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## EDITORIAL

### **To Stop a War, Revive the True American Spirit**

May 15, 2023 (EIRNS)—As Hungary’s Foreign Minister Peter Szijjarto said while on a visit to Beijing today, Western nations are “gripped by a psychosis of war,” and that what is needed from the sane portions of the world is “to increase the voice of the peace camp.” Indeed, the war party is on a rampage, as can be seen by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy’s tour throughout Europe, having made visits to Germany, France, Italy, and then Britain, getting showered with more and larger instruments of death at each stop. These are not the actions of leaders who have compassion for the lives their nation’s citizens, nor for those of others.

The message was made exceptionally clear during Zelenskyy’s visit to the Vatican, where he met with the most prominent voice calling for peace negotiations in Europe: Pope Francis. In a characteristically arrogant (and tragic) response, Zelenskyy rejected the Pope’s offer to mediate a peace deal with Russia, saying that the Pope “knows my position,” and that Ukraine will continue fighting until Russia is defeated. From there he was whisked away to London, where offers were made of new, longer-range drones capable of reaching into Russian territory, further escalating the conflict.

In response to this, pro-peace forces are mobilizing. China is sending a high-level official to Ukraine this week, in an effort to defuse the “psychosis of war.” From there, he will travel to Germany, France, Poland, and Russia, seeking dialogue. In addition, China’s role as a productive force for peace was acknowledged by Hungary’s Szijjarto, who emphasized that Hungary attaches “huge significance to the role [of China].... We appreciate your peace plan a lot.”

In discussions with associates today, Helga Zepp-LaRouche emphasized that the peace movement globally must be mobilized to force their voice out into this dangerous dynamic that currently is driving the world towards

a new world war. Americans in particular have the power to transform the situation if they were to act as their true selves, as epitomized by [John F. Kennedy's](#) June 10, 1963 Commencement speech at American University. Kennedy said at that time, speaking on the topic of world peace:

“What kind of peace do I mean? What kind of peace do we seek? Not a Pax Americana enforced on the world by American weapons of war. Not the peace of the grave or the security of the slave. I am talking about genuine peace, the kind of peace that makes life on Earth worth living, the kind that enables men and nations to grow and to hope and to build a better life for their children—not merely peace for Americans but peace for all men and women—not merely peace in our time but peace for all time....

A little later he said: “Let us focus ... on a more practical, more attainable peace—based not on a sudden revolution in human nature but on a gradual evolution in human institutions—on a series of concrete actions and effective agreements which are in the interest of all concerned. There is no single, simple key to this peace—no grand or magic formula to be adopted by one or two powers. Genuine peace must be the product of many nations, the sum of many acts. It must be dynamic, not static, changing to meet the challenge of each new generation. For peace is a process—a way of solving problems.” (See the excerpt of President Kennedy’s speech in this *Alert*.)

And with those comments, he was killed, making him and his vision of ensuring peace among the nations of the world the victims of an assassination apparatus determined to prevent it. The rediscovery of this today, by Americans and others around the world, could play a crucial role in introducing the ideas needed to stop the world’s plunge into a thermonuclear war. Peace is not the cessation of war, it is a different outlook, a different way of thinking, and it was at one time the way real Americans thought.

Next month is the 60th anniversary of Kennedy’s speech at American University, and a day of action to take place internationally is being planned on the date to elevate the intervention at this critical time. Don’t

think: What will they do to *me* if I speak out. Instead, think, as Scott Ritter said recently when asked if he worries about this: “The consequences of me doing *nothing* are far greater than whatever the government can do for me for trying to stop war. So, I’m not afraid.”

- Watch [Harley’s Updates](#) with Harley Schlanger on Tuesday May 16, 2023: Every weekday morning on The LaRouche Organization, Schlanger will give you the strategic briefing you need to start your day.

## STRATEGIC SHOWDOWN

### Zelenskyy Welcomed by Sunak in London

May 15, 2023 (EIRNS)—Ukrainian President Zelenskyy is in London following his visits to Italy, Germany and France. His two-hour meeting with Prime Minister Rishi Sunak landed a new arms deal, on top of the Storm Shadow cruise missiles delivered last week, which have already “succeeded” in killing a number of civilians in Lugansk, a Donbass city which was not reachable until the new British long-range missiles arrived.

The new deal includes hundreds of air defense missiles and armed, long-range drones that can go 200 km. Sunak was quoted saying: “The conflict is at a pivotal moment. The U.K. will remain steadfast in supporting Ukraine and its people to defend itself ... it is important for the Kremlin to also know that we are not going away. We are here for the long term.”

