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From the Editors

A “political impeachment” was the spot-on characterization, by a Washington insider, of the Nov. 4 U.S. Presidential elections, which, as even top Democrats ruefully admitted, was a spectacular drubbing of Obama and his party. That it took place on the eve of the equally historic APEC summit in Beijing last week, where the emergence of a striking counterpole to the rapidly imploding trans-Atlantic financial imperium was further consolidated, was not lost on either side.

This week’s *EIR* examines both sides of this unbridgeable divide, beginning with our *Cover Story*. The sea-change in the U.S. has all but rewritten Obama’s political eulogy, and Lyndon LaRouche quickly responded, outlining the necessary next steps: Once Obama is officially removed from office, a new, viable government can and must be formed. “Endgame is coming on fast,” he said, and, “The whole world will be affected by what the United States does in the coming days.”

Two additional pieces round out the *National* section: a reprint of LaRouche’s “Four Laws” for economic recovery, first published in June; and a substantial excerpt from the LaRouchePAC Nov. 7 web-cast, in which *EIR*’s Dennis Small discusses the potential for positive change in the wake of the elections.

Now spin the globe around to the other side of the world, where the APEC gathering in Beijing set the agenda for the new world economic order that the LaRouches have devoted the last 40 years to bring into being, and where Obama was clearly out of his element (*Economics*). This view is bolstered in Helga Zepp-LaRouche’s interview with China Radio International.

And in *Strategy*, Zepp-LaRouche recalls the Schillerian moment 25 years ago, when the Berlin Wall crumbled, a moment which was lost, but whose promise is now being revived by the forces for a New Paradigm, centered on the BRICS and their allies.

As the U.S./NATO/EU troika drives for confrontation with Russia over Ukraine, there are promising signs of rapprochement between Japan and China (*International*). And China’s Chang’e-5T mission is bringing that nation closer to its goal of landing astronauts on the Moon. Also on the international stage, we look at moves by the Saudi Kingdom to sabotage recent positive developments involving Iran, including diplomatic progress between Tehran and Washington.

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Obama in Breakdown Mode— Policy Revolution Now!

by Nancy Spannaus

Nov. 10—In what one Washington insider characterized as a “political impeachment,” President Barack Obama suffered a stinging repudiation in the Nov. 4 mid-term elections, taking the Democratic Party down along with him. A sea-change in U.S. politics has occurred in which, implicitly, Obama is finished. The problem is that until he is actually out of power, and new policies of economic recovery and international cooperation are put in place, the world economy—and potentially the world’s existence—are on the verge of being finished as well.

Lyndon LaRouche was emphatic about the next steps required. First, Obama must be removed from power, but that is not sufficient: The United States needs a new combination of forces, and a new positive policy, to address the urgent crises facing the U.S. and humanity.

“What we have to do, is we now have to consider how we form a viable government, under these circumstances,” LaRouche said Nov. 7. “Endgame is coming on fast. The international financial system is imploding and disintegrating around us, and we have the job of putting this back together in a way that’s going to work, quickly.” “Timing is absolutely crucial,” he added. “The whole world will be affected by what the United States does in the coming days.”

It is the nature of the world crisis on every front—from the British-instigated global war policy, to the economic breakdown crisis to rampaging diseases like

Ebola—that demands a revolutionary change in the policy of the U.S. government. That necessary change was, in fact, outlined in the June statement by Lyndon LaRouche on the Four Laws required for the survival of the United States, which must be taken up immediately (see below).

‘Political Impeachment’

The results of the Nov. 4 mid-term elections were not actually surprising. Riding a wave of hatred of and disgust with Obama, the Republicans gained control of the Senate, taking seven new seats. Two more, Louisiana and Alaska, are still undecided. This gives Republicans a 52 to 46 majority in the Senate, at present. The House of Representatives went further Republican, with at least 14 seats added to their majority.

Republicans also made gains in winning state governorships, taking even former Democratic strongholds such as Maryland and Illinois.

But the Republicans didn’t “win” this election; Obama lost it. Exit polls showed that 60% of the voters were angry or dissatisfied with Obama, and a similarly high percentage was furious at the Republican Congress. Seventy-eight percent said they were very or somewhat worried about the economy. Most telling was an exit poll reported by CBS, which said that “half of voters believe the economy will be worse for the next generation.”

Even Democrats who tried hard to distance them-



The New York Post is right, as far as it goes—but the Republicans didn't "win" this election; Obama lost it. Voters expressed their frustration with both the President and Congress, and 64% of registered voters stayed home.

selves from the President, as in the Senate races in Kentucky and West Virginia, went down to defeat.

While many voters held their noses and voted for Republicans in order to "send a message" to Obama, even more stayed home. The voter participation rate was about 36%—i.e., 64% of the *registered* electorate stayed home in disgust.

Several groupings of Democrats, who had already been working against Obama's policies, especially on surveillance and Executive overreach, responded to the loss by demanding that the White House carry out a purge of the "Gang of Five"—the Obama inner circle of Valerie Jarrett, Susan Rice, Tony Blinken, Ben Rhodes, and Denis McDonough. There is no indication, however, that Obama intends to carry out such a house-cleaning, much less, face his own responsibility for leading the country, and his party, to destruction.

As for the option of impeachment, which LaRouche has demanded for years and is long overdue, the Republican leadership is currently determined *not* to

remove Obama—but to use him as a foil for their 2016 presidential election campaign. It will take *patriots*—Democrats, along with sane Republicans—to move for the required impeachment.

Not Only Americans

Obama's electoral loss has had immediate international reverberations, which are likely to further embolden those countries defying his policies of confrontation and economic piracy (as in the Administration's support for the vulture funds against Argentina).

Two statements in the international press stand out. One came in Germany's mass-circulation newspaper *Bildzeitung*, which reaches tens of millions of citizens. "Actually, it would be best if Obama were to pack his suitcases right now, leave the White House and move back to Chicago," they wrote—although citing all the wrong reasons for doing so.

Then there was the Chinese press. A post-election editorial in the English-language *Global Times* says of the defeated President: "Obama always utters 'Yes, we can,' which led to the high expectations people had for him. But he has done an insipid job, offering nearly nothing to his supporters. U.S. society has grown tired of his banality."

Ominously, however, Obama's British sponsors still apparently stand behind him—as their tool to continue the policies leading the world to disaster.

Ominous Denial

In his press conference on the day after the election, as well as several other media appearances since, Obama has demonstrated his determination to *ignore* the election results, and press ahead with the policies of global confrontation and domestic dictatorship which his British imperial sponsors have laid out for him. No significant changes in White House staff have been announced. Rather, narcissist Obama insisted that the election loss really had nothing to do with any mistakes he made—other than not having clearly communicated to the American people what a great job he was doing.

Most outrageous was his claim that the U.S. economy is "outpacing most of the world," and undergoing a true recovery—a lie based on phony statistics which

the American voters had just shown that they don't swallow.

Obama then announced his intention to *double* the number of troops he's deploying to the war in Iraq, and that he will take Executive action on areas where he does not get what he wants from the Congress. At that Nov. 5 press conference, Obama claimed that he wants to finally get an Authorization for Use of Military Force (AUMF) for his current unconstitutional war in Iraq, but it is likely that this is a lie. As House Speaker John Boehner has reiterated, the House would discuss an AUMF if one were sent by the White House to the Congress, but Obama has refused to request such authorization, insisting that he has the power to act on his own.

So far, those voices that had been demanding that Obama come to Congress on the Iraq-Syria war, as the Constitution demands, have been silent. *This tolerance of Obama's agenda could be fatal.*

Unless his influence is immediately crippled by impeachment proceedings or other Constitutional means, even "lame duck" Obama has the power to destroy the United States. His course of action against Russia, by supporting the Nazi government of Ukraine, further expanding NATO to the East, and waging financial warfare by sanctions, has the potential to explode into a hot war at any point. His continued commitment to regime change in Syria, and de facto support for the terrorist groups that are waging it, also puts him on a confrontation course with Russia and China.

At the same time, Obama's economic policies—ranging from opposition to the BRICS process, to green deindustrialization, to support for the rapacious, bankrupt banking system of Wall Street—are actually helping to bring on what all sentient financial experts expect to be a new financial crash, this time, bigger than that of 2008. California and several other Western states are already dying as a result of the failure of the Obama Administration—as the others before it—to deal competently with the drought. The U.S. food supply is under grave threat, even as the overall degradation of the energy platform and the labor force brings a higher and higher percentage of Americans into poverty, and increases the death rate in certain pockets of the population.

And Obama has already made clear that he is willing to use increasingly dictatorial measures—as against journalists, Constitutional requirements, and so forth—to enforce his irrational will.

LaRouche emphasized again on Nov. 9 that *Obama's influence must be quashed.* As long as he and his agenda

dominate the political process in the United States and the world, mankind is in mortal danger. Americans must move now, this week, today, to bring down Obama and his influence, and set in motion a process, with sane Democrats and Republicans, to restore the U.S. Constitutional process—and a foreign policy to match.

A Bipartisan Agenda, for Peace and Development

In a statement issued Nov. 7, LaRouche declared that while Obama must be removed from power, that is not enough. "A positive agenda for governing is now urgently required."

"A multi-partisan agenda to stop the imminent threat of global wars" is now a top priority, he said. Some people in the leadership of the parties are aware of the need for an action agenda. It is now essential that the American people know that there is a clear change of direction—a change they demanded with resounding clarity on Nov. 4.

LaRouche specified some of the immediate urgent actions that can be taken in the wake of Obama's ouster. "First, we need an international agreement with China; second, we need to drop our support for the fascists in Ukraine, who have brought us to the very brink of strategic confrontation with Russia; third, we must implement the plan devised by the Joint Chiefs of Staff to defeat the Islamic State."

He warned that "the kettle of general warfare is already set to boil over." The only way to turn down the heat is to advance a real policy of global recovery—in line with what China and the other BRICS countries have already initiated.

LaRouche noted that such a bipartisan agenda will not instantly solve all of the problems that have built up over the last 14 years of the G.W. Bush and Obama administrations. "But decisions can be made that will clearly give the American people the confidence that things are going to get better, and that we have entered into a new era."

LaRouche emphasized that necessity requires a bipartisan leadership and such a viable agenda. "We are heading for a crash, and some among our nation's leaders know that they are on the hot seat and must act."

"We have reached a Pearl Harbor moment," LaRouche concluded. "Clear, raw necessity is driving the change, and people are going to be forced, out of that necessity, to adopt policies and do things that they never thought they would have to do. History demands it."

Four New Laws To Save the U.S.A.: Not an Option: An Immediate Necessity

by Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

The following statement is for immediate action by all associates in all regions of the National Caucus of Labor Committees and its associated practice. The priority is assigned to all means and measures of public action, nationally and internationally, without reservation. That priority is existential for the policies of our republic, and for the general information of, and by all relevant circles world-wide, beginning this date of June 8, 2014.

1. The Fact of the Matter

The economy of the United States of America, and also that of the trans-Atlantic political-economic regions of the planet: are, now, under the immediate, mortal danger of a general, physical-economic, chain-reaction breakdown-crisis of that region of this planet as a whole. The name for that direct breakdown-crisis throughout those indicated regions of the planet, is the presently ongoing introduction of a general “Bail-in” action under the several, or more governments of that region: the effect on those regions, will be comparable to the physical-economic collapse of the post-“World War I” general collapse of the economy of the German Weimar Republic: but, this time, hitting, first, the entirety of the nation-state economies of the trans-Atlantic region, rather than some defeated economies within Europe. A chain-reaction collapse, to this effect, is already accelerating with an effect on the money-systems of the nations of that region. The present acceleration of a “Bail-in” policy throughout the trans-Atlantic region, as underway now, means mass-death suddenly hitting the populations of all nations within that trans-Atlantic region: whether directly, or by “overflow.”

