotted for Israel Attack

Oct. 9, 2023 (EIRNS)—The *Wall Street Journal* ran [a report](#) late yesterday with the headline “Iran Helped Plot Attack on Israel Over Several Weeks,” citing unnamed senior members of Hezbollah and Hamas saying that Iranian security officials helped Hamas plan the surprise attack it unleashed on Israel and gave the green light for the assault at a meeting in Beirut last Monday, Oct. 2. Officers of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps had worked with Hamas since August to devise the air, land and sea incursions, they said. Details of the operation were refined during several meetings in Beirut attended by IRGC officers and representatives of four Iran-backed militant groups, including Hamas, which holds power in Gaza, and Hezbollah.

“We don't have any information at this time to corroborate this account,” an unnamed U.S. official told the *Journal* when asked about the meetings. Secretary of State Tony Blinken, in an interview with NBC's Meet the Press earlier the same Sunday, said that the U.S. has no information that Iran “was directly involved in this attack, in planning it or in carrying it out,” though “that's something we're looking at very

carefully.” A European official and an adviser to the Syrian government, however, gave the *Journal* the same account of Iran’s involvement in the lead-up to the attack as the senior Hamas and Hezbollah members.

Asked about the meetings, Mahmoud Mirdawi, a senior Hamas official, said the group planned the attacks on its own. “This is a Palestinian and Hamas decision,” he said. A spokesman for Iran’s mission to the United Nations said the Islamic Republic stood in support of Gaza’s actions but didn’t direct them. “The decisions made by the Palestinian resistance are fiercely autonomous and unwaveringly aligned with the legitimate interests of the Palestinian people,” the spokesman said. “We are not involved in Palestine’s response, as it is taken solely by Palestine itself.”

The question now is, according to [an analysis](#) published in the *Jerusalem Post*, is “Will Israel Hold Iran Responsible for Hamas’ Surprise Assault, Massacre?”

“An argument can be made: first, let’s regain complete control of our own territory, and then talk about taking the war to the enemy. But Israel will regain control of the South, will wipe out the terrorists there, and then will begin an offensive in Gaza,” writes *Jerusalem Post*’s military analyst Herb Keinon. “But will that be the end of it? Or should Jerusalem decide that the time has come to somehow take the terrorist battle with organizations funded and supported by Iran to Iran, to somehow make the Ayatollahs pay for their support of organizations bent on murdering Jews and Israelis?”

Keinon goes on to say that over the last few months, both Netanyahu and Defense Minister Yoav Gallant have issued threats against Iran but have not acted on them. “The question in light of Saturday’s massive attack is whether the sheer magnitude of this attack will compel the IDF to send a military message to Iran,” he writes.

U.S. POLITICAL & ECONOMIC**No More Funding Two NATO Wars! Biden and Neo-Cons Add Another**

Oct. 9, 2023 (EIRNS)—With the outbreak of Israel-Palestinian war which could spread farther in Southwest Asia, the Biden Administration and neo-cons in both Congressional parties have gone from mere consternation over Congressional inaction, to near hysteria to throw more tens of billions of dollars in U.S. weapons and financial aid into NATO wars against Russia, and implicitly against China and Iran.

Immediate requests for new weapons transfers to and funds for Israel's military forces, are being added to the \$24 billion weapons and aid for Ukraine which was denied in the Sept. 30 45-day continuing budget resolution in Congress. The USS Gerald R. Ford's carrier task force and a considerable number of supporting warships have already, instantly, been sent to the Eastern Mediterranean. In addition, the *Washington Post* reported Sunday night, Oct. 8, that "Beyond the Iron Dome missiles, Israeli officials have made several specific requests to Washington in response to the military offensive by Hamas, including small diameter bombs, ammunition for machine guns and heightened cooperation on intelligence-sharing, according to officials who spoke on the condition of anonymity to discuss ongoing operations. Some of Israel's military requests, including those for small diameter bombs, were being processed and expedited, said one official."