BBC proudly writes: “The move means the U.K. is going further than any other country in providing weapons with the potential to tip the battlefield in Ukraine’s favor.” Zelenskyy, of course, said it wasn’t enough, that they need fighter jets. While the U.K. has not agreed to send the jets, BBC notes that “No. 10 [Downing Street] said elementary training for Ukrainian pilots would begin this summer, along with British efforts to work with other countries on providing F-16 jets to Ukraine.”

Zelenskyy was granted over €3 billion in Leopard tanks and anti-aircraft systems from Germany last week, and also a pledge of more arms from France.

### **Szijjarto in Beijing Says Hungary Is Arguing, 'We Need To Increase the Voice of the Peace Camp'**

May 15, 2023 (EIRNS)—Hungary's Foreign Minister Peter Szijjarto said today in Beijing that Budapest "is arguing for peace ... to come as soon as possible.... Unfortunately, the war rhetoric globally is extremely strong. Therefore, we need to increase the voice of the peace camp. And in the peace camp, we attach huge significance to the role [of China].... We appreciate your peace plan a lot. We hope it's going to be a basis for discussing ... peace in our neighborhood."

Szijjarto wrote on his [Facebook](#) page from Budapest Airport before flying to Beijing on May 14: "There is a war going on in our neighborhood, Europe is held hostage by a war psychosis, therefore efforts for the peace party are of particular importance, which must be constantly strengthened. We support the peace plan put forward by the Chinese for two reasons: on the one hand, because it is about peace, on the other hand, because it exists. Finally something that isn't about continuing the war but about ending it...."

Szijjarto also met with Huawei officials, and reported today on Facebook: "Hungary is at the forefront of digitalization and Huawei plays a decisive role in this. ... We maintain our position against global telecommunications providers that no one should be excluded from the competition based on their country of origin."

Hungary also is working with Chinese manufacturers of car batteries, as Budapest explicitly rejects anti-China pressures from the EU. "We want to constantly develop cooperation between the European Union and China. That obviously cannot happen if the EU puts Chinese companies on a sanctions or export control list."

## Ritter Insists Consequences of *Not Speaking Out* vs. U.S. War Policy Are Far Worse than What CIA or FBI May Do

May 15, 2023 (EIRNS)—Former Marine intelligence officer Scott Ritter was asked today during his tour of Russia if he did not fear to speak out against U.S. government policy. His answer is a lesson in courage that his fellow Americans need to hear and to emulate. The question came up in the discussion period after Ritter made a presentation of his book, *Disarmament in the Time of Perestroika: Arms Control and the End of the Soviet Union*, now translated into Russian, to a full room of journalists at the press agency Tatar-Info, in Kazan, the capital of the Russian Republic of Tatarstan.

“You are 100% correct,” [Ritter](#) replied. “Speaking out against the policy of the American government oftentimes results in the powers of the American government to be turned on you.” But, as we say in the United States, this isn’t my first rodeo, he went on, and explained: “I’ve been through this before. When I resigned from my position as a United Nations weapons inspector, a very senior CIA official told me straight to my face, that if I speak out against American policy, the FBI will destroy me and my family. I can tell you they tried very hard to do just that. Am I afraid? What more can they do to me? I’m worried they may try again.”

What sacrifice would you be willing to make for your family? He replied, there is a “a great American” whom he pays a lot of attention to, named Daniel Ellsberg. Ellsberg released secret information about the Vietnam War that helped bring an end to that war. The government tried to destroy him; they charged him with treason, which in the United States carries the death penalty.

As Ellsberg was walking up the stairs to the courthouse to go on trial, “a journalist asked him: ‘Aren’t you afraid to go to prison or die for this?’ And without hesitation, he said: ‘Wouldn’t *you* go to prison if you could stop this war?’

“We’re talking about the future of our children. What I know, is that if I *don’t* do what I am doing right now, no one else is going to do it. And the

consequences of me doing *nothing* are far greater than whatever the government can do for me for trying to stop war. So, I'm not afraid," Ritter concluded.

Tatar-Inform published an article on Ritter's presentation, reporting his statement that he had written the book because he "wanted to convey to the people of the two countries [Russia and the U.S.] that we can work and coexist together without war and conflict. If a solution was found when the world was on the brink of nuclear abyss, nothing prevents it from being found now.... 'I think my book should be read by as many Russians and Americans as possible. Because people on both sides have forgotten how to find common ground and understand each other,' the author concluded.... 'We must remember that nuclear war is not a computer game. There will be no restart.' "

### **Belarus Enters High Alert after Russian Planes Shot Down**

May 15, 2023 (EIRNS)—Belarus President Aleksandr Lukashenko, during his visit to the central air force and air defense command post today, said that Belarus has put its armed forces on high alert following the recent shooting down of four Russian planes in Bryansk, a region bordering Ukraine. "Three days after the events next to us. I mean the events in the Bryansk Region, when four aircraft were downed. We had to react to that," the President said, according to BelTA news agency. "Since then, we, our forces, have been on elevated alert."