The effects of this already prepared action by the monetarist interests of that so-designated region, will,

unless stopped virtually now, will produce, in effect, an accelerating rate of genocide throughout that indicated portion of the planet immediately, but, also, with catastrophic “side effects” of comparable significance in the Eurasian regions.

The Available Remedies

The only location for the immediately necessary action which could prevent such an immediate genocide throughout the trans-Atlantic sector of the planet, requires the U.S. Government’s now immediate decision *to institute four specific, cardinal measures: measures which must be fully consistent with the specific intent of the original U.S. Federal Constitution*, as had been specified by U.S. Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton while he remained in office: (1) *immediate re-enactment of the Glass-Steagall law instituted by U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt, without modification, as to principle of action.* (2) *A return to a system of top-down, and thoroughly defined as National Banking.*

The actually tested, successful model to be authorized is that which had been instituted, under the direction of the policies of national banking which had been actually, successfully installed under President Abraham Lincoln’s superseding authority of a currency created by the Presidency of the United States (e.g. “Greenbacks”), as conducted as *a national banking-and-credit-system placed under the supervision of the Office of the Treasury Secretary of the United States.*

For the present circumstances, all other banking and currency policies, are to be superseded, or, simply, discontinued: as follows. Banks qualifying for operations under this provision, shall be assessed for their proven competence to operate as under the national authority for creating and composing the elements of this essential practice, which had been assigned, as by tradition,

to the original office of Secretary of the U.S. Treasury under Alexander Hamilton. This means that the individual states of the United States are under national standards of practice, and, not any among the separate states of our nation.

(3) The purpose of the use of a Federal Credit-system, is to generate high-productivity trends in improvements of employment, with the accompanying intention, to increase the physical-economic productivity, and the standard of living of the persons and households of the United States. The creation of credit for the now urgently needed increase of the relative quality and quantity of productive employment, must be assured, this time, once more, as was done successfully under President Franklin D. Roosevelt, or by like standards of Federal practice used to create a general economic recovery of the nation, per capita, and for rate of net effects in productivity, and by reliance on the essential human principle, which distinguishes the human personality from the systemic characteristics of the lower forms of life: the net rate of increase of the energy-flux density of effective practice. This means intrinsically, a thoroughly scientific, rather than a merely mathematical one, and by the related increase of the effective energy-flux density per capita, and for the human population when considered as each and all as a whole. The ceaseless increase of the physical-productivity of employment, accompanied by its benefits for the general welfare, are a principle of Federal law which must be a paramount standard of achievement of the nation and the individual.

(4) "Adopt a Fusion-Driver 'Crash Program.'" The essential distinction of man from all lower forms of life, hence, in practice, is that it presents the means for the perfection of the specifically affirmative aims and needs of human individual and social life. Therefore: the subject of man in the process of creation, as an affirmative identification of an affirmative statement of an absolute state of nature, is a permitted form of expression. Principles of nature are either only affirmation, or they could not be affirmatively stated among civilized human minds.

Given the circumstances of the United States, in particular, since the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy, and his brother, Robert, the rapid increase required for even any recovery of the U.S. economy, since that time, requires nothing less than measures taken and executed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt during his actual term in office. The victims of the evil

brought upon the United States and its population since the strange death of President Harding, under Presidents Calvin Coolidge and Herbert Hoover (like the terrible effects of the Bush-Cheney and Barack Obama administrations, presently) require remedies comparable to those of President Franklin Roosevelt while he were in office.

This means emergency relief measures, including sensible temporary recovery measures, required to stem the tide of death left by the Coolidge-Hoover regimes: measures required to preserve the dignity of what were otherwise the unemployed, while building up the most powerful economic and warfare capabilities assembled under the President Franklin Roosevelt Presidency for as long as he remained alive in office. This meant the mustering of the power of nuclear power; then, and means thermonuclear fusion now. Without that intent and its accomplishment, the population of the United States in particular, faces, now, immediately, the most monstrous disaster in its history to date. In principle, without a Presidency suited to remove and dump the worst effects felt presently, those created presently by the Bush-Cheney and Obama Presidencies, the United States were soon finished, beginning with the mass-death of the U.S. population under the Obama Administration's recent and now accelerated policies of practice.

There are certain policies which are most notably required, on that account, now, as follows:

Vernadsky on Man & Creation

V.I. Vernadsky's systemic principle of human nature, is a universal principle, which is uniquely specific to the crucial factor of the existence of the human species. For example: "time" and "space" do not actually exist as a set of metrical principles of the Solar system; their only admissible employment is for purposes of communication is essentially nominal presumption. Since competent science for today can be expressed only in terms of the unique characteristic of the human species' role within the known aspects of the universe, the human principle is the only true principle known to us for practice: the notions of space and time are merely useful imageries:

Rather:

The essential characteristic of the human species, is its distinction from all other species of living processes:

that, as a matter of principle, which is, rooted scientifically, for all competent modern science, on the foundations of the principles set forth by Filippo Brunelleschi (the discoverer of the ontological minimum), Nicholas of Cusa (the discovery of the ontological maximum), and the positive discovery by mankind, by Johannes Kepler; of a principle coincident with the perfected Classical human singing scale adopted by Kepler, and the elementary measure of the Solar System within the still larger universe of the Galaxy, and higher orders in the universe.

Or, similarly, later, the modern physical-scientific standard implicit in the argument of Bernhard Riemann, the actual minimum (echoing the principle of Brunelleschi), of Max Planck, the actual maximum of the present maximum, that of Albert Einstein; and, the relatively latest, consequent implications of the definition of human life by Vladimir Ivanovich Vernadsky. These values are, each relative absolutes of measurement of man's role within the knowledge of the universe.

This set of facts pertains to the inherent fraud of the merely mathematicians and the modernist "musical performers" since the standard of the relevant paragon for music, Johannes Brahms (prior to the degenerates, such as the merely mathematicians, such as David Hilbert and the true model for every modern Satan, such as Bertrand Russell, or Tony Blair).

The knowable measure, in principle, of the difference between man and all among the lower forms of life, is found in what has been usefully regarded as the naturally upward evolution of the human species, in contrast to all other known categories of living species. The standard of measurement of these compared relationships, is that mankind is enabled to evolve upward, and that categorically, by those voluntarily noëtic powers of the human individual will.

Except when mankind appears in a morally and physically degenerate state of behavior, such as within the cultures of the tyrants Zeus, the Roman Empire, and the British empire, presently: all actually sane cultures of mankind, have appeared, this far, in a certain fact of evolutionary progress from the quality of an inferior, to a superior species. This, when considered in terms of efficient effects, corresponds, within the domain of a living human practice of chemistry, to a form of systemic advances, even now leaps, in the chemical energy-flux density of society's increase of the effective

energy-flux-density of scientific and comparable expressions of leaps in progress of the species itself: in short, a universal physical principle of human progress.

The healthy human culture, such as that of Christianity, if they warrant this affirmation of such a devotion, for example, represents a society which is increasing the powers of its productive abilities for progress, to an ever higher level of per-capita existence. The contrary cases, "the so-called zero-growth" scourges, such as the current British empire are, systematically, a true model consistent with the tyrannies of a Zeus, or, a Roman Empire, or a British (better said) "brutish" empire, such as the types, for us in the United States, of the Bush-Cheney and Obama administrations, whose characteristic has been, concordant with that of such frankly Satanic models as that of Rome and the British empire presently, a shrinking human population of the planet, a population being degraded presently in respect to its intellectual and physical productivity, as under those U.S. Presidencies, most recently.

Chemistry: The Yardstick of History

We call it "chemistry." Mankind's progress, as measured rather simply as a species, is expressed typically in the rising power of the principle of human life, over the abilities of animal life generally, and relatively absolute superiority over the powers of non-living processes to achieve within mankind's willful intervention to that intended effect. *Progress exists so only under a continuing, progressive increase of the productive and related powers of the human species. That progress defines the absolute distinction of the human species from all others presently known to us. A government of people based on a policy of "zero-population growth and per capita standard of human life" is a moral, and practical abomination.*

Man is mankind's only true measure of the history of our Solar system, and what reposes within it. That is the same thing, as the most honored meaning and endless achievement of the human species, now within nearby Solar space, heading upward to mastery over the Sun and its Solar system, the one discovered (uniquely, as a matter of fact), by Johannes Kepler.

A Fusion economy, is the presently urgent next step, and standard, for man's gains of power within the Solar system, and, later, beyond.

The Potential for Positive Change In the Wake of the Nov. 4 Elections

EIR's Dennis Small gave this response on behalf of Lyndon LaRouche, to a question during the weekly LaRouchePAC webcast, Nov. 7. The question was: "Mr. LaRouche, with the Republicans now in control of both houses of Congress in the wake of Tuesday's election, U.S. President Barack Obama and the leaders in the House and Senate are due to hold cross-party talks aimed at ending political gridlock in Washington. What is your recommendation for what must be done to end the gridlock and form a viable government at this time?"

As for the positive steps that are required, a format such as this, makes it impossible and inappropriate to go through a detailed listing of everything required, and that doesn't, in fact, address the point, in any event. But to give a sense of the kinds of things that are required and immediately available, the sort that the LaRouche movement has been proposing and working on for decades, in fact, and which are now being taken up by very large political formations, internationally, and in the United States as well—internationally, by the BRICS group and associated nations, which do, after all, represent approximately half the population of the planet:

The kinds of things that are required, will address what was identified in the recent statements of the Schiller Institute conference held in Frankfurt, Germany,¹ as the [three disastrous crises](#) which can destroy the entire planet: that of the economy, the melt-down; that of war, thermonuclear war; and that of the immediate Ebola crisis. And as that Schiller Institute statement reads, a new paradigm, a complete change in the way we go about business, is the only way these things are going to be addressed.

Now, the point I would like to emphasize, is that this kind of change to the policies that will work, *can happen this week*, and must happen in the immediate days ahead.

1. See *EIR*, Oct. 31, Nov. 7, and this week's *Feature*, for conference coverage.

Concretely, APEC, Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation group, will be meeting Nov. 7-11, in China, and shortly thereafter, there will be the meeting of the Group of 20 in Brisbane, Australia on Nov. 15-16. At those meetings, the BRICS nations have made it very clear, that they are going to be posing some substantial alternatives to the disaster we're now facing; and these are alternatives which are in fact consistent with what Mr. LaRouche has laid out, over the years, and in fact, over the decades.

Obama: Diminished Global Clout

The big advantage that we have now is not only that this group has come into formation, and is moving forward internationally, but most significantly, that President Obama, as the immediate operative/agent of the British Empire, has been *drastically* weakened by this week's elections. And in that regard, I would just draw to people's attention, an interesting, and rather typical headline, in the *International Business Times*, which reads as follows: "After Midterm Loss, Obama To Attend APEC Summit, with Diminished Global Clout."

Now, it's our intention to make sure that that diminishes to the point of zero, or less.

Now, on the question of the economy, this will be taken up in a useful form, at both the APEC meeting and at the Group of 20. As I mentioned in terms of the policy that the United States must adopt, LaRouche has specified this very clearly in terms of his Four Laws [see below], the four measures that are immediately required.

At the APEC meeting, China, in particular, is planning to make a major issue of the AIIB, the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank. This is a new bank which has already been founded, which *is* in fact in the process of issuing credit, for the purpose of infrastructure development, of a sort which is urgently required in all parts of the planet, of exactly the sort which the Chinese have been carrying out.

