

EDITORIAL

International Peace Coalition

A Council of Reason, Not a Council of War!

Aug. 25—Whatever the Doomsday Clock may now say—at last check, it was 90 seconds to midnight—the truth is, that we have now “crossed the red line” to World War Three. Helga Zepp-LaRouche, founder of the Schiller Institute, and convener of the International Peace Coalition, has said that “the next six months may be the most dangerous in all human history.” In fact, if we don’t immediately come to our senses, history—if there is any—may well record that Thermonuclear World War Three started, and the Doomsday Clock stopped, on August 6, 2024, the day that “Ukraine launched a surprise attack on Russia.”

But it was NATO—not Ukraine—that invaded Russia, under the guise of the “Ukrainian Kursk offensive.” NATO personnel from Great Britain, France, Poland, the United States, etc. are in this “up to their eyeballs.” More, media, like the *New York Times*, have recently reported that this “surprise” attack was devised at least a year ago, with the full knowledge of British and American intelligence. This means that the United States and the nations of NATO are no longer at the doorstep of war with Russia, but have opened the door—and in that war, thermonuclear weapons can, in fact, be used. This means, that we, you, must act in the next few days to prevent that war from happening, *even if you think that such efforts might well fail.*

Russian Major General Apti Alaudinov stated from the Kursk battlefield that the invasion “was prepared directly under the American leadership. These forces

invaded the territory of the Kursk region.... The initial task was to take control of the nuclear power plant, as well as the Kursk and possibly Belgorod regions. We have quite credible information about these intentions. After this, they intended to put Russia to the negotiation table with ultimatum conditions.”

Alaudinov then issued a direct appeal to the people of America and Europe: “You probably do not see or hear that your leadership is doing all it can to launch a nuclear war ... as you’ve been trying with all means to make Russia cross the red line and start protecting itself using all these nuclear weapons. I don’t think this is something you really want. If you don’t want this to happen, speak out! Go to the streets and stop your government!”

Then, ominously, he concluded: “In any case, if you want Russia to lose the war, you have to understand: *the Russian nuclear state will not lose the war. After all, why do we need the world if there is no Russia?* That’s why I’m saying: you either wake up and go to the streets to stop your government, or you all [will] appear ... in the Third World War zone. This is the issue of the nearest future!”

There are sane voices from the United States and elsewhere that have spoken out about the ugly truth of this war. Former Ohio Congressman Dennis Kucinich (also an independent candidate for Congress in 2024) responding to Joe Biden’s crazed remarks at the just-concluded Democratic National Convention, has said that “NATO is an anachronism that should have

been disbanded years ago. It has outlived its usefulness. NATO has no purpose, other than as an arms bazaar. And NATO's purpose right now, is to keep growing to rattle the sabres with Russia." Diane Sare, LaRouche independent New York candidate for United States Senate, has campaigned for years to shut down NATO. Both presidential candidates Kennedy and Trump have called for an immediate end to the Ukraine conflict.

This, however, is not enough—far from it. The people of America and Europe have to be heard and seen. Demonstrations and rallies, yes—but also, interventions at public meetings, banners on highways and other public displays, petitions and letters are

needed. Hundreds of public officials, clergy, doctors, etc. must make statements and call for no more funding of the war; denunciation of NATO's war with Russia; admission of the truth of the Nord Stream pipelines bombing; and negotiations for a new security and development architecture worldwide. Out of these actions can come a Council of Reason that can move the world away from the precipice of self-destruction.

There is still time to act, but this is no time to run, to flinch, or to "choke." All of human civilization that has been, and will be, may hinge on what we—what you—choose to do in these next hours, days and weeks.