

LaRouche: Oust Nuland To Defuse Global War Threat

Dec. 8—The weekly LaRouchePAC webcast of Dec. 5 began with the following strategic assessment, delivered by *EIR*'s Dennis Small:

“Mr. LaRouche is most concerned that the following, very straightforward message be delivered and received as to the gravity of the current situation.

“The fact is that we are facing a very serious threat of general warfare facing the entire planet today, and this is a result of the strategic provocations against Russia and China, which are being carried out by the British Empire, its bankrupt trans-Atlantic financial system, and the Obama Administration in the United States, in particular. Their intention in these strategic provocations is to annihilate the region of Eurasia.

“Global general warfare today, however, means global *thermonuclear* warfare, and that means the likelihood of the extinction of the entire human species, including the United States, including Eurasia—the entire planet.

“As the public statements of Russian President Putin have made very clear over the last 72 hours, Russia's policy, Mr. LaRouche emphasized, is planned and designed to meet the standard of winning war. There's no question as to what he is saying. It is real, it is very serious, and it's a fair and accurate expression of the situation we're facing.

“So, the possibility of war is there. Mr. LaRouche emphasized that we can neither say that it *will* happen, nor can we deny the possibility that it will occur. The threat is there; the threat is real. That's what we can say.

“And we can also say that President Obama, and many members of his Administration, such as the State Department's Victoria Nuland, are dangerous idiots. Unless Obama, and everything he entails, is pulled into restraint by saner, wiser heads in the United States, then we could have an extermination war that would be the end of the United States' and the world's population. Either the United States calls off the war, and throws Obama out, or there can be an extermination war that is absolutely the end of humanity as we know it.

“Decisive action by U.S. agencies is needed now, Mr. LaRouche stressed.

“As for Victoria Nuland, the Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs, she is a highly active provocateur and a fool, Mr. LaRouche said, and she's expendable. She expresses the problem, and she should be removed from office over this very weekend. Get her out, and we can jam up the works. He suggested, ‘Land Nuland on the Moon—preferably on the dark side, so we don't have to see her.’ That will buy us some time to put together a more lasting solution to the crisis.

“He also said, in the discussions that we had with him, that the Republican Party, and its present dirty schemes, also have to be gotten rid of, because these, too, are leading the world towards Hell. He said that Speaker Boehner's role in particular, both in *protecting* Obama from a fully justified constitutional impeachment, *and* in aggressively provoking Russia and China—as can be seen in the House resolution that was

presented and adopted this week—that role is disgusting, and Boehner has to go, too.

“So, to summarize: We’re at the edge of global thermonuclear war. There is discussion in Europe about a 70 to 75% chance of the outbreak of a general war. That, Mr. LaRouche stressed, is a fair reading. How do we go about stopping it? Throw Nuland out now! Just throw the bitch out. Then the Ukrainian operation against Russia can be defused, and although that does not end the threat, it does defuse it. Will Nuland be thrown out? If so, then we may be able to prevent the march to war now. It won’t stop the danger, but it sets back the possibility of global war in the near term, and that is urgently required.”

Congress in the War Camp, for Now

At present, the U.S. Congress is not only failing to stop the war drive, but is accelerating the process.

On Dec. 3, the House of Representatives passed House Resolution 758, “Strongly condemning the actions of the Russian Federation under President Vladimir Putin,” by an astounding 411 to 10 margin. This war-mongering resolution had been introduced just two weeks before by Adam Kinzinger (R-Ill.), with three co-sponsors, but was pushed to the floor and a vote in a mere 14 days—as contrasted with a resolution from a fellow Republican, Rep. Walter Jones (R-N.C.), H.Res. 428, with 21 cosponsors, which calls for the release of the still-secret 28 pages of the Joint Congressional Inquiry into 9/11, and which the Republican House leadership has not even given a hearing.

House Resolution 758 has more than seven pages of Whereases. Among other questionable and lying contentions, it condemns Russia for making and providing the missile that shot down Malaysian Flight 17, illegally occupying and annexing Crimea, infiltrating and attacking the computer networks of the U.S. government, and “conducting an aggressive propaganda effort in Ukraine in which false information is used to subvert



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Assistant Secretary of State Victoria Nuland and U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine Geoffrey Pyatt greet Ukrainian President-elect Petro Poroshenko in Warsaw, June 4, 2014. Nuland steered the “color revolution” that staged a coup against the previous Ukrainian government.

the authority of the legitimate national government, undermine stability, promote ethnic dissension, and incite violence.”

The “Therefore Be It Resolved” section goes on for another seven pages, saying that the House of Representatives “calls on the President to provide the Government of Ukraine with defense articles, services and training required to effectively defend its territory and sovereignty,” “urges the President to hold the Russian Federation accountable for violations of its obligations under the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty and to take action to bring the Russian Federation back into compliance with the Treaty,” and on, and on.