Not only is China going to be doing this, not only has the AIIB been brought into being, not only are there

many countries around the world, more than a score, which have joined in this, but the Chinese continue to offer the United States to come on-board!

The latest such example is an article appearing the official *Global Times* of China, written by Ding Gang, where he says the following: “An effective Asian order must only be a system that provides more opportunities for development. Asian countries need to raise more money in constructing railways, roads, and ports, to form a network of interconnectivity, and intercommunication. And they also have to jointly deal with the Ebola virus that will very possibly be brought to Asia.”

And then he turns his attention to the United States. He says, “What the United States needs, is not a strategy of balancing power in Asia, but one that helps the country integrate with Asia’s development, not by an equilibrium built on guns, warships, and air power.”

Now, of course, the Obama government is stridently opposed to the AIIB, and has argued against even putting it on the agenda at the APEC meeting, but everything indicates that it will be, because U.S. policy under Obama has been completely opposed to investing in railways, roads, and ports, whether internationally, or in the United States.

You can see this very clearly in another major development this week, which is that the government of India announced that it is turning, not to the World Bank, but rather to the AIIB, to finance the construction of a very large number of coal-fired power plants; not that nuclear isn’t better—it is, but in the case of India, what they said is, listen, we have 1.3 billion people who are starved of access to electricity. The World Bank has refused to lend money for this, and has in fact, made it impossible for us to move forward. We are turning to the AIIB.

I think that gives you an indication of the kind of movement that’s going on internationally.

FIGURE 1
Proposed Mexico-China Rail Projects



Sources: Hal Cooper; EIR.

China and Mexico

Another very good example of this kind of policy, and the choices facing the United States, is what’s going on with our immediate neighbor to the south, Mexico, where the Chinese government and the Mexican government have agreed in principle on the construction, by China, of four major rail routes. And we have a map which gives a representation of these four railroads and what the significance is of those railroads for the entire North American continent, including the United States as well (Figure 1).

Now, there is a kind of guerrilla warfare going on, as

to whether or not the Mexican government will proceed with this. First the Mexican President [Enrique Peña Nieto], under pressure from the White House, announced that he would not be traveling to the APEC meeting; then, he announced that despite the pressure, he *would* be traveling to the APEC meeting. And then, immediately announced that China had won an international bid for one of the crucial four rail links that are indicated in bright green on the map, which is Mexico-Querétaro, the high-speed rail line. And then, one day after that, today, the Mexican government announced it was withdrawing having awarded that to the Chinese government.

One might well think of President Peña Nieto appearing before the cameras, both arms broken, saying, “I’m sorry, we’re not going ahead with the deal.” Because that’s what happened.

Now, that was not the wise decision for the Mexican government to make, but they have plenty of opportunities, over the next week at the APEC meeting, to reverse that, and even more significant decisions and projects, such as the trans-Isthmus canal railroad, which you also see on the map.

And the point about all of this is that the United States should be the *middle* of these kinds of projects! This links all of South America, through the Darién Gap, through Mexico, through high-speed rail line, into the United States, across the Bering Strait, into the Eurasian Land-Bridge, which the Russians, the Chinese, and others are building in the form of the New Silk Road route.

In particular, I want to point out that one of the routes that the Chinese are proposing in the case of Mexico, is from the state of Nayarit in Mexico to Ciudad Juárez, on the border of New Mexico, at El Paso. That area is currently run by drugs, the drug trade. And if you want to stop drugs, you’ve got to bring development. And it’s right there to be had. The offers are on the table, the BRICS are pushing it: The United States should throw out the trash in the White House, and get on with the task of joining in this project of world development. So we have the basis to do this on the economic front.

No Time To Waste

Another area where we have to have an immediate change in policy—and immediate means *this week*—it does not mean “some time after the next three years...”—it means this week. Because if we don’t change things this week, there may not be a week after

that: And I’m talking about the danger of world war, thermonuclear war.

We have a situation, as LaRouche was emphasizing in discussions this week, where the control of Ukraine by *Nazis*, put in place by a coup d’état fostered by the U.S. State Department, and Victoria Nuland in particular, with backing from the British who were behind the scenes pulling the puppet strings, has created a situation which is an *immediate existential threat to Russia*. The Russians have made it very clear that they will not tolerate this.

Ukrainian President Poroshenko, after last Sunday’s elections in eastern Ukraine, announced that he was going to be sending military forces into eastern Ukraine; he also announced, in effect, that Ukraine would be pulling out of, or back from, the Minsk agreements, which provided for a settlement of the dispute between the eastern Ukrainians and the Kiev regime.

Both Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov of Russia, and representatives from eastern Ukraine have emphasized, over and over again, that the presence of Nazis and neo-Nazis in positions of power in Ukraine is unacceptable, and is a strategic threat to them. And they have, nonetheless, offered to cooperate with other major powers to establish a viable working relationship with Ukraine and Russia—deals around gas, and so on. It’s there to be had; this can be done; the United States can reverse policy immediately on this, get Obama and the rest of the trash out, and have a situation where that kind of policy can pull us back from the brink of war in that area.

So, too, in terms of ISIS. This policy that Obama and the British have designed around ISIS is so completely, patently ludicrous and criminal, it simply cannot be explained! This week’s development was that the Free Syrian Army, financed and armed by the United States, in its first encounter with al-Nusra, scattered, ran, went over to al-Nusra with all American weapons! Al-Nusra is like al-Qaeda. So, once again, the United States is, in effect, arming al-Qaeda and similar groups!

So the idea that somehow we can deal with ISIS, while trying to overthrow the government of Syria, is completely insane. The Russians, the Chinese, the Indians, and others have again, presented policy options which are workable. *All we have to do is sweep the trash out of the White House*, put together a policy combination on a bipartisan basis that works, and peace can be brought to this area, and the world can be brought back from the brink of war.

In terms of the Russian perspective on this, they are very clear about what’s going on. Take the comments this

week by Lt. Gen. Nikolai Pushkarev, who is a former officer of the GRU, military intelligence, with regard to ISIS; he said the following: There are reasons to believe that U.S. and British intelligence agencies may support the Islamic extremists to threaten the territorial integrity of Russia. These events will not lead to a good outcome. They have stated that they will attack America as well.

Now, this is a reality which responsible American military leaders are also totally aware of—the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Dempsey, and others; it's completely evident to them what the situation is. And after this latest fiasco, in particular, now that Obama's power has been dramatically reduced by the Tuesday election developments, we are in a situation where the military voice of reason, can prevail as well here, in order to bring about a change in that circumstance, as well.

Ebola: A Worsening Situation

And finally, on the policy front, just to give a flavor of the kinds of options that are available, immediately, is the Ebola situation. Because this, too, is a crisis which has not abated. We actually have a worsening situation, no matter what you might want to read in some of the press. The circumstances are actually getting worse and worse, the rate of contagion is increasing, and the activity on the ground to deal with this, has not improved! Some things have been done, but very, very little, compared to the actual dimensions of the problem.

One of the very interesting things that did happen over the course of last week: Was there was a meeting in Havana, Cuba of the nations of South America, which was attended by a representative of the Center for Disease Control of the United States, which put politics aside, and said, this is a scientific issue, this is a strategic issue, this is a global health issue, which we all, jointly must address. And the role of Cuba is very interesting in this, and something which LaRouche simply recommends that we keep an eye on, because, in the case of Ebola, in particular, Cuba has played an extremely positive role, sending many *hundreds* of doctors, nurses, and so on, to the afflicted countries.

Now, LaRouche and associates have identified, and laid out, a specific war plan against Ebola which can and must be implemented immediately, and this, too, is immediately available. First, the United States and Russia, in particular, have to form the equivalent of a joint military command, for military-style cooperation for a war against what is in effect a biological holocaust, and bring to bear the capabilities—the scientific

capabilities, logistical capabilities, and military capabilities—to deploy against this problem to:

Number one, address it; stop it in West Africa. It *has* to be stopped there. And what's required to do this, is you have to send in, not only teams to build hospitals on the ground, but most immediately, we have proposed sending in [military] hospital ships. These are very large; they are natural quarantine centers, they have all the capabilities required. The United States is not the only country that has them; the Russians have them, the Japanese, various countries. And since the three countries of Africa which are ground-zero for the Ebola epidemic—Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Guinea—are coastal nations, this is a very viable approach to the situation, to send in hospital ships.

But the problem of course, is more than simply Ebola. You're talking about drought, you're talking about famine, you're talking about conditions that are rapidly resembling the Black Death. And so, what has to be done is, you have to bring in the kind of general, economic aid and development of the sort that can in fact be done, if we change the policy in the direction of what the BRICS are doing.

The third point in terms of fighting Ebola: A crash program, a Manhattan Project, to develop a vaccine, where scientific activities, now going on separately in different countries, are actually combined with this mission in mind.

Fourth, we have to prevent the spread of Ebola. Although the primary question is stopping it in West Africa, you definitely need to prevent its spread, and that requires very serious, scientifically defined, quarantine and protection methods, including providing the equipment necessary, and training necessary, to the personnel who are treating victims of this.

And the fifth point, like they say, "last but definitely not least": You have to get rid of Obama! Because none of this is going to work until you have Obamacare, and the author of Obamacare, whose name is Obama, out of the way! Clear him out of the White House. That virus is even worse than the Ebola one.

So those give you some idea of the kind of "off the shelf," in one sense, policy alternatives that are there, and now must be put together by a bipartisan coalition of forces, following the thrashing that Obama received in these recent elections, and put together the kind of government, which is capable of turning around policy at the 11th hour, because that is in fact what the planet is facing right now.

THE APEC SUMMIT

China Charts a Course for World Economic Recovery

by William Jones

Nov. 10—The conference of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum in Beijing, culminating in a summit meeting Nov. 10-11, promises to be a watershed moment for the Asia-Pacific and for the world.

With wars raging in Europe and the Middle East, China's dramatic initiatives to bring the world onto the track of economic development, have created a ray of hope that mankind may be able to forge a new paradigm, in which war and poverty can be relegated to the trash-bin of history. Even the woebegone U.S. President, Barack Obama, who opposes Beijing's policies, had to sign on to the final statement, which met the basic Chinese aims of transforming APEC into an engine of global growth.

'Lighting Up the Night Sky'

China is hosting the 21-nation APEC summit for the second time in the organization's 25-year history, and President Xi Jinping intends to make it a forum for integrating the Asia-Pacific nations in a web of economic development, flowing out of his country's dramatic economic rise over the past 35 years. In discussion on Nov. 8 with representatives of the countries involved in his New Silk Road project, Xi said, "Each of our coun-



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Together we "will light up the night sky," host President Xi Jinping told attendees at the APEC forum.

tries is like one little bright lamp, but when we bring them together it will light up the night sky."

Facing its own economic difficulties, as markets for Chinese products began to collapse with the international financial crisis in 2008, China began a process of utilizing its own growth, and its development over time of important industrial capabilities, such as high-speed rail construction, to spark economic development in the neighboring countries on the Pacific Rim and in Central Asia. President Xi's announcement in August 2013 of a plan



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Attendees at the summit on Nov. 10, sporting the traditional Chinese tunics known as the “zhongsan,” Sun Yat-sen’s Chinese name.

for a Silk Road Economic Belt, reflecting the concept of the Eurasian Land-Bridge developed in the early 1990s by Lyndon and Helga LaRouche, and the complementary 21st Century Maritime Silk Road, pointed the way to a new trajectory of regional and world development.

At the July 2014 meeting of the BRICS countries in Brazil, the momentum of the New Silk Road was brought to countries in Africa and Latin America, creating a wave of optimism in those beleaguered nations, which have borne the brunt of the world financial crisis.