Lukashenko said they are actively monitoring this situation as it develops, and are making plans accordingly "without fear-mongering."

"No lengthy reports, please. Let's take a look at what is going on around our country, in the air, first and foremost. We do discuss the issue of our state's security very often, especially the airspace situation. As I can see, the situation is not critical right now. But, nevertheless, concerning factors" do exist, Lukashenko said.

## NATO Divided Over How To Bring Ukraine into the Alliance

May 15, 2023 (EIRNS)—One thing that will not happen at the NATO summit in Vilnius will be the extension of an invitation to Ukraine to join the alliance. At least, that's the import of a *Washington Post* story published yesterday afternoon which reports of a divide among NATO members over the question. While members in Eastern Europe want Ukraine to be brought in now, Washington is "more cautious" the *Post* says. Officials from NATO nations, many of whom spoke to the *Post* on the condition of anonymity, said there is consensus among the alliance's 31 members that, despite advocacy from Kiev, NATO will not issue Ukraine a formal invitation to join at the July 11-12 summit. But Eastern European nations are pushing for concrete steps toward that goal, including potential commitment to a timeline for Ukraine's accession, even as the United States and some Western European nations advocate smaller steps that could include a bureaucratic upgrade to a NATO-Ukraine body or a decision to further expand NATO's technical support to Ukraine's defense sector.

"The Vilnius summit will not be historic without the decision on Ukraine's future in the alliance," lamented Ambassador Nataliia Galibarenko, the head of Ukraine's mission to NATO. Despite the difficulties involved with admitting a country in the midst of a major war, Ukraine believes that NATO "should define a path for our membership, and set the algorithm of Ukraine's movement toward accession to NATO, instead of another repetition of the statement about 'open doors' policy," Galibarenko said. "This is not enough."

The *Post* says that countries that support faster action argue that making membership conditional on Ukraine's ability to repel Russia's full-scale invasion effectively gives Putin a veto—not the message NATO wants to send. The admission of Ukraine into NATO under present conditions would also mean that the alliance would instantly be at war with Russia, something everyone on both sides of the argument are aware of, particularly in Kiev. In Washington, the Biden Administration wants to

keep the war going and save security guarantees and NATO membership for an eventual peace settlement. The *Post* doesn't say what Plan B is in case the war is threatening to end badly for NATO.

## Turkish Presidential Elections between Erdogan and Kilicdaroglu To Go to Runoff

May 15, 2023 (EIRNS)— The Turkish Presidential elections will go to a runoff on May 28, in which Recep Tayyip Erdogan, representing the People's Alliance, will face off with Kemal Kilicdaroglu, representing the Nation Alliance and Republican People's Party (CHP), since neither received the required majority of 50% plus one vote in the first round. The Anadolu Agency reported that Erdogan received 49.51% and Kilicdaroglu 44.88% of the votes. The third candidate, Sinan Ogan, received 5.17% of the votes according to official sources, as reported by the *Hurriyet Daily News*. The turnout was an incredibly high 88.92%. Since Ogan has a similar electorate as Erdogan, it is more than likely that Erdogan will win.

Ahmet Yener, the head of the Supreme Election Board, said: "According to the results, it has been observed that no presidential candidate could get enough votes to be elected as the President. Our board decided to go to the second round of polls on May 28 in line with the relevant laws."

Turkiye has suffered from high inflation, and the London/Washington crowd had hoped for a Erdogan's defeat as part of their "hate anyone who talks with Putin" campaign. But even Kilicdaroglu, who expressed a more pro-Western approach on economics, seeking for Turkiye to join the European Union, also assured voters that he would not antagonize Russia. Assumedly, Erdogan will work with de-dollarization and Kilicdaroglu would work against it. British news agency Reuters, for one, describes Kilicdaroglu as more in sync with Western financial circles.

Erdogan's People's Alliance, comprising the Justice and Development Party (AKP) and the National Movement Party, won the parliamentary elections with 52%.

A map of the voting was similar as to previous elections. The CHP won the urban areas, particularly Istanbul, Izmir, Ankara, and along the coastline, while the AKP prevailed in the interior.

There were no real surprises in the parliamentary elections. The various parties were organized into electoral alliances. The ruling People's Alliance won roughly 52%. The opposition blocs, including the National Alliance led by the CHP, and the Freedom Alliance, comprised of several smaller left-wing and Kurdish interest parties, shared the rest.

