## **EDITORIAL**

## China-Russia Announce New World Paradigm: British Attempt To Start World War III

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Feb. 5—At 4:00 p.m. on Friday afternoon (Feb. 4), the following headline appeared on the *Bloomberg News* website: "Russia Invades Ukraine." Note that it was then midnight in Moscow, and that President Vladimir Putin was not in the country, but in Beijing. For a full 30 minutes, this headline remained on the website, before it was finally removed, with *Bloomberg News* posting an attempted apology:

We prepare headlines for many scenarios and one of those headlines was inadvertently published at around 4 p.m. ET today on our website. We deeply regret the error.

Error? For months the Western media, with *Bloomberg News* right up front, have been peddling the lie that a Russian invasion of Ukraine is "imminent." Avril Haines, the U.S. Director of National Intelligence, briefed NATO leaders in October that the invasion would come in the last weeks of January or the early weeks of February. Day after day the lie has been peddled that over 100,000 Russian troops are poised on the Ukraine border for the invasion, despite denials by not only Moscow, but even by Kiev!

Error? Keep in mind that Sir Michael Bloomberg made his billions with software that provides information in microseconds on every trade taking place in the world. "The chance that this was an accident is essentially zero," Schiller Institute founder Helga Zepp-LaRouche exclaimed today. "There must be a Congressional investigation immediately."

Dmitry Peskov, Russian Presidential Press Secre-

tary, said he could not say whether or not it was an accident, but that in any case:

This is a perfect demonstration of how dangerous the situation is when provoked by the endless aggressive statements that come from Washington, London and from other European governments. This is probably also a great demonstration of how such messages can lead to irreparable consequences.

Who is Michael Bloomberg? Not only is he "Mr. Wall Street," with his computer software used by virtually every financial institution, but he is also "Mr. Green New Deal," taking great pleasure in the fact that he personally financed the campaign that has shut down half of the U.S. coal mines, and also served as the United Nations' Special Envoy on Climate Ambition and Solutions. At the Glasgow COP26 climate conference in November he announced a new effort aimed at closing a quarter of the world's 2,445 coal plants, as well as stopping efforts underway to build 519 new coal plants by 2025. As any African leader will tell you, this means poverty and death for Africa.

The fact that it is Michael Bloomberg who is the operative in this war-mongering ploy further proves the point emphasized for the past 50 years by Lyndon LaRouche and *EIR*: It is the collapse of the Western financial system (now apparent to all but the morally blind) which is the driving force for war, not the fake geopolitical accusations about Russian and Chinese "aggression" or "human rights abuses."

Not coincidentally, this incident comes on the same day that Presidents Vladimir Putin and Xi Jinping met in Beijing, releasing a communiqué, titled "Joint Statement of the Russian Federation and the People's Republic of China on the International Relations Entering a New Era and the Global Sustainable Development." (The full text is in this issue of EIR.) To understand the profound importance of this historic document, it is instructive to read what a leading mouthpiece for the British Empire and the City of London, the Daily Telegraph, has to say about it. Under the headline, "Russia and China Rise from Their Knees To Challenge U.S. Dominance," The Telegraph writes:

The message here is anything but routine. At a moment of immense international tension. Russia and China are asserting the arrival of a new geopolitical era. From now on, the dominance of the U.S.-led global West will no longer be taken for granted—or tolerated.

It is quite interesting that the *Telegraph* dropped the usual phrase, "U.S.-led international order," effectively acknowledging that the U.S. is no longer the "world's only superpower," but at best the leader of the "West." The *Telegraph* continues:

After decades of humiliation, the world's autocratic superpowers have risen from their knees and will now up-end the inequitable post-Cold War world order

But they add, we are now entering "a long and frosty Cold War Two." They also effectively acknowledge that the multiple efforts to turn Russia and China against each other have failed:

The hope that Mr. Xi might be persuaded to re-

strain his ally or remain aloof—or conversely that Mr. Putin could be enlisted to help contain China—has been dashed

Unstated, but implied, is that all that is left for the dying British Empire is war, both military and economic warfare, in order to return Russia and China to their knees.

Helga Zepp-LaRouche addresses this utopian insanity in an article, "100 Seconds to Midnight on

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the Doomsday Clock—We Need a New Security Architecture!" in this issue of EIR, which is also being circulated in multiple languages by the Schiller Institute. She insists that the new security architecture demanded by both Russia and China must include all nations; must include the right to development for all nations; and must end forever the Empire's Malthusian paradigm.

On February 19, the Schiller Institute is hosting a two-panel online conference on this existential strategic crisis. The conference will begin at 10 a.m. EST. It is essential, Zepp-LaRouche declared, that people everywhere recognize the incredible potential of this moment. Arriving at the brink of extinction is waking people up, causing them to look to see who has been lying, who has been telling the truth—and most important, who knows the necessary solution. This is the LaRouche Moment in history.