To promote the New Silk Road and other projects, China also took the initiative to set up an Asia Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), which would have a starting capital of \$100 billion and would be targeted to physical infrastructure, such as roads, high-speed rail, and power stations.

This plan caused a furor among international banking circles, intent on consolidating their debt at the cost of the subject populations. The AIIB would allow the countries, now subject to the austerity policy imposed upon them by the banks, a means of getting their economies up and running again. The Obama Administration, a “running dog” of the London-New York financial oligarchy, immediately went into action to throw a monkey-wrench into the new institution, pressuring countries in Asia not to join.

It succeeded, at least temporarily, to convince Australia, South Korea, and Japan to shun the AIIB, but otherwise, there was a mad rush to get on board the new

institution, with 21 nations signing on in October as founding members.

With China hosting this year’s APEC Summit, it was thought that both the Silk Road projects and the AIIB would be a prime focus of the event. But in the Ministerial Statement, following meetings of the Foreign and Commerce Ministers of the APEC nations, nary a word was uttered about either, thanks to pressure from the United States.

Fight Over Trade and Investment

The other major front on which the Obama Administration is waging a not-so-successful battle is trade. In 2006, the APEC countries created a “free trade” area embracing them all.

It was supported at the time by the United States. But the situation has changed since then, and the United States has put forward its own Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), which would include most Asian nations, *except* for China. While many of the details of the TPP negotiations are under wraps, the criteria for the agreement appear to be the most draconian of any free-trade agreement yet envisioned, effectively eliminating any type of state control or regulation over the flow of trade into and out of the country. The control of the economies that enter such an agreement would be transferred to the multinational companies conducting the trade. No wonder that no one has yet signed on the dotted line.

More importantly, the TPP would maintain the control by the bankrupt London-New York financial oligarchy over the fate of mankind. This was forthrightly stated at a recent Brookings Institution forum on U.S.-China relations, by Thomas Donilon, who was National Security Advisor to President Obama, when the “Asian pivot” was developed. “If we succeed in getting TPP through,” Donilon said, “this will allow the U.S. to write the rules that will govern the global economy for the next century.” Is there any wonder that this would be seen as threatening by China?

China made a push at the APEC Ministerial meeting, therefore, to put on the table a concrete proposal for realizing the previous Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific (FTAAP), in which everyone would be involved. While Beijing had wanted to set a definite date for such



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President Xi Jinping addresses the summit on Nov. 11. "We are duty-bound to create and fulfill an Asia-Pacific dream for our people," he said.

an agreement to be ready (by 2025), and wanted to set up at this meeting a "feasibility study" for it, this also was blocked by the U.S., in a desperate attempt to get its TPP in place first.

Nevertheless, there was enough support from the other Asian countries to allow the FTAAP to be placed on the agenda. The Ministerial Statement was clear: "In order to translate the FTAAP from a vision to reality, we agree to kick off and advance the process in a comprehensive and systematic manner towards the eventual realization of the FTAAP." While the 2025 date was scrapped because of U.S. objections, and the "feasibility study" was reduced to a "collective strategic study" on "issues related to FTAAP," the matter was nonetheless on the APEC agenda.

Credit for Development

While the Ministerial Statement did not mention the AIIB or the New Silk Road projects, these topics have been at the center of attention throughout the week. President Xi, as the host of the event, saw to it that they were given center stage.

He conducted a meeting on regional "connectivity," with a handful of nations along the Silk Road Belt and the Maritime Silk Road. He used the occasion to announce that China was establishing a Silk Road Fund with a capital of \$40 billion for investment in "connectivity" among the countries along the New Silk Road.

The announcement focussed the discussion back on the topic of the New Silk Road project, in spite of the

obstruction by the U.S. representatives. Speaking on Nov. 8 at the APEC CEOs meeting, Xi drove the point home: "The Asia-Pacific stands at a crossroads. Shall we continue to lead the world in creating a bright future? Or shall we slow down, only to be out-performed by others? Shall we deepen the integration process, or shall we let ourselves slip into a vortex of fragmentation? Shall we embrace openness and inclusiveness to work together for an Asia-Pacific Century, or shall we cling to an outdated mindset unfit for the 21st Century?"

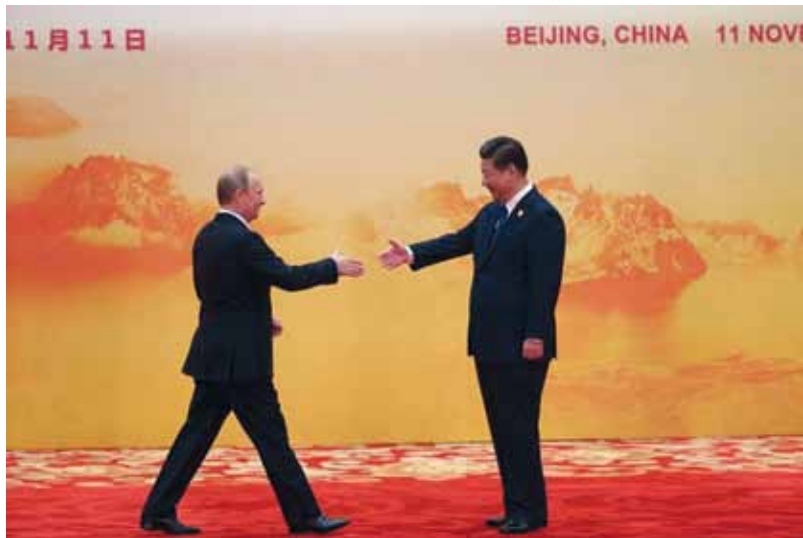
There is little doubt from what corner of the world that "outdated mindset" was emanating. An FTAAP, Xi underlined, would "bring the region to a higher level," and he called on the other countries to work together with China in developing the Silk Road Economic Belt and the Maritime Silk Road. To help realize this development, Xi said, China had taken the initiative in establishing the AIIB as a "platform for cooperation and growth," calling it "substantive step forward." When he referred to his proposal on creating a Silk Road Fund, his words were met with a round of applause from the CEOs gathered there.

President Xi also drew the implications of the decisions made by APEC for the rest of the world. "The development prospect of our region hinges on the decisions and actions we take today," Xi said. "We are duty-bound to create and fulfill an Asia-Pacific dream for our people." That dream, Xi said, "is about staying ahead of global development and making a greater contribution to the well-being of mankind."

Getting On Board the China Train

The week-long event encompassed dozens of bilateral meetings between heads of state, in which President Xi Jinping was most active in mobilizing support for his proposals. On Nov. 9, he met with Russian President Vladimir Putin, whose relationship with the Chinese leader has grown substantially with the pressure put on Russia by the White House. The two Presidents reiterated their comprehensive strategic partnership and signed major agreements on the export of Russian natural gas to China.

With Western Europe trying to limit the import of Russian natural gas, China has now become Russia's biggest customer. The two sides signed 17 agreements, many connected to the oil and gas industry. There were



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Washington and London's nightmare: Ties between Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese President Xi Jinping are growing closer, and numerous economic cooperation agreements were signed at the APEC forum.

also agreements signed between Russia's RusHydro and the Three Gorges Corporation for building four hydroelectric power plants along the Amur River, which serves as a border between China and Russia. "Together, we have been carefully attending to the ever-green tree of the Russian-Chinese friendship," Xi told Putin. "Now it is Autumn, the time to harvest the fruits." Putin also spoke of the importance of the relationship with regard to the threatening international situation. "Cooperation between Russia and China is extremely important in order to keep the world in the framework of international law, making it more stable," Putin said.

Indonesian President Widodo Joko, recently elected, and still undecided about whether to join the AIIB, made clear in his public comments and in a presentation to the CEO Summit that his plans for building a "sea toll road," which would bring together the thousands of islands of which Indonesia is composed, was in line with China's idea of a 21st-Century Maritime Silk Road. He expressed the hope that the two countries could work together in accomplishing these aims.

Most dramatically, just prior to the summit, China and Japan reached an agreement that permitted a meeting between President Xi and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe. Over the last two years, the relationship between these two major Asian nations had been in the deep freeze. Abe's visit last year to the Yasukuni Shrine, which honors, among others, Class-A war criminals

from the Second World War; Japanese attempts to secure control over disputed islands in the East China Sea; and Abe's attempt to change the pacifist Japanese Constitution, have rankled the Chinese. Abe has also been under pressure from Japanese business layers to improve the relationship with China, one of Japan's largest trading partners. The public promises made by Abe to follow the path of previous Japanese leaders who have tried to nurture a relationship with China, and possibly a private promise not to visit the Yasukuni Shrine, prepared the way for the meeting between the two leaders. At the meeting, both committed to move forward in the relationship.

Obama—The Odd Man Out

By the time President Obama arrived, the stage was already set for a successful outcome of the Summit. Still licking his wounds from the "shel-lacking" by American voters, he made a feeble attempt to assert himself at the CEO Summit, saying that he would work for negotiating a Bilateral Investment Treaty with China, and introducing new visa regulations making it easier for Chinese tourists to come to the United States. While he made no comments on any of the controversial questions between the two nations, he did arrange a meeting of the TPP partners, which allowed them to make a statement about their "intentions" to move forward on such an agreement, although even some of the candidates themselves are becoming skeptical that it will ever happen. Obama's outrageous use of the Beijing venue for such clear anti-China organizing could not, of course, have gone unnoticed by his hosts.

Obama did, however, concede to don the traditional native dress of the host country, a tunic made popular by the first President of the Republic of China, Sun Yat-sen. He was also a guest at the evening banquet hosted by President Xi, followed by a fireworks display. In the grand style of the opening of the Beijing Olympics in 2008, the fireworks did literally, in President Xi's words, "light up the night sky." But that no doubt had little effect on the dark mood that must have come over the brooding U.S. President, unable, and perhaps psychologically unequipped, to share in the general optimism permeating the gathering.

Helga Zepp-LaRouche on Upcoming APEC Summit

Zepp-LaRouche was interviewed on Nov. 5 by China Radio International (CRI)'s "Today" show, on the topic of the APEC Summit being held this year in Beijing, Nov. 10-11. The interview is available on the [CRI website](#).

CRI: ...We are joined by Helga Zepp-LaRouche, the founder of the Schiller Institute, in Washington. Helga, thank you very much for joining us.

Zepp-LaRouche: Yes, hello, good evening.

CRI: During the next seven days we will see five different meetings in total concluding with the Senior Leaders Meeting starting today and then the APEC summit will end on the 11th [of November] with the CEO Summit. Why are the meetings scheduled in this way? Is there some type of significance to the schedule of the meetings?

Zepp-LaRouche: Well, I think it's quite normal that the complex areas are prepared by lower-level experts, because if the leaders get together, they cannot spend their time working on the details. They just have to take the prepared agenda, and then add whatever they have to give, in terms of their own style and creativity, and come to a conclusion. So I think it makes total sense that the meeting is structured this way.

CRI: Speaking of the agenda, how much do we know about these proper issues on the agenda? And will there be any substantive agreements coming out of the summit?

Zepp-LaRouche: I think there will be some disagreements and some agreements to disagree, because at this time, in all likelihood, the United States will push the TPP [Trans-Pacific Partnership], which excludes China; and China, on its side, will push the Free Trade Area of the Asia Pacific agreement, because it is all-inclusive for all Asian countries.