After all these bellicose statements, the resolution concludes with a disingenuous appeal for “reestablishment of a close and cooperative relationship between the people of the United States and the Russian people based on the shared pursuit of democracy, human rights, and peace among all nations.”

Former Congressman Dennis Kucinich initiated a campaign against this resolution before the vote, writing that H.Res. 758 “is tantamount to a Declaration of Cold War against Russia, reciting a host of grievances, old and new, against Russia which represent complaints

that Russia could well make against the U.S., given our nation's most recent military actions: violating territorial integrity, violations of international law, violations of nuclear arms agreements. Congress's solution? Restart the Cold War!" He entitled his piece "No to War, Hot or Cold, with Russia."

In the wake of the vote, Kucinich has launched a petition drive to reverse the passage.

The fact that 98% of the Congress could go along with this blatantly pro-war statement—albeit just a non-binding resolution expressing sentiment—should send alarm bells ringing through the American public. The vote contrasts strongly with the expressed sentiment of the U.S. population, which in recent polls was more than 60% *against* arming the Ukraine government against Russia. The resolution was voted for by many Congress members who, in private conversation, show they know better. Yet only 5 Democrats and 5 Republicans bucked the "party line": Justin Amash (R-Mich.), John Duncan (R-Tenn.), Alan Grayson (D-Fla.), Alcee Hastings (D-Fla.), Walter Jones (R-N.C.), Thomas Massie (R-Ky.), Jim McDermott (D-Wash.), George Miller (D-Calif.), Beto O'Rourke (D-Tex.), and Dana Rohrabacher (R-Calif.).

A Coalition for War?

While the Congress has disgustingly kowtowed to the war-like propaganda campaign against Russia, there is still opposition, particularly in the Senate, to Obama's unilateral, unconstitutional war in Southwest Asia. As the conclusion of current Congressional session, scheduled for Dec. 11, looms, a number of Senators have attempted to force the issue of war against the Islamic State (ISIS/ISIL/IS) onto the Senate's agenda.

Two hours of heated debate occurred in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Dec. 4, when Sen. Rand Paul (R-Ky.) introduced an amendment to declare war against ISIS under Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution. Committee Chairman Robert Menendez (D-N.J.) also submitted a resolution under the War Powers Act, calling for a new Authorization for the Use of Military Force (AUMF; this would replace that issued by Congress in September 2001, to authorize the use of U.S. Armed Forces against those responsible for 9/11). Ranking Republican Bob Corker (Tenn.) and perennial warmonger John McCain (R-Ariz.) both went bonkers at Paul's effort to force a vote on his amendment, which he was trying to attach to an unrelated water bill.

At the conclusion of the event, the Committee

agreed to hold a hearing the next week, which is now scheduled for Dec. 9, with Secretary of State John Kerry expected to testify. Paul expressed satisfaction: "A hearing and a vote—that's what I've always wanted," he said.

One of the most prominent fighters for having Congress take its Constitutional responsibility on the war, Sen. Tim Kaine (D-Va.) told CNN Dec. 8 that he expected there would be a vote before Congress adjourned.

Kaine, who is a member of the Foreign Relations Committee, has been demanding for months that Congress and Obama take up the war question; he submitted a new AUMF in September of this year. Neither Obama nor the Congress was interested—a situation Kaine described as a "sympiotic pathology." In fact, this pathology could lead directly to a U.S. confrontation with Russia, if the Administration and its Republican neo-con allies decide to go ahead with a military deployment for regime change in Syria—an action that would be accurately seen by Russia as a war threat to the entire region, and hence to Russia itself.

Jam Up the Charge Toward War

On the House side as well, the Republicans and the Obama Administration are moving in lockstep, blocking any measures against Obama's unilateral war in Southwest Asia.

On Dec. 4, the House Rules Committee voted down a number of amendments to the Defense Authorization Bill that would have jammed up the expansion of Obama's war. On party line votes, the Republican majority backed up Obama by defeating various restrictions on the deployment against ISIS. The most pertinent one was presented by Reps. James McGovern (D-Mass.) and Walter Jones (R-N.C.), who sought to block all funds for military operations against ISIS in Syria or Iraq, until Congress authorized such operations.

What is clear, as Representative Jones reiterated in an interview with newsmax.com last week, is that the Republican warhawks are not concerned in the slightest with Obama violating the Constitution, which qualifies him for impeachment; they are egging him on for expanded war, from Syria to Russia. It is in this context that the message LaRouche delivered at the Dec. 5 webcast cuts to the core of the matter: Victoria Nuland and her ilk must be removed from determining U.S. foreign policy, now.