House Foreign Relations Committee Chair Michael McCaul (R-TX) on Sunday talk shows demanded the House immediately produce a new Speaker to avoid being shamed as cowards before "the ayatollahs of Iran." McCaul is one of those concocting a resolution supposedly to undo the Oct. 2 removal of Kevin McCarthy and make him Speaker again immediately. McCarthy, in a Sunday morning interview on the Hugh Hewitt program, completely reversed his statements of last week and said he was ready to reassume the Speaker's chair ("whatever the caucus wants"); and that if he were Speaker now, he would be rallying aid to defend Israel by giving aid

from the United States and its allies. Rep. Jim Jordan (R-OH) on Fox News Sunday insisted on “giving Israel what it needs to win”; Rep. Steve Scalise (R-LA) had expressed the same view via social media on Oct. 7.

These statements posed an unanswered question: How can the United States defend Israel when the government of Israel does not defend it?

At the same time, according to [Antiwar.com](https://www.antiwar.com), Senators including Lindsey Graham (R-NC) propose upping the Ukraine demand to \$70 billion in new spending for 2024 alone. The Biden Administration is reported (by London’s *Telegraph* to be considering going beyond that, demanding \$100 billion in new Ukraine aid, to take the funding of NATO war operations against Russia right through the 2024 elections.

All these new war funds would be borrowed through the currently extremely volatile U.S. Treasury securities market.

RFK, Jr. Declares ‘Independence’ of Two-Potty System, Running as Independent

Oct. 9, 2023 (EIRNS)—[Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.](https://www.antiwar.com) addressed a Philadelphia rally of perhaps 2,000 enthusiastic Democrats, Republicans and non-party Americans today and announced that he was declaring himself an independent candidate for President of the United States—leaving the Democratic Party through which his family became a national political dynasty, and in which he has been polling 20% or more of likely primary voters.

The impoverishment and even despair of so many Americans was the target and problem passionately delineated by Kennedy, who very seriously wants to solve it; of foreign policy he spoke more sparingly in this address. He spoke often of his father’s compassion, to tears, for poor and forgotten Americans. He said: “Today, as corrupt powers have overtaken our government, the ranks of the dispossessed have swelled beyond indigenous and Black people to include tens of millions of Americans who live paycheck to paycheck in financial desperation. The dispossessed also include the legions of the chronically ill, the addicted, the depressed, and

the 80% of the country that can no longer afford a normal middle-class lifestyle.

“A rising tide of discontent is swamping our country.

“There is danger in this discontent, yet there is also promise.

“The danger is that demagogues will hijack it toward fascism. Or, that our rulers will divert it onto an external enemy to start yet another war.

“But the biggest danger, which we’ve seen unfold in real-time, is that we will direct our discontent at each other.”

And again, the problem to be attacked: “This country sits atop a bubbling cauldron of fury. Americans are angry....”

The candidate said that he took “inspiration from the one other President who was not a member of a political party. That President was George Washington.” Kennedy saw Americans “fed up with being fooled, and they are ready to take back their power.” He said, “Because I am independent of the military contractors, I will be able to pursue a foreign policy of peace and diplomacy” and “Because I am independent of Wall Street, I will be able to rescue debtors instead of banks.” “Is it right, or left to pull back from the brink of hot war with Russia?”

Closing, Kennedy said: “Democracy does not come as a gift when oppressive authorities finally relent. Democracy comes when the people choose to exercise their power.”

Here is the [transcript](#) of RFK’s speech as prepared.

EIR Interview: Chas Freeman Warns of the Danger of Blaming Iran

Oct. 9, 2023 (EIRNS)—*The following is a short, unedited excerpt from the transcript of an interview today with Chas Freeman, senior U.S. diplomat, by EIR’s Mike Billington. The full interview will appear next week, in EIR weekly; and more excerpts will appear through the EIR Daily Alert soon.*

Mike Billington: Good morning. This is Mike Billington with the Schiller Institute and *Executive Intelligence Review*. I’m joined today by Chas Freeman. Chas is well known for his role as the interpreter for

President Nixon during his groundbreaking visit to China in 1972. He then served in several positions in both the Defense Department and the State Department and served as the U.S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia during the first war with Iraq. He was also appointed director of the National Intelligence Council in 2009, but the appointment was undermined. Would you like to add anything on your career?

Ambassador Chas Freeman: No. I'm just happy to be free of 30 years of service to the government and the American public and no longer subject to the constraints of toeing the official line.