And China, in my view, will make a big point about the New Silk Road Initiative and the Asia Infrastructure Investment Bank, which is regarded by the United States as a competitor and a challenge to the control of



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the IMF and the World Bank. So I don't think there will be a resolution at this point. Also, the United States will push the Green Agenda, and there is a big difference, because China is confronted with some real environmental problems that it is committed to deal with, which are a result of the earlier cheap-labor-for-export policies at the beginning of this industrial revolution in China. But that is quite different from the "green agenda" in the West, which basically has the purpose of blocking development. So I don't think there can be a resolution of these issues.

China's Leadership in the World

CRI: Maybe you could brief our listeners on the purpose of these meetings. Do we expect any resolutions which are binding on its members? Or is it simply more discussion to agree or disagree on different topics?

Zepp-LaRouche: I think the merit of the summit is very big, because China in the recent period, ever since President Xi Jinping initiated the New Silk Road/Maritime Silk Road policies, has given so much inspiration to the world, and that has led to the very extraordinary BRICS summit in July in Brazil.

And since the initiation of these policies, many countries in the world, which are not part of the BRICS, like Egypt and others, have shown tremendous courage in taking off the shelf those development projects which they had wanted to do for a long time, and now, because of China's leading role, they were encouraged to do these things.

So, I think this summit will be a tremendous possibility to really show that there is an alternative, espe-

cially at a moment when the trans-Atlantic world is suffering tremendous difficulties; because, as you know, the European Central Bank's "stress tests," which were considered a complete farce by almost everybody, and the "too big to fail" banks in Europe and the United States are all bankrupt. And what China has proposed with the New Silk Road, the AIIB, and similar initiatives, is a real alternative for how the world can get out of this crisis.

So even if there is no formal resolution, we are in such an extraordinary moment of history, that the fact that there is an alternative, and that China and the other BRICS countries have taken a leading role, is giving hope for the rest of the world.

CRI: I want to go back to something you said earlier, Helga, about the FTAAP [Free Trade Area of the Asia Pacific] and the TPP, the Trans-Pacific Partnership. From your point of view, or rather from China's and the United States' point of view, are these two things somehow mutually exclusive?

Zepp-LaRouche: Yes, they are. Because the TPP is based on the idea of the complete control of the "free market" by the multinational corporations, by the too-big-to-fail banks, and it would eliminate national sovereignty almost completely. Even the parliamentarians in the countries which are supposed to join the TPP and the TTIP [Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership], which is the equivalent for the trans-Atlantic region, even they don't know what the content of these arrangements are.

So it is a completely non-transparent mechanism which would empower the multinationals and the CEOs of the top 400 corporations of the world, at the expense of the common good of the people and of national sovereignty. And I think the conception which is pushed by China is coherent with the policies of the BRICS countries, and is therefore following a completely different spirit with the AIIB and the New Development Bank, and the planned Shanghai Corporation Organization Bank, because these banks are not geared toward profit, but they are geared toward investment in the real economy. And that is a big difference.

CRI: To shift a little bit in the topic here. One important item on the agenda is the anti-graft initiative. So why is this topic on the APEC agenda? And what will it look like?

Zepp-LaRouche: Well, obviously it is very important, because President Xi Jinping has started this anti-corruption campaign, and corruption is really some-

thing that should be rooted out. However, I would like to say for the sake of honesty in this discussion, that I would hope that the question of corruption in the trans-Atlantic region would also be on the agenda and not just in Asia.

Because, if you look at the behavior of the too-big-to-fail banks in the United States and in Europe, they have literally gotten away with murder. They have manipulated the LIBOR rate by defrauding their customers by 3-digit billions over decades. They have done unbelievable things. And none of these bankers has gone to jail! They have all gotten away, and I think it would be good to discuss the anti-graft question on an international level, and not just with regard to some countries.

What Will Be Gained from the APEC Summit

CRI: On the whole, just broadening the picture a little bit, what do you think that China on the whole really has to gain from hosting the APEC meeting this year?

Zepp-LaRouche: Well, I think that China has something to gain from it, but even more, the world has something to gain from it. Because, if I compare what is coming from the Chinese initiatives, the New Silk Road, the Maritime Silk Road, the Chinese space program, the just-concluded lunar orbiting and return mission, which really is speeding up the Chinese space program tremendously—these are all policies which are coherent with what mankind should do.

You know, mankind is the only creative species in the universe, at least as far as we know, and Chinese policies right now are in the forefront of driving the evolution of mankind forward. And I can tell you that people in Germany and in the United States are very depressed. Because the trans-Atlantic system is geared more toward preserving the banking system, paying the debt, bailing out speculators, and then imposing the cost of that on the population through austerity programs. As a result, the populations in Europe and in the United States are not optimistic.

And I think what China is giving the world right now, what leaders like Xi Jinping, like Narendra Modi in India, and like Vladimir Putin, are doing, is giving optimism to the rest of the world that there is a way out of this crisis. So, I think it is not so much what China is gaining from it, but rather, what the rest of the world is gaining from China hosting this summit.

CRI: Helga, thank you so much for joining us.

HELGA ZEPP-LAROUCHE

On the 25th Anniversary of The Fall of the Berlin Wall

Nov. 10, 2014

Dear Friends of the Schiller Institute:

Twenty-five years ago, the Berlin Wall came down, and today, many people don't even remember that that was the beginning of the end of the Warsaw Pact, the Comecon, Communist system, and many young people don't have any memory at all, and don't even know what an extraordinary moment in history this was. But this was one of the crucial turning points, potential turning points in history, where *everything* would have been possible. It was the chance, when the Communist system was defeated, to establish a true peace order for the 21st Century.

Now, I want to show you a very short clip from a documentary which we made about this period, called, "The Lost Chance of 1989."¹

Narrator: Filling the streets, demanding their freedom and the right to travel West, these demonstrations only grew stronger, and the people were no longer afraid to demand access to those inalienable rights of man that were still enjoyed by the West. Even though the Western system was crumbling under "controlled disintegration," and the political leadership had become increasingly corrupt, elements of the West still

maintained their Constitutional commitment to human liberty.

But after years of enduring the Soviet system, the people recognized that they no longer had to accept the conditions of that system, and they desired to be united with the West. In previous times, as with the revolts that took place in Hungary and Poland, the KGB and the military were brought in to round up resistance leaders, who, in some cases, were never seen again.

Now, all eyes were on East Germany, the sole barrier between the West and the East, which was in complete upheaval. Would the Soviet military be brought in again to crush these demonstrations? Would the people end Communism from the streets of Germany? Would this be the cause for another Berlin crisis?

In the midst of this great uprising, a GDR [East German] minister announced that there would be new travel guidelines. The message was immediately misinterpreted, and taken to mean that the borders to the West were now open! The border guards opened the Wall, and stepped down.

Helga Zepp-LaRouche: Dear Americans, I think you all have seen in the recent days, these extremely exciting, moving pictures from Berlin, now that the borders between East and West Germany have been opened, and the Wall

1. The complete video can be viewed at <http://archive.larouchepac.com/node/9188>

in Berlin, while it's still there, has practically come down. When this happened on the joyful 9th of November, in the first evening, 100,000 people immediately came over from East Berlin to West Berlin, to taste what the new freedom would look like. Finally 3 million people came, and the stream has not ended since.

Also into West Germany, people came and they embraced each other, and the people were so happy. And the West German people overcame all normal kinds of behavior—they showed tremendous hospitality, they opened champagne, they gave food, invited people for dinner. People were climbing the Wall from both sides. The *Ode to Joy*, the symbol of the fight for freedom, was sung on the most important street in Berlin, the Ku'damm [Kurfürstendamm] and the West Berlin Symphony played for free, the Ninth Symphony of Beethoven, and they performed two times [Mozart's] *The Magic Flute*.

Well, let me tell you: I think this is a genuine, real revolution. It's a revolution of *agapē*, of love, of charity, not a revolution of rage. And as one woman from the GDR said correctly, "Schiller, in this situation, proves to be the real revolutionary." And you remember the famous sentence in the *Ode to Joy*, "All men become brethren."

A Peace Order for the 21st Century

Now, at that point, the openness of the population, not only in Germany, during the period of reunification, but also of Europe in general—people were expecting dramatic changes for the better. And indeed, the Schiller Institute and the LaRouche movement proposed at that time, the economic basis for such a peace order for the 21st Century, which was first called the Productive Triangle—the idea to economically unify Eastern and the Western Europe through infrastructure corridors.

And then, in '91, when the Soviet Union collapsed, we extended that program to become the Eurasian Land-Bridge, which was the idea to connect the population and industrial centers of Europe with those of Asia, through development corridors.



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Helga Zepp-LaRouche joins the U.S. "Franklin Brigade," at the Berlin Wall, November 1989, celebrating the Fall of the Wall.

Unfortunately, that program was not implemented at that point, because you had the neo-cons in the United States, and you had Margaret Thatcher in Great Britain, and they decided to use the collapse of the Soviet Union, instead, to go for the building of a world empire.

But, fortunately, over a year ago, Chinese President Xi Jinping announced the New Silk Road as the policy of China; and in the meantime, that idea has taken on a tremendous momentum among the BRICS countries, among many other countries of the world, who are building exactly, not only the New Silk Road—what we proposed 25 years ago—but to extend that to become a plan for world development.

So, in that sense, I can say, at the 30th birthday of the Schiller Institute, and the 25th anniversary of the Berlin Wall, we are actually quite happy that our ideas did influence what is now the majority of civilization, namely the BRICS countries and many other countries joining the new world economic order, which is building very quickly.

But we said all the time, that an economic program can only succeed if we combine it with a true cultural renaissance. Because as people are painfully aware, in Europe and in the United States in particular, our culture stinks. It has gone down to barbarian dimensions, and the most obvious place where this is visible is the youth culture, where young people have absolutely no idea what a human being could be, and they most have a very bestial conception.

Schiller's 'Beautiful Soul'

And that is why, in a certain sense, it's a blessing that the Schiller Institute—which is now becoming more prominent worldwide, because our ideas are being realized by many countries—is named for Friedrich Schiller. I gave the Institute that name 30 years ago, because I thought that from all the people I know, all the philosophers, thinkers, and poets, Schiller has *the* most beautiful image of man, because he was convinced and he is convinced—he is, because he's immortal—that every human being has a potential ideal person within himself or herself, and that it is the great task of existence to bring that ideal inner person, which only exists as a potentiality, into cohesion with the real person, in real time, and in real life.

Now, obviously, that concept needs to overcome certain challenges, because Schiller, already in his time, was convinced that most people, rather than developing their entire potential, only develop one aspect, and therefore, they more resemble crippled plants than fully developed human beings. And therefore, Schiller said, in order to become such an ideal person, the most important task is the development of what is called in German, the *Empfindungsvermögen*, which is the idea to sensuously grasp the world, and own it, intellectually and emotionally, in the fullest possible way. Because only if you have that quality of the *Empfindungsvermögen*, can you have passion for the world around you.

Now, passion is extremely important, because the ideal of man which Schiller put forward, was the idea that every human being could become a beautiful soul. A beautiful soul, according to his definition, is a human being for whom duty and passion, freedom and necessity, are one. There are people who are moral, but they do their duty with a sort of bitter feeling, and you can see they really don't like what they're doing; they have to suppress their emotions to be moral. Schiller said that is only for the slaves, for the knights, but not for us, the "children of the house," which was his notion for the beautiful soul.



Friedrich Schiller, the Poet of Freedom, and namesake of the Schiller Institute (portrait by Ludovike Simanowiz, 1793/4).

For the beautiful soul, you have to be able to joyfully do what is necessary, to find your freedom in what reason commands, but not by suppressing your emotion, but by developing your emotions to the highest level, so that you can always blindly follow what your emotions are telling you, because they are educated so much to the level of reason, that they would never tell you anything different than what reason commands. And only that way, can you become a fully harmonious person, a person who develops all potentialities, all talents, and becomes a true genius. Because Schiller also says that the only person who is a beautiful soul, is the genius who, in a lawful way, enriches that lawfulness by adding dimensions to it.

