

EDITORIAL

June 12, 2018: The Spirit of the New Silk Road Shines in Its Full Glory

This day will be remembered in history, not only for the extraordinary achievement in Korea brought about by Donald Trump, Kim Jong-un, Moon Jae-in, Xi Jinping, Shinzo Abe, and Vladimir Putin, but because the “Spirit of the New Silk Road” has taken another giant step forward in bringing peace and development to the entire world.

The Joint Statement signed and released by Chairman Kim and President Trump is reproduced on page 3. It states clearly that the new relationship between the United States and the DPRK “will contribute to peace and prosperity of the Korean Peninsula and of the world.”

In a press conference following the Summit, President Trump spoke profoundly about the transformation taking place in the world as a whole. He began: “I stand before you as a representative of the United States to deliver a message of hope and vision, and a message of peace.” He said that the successful Summit proved that “real change is indeed possible;” that “the past does not have to define the future;” that “anyone can make war, but only the most courageous can make peace.” He concluded, correctly, that “It’s a very great moment in the history of the world.”

It is being noted around the world that this historic event in Singapore, and the similarly transformational meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) which took place over the weekend in Qingdao, stand in stark contrast to the chaos at the G-7 meeting in Quebec, where Trump declared that Putin should be at the table if anything of use were to be accomplished. Trump received full backing from the newly elected Prime Minister of Italy Giuseppe Conte, while Shinzo

Abe has also refused to join in the Russia-bashing, and is working closely with President Putin on joint development projects. What is left of the G-7—France, Germany, Canada and the U.K.—may end up being the G-4, if they fail to break from the British Empire’s desperate effort to sustain the division of the world into East and West.

History is being made in Asia, not in the decrepit economies and cultural decay of the West. Trump’s appreciation of China and Russia reflects his recognition that, working together, great changes can be made for the betterment of mankind as a whole, and that the United States itself can only be restored to its former greatness by being part of the Spirit of the New Silk Road, as Helga Zepp-LaRouche has described it. This Spirit is contagious, inspiring cultural optimism, and stands in stark contrast to the cultural pessimism which has increasingly infected Europe and the United States over the past fifty years.

Mrs. LaRouche, after watching Trump’s Singapore press conference, noted that Trump had refused to be provoked by the hysterical, war-mongering western media, but rather showed total confidence that the new paradigm for peace through development were both possible and necessary. This is what Lyndon LaRouche and this movement have been fighting for over these past fifty years. It is a time of historical transformation, a phase-change in the topology of human development, in which the actions of a single individual can change the world. There should be no sitting on the fence. People should be told, boldly, to join with the LaRouche movement, to bring the Spirit of the New Silk Road to all of Mankind.