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We Must Continue To Promote the Oasis Plan, the Basis for a Lasting Peace

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Jan. 31—Opening today’s 87th consecutive weekly session of the International Peace Coalition (IPC), Helga Zepp-LaRouche, founder of the Schiller Institute, said, “The signs and signals seem to be very contradictory, to say the least.” Ukraine’s intelligence chief, Kyrylo Budanov, has warned that Ukraine may lose its existence if it does not negotiate. However, NATO Secretary General Mark Rutte continues to insist that “Europe must become war-ready,” and in Poland, children are receiving military training at age six.

Regarding Israel’s assault on the Palestinians, the big question is what will happen after phase two of the ceasefire. What is missing is a program to create the basis for a lasting peace, and for that we must continue to promote the [Oasis Plan](#). The big question, however, is what is behind President Donald Trump’s proposal to relocate Palestinians to Egypt, Jordan, and even Indonesia. We can only speculate, but on February 4, when Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu arrives in Washington, D.C. to meet with Trump, “the secret will be lifted.” Trump’s fantasy of rebuilding Gaza with luxury buildings should be seen as similar to the Saudi scheme to build a ski resort in the middle of the desert.

Mossi Raz, former Israeli Knesset member and former director-general of Peace Now, warned, “This ceasefire is very fragile.” What is going to happen at the end of phase one? The Israeli peace movement cannot support either Netanyahu or Hamas. Extremists on both sides are gaining power. Raz argued for a return to the 1967 borders so that Israel and Palestine may both have independent states. In his view, the Palestinian Authority should become more transparent, but the world should support it as the legitimate voice of Palestinians.

In response, Helga Zepp-LaRouche emphasized, once again, that the “interest of the other” must be considered. We connect this always with the question of development. Raz replied that former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert has a viable plan.

Mutual Security Is Axiomatic

Ray McGovern, former CIA analyst and co-founder of the Veteran Intelligence Professionals for Sanity (VIPS), echoed Zepp-LaRouche on the “interest of the other,” saying, “It is axiomatic that there can be no individual security without mutual security.” He added that the Golden Rule is not just a platitude, it’s an imperative. Trump, in “a strange but refreshing way,” has shown that he recognizes this, at least with respect to the war in Ukraine.

McGovern referred the participants to an [interview](#) that he gave immediately following the Senate hearings on the confirmation of Trump nominees Kash Patel (FBI Director) and Tulsi Gabbard (Director of National Intelligence). He said of corrupt elements in the Deep State, such as former FBI Director James Comey and former CIA Director John Brennan, that “they are sweating blood right now,” and if Patel and Gabbard are confirmed, all hell will break loose. He said that the efforts of Democratic Senators to excoriate Gabbard for her unwillingness to brand Edward Snowden a traitor are “replete with irony,” because when Senators saw what Snowden had revealed, “they changed the law.” These Senators are acutely aware that they themselves have been under surveillance by the secret police agencies that “have dirt on all these people.”

“Let’s all hang tight and see if there is enough integrity” for the nominees to be confirmed, McGovern advised. The hysterical opposition to these nominees can be explained in part by “Trump Derangement

Syndrome”—“anything that Trump does has to be ipso facto bad.” However, these two nominees are far better than the rest. “Tulsi Gabbard gave an incredibly good account of herself.” He concluded by quoting the late anti-war activist Daniel Berrigan: “The difference between doing nothing, and doing something, is everything.”

Zepp-LaRouche reminded the participants that the core message of the Declaration of Independence is that it is the right of the people to correct their government when it does wrong. If you take that away, you are in a dictatorship.

She and McGovern discussed the “six degrees of separation,” under which a person who has talked to a person who has talked to a person who has talked to a foreign national may be regarded as a legitimate target for surveillance by the National Security Agency. McGovern commented on the practice of “surveillance swaps” by the agencies of the “Five Eyes” Anglophile-bloc nations (U.S., UK, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand), and reiterated the irony that these Senators know that they themselves are the target of surveillance. Who’s going to win—the Deep State, or the people that Trump sensibly nominated to clean them out? He noted another irony: “Senator [Michael] Bennet blindly condemning Tulsi Gabbard for telling the truth,” while former NATO chief Jens Stoltenberg said the same thing—Russia doesn’t want NATO on its border and went to war to stop it.

McGovern noted that LaRouche activists Jose Vega and Kynan Thistlethwaite managed to gain entry into the Senate hearings chamber “by a fluke.” The two of them reported on the lobbying activity they had conducted the previous day: They had gone to every Senate office and distributed material including The LaRouche Organization’s [Liars’ Bureau](#) report, and a statement by former Ohio Congressman and presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich in favor of Gabbard. Senator Lindsey Graham’s staffers were “petrified” when they walked in.

A Universal Method of the Good

German Civil Rights Solidarity (BüSo) candidate Jonathan Thron reported on the successful petitioning campaign to put the party slate on the ballot in Berlin,

Germany, and reviewed the issues upon which the party is campaigning. Zepp-LaRouche reviewed some of the material and the proposals from the recent Schiller Institute report, [Development Drive Means Billions of New Jobs, No Refugees, No War](#).

In response to a question about nuclear vs. solar energy, Zepp-LaRouche referred to the method of her late husband, Lyndon LaRouche: Does a proposed policy contribute to the long-term development of the human species, to increasing relative potential population density? She added later, “If you want to remedy past crises, you must address the root causes.” The right policy to address the migrant crisis is not to build walls and close borders, but to change the colonial policies which are displacing people from their homelands.

There was a discussion of “ideological purity,” since Tulsi Gabbard’s views are not perfectly in sync with those of some among us. The conclusion was that we must think strategically and not let vexation over particulars paralyze us. IPC co-moderator Dennis Speed pointed out that some people, who feel Gabbard did not adequately defend Edward Snowden in her testimony, nonetheless intervened on her behalf.

Ray McGovern quoted Martin Luther King:

We are now faced with the fact that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history there is such a thing as being too late. Procrastination is still the thief of time. Life often leaves us standing bare, naked and dejected with a lost opportunity. The tide in the affairs of men does not remain at the flood; it ebbs. We may cry out desperately for time to pause in her passage, but time is deaf to every plea and rushes on.

[Endorsements](#) of the Oasis Plan were read from Dr. Kelvin Kemm, chairman, Stratek Global Ltd, Pretoria, South Africa; Father Harry Bury, founder of Twin Cities Nonviolent, Minneapolis–St. Paul; and John A. Shanahan, civil engineer, Colorado, who is circulating his endorsement to thousands. More such endorsements are now most urgent.