Reviving the World's Classical Cultures

Now, this is very important, because I'm convinced that the conflict right now, which exists very clearly between the Atlantic sector, especially the United States and the European Union on one side, and the BRICS countries, which are going for the New Silk Road and the World Land-Bridge, has *everything* to do with the image of man!

I have come to the absolute conviction, that right now, the leaders of the BRICS countries, Xi Jinping from China, Narendra Modi from India, Vladimir Putin from Russia—who is quite different from the many media slanders about him—all of these people, all these great leaders, are trying to develop a world perspective which is not geographical; it is not in contradiction to the rest of the world. But this New Silk Road is an all-inclusive idea, and it focuses on the universal character of mankind; and it also focuses on the idea of emphasizing the best tradition of the other country.

When Xi Jinping was in India a couple of weeks ago, he gave a *perfect* description of what are the high points of Indian culture, starting with the Vedic writings, the Upanishads, the Gupta period, the high points of Sanskrit writings, the Indian Renaissance.

And that image of man is what we absolutely have



NATO

On Nov. 1, 1989 East Berliners are already attempting to escape to freedom in the West. The Brandenburg Gate can be seen in the left background.



The breakout: Ecstatic Berliners, East and West, stand on the Wall, as the East German dictatorship crumbles, Nov. 10, 1989.



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A crane removes a section of the Berlin Wall, beside the Brandenburg Gate, Dec. 21, 1989, as East and West Germans come together.

to revive, because it is very easy to relate to the best culture of the other nation, if you are self-confident about your own culture. And if you're not sure, then you have to bully people around and you have to play a big macho game. And the problem right now, is that in Europe, and in the United States, we have almost forgotten our great Classical culture.

Now, I believe that therefore, the most important is that we combine a revival of great Classical music, with great Classical poetry and painting and architecture, and other areas of Classical art, to make clear again, what is the moral and cultural foundation of the West. Because if we don't know what the values are of the

West, how can we then relate to other countries and nations around the world?

So therefore, reflecting on the 25-year anniversary of the Fall of the Wall, when the system came to its end, we are now in a similar situation. The free-market economy is about to blow up completely. We are at an *absolutely* crucial transition of world history, and *we absolutely must not again miss the great chance*. And I hope that sometime in the future, our children and grandchildren will look back and say, "Ah! There were the people of the LaRouche movement, and, joining hands with the BRICS countries and many other countries in the world, they did not miss the great chance of 2014."

NATO Drives Toward Blow-Up With Russia Over Ukraine

by *EIR* Staff

Nov. 10—In an interview with the Nov. 9 Bonn *General-Anzeiger*, former West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich Genscher, who was in that position 25 years ago, when the Berlin Wall came down, exposed the imperialist outlook on which NATO's currently escalating confrontation course with Russia is based.

“As the Wall came down, I thought the division of Europe had been overcome. In the meantime, I have come to the judgment that many in the West have understood the fall of the Wall differently, namely thus: as though the line of separation had been relocated from the middle of Europe to the western borders of Russia. That is an historical misunderstanding. The western border of Russia is not the beginning of western Asia, but [part of] eastern Europe; the great Russian people is a European people.”

Asked to be concrete, Genscher stated the one-sided EU trade treaty with Ukraine led to Russia seeing a threat. He then made a comment, pointing a finger at President Obama: “Despite the possibility of creating a new world system, instead some think: The two blocs of the Cold War have been broken; what remains is Washington, and from there the world is ruled. When a U.S. President denigrates Russia as a regional power [President Obama, March 2014], then one shouldn't be surprised, when she [Russia] shows what a regional power can actually do.”

Genscher has hit the nail on the head, as did former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachov in his recent comments on the anniversary of the fall of the Wall. NATO

is the aggressor, not Putin's Russia, they declared. The genesis of the confrontation between NATO and Russia—emphatically including the aggressive actions of the Nazi Kiev putschists—is the determination of Washington, the EU, and NATO to “denigrate” Russia. And while Genscher fails to mention the architect of this strategy—London—he does point to London's puppet regime in Washington.

At the Boiling Point

The commitment of NATO to confront, and ultimately crush, Russia lies behind the current actions of the Kiev government. Although there has been no arming of the Poroshenko regime by Washington or NATO, the regime is proceeding with the full political backing of the West to expand the military confrontation with the populations of the southeastern republics of Donetsk (DPR) and Luhansk (LPR).

Despite the ceasefire still nominally in place, there is intense fighting reported in both regions, especially in the area around the Donetsk airport. While Kiev insists that Russia has sent tanks and troops into the region, Moscow denies it, and the local militias have insisted that the sighted convoys belong to them. Other local sources report that Moscow is resupplying the local militias with heavy equipment.

There is every reason for the DPR and LPR forces to augment their defense, especially in light of the ongoing Kiev assault, and especially, the events of Nov. 5.

On that date, a school in Donetsk was shelled, kill-

ing two children and wounding several others. Both Kiev and the anti-Kiev militias denied responsibility for the shelling, but an investigation by the OSCE (Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe)'s Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine determined that the fire had come from the northwest, a region controlled by the Kiev forces.

A Russian investigative committee has announced that it would initiate criminal proceedings over the shelling. On Nov. 9, Alexander Zkharchenko, newly elected head of the DPR, declared in an interview with *LifeNews* that he knows the names of all the Ukrainian military commanders who attacked the school, and intends to bring the names to international authorities for prosecution.

While the Western media has claimed that the increased fighting is the result of Russian intervention, and/or support for the local militias, it should be recalled that Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko had announced an increased troop deployment to the south-east on Nov. 4.

Broader than Ukraine

As Genscher implied, however, the source of the confrontation between NATO and Russia is much broader than the Ukraine conflict. As the Russians have repeatedly stated, at least since the Western-backed assassination of Libya's Qaddafi in October 2011, they are responding to NATO's overall aggressive threat to their sovereignty, and to the rule of international law.

In brief remarks on Nov. 5 celebrating National Unity Day, which commemorates the end of Russia's Time of Troubles in the 17th Century, President Vladimir Putin again emphasized that Russia will defend its sovereignty. "Over four centuries have passed, but the dramatic events of those times remain a lesson for us, serving as an example for all generations and a rule for us all—a rule that says we should preserve and protect our national interests," Putin said. "Failure to bear in mind these national interests may lead to disintegration and ruin of the country; its sovereignty is of the same fundamental value as freedom and democracy."

In the military realm, Russia's ambassador to NATO, Alexander Grushko, clarified exactly what this means with respect to NATO, in remarks to the *Kommersant* daily, as reported by RIA Novosti.

"NATO cannot ignore the fact that a stronger configuration of the alliance forces will be taken into ac-

count by our military strategists, and Russia will take every necessary step to beef up its defenses against all possible threats," Grushko said. He warned that the alliance's decision to strengthen its "eastern flank" and NATO's returning to its Cold War stance of opposing Russia, which it considers to be "Enemy No. 1," would have long-lasting political implications, and that a freeze in Russia-NATO cooperation would have a deleterious effect on Euro-Atlantic security.

"We did not refuse to talk. It wasn't our decision to suspend practical cooperation projects in the framework of the NRC [NATO-Russia Council]," Grushko said, stressing that Russia had partnered with NATO "not for the sake of partnership itself, but for the sake of greater security in the entire Euro-Atlantic region."

A Nazi Regime Will Not Be Tolerated

From the time of the Nazi putsch against the legally elected Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich in February, the Russian government has made clear that it will not tolerate a fascist regime on its borders. Its spokesmen have demanded international action to prevent just such a travesty, and called for a special UN investigation on the rise of fascism in Ukraine.

The West has arrogantly denied the fascist nature of the coup it backed, but that has just become more difficult. In the early days of November, the new mayor of Kiev, Vitali Klitschko, appointed Nazi paramilitary leader Vadim Troyan, the deputy commander of the Azov Battalion and reputed active member of the neo-Nazi paramilitary organization Patriot of Ukraine, as chief of police of the capital. The Azov Battalion has gained international notoriety, even within pro-coup publications in the West, such as the *Washington Post* and *The New York Times*, for its brutal Nazi tactics, especially in the southeast.

For the Russians, and the Chinese, in particular, the memory of the devastation caused by the Great Patriotic War is a live issue. Putin's address to the people of Ukraine on the Occasion of Ukraine's Liberation from Nazi Occupation, Oct. 28, reflects the spirit:

"Our parents and grandparents selflessly and courageously fought side by side for the freedom and independence of our Motherland; they crushed the enemy, bringing closer the long awaited Victory. . . . It is vitally important to instill lofty patriotic values in the younger generation and to actively resist any attempts at reviving the Nazi ideology, fomenting inter-ethnic strife and falsifying our shared history."

China, Japan Reach Crucial Agreement

by Mike Billington

Nov. 7—China and Japan, following intense backchannel talks, and on the eve of the APEC Summit in Beijing on Nov. 10-11, signed an historic, measured agreement to renew diplomatic meetings and strategic cooperation, while also announcing that there will be a private meeting of Chinese President Xi Jinping and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on the sidelines of the Summit.

On Nov. 7, Shotaro Yachi, head of Japan's National Security Council, met with China's State Councilor Yang Jiechi at the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse in Beijing, where they hammered out a four-point agreement. While Prime Minister Abe has repeatedly appealed for a meeting with President Xi, China has insisted on preconditions, the most important being that Japan acknowledge that there is a viable question of sovereignty over the Diaoyu/Senkaku Islands (Japan has insisted there is no issue—that only Japan's claim is legitimate), and that Abe and other high-level Japanese officials stop visits to the Yasukuni Shrine, which honors Japanese war dead, including several condemned war criminals.

The four points diplomatically subsume these two issues. One point reads (in Xinhua's version): "The two sides have acknowledged that different positions exist between them regarding the tensions which have emerged in recent years over the Diaoyu Islands and some waters in the East China Sea, and agreed to prevent the situation from aggravating through dialogue and consultation and establish crisis management mechanisms to avoid contingencies." The statement does not explicitly acknowl-

edge China's claim to sovereignty, but the intention is clear.

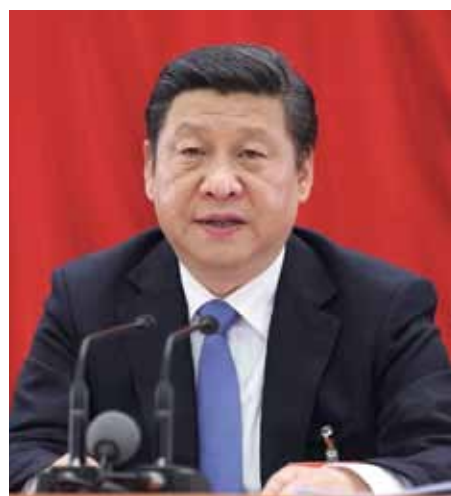
Will It Hold?

When Deng Xiaoping established relations with Japan in 1972, he made the decision that the issue of sovereignty over the islands should be put off to the future in order to move forward in the relationship. This was disrupted when Shintaro Ishihara, then the virulently anti-China right-wing Mayor of Tokyo, purchased the contested islands from another owner, threatening to provoke a crisis. The government panicked and nationalized the islands, making the situation even worse, and the tension over sovereignty has festered ever since.

The present agreement is an attempt to return to the earlier policy, putting the issue of sovereignty aside while the two nations cooperate in a peaceful manner.

