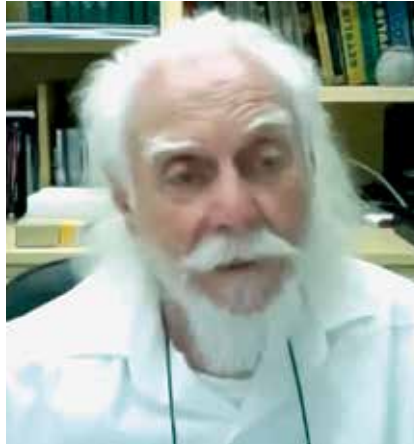


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Danger of Nuclear War—The Alternative Is Being Built by the BRICS

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A call to peace is being made here, a mobilization of public figures worldwide in order to stop the danger of nuclear war, now! As I see it, there is only one way to stop this danger, the danger of all wars: Stop the expansion of United States hegemony.

There is an imminent risk of nuclear war; it is real, as real as the insanity which affects certain leaders subservient to the great lords of capital, who have raised themselves up as the owners of the world.

This risk must not succeed in diverting attention from the *other* war, which is being fought against the world’s peoples, especially in the West under the hegemony of the dollar. Here, we mean the cultural, psycho-social war. Media warfare, cybernetic warfare, the narrative war which wields words as weapons.

After less than 40 years, since signing the agreements at Yalta, a militarily and economically occupied Europe [began] another four decades under the aegis of neoliberalism in which finance capital and the Washington Consensus imposes a dictatorship as the model

of economic management.

From the point of view of economic and social development, they were four lost decades. The result can be summed up [in such words as] destatization, privatization, deindustrialization, denationalization, deregulation, job insecurity, unemployment, despair, misery, which have spread throughout the European Union, as well as the developing countries.

Engulfed by the terminal crisis of the system and its neoliberal model, Europe finds itself dragged also into a military adventure, by declaring

war against Russia. Imposing an economic blockade is an act of war, just as supplying technology, arms, munitions, and intelligence to a belligerent power is, *per se*, an act of war.

It is surprising that those most harmed by that war are the very countries which ignited it. It backfired. On top of an economic crisis which cannot be solved within the system, the energy crisis is added. Because of the blockade, prices skyrocketed and there has started to be shortages of everything—this, as Winter is coming on.

Soon 20 Nations in BRICS

All of this, for a unipolar world order that does not exist and *never* existed, because it takes into account a minority of less than a fifth of the world’s peoples. The United States needs to keep Europe colonized to survive; it has to keep Europe a colony for its war objectives in order to stop Russia, stop China.

Despite everything, there is no longer room for hegemonies. The world has changed. China is the greatest economic power, Russia is a military power, and the BRICS are now asserting themselves as a multipolar reality. In a world of cooperation and integration, there is no room for invasions, occupation, and war.

Regardless, the Biden Doctrine makes it clear that, for the empire, both China and Russia as well as the

BRICS, are the enemies to be fought. Despite all of that, on China's initiative, an alternative system is being built, free of the dollar system, which is based on cooperation for development, and the construction of infrastructure to increase world trade. Baptized as the New Silk Road, it includes the BRICS Development Bank, the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, and an alternative inter-banking system based on a basket of local currencies whose foundations are the wealth of each country.

The BRICS—Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa—represent more than half of the people on the planet. Since it is attractive because it points to independence, and being free of control by the dollar, it already has candidates who want to join such as Argentina and Mexico in our Americas, Iran and even Saudi Arabia, which until recently was the faithful servant of the British and the Yankees. Soon enough, the BRICS

will have 20 or more member countries.

The United Nations says that the Earth's population has reached 8 billion human beings, and that there is a bomb, perhaps the greatest of all bombs, that is about to explode, and that is the 828 million people who go hungry—and which can become many, many more if the voraciousness of the consumer society continues, along with the predatory occupation of lands; if warming is not stopped, as the experts at COP27 meeting now in Egypt have stated to us.

But the solution for this and the other bombs lies in the proposal of the BRICS. A proposal in which there is no room for hegemony, which is founded on cooperation among peoples for development, building infrastructure, strengthening intraregional trade, the exchange of know-how; without impositions, to benefit all humanity. That is how you build peace. And in that way, we shall win.

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The End of Globalization and the Emergence of the BRICS

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and the Russian Federation. And, like all imperialist wars, this is a war for world hegemony. What we are seeing in the world today is the decline of the first world power, the United States, and we're also seeing the end of the globalization that we've lived through over recent decades. We are witnessing the emergence of a new world order where there is a multipolarity, in which there are various blocs that have a force and a presence on a world scale, and this will lead to a situation of realignment.

It is our hope that war, which is the continuation of politics by violent means, will always be condemned because it is a violence that replaces reason, and we have already had the experiences of the First and Second World Wars in which millions of citizens died, the majority of whom were innocents.

The most pathetic case was how the United States put an end to the Second World War by dropping bombs on Nagasaki and Hiroshima, in which more than 200,000 people died—more than 100,000 in one case