## COLLAPSING WESTERN SYSTEM

### **'National Conservatism' Holds Three-Day 'Bash China' Confab in U.K.**

May 15, 2023 (EIRNS)—[National Conservatism](#) ("NatCon" for short, referred to as "Na-zi" by one wag in the U.K.) is sponsoring a three-day conference in London over May 15-17. A project of the [Edmund Burke Foundation](#), the conference features such luminaries as former MI6 Chief Richard Dearlove, U.S. Sen. J.D. Vance, Heritage President Kevin Roberts, Jacob Rees-Moog, Lord David Frost, and many more. Among former speakers are David Goldman, Tucker Carlson, Ron DeSantis, and Peter Thiel.

The focus is China, as captured by the childish title of David Goldman's new book, *You Will Be Assimilated—China's Plan To Sinoform the World*.

### **Bremen Elections Give Long-Overdue Slap in the Face to Greens**

May 15, 2023 (EIRNS)—The state parliament elections in the city-state of Bremen featured two relevant developments for the rest of Germany: 1) a big slap in the face of the Greens which lost almost a third of the vote they received in elections five years ago, and 2) a strong vote for the Citizens at Rage (BIW) party of deep discontent with the established parties.

As for the Greens, the party leadership's embrace of the war drive, the big pile of new corruption scandals, and nepotism at the Green-led German Economics Ministry definitely drove the loss of votes yesterday, including

a migration of voters to the Social Democrats which won the election with 29.8%. Most indicative for the erosion of the Greens is the fact that their loss of votes was highest among those 18-24 years old, with -14%.

As for the BIW, it recorded 9.6% of the vote, but in Bremerhaven, the port district of Bremen, it gained 21.5% and came in third after SPD (27%) and CDU (22.5%). Since the AfD as the traditional party of discontent was fragmented, it could not agree on a slate for the election and did not run this time—part of their vote is said to have ended up in the BIW.

Bremerhaven, since the decline of civilian shipbuilding, has become one of the districts with the highest jobless rate in all of Germany—the failure of the established parties to change anything about it explains the high vote of the BIW there. A second aspect of the same discontent pattern can be seen in the 11.9% vote in all of Bremen for the Linke, which is traditionally strong there unlike in most other parts of western Germany where they have been on the decline.

## **NEW STRATEGIC AND ECONOMIC ARCHITECTURE**

### **Chinese Official To Visit Ukraine for Negotiations**

May 15, 2023 (EIRNS)—China's Special Envoy for Eurasian Affairs Li Hui will be visiting Ukraine as part of China's diplomatic efforts towards a peace deal. He is the former ambassador to Russia for 10 years, and speaks fluent Russian. Li is planning to “conduct in-depth communications with different parties for a political settlement of the Ukraine crisis,” according to Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin. Li will also visit Russia, as well as France, Germany, and Poland. Li is the most senior Chinese official to visit Ukraine since Russia's special military operation began.

According to an unidentified source quoted by Reuters, the diplomat will be in Ukraine on May 16-17.

### **China Now the World's Largest Auto Exporter, Outpacing Japan**

May 15, 2023 (EIRNS)—China exported 1.07 million vehicles in the first quarter of 2023, surging by 58.3% year-on-year, data from China's General

Administration of Customs recently revealed, indicating that China has now become the world's largest auto exporter, outpacing Japan. China passed Germany last year. In April alone, China exported 376,000 vehicles, surging 2.7 times over the same period in 2022, reports *Global Times*. The majority are “new-energy vehicles.”

Xu Haidong, deputy general engineer of the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers, said that China-made vehicles have become “more competitive on the global market, benefitting from strict quality control, sophisticated industrial chain and advanced maintenance services.”

### ***Global Times* Sees “BRICS Currency ‘Plausible Alternative’ to Dollar Hegemony”**

May 15, 2023 (EIRNS)—*Global Times* featured a report on May 14 on the creation of a BRICS currency for trade purposes. Zhou Yu, director of the Research Center of International Finance at the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences, told the *Global Times* that the discussion is likely to be a probing effort by BRICS countries for a long-term goal of a currency unit.

“Despite the daunting difficulties such an effort faces, it is not entirely impossible for these nations to have such a currency unit,” Zhou said. The creation of a unified currency for a group of countries usually takes a long time and requires years of cooperation, and eventually means phasing out local currencies, Zhou said, taking the birth of the euro as an example. “However, currently the effort by BRICS nations seems to be focused on devising a currency unit used specifically to settle cross-border trade, rather than a currency unit to replace other local currencies, which reduces the difficulty of such efforts and increases its plausibility,” Zhou concluded.