A second point in the agreement addresses the Yasukuni Shrine without naming it: "In the spirit of 'facing history squarely and looking forward to the future,' the two sides have reached some agreement on overcoming political obstacles in the bilateral relations." The implication, although not explicit, is that Abe and other leading officials will not ignore the historical sensitivities of China (and Korea) by visiting the Yasukuni Shrine, or take other actions which attempt to ignore the war crimes from World War II. The fact that it says that only "some" agreement was reached, demonstrates the tenuous nature of the deal.

The other two points say that the two nations will



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On the eve of the APEC Summit in Beijing, China and Japan have signed an historic agreement to renew ties; there will also be private meeting of Prime Minister Abe (l) and President Xi on the sidelines of the Summit.

return to honoring the four previous agreements for cooperation between them, and to “gradually resume political, diplomatic, and security dialogue through various multilateral and bilateral channels, and to make efforts to build political mutual trust.”

The four previous agreements refer to the China-Japan Joint Statement of 1972, the China-Japan Treaty of Peace and Friendship of 1978, the China-Japan Joint Declaration of 1998, and a joint statement on “advancing strategic and mutually-beneficial relations in a comprehensive way” that was signed in 2008.

Several sources said to *EIR* and other press that the diplomatic wording of the four-point agreement was aimed at avoiding a backlash from more conservative layers on each side’s domestic front. A Japanese source told *EIR* that the death in October of the top right-wing advisor to Abe, Hisahiko Okazaki, together with the recognition in Japan that Obama’s influence is severely waning, and the strong dependence of Japan’s economy on relations with China, give this agreement a good chance of success.

There will be wringing of hands at the White House (and at the other neoconservative haunts), as Obama, already weakened as President after the repudiation by the voters (and by most of his own party) in the Nov. 4 election process, is beginning his Asian tour after Japan, his key ally in confronting China, has signed a deal to end its part in the confrontation. To add to Obama’s grief, his other would-be ally, the Philippines, has seen the handwriting on the wall, joining China’s Asia Infrastructure Investment Bank as one of 21 founding members (against heavy pressure from Washington), while leading Philippine statesmen are demanding a restoration of ties with China.

Japan-U.S. Defense Pact

On the same day that China and Japan announced the agreement to end their escalating confrontation, a confrontation which has been largely stoked by the White House and the neo-con thinktanks in Washington, Japan’s *Asahi Shimbun* announced that Japan’s final report on new guidelines for Japan-U.S. defense cooperation, which was scheduled to be completed by



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A precondition set by China for the meeting between the two heads of state, is that Japanese officials not visit the Yasukuni Shrine, which honors Japanese war dead, among whom are condemned war criminals.

the end of the year, has been postponed until next Spring, at the earliest.

Asahi reports that this is due to the fact that “discussions have not progressed within the ruling coalition over legislation that would implement the changes made by the Abe Cabinet in early July on the government’s interpretation of the pacifist Constitution regarding the exercise of the right to collective self-defense.” “Collective self-defense” is Abe’s euphemism for remilitarization and the intention to join the U.S. in a war on China (or other nations), contrary to Japan’s Constitutional prohibition against waging external war.

Asahi points to Komeito, the Buddhist party in a coalition with Abe’s Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), as the source of the problem in getting the “reinterpretation” passed, but it is also true that many LDP officials and members of Parliament oppose Abe’s re-militarization policy. The Parliament has balked at passing Abe’s reinterpretation, putting off any vote until at least the Spring, after local elections, but it’s far from certain that it will be approved at all.

If Obama is successfully removed from office in the U.S., Abe’s remilitarization will likely die on the vine, along with Obama’s war plan. If Obama remains, he and the Republican warhawks will move to crush this new China-Japan agreement, aid Japan’s remilitarization, and proceed to war.

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China's Next Step in Lunar Exploration

by Marsha Freeman

Nov. 5—The Nov. 1 landing of the Chang'e-5T Return Module back on Earth, has brought China closer to its ultimate goal—to land astronauts on the Moon.

The first phase of the program was the unmanned orbiting of the Moon with Chang'e 1 and 2, in 2007 and 2010, which produced high-resolution imagery, and a basic lunar survey. The second phase landed a spacecraft on the lunar surface last December, and deployed a rover. The third phase, scheduled for 2017, will be to return lunar samples to Earth.

China's lunar program is aimed at the development of lunar resources, particularly helium-3, an ideal fuel for nuclear fusion power. Scientists need samples to carry out a detailed examination of the chemical composition of lunar soil, and quantify lunar resources.

Returning a spacecraft from the Moon, which has not been done since the 1970s, by Soviet unmanned missions and the American Apollo program, poses new challenges. A spacecraft must make a precision landing, and the soil samples must be placed in a sealed capsule. The sample capsule must blast off from the lunar surface, and link up with an orbiting return vehicle to head back to Earth. The purpose of this recent test, was to make sure the capsule can safely return.

The Test Mission

Chang'e-5T (T for "test"), was launched on Oct. 23, for an eight-day mission to swing around the Moon, and return to Earth. The objective was to test the descent of the Return Module through the Earth's atmosphere, at a higher speed and higher temperature than the return of China's astronauts from Earth orbit.

Chang'e-5T, nicknamed "Xiaofei," or "Little Flyer," consisted of a Service Module for communication, propulsion, on-board power, and navigation, and an attached Return Module, resembling a scaled-down version of the Shenzhou manned capsule. The Return Module also carried samples of seeds and plants, an instrument to measure the radiation dose on a trans-lunar trip, and the LUX Space 4M Radio Experiment, which



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An artist's rendition of the Chang'e-5T spacecraft, with the Return Module on top of the Service Module. The Service Module, with its solar arrays, provides the power, communications, and navigation for the spacecraft.

transmitted signals to the amateur radio community worldwide, from deep space. This was the first foreign experiment ever carried on a Chinese lunar mission.

The Service Module, designed only for travel in space, separated from the Return Module shortly before reentry. According to space scientist Emily Lakdawalla, the Service Module is now on its way to the Earth-Moon L-2 (libration) point, 37,000 miles past the Moon, where gravitational balance allows it to hover. But, she reported, according to *China Military Online*, it will go back to lunar orbit, and can be used during the sample return mission.

On Nov. 2, the recovery team turned over the Return Module to scientists. Yang Mengfei, at the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation, explained: "We will run some tests on the capsule" to examine "the degree of burns on its surface. Then we will conduct an analysis based on the data [obtained from] telemetry. From what we have seen, the capsule is in good condition.... The orbiter's trip has been very productive. It will lay a solid foundation for our future space program."

Asked about the Chang'e-5T mission by space.com's Leonard David, lunar scientist Paul Spudis, who has been lobbying to return the U.S. to the Moon, observed: "China now has positive practical experience with all of the elements of a human mission to the Moon.... And to the brainless twits who might comment that they are only doing something that we have already done, I will simply note that no one at the current incarnation of NASA has done it."

Is Saudi Arabia Out To Provoke War Against Iran?

by Hussein Askary

Nov. 8—The Saudi ruling family is clearly enraged by the recent positive developments involving Iran in the region, including diplomatic progress with the United States, advances against the Islamic State (IS) in Iraq, with obvious assistance from the Iranian Revolutionary Guard, and the collapse of the policy of President Obama and his Saudi/Qatari-backed allies in Syria to overthrow President Bashar al-Assad using jihadist terrorist groups.

Furthermore, the Saudis are helplessly watching as Yemen slips from their grasp, with the failure of the Kingdom's plan to deflect the 2011 revolt in Yemen, by creating a government of rival tribal factions and representatives of former dictator Ali Abdullah. Shi'ite Zaydi rebels under Abdulmalik al-Houthi, sworn enemies of the Saudi rulers and Wahhabi clergy and al-Qaeda, descended from their mountain strongholds on the capital, Sana'a, and helped create a new coalition government, while stretching southward to retake the southern regions from al-Qaeda, whose top leaders are Saudis. Al-Houthi's fighters would not be able to execute this massive operation without support from the Sunni population, tribes and other political forces, especially the youth, who saw the peaceful revolution hijacked by the Saudi dirty deal in 2011. Saudi Arabia claims that Iran has played a key role in arming and financing the Houthis, although no real evidence of this has been presented.

Game-Changing Nuclear Negotiations

Just two weeks before the decisive final round of negotiations between Iran and the P5+1 (UN Security Council Permanent Members plus Germany) with a deadline set for Nov. 24, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry will be meeting Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif and outgoing EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton, in Oman on Nov. 9-10. This meeting is intended to iron out differences and clarify red lines by both parties. The fact that the meeting is being held

in Oman, which has emerged as Saudi Arabia's disgruntled neighbor in the Gulf Cooperation Council, is further upsetting for the Saudi rulers. In recent years, Oman has rowed against the Saudi-dominated stream in the Gulf and established firm economic and trade relations with Iran. Oman's ruler Sultan Qabus has established a very cordial relationship with Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khamenei, who has the final word on the negotiations with the Western powers.

The last time Iran-U.S. relations improved, in September 2013, leading to direct talks and easing of some of the sanctions imposed on Iran, Saudi Arabia withdrew its membership in the UN Security Council, condemned the international community for not bombing Syria, and threatened to go its own way in Syria. "Its own way" is what the world has witnessed in the emergence of the IS plague in both Syria and Iraq.

The success of these negotiations would be a game-changer, as it would lead to lifting the harsh economic sanctions imposed on Iran for years, and to breaking Iran's isolation from the international community, paving the way for economic, strategic, and security cooperation to handle the disastrous situations in Iraq, Syria, and Afghanistan. Iran's involvement with China and Russia to revive the Silk Road has been well documented in *EIR* (see speech by Mrs. Fatemeh Hashemi Rafsanjani at the Schiller Institute's conference on the New Silk Road, *EIR*, Oct. 31, 2014).

Iran's strategic relationships with Russia and China are key components of these potentially groundbreaking developments. Russia has been involved more than any other nation in moderating Iran's stance in the nuclear negotiations with the P5+1 group. Last week, it was reported (interestingly, first in the U.S.) that Russia may have overcome a big hurdle in the nuclear talks.

The *New York Times* reported on Nov. 3, that Iran has tentatively agreed to ship much of its enriched uranium to Russia, where it would be made into nuclear-reactor

fuel rods, if it reaches a broader nuclear deal with the P5+1. One American deeply involved in the discussions said, “If the Iran-Russia deal works, it could be the cornerstone of something much larger.” Acting Deputy Secretary of State Wendy Sherman, the head of the U.S. negotiating team, said recently, without further details, “We have made impressive progress on issues that originally seemed intractable.” One American expert, Angela Stent of Georgetown, pointed out that if Russia salvages the Iran talks, it would be reprising the role it played in the Syria negotiations last year, when Moscow came up with a formula that led President Bashar al-Assad to give up his chemical weapons stockpiles.

The point is, that if most present and future enriched uranium is removed to Russia, the current disagreement about the number of uranium-enrichment centrifuges Iran is allowed to keep is much less important, and the so-called “breakout time” to achieving a nuclear weapon could become long enough to satisfy the U.S. position.

The most immediate importance of a successful Iran nuclear deal by the Nov. 24 deadline, is that the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff’s plan for a real war on IS (unlike Obama’s fake war), includes reaching a longer-term agreement with Iran over IS, immediately after a nuclear deal is concluded. The appearance of this *New York Times* story on election eve, as U.S. military and Democratic Party leaders are challenging Obama’s policies with an eye to the post-election period, is also significant.