Billington: Well, you're certainly not guilty of toeing the official line! I have two areas of questions that I want to bring up. One, on the war danger between Russia and the U.S. and NATO, and the other on the situation in Asia. But let me begin with a question regarding the situation in the Middle East. The Schiller Institute is sponsoring a rally at the Congress on Wednesday [Oct. 11] this week, demanding "No Funding for Ukraine, No War on Russia." However, we have learned that the neocons are sponsoring a counter-rally demanding funding for two wars! So let's begin by asking your view on the new Israeli war on Hamas, and perhaps also with Iran.

Freeman: We are seeing a disturbing tendency in our press to invent Iranian direction of this war, that somehow Iran put Hamas up to the attacks it has carried out. I think that is completely wrong and very dangerous, because it could be used to justify an Israeli or an American attack on Iran, as indeed we have threatened for years. The fact is that Palestinians have come to the point where many of them feel they have nothing to lose. This attack was an act of desperation and it came out of the blue. I analogize it to the Tet Offensive in Vietnam, which achieved objectives that no one had imagined. Namely, it convinced the public at large that the existing policies toward Vietnam were doomed to fail. And it ultimately produced a withdrawal from Vietnam by the United States. I think Hamas will lose decisively on the battlefield, but it may win the war, especially if Israel carries out its threat to reduce Gaza to the dimensions of Dresden in World War Two. I think that genocidal act would mobilize a lot

of people against Israel who've been sitting on the fence. So this is a very important moment in the history of the Middle East and in U.S. policy toward it. It's quite clear that neither Israel nor the United States have any answer to the resistance by the Palestinians to their humiliation, eviction from their homes and the attempted erasure of their presence from their homeland.

I might add that, unfortunately, this war in the Middle East probably greatly increases the risk of Donald Trump winning the 2024 election, because it is yet another evidence of the ineptitude of the Biden administration in foreign affairs. It will also probably increase the prospects for an end to U.S. support for Ukraine. And while you may applaud the notion that the war would then end, it will end in a way that parallels the end of the war in Vietnam, where we basically encouraged a fight to the death and then walked away from it, leaving the Vietnamese to their fate. Not an act of great responsibility on our part. No accountability whatsoever for our withdrawal, as more recently, there has been none for our actions in Iraq or Afghanistan. But the difference in the third decade of the 21st century is that during the Cold War, countries, allies, friends, faced a choice between the United States and the Soviet Union, and the Soviet system with all its brutality was so unattractive that that really was no choice at all. And now the world is not organized that way. It's not bipolar. Countries do have the option of distancing themselves from Washington and they may well do so. In fact, they're already doing it. But it may be that this accelerates the process. So many political implications yet unexamined. I think it will play into the partisan divisions in the United States in such a way as to increase the prospect that aid to Ukraine will end, which of course is a very real prospect given the turmoil in the Congress and Republican opposition to that aid, which will probably strengthen now.

COLLAPSING WESTERN SYSTEM

The Frankenstein U.S. Treasury Monster-Market

Oct. 9, 2023 (EIRNS)—Wall Street on Parade website, in an [article](#) on Oct. 3, reported that the U.S. Treasury had just announced buybacks of its own debt, in order to “provide liquidity to the Treasury market.”

The report that after the Treasury had planned \$671 billion in debt issuance in the third quarter of this year, and \$921 billion in the fourth quarter, Treasury Assistant Secretary for Financial Markets Josh Frost made the hair-raising statement Sept. 21 that “we expect that further gradual increases in coupon auctions sizes will likely be necessary in future quarters.” This gives an idea of how rapidly the U.S. Treasury is adding debt on declining tax revenue, with long-term interest rates rising so fast that the Federal Reserve governors think they no longer have to raise short-term rates to push the longer ones up.

Frost explained that the Treasury would be issuing new debt in order to buy back its existing debt. This is not something the Treasury has never done before, but for obvious reasons it has previously done it only when the interest rates it was paying were going down, not when they were going up.

The reason now is that it is worried about exhausting liquidity (or having it suddenly disappear, obviously) in that market, which has become a hedge fund market with dramatic volatility. [Assistant Secretary Frost](#) said on Sept. 21, “We believe buybacks can play an important role in helping to make the Treasury market more liquid and resilient by providing liquidity support.”