## **U.S. POLITICAL & ECONOMIC**

### **John Durham Report Denounces FBI for Lawlessness in the Russiagate Fiasco**

May 15, 2023 (EIRNS)—After four years, [U.S. Special Counsel John Durham](#), appointed in 2019 by Attorney General William Barr to

investigate the Russiagate scam, has released a 300-page report, finding that the Department of Justice and FBI “failed to uphold their mission of strict fidelity to the law” when it launched the Trump-Russia investigation. Based on his review of Crossfire Hurricane and related intelligence operations, he concluded that “senior FBI personnel displayed a serious lack of analytical rigor towards the information that they received, especially information received from politically-affiliated persons and entities. This information in part triggered and sustained Crossfire Hurricane and contributed to the subsequent need for Special Counsel Mueller’s investigation,” the report said. “In particular, there was significant reliance on investigative leads provided or funded (directly or indirectly) by Trump’s political opponents.”

“The Department did not adequately examine or question these materials and the motivations of those providing them, even when at about the same time the Director of the FBI and others learned of significant and potentially contrary intelligence,” the report said.

Christopher Wray already released a CYA, claiming that the “current FBI leadership already implemented dozens of corrective actions, which have now been in place for some time. Had those reforms been in place in 2016, the missteps identified in the report could have been prevented.” It’s only us chickens here in the chicken coop.

## HISTORY & CULTURE

### **From John F. Kennedy’s American University Commencement Address, June 10, 1963**

May 15, 2023 (EIRNS)—With the approaching 60th anniversary of John Kennedy’s June 10, 1963 commencement address at American University, his vision should become the impulse for Americans to make June 10, 2023 the date on which we end, once and for all, the threat of thermonuclear war to resolve conflict, and replace it with a security and development architecture as peace for all humanity. We excerpt his address:

**President John F. Kennedy:** I have, therefore, chosen this time and this place to discuss a topic on which ignorance too often abounds and the truth is too rarely perceived—yet it is the most important topic on Earth: world peace.

What kind of peace do I mean? What kind of peace do we seek? Not a Pax Americana enforced on the world by American weapons of war. Not the peace of the grave or the security of the slave. I am talking about genuine peace, the kind of peace that makes life on Earth worth living, the kind that enables men and nations to grow and to hope and to build a better life for their children—not merely peace for Americans but peace for all men and women—not merely peace in our time but peace for all time....

I speak of peace, therefore, as the necessary rational end of rational men. I realize that the pursuit of peace is not as dramatic as the pursuit of war—and frequently the words of the pursuer fall on deaf ears. But we have no more urgent task....

First: Let us examine our attitude toward peace itself. Too many of us think it is impossible. Too many think it unreal. But that is a dangerous, defeatist belief. It leads to the conclusion that war is inevitable—that mankind is doomed—that we are gripped by forces we cannot control.

We need not accept that view. Our problems are manmade—therefore, they can be solved by man. And man can be as big as he wants. No problem of human destiny is beyond human beings. Man's reason and spirit have often solved the seemingly unsolvable—and we believe they can do it again....

Let us focus instead on a more practical, more attainable peace—based not on a sudden revolution in human nature but on a gradual evolution in human institutions—on a series of concrete actions and effective agreements which are in the interest of all concerned. There is no single, simple key to this peace—no grand or magic formula to be adopted by one or two powers. Genuine peace must be the product of many nations, the sum of many acts. It must be dynamic, not static, changing to meet the

challenge of each new generation. For peace is a process—a way of solving problems....

So let us persevere. Peace need not be impracticable, and war need not be inevitable. By defining our goal more clearly, by making it seem more manageable and less remote, we can help all peoples to see it, to draw hope from it, and to move irresistibly toward it....

No government or social system is so evil that its people must be considered as lacking in virtue. As Americans, we find communism profoundly repugnant as a negation of personal freedom and dignity. But we can still hail the Russian people for their many achievements—in science and space, in economic and industrial growth, in culture and in acts of courage.

Among the many traits the peoples of our two countries have in common, none is stronger than our mutual abhorrence of war. Almost unique among the major world powers, we have never been at war with each other. And no nation in the history of battle ever suffered more than the Soviet Union suffered in the course of the Second World War. At least 20 million lost their lives....

So, let us not be blind to our differences—but let us also direct attention to our common interests and to the means by which those differences can be resolved. And if we cannot end now our differences, at least we can help make the world safe for diversity. For, in the final analysis, our most basic common link is that we all inhabit this small planet. We all breathe the same air. We all cherish our children's future. And we are all mortal....