This, then, is the state of that market by which the Federal Reserve has drained capital from the rest of the world, forced austerity on developing nations by devaluing their currencies, and carried out currency warfare against the major BRICS nations, all in the name of “fighting inflation.”

Sergey Glazyev, Eurasian Economic Commission Minister in Charge of Integration and Macroeconomics, posted on his Telegram channel the apt comment of a fellow economist: “In a nutshell, at the moment, the situation

on the American government debt market affects not only the situation on bond markets in other countries, but in general—almost everything.”

Elections in Hesse and Bavaria Are a No-confidence Vote against Federal Government

Oct. 9, 2023 (EIRNS)—The outcome of the Sunday, Oct. 8 elections for state parliaments in Bavaria and Hesse was a strong vote against the Federal government, the three parties of which were losers, with the Free Democrats even voted out of Bavaria’s Parliament. In Hesse, the Christian Democrats had a landslide, taking 52 of the 55 election districts.

More than Bavaria, Hesse was a battlefield on the federal aspect, because the Social Democrats’ top candidate was Federal Interior Minister Nancy Faeser, whose party plunged to an all-time low, receiving only 15.1% of the vote. In Hesse, the Greens are down to 14.8%, a drop of 5%, against their vote of 19.8% in the 2018 elections. The Free Democrats are down to 5% (against 7.5% in 2018), with only a couple of hundred votes bringing it back into the Parliament. The winners in Hesse were a) the governing Christian Democrats with 34.6%, an improvement by 7.6% over 2018; b) the Alternative for Germany (AfD) party, which improved by 5% against 2018 of 13.4%, to now 18.4%, which made it the second-strongest in the state.

In Bavaria, the governing Christian Social Union won with 37%, followed by the Free Voters, their coalition partner, which received 15.8%, and the AfD party as the third-strongest. The last two improved by 5% against the last elections. Also here, the three Federal coalition parties were the losers: the Greens down to 14.4%, the Social Democrats down to 8.4%, the Free Democrats down to 3.0%, which kicked them out of the Parliament.

The formation of the new state governments will likely be the continuation of the incumbent coalitions: Christian Democrats and Greens in Hesse, Christian Social Union and Free Voters in Bavaria. Other parties have ruled out any coalition with the Alternative for Germany. A government in Hesse could also be formed between Christian Democrats

and Social Democrats—the interesting question then being whether outgoing Minister President of the Christian Democrats Boris Rhein would put the nuclear power issue on his agenda, which he could hardly do with the Greens in his coalition. During a high-profile pre-election debate organized by *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, Rhein endorsed a return to nuclear power and also called for development of thermonuclear fusion—would the Hesse Social Democrats, which would have to make major concessions to Rhein to enter a new government led by him agree, against the views of the SPD national executive and naturally against the Federal government and its SPD Chancellor Olaf Scholz? He just recently rejected all initiatives for nuclear power with the remark: “Nuclear power is a dead horse.”

A Hesse state coalition between Christian Democrats and Social Democrats would be a door-opener of a similar coalition on the Federal level maybe even before the end of Scholz’s term in 2025. Note that a heavy-duty campaign in Bavarian mainstream media, led by *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, against Free Voters Chairman Hubert Aiwanger, staged to force Bavarian Minister President Markus Söder to consider a new government coalition with the Greens, not only failed but backfired badly. With the Free Voters improving from 11% to almost 16% they are now qualified as first choice for Söder.

As for repercussions on the Federal government in Berlin, which beyond the losses in Hesse and Bavaria, dropped to a national rating of only 19% in a recent poll taken just before Sunday’s elections, these should result in either a drastic correction of policies, or better in the Scholz government being replaced by a one without the Greens. Such a replacement would be possible by no-confidence vote in the Bundestag, with an alternate candidate for Chancellor being voted in. A prelude to that could be a decision by the Free Democrats to quit the governing coalition. The next few days will tell more about the options.

Internationally, the Scholz government is definitely now reduced to a lame-duck government, with web feet of clay. Who can take the current

German government seriously any longer, if it is backed by only one out of five Germans?