The *Times*’ David Sanger, however, contradicts himself in one paragraph, where he writes that the agreement under discussion would provide that Russia will enrich uranium for Iran. That is untrue: Rather, Russia will receive uranium enriched by Iran and fabri-



From left: Iranian Foreign Minister Javad Zarif, EU High Representative Catherine Ashton, Omani Foreign Minister Youssef bin Alawi bin Abdullah, and U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, in Oman, Nov. 9, 2014, for talks on Iran’s nuclear program. The Saudi royal family, among others, is determined to block progress in this crucial area.

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cate it into fuel rods to ship back, as he writes elsewhere. For some reason, the *Times* has so far refused to correct this obvious error.

The Iranian Foreign Ministry had said, as early as Oct. 22, that it was studying such a Russian proposal, but this was not covered in the Western press. Iran’s right to enrich uranium domestically is considered a red line by Ayatollah Khamenei and the Iranian political elites. It was Tony Blair in 2005, then Prime Minister of Great Britain, who argued that Iran did not need to enrich uranium to produce fuel for its nuclear plants, as that fuel could be imported from abroad. Unfortunately, the EU and the U.S. swallowed this British bait, making it a condition in the negotiations with Iran. In reaction, Iran dramatically suspended the negotiations with the West and its collaboration with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), creating a massive crisis from which the process has not yet recovered.

New Provocations

To sabotage the potential for a final agreement, the Saudis are now provoking both Iran and the Shi’a popu-

lation in Saudi Arabia and Bahrain, obviously hoping that Iran (or, at least, extremists among Iran's clergy) will intervene inside Saudi Arabia and Bahrain. On Nov. 3, masked gunmen killed five people in a mostly Shi'a area of eastern Saudi Arabia as they were emerging from a commemoration of the martyrdom of Imam Hussain, a very special Shi'a ceremony. The three assailants fired machine guns and pistols into a crowd in the village of al-Dalwa in al-Ihsa district of Eastern Province.

While the gunmen were not identified, such acts carry the fingerprints of Wahhabi/takfiri jihadists of the al-Qaeda and IS type. Although the Saudi authorities claim that they are victims of al-Qaeda and IS, financial and religious support for these two terrorist groups has its origin in Saudi Arabia, and continues to flow from there.

Last week, a leading Saudi Shi'a minority rights advocate, Sheikh Nimr Baqir al-Nimr, was sentenced to death in a Saudi court, accused of sedition and "disobeying the ruler," which is considered a capital crime by Wahhabi jurisdiction, as the ruler is said to be ruling by the will of God, and therefore disobeying the ruler is disobedience against God. Sheikh Nimr was imprisoned and tortured in 2011 for leading demonstrations in support of the Arab Spring. He is held in high esteem by political activists in Saudi Arabia and Bahrain. Although the Shi'a in Saudi Arabia are a minority (15-20% of the population), they are concentrated in the oil-rich Eastern Province and are very active in the oil industry's labor unions.

Iranian hard-line clerics have warned Saudi Arabia that if the death sentence against Nimr is carried out, "the Saudi kingdom would pay a very high price," in the words of Ayatollah Ahmad Khatami, Friday Prayer Leader (not to be confused with former President Mohammad Khatami). He mocked Saudi Foreign Minister Saud al-Faisal, who had said two weeks earlier that Iran was not part of the solution in Syria, but part of the problem. Al-Faisal was responding to calls to include Iran in the international coalition against IS.

"Saudi Arabia is not only part of the problem, but the whole problem entirely, as it is the creator of ISIS, and is its financier," stated Khatami in his Oct. 31 sermon in Tehran. He added sarcastically that he understands the Saudis' frustration, "because you spent bil-

ions to overthrow Assad in Syria but you failed, and spent billions in Iraq but you failed there too. So now you are enraged and frustrated, and therefore you point your hatred against Iran."

From the Saudis' standpoint, creating a security crisis in that strategically sensitive area, threatening the global economy (as most of the Saudi oil production is located in the Eastern Province), might force the U.S. and its allies to shift their policies against Iran again. However, the Iranian leadership has been very restrained in its reactions to such provocations.

Saudi provocations have also been aimed at Bahrain (which has a Shi'a majority), the base of the U.S. Fifth Fleet and a major British banking and financial offshore center. A Bahraini court issued an order on Nov. 4, suspending the activities of the country's main Shi'a opposition group, al-Wefaq, less than a month before parliamentary elections. This ruling prevents the group from organizing rallies and press conferences, issuing statements, or using its offices, said lawyer Abdullah al-Shamlawi, according to the *Guardian*. Saudi troops invaded Bahrain in March 2011, to crush protests by the Shi'a population, which was ruled by the Sunni/Wahhabi-allied al-Khalifa family. The Saudi move was also a preemptive intervention to prevent moderate elements of the al-Khalifa family, from negotiating a new constitution and election rules with al-Wefaq and the representatives of the Shi'a majority in the country.

Al-Saud, the ruling family in Saudi Arabia, is, and has long been, the most important asset of the British Empire in the region. King Abdullah is in poor health, and his heirs are just as old or sick as he is, and are facing a difficult succession process. The Saud family is cornered in the fragile kingdom, and their bombastic schemes seem to be frustrated and failing, although no solution for the bloodshed and destruction in Southwest Asia is in sight.

The greatest fear of what could be called the Anglo-Saudi empire is the emergence of a new, inclusive security structure in the region and the world, such as that which Helga Zepp-LaRouche called for in October, to replace the "divide and conquer" system of the British Empire. The greatest nightmare for the Anglo-Saudis is the United States joining Iran, Russia, and China to eliminate the new religious Thirty Years War and the threat of thermonuclear confrontation among these powers.

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The New Silk Road & The New Paradigm For Mankind

Nov. 7—The third panel of the 30th Anniversary conference of the Schiller Institute, held in Frankfurt, Germany Oct. 18-19, featured a broad spectrum of speakers on the subject of “The New Silk Road and the New Paradigm for Mankind,” beginning with the keynote presentation by Jacques Cheminade, the president of the Solidarité et Progrès party in France.

In this issue, we reproduce the texts of five of the speeches from among the nine that were given. The speeches, including those from the first two panels, are available on video in their original languages, on the [Conference page](#) of New Paradigm site of the Schiller Institute.

The session began with a special greeting from Malcolm Fraser, former Prime Minister of Australia, who endorsed the theme of the conference: replacing geopolitics with the approach of economic development now being carried out by the BRICS.

After Cheminade’s remarks, Saeed Khatibzadeh of the Iranian Institute of Political and International Studies (Berlin office), Italian economist Antonino Galloni, and two Serbian experts—Dragan Duncic of the Republican Agency for Spatial Planning and Milena Nikolic of the Higher Education Institute for Applied Studies—presented economic development projects in their nations which would link up with the New Silk Road.

The conference then heard two representatives of the China Soong Ching Ling Foundation, a grouping named in honor of the wife of the founder of the Chinese Republic, Sun Yat-sen.

Diogène Senny, head of the Pan-African League-Umoja, headquartered in Paris, then spoke on the “Operational Convergences” of the Pan-African movement and the BRICS movement for a new, just international economic order.

The final presentation on this panel was given by Robert Barwick, of the Citizens Electoral Council of Australia, whose speech was titled, “Which Way Australia? To Hell with London and Wall Street, or to the Heavens with the BRICS?”

Europe's Identity: The Advantage Of the Other in the New Paradigm

Mr. Cheminade is the Chairman of the Solidarity and Progress party in France, and a former French Presidential Candidate. He addressed the conference on Oct. 19.

Let me start with something I had not planned to say; it is about “Fidelio.”¹ It is my favorite opera, and the only one with a “happy ending.” It is not like the other great plays, the best of them, where you leave the room thinking about the failure, the tragic end, of the hero or the heroine, and feeling challenged to do something better than they did. Here, in “Fidelio,” it is not a “happy ending” because it leaves you in a state of individual comfort, a socially entropic comfort; it is happy because it shows that when you mobilize your courage and your mind, you, can overcome destiny—and that it is given to all of us to do so, because we are all human beings, like Beethoven’s heroine Leonore.

It is not only given to us; it is demanded of us: What Leonore has done for her husband she has done for humanity, leading the people on the stage to fight for a better world. The happy ending is indeed in the future we have to create, especially in moments of life and death, such as our moment of history. Hence Fidelio’s happy ending does not put us to rest, like in a soap opera. On the contrary, it demands we tell the truth and fight for it, even if that means putting your life at stake, as Leonore and Florestan have



The question posed by Jacques Cheminade was: “Will Germany, France, Italy, and other European countries regain their humanist impulse, or will they continue to spread the contrary on behalf of the British Empire?”

done. It is as if Beethoven had composed for us, here and now, so that we be truthful.

So let’s be truthful and speak in plain, heavy words.

Europe: A Walking Shadow

Europe, as it is, is a dying species, a walking shadow. There is no hope for a European Union that is based on the oligarchical principle of the *disadvantage* to all member-states and peoples, and to the benefit of the City of London and Wall Street.

There is no hope for a European Union which not only spreads oppression to other countries, but oppresses its own constituencies and economies. Therefore, our immediate mission, here and now, is to free Europe from its financial sharks and cultural millstones.

1. Selections from Beethoven’s opera “Fidelio” were performed by the Schiller Institute chorus and orchestra. In the opera, the hero, Florestan, is imprisoned and scheduled to be executed for opposing the evil tyrant, Pizarro. Florestan’s wife Leonore disguises herself as a boy, “Fidelio,” and goes to work in the prison, to save her husband. She risks her life, but ultimately frees her husband and defeats Pizarro; and in the end, all the prisoners are liberated. The opera is based on the true story of Lafayette and his wife Adrienne.

Ironically, it is the nations that were subjected to European rule that should now be the key to freeing us from our oppressors. I mean the BRICS, not as a group of nations turned inward, but as [Indian Prime Minister] Narendra Modi said, as a concert of nations acting in their mutual interest and for the benefit of all their partners; opening the way, in the midst of the tragedy of our times, to a better future based precisely on the idea that development can only be mutual and based on the scientific achievements of human creativity.

That is why we have organized this panel as an orchestra of interventions coming from various parts of humanity, a work in progress designed to play music opposed to the sound of competition and fury that prevails in our presently self-destructive world.

Look at what is happening before our eyes: The combined process of a barbaric epidemic of human crimes in Southwest Asia, and the spread of Ebola, potentially a new Black Death, is a threat to our entire civilization. These two social killer diseases are not limited to one region of the world; they are spreading into the developed sector, and into Europe in particular. The jihadists from Londonistan, Parisistan or other “-stans” in Europe are ready to come back to Europe trained to rape and kill. Already, in France, one of them has called on all his brothers and sisters to kill French civilians at random, as “revenge against the air bombings of the Western armies.” We have played with fire, and that fire is now coming back to us.

According to the WHO estimate, which is probably underestimated, by December, Ebola will be infecting 5-10,000 human beings per week, and very soon 20,000, killing most of them for lack of adequate treatment in Africa. Under the rule of the British financial neo-colonialism, based on human triage, the African continent is the poorest and most exploited part of the world, a situation which is accepted, in one form or another, by all European countries. Not to speak of the policies of isolating the ill which, even if justified, are meant to hinder trade and economic development, adding hunger to disease.

But Ebola does not stop at borders; we have created the danger of a breakout of this epidemic across continents. It has already infected medical personnel in the United States and Spain, and could spread into the poor layers of our own countries, which represent a growing proportion of the population due to destructive austerity policies, and then reach most of us, should nothing be done to stop it.

I wanted to mention this, which has already been raised by previous speakers, or will be developed more in-depth throughout the conference, to stress that we are not faced with mere incompetence or an accident of history, but with the result of willful policies from a European oligarchy which rules in the United Kingdom, in Brussels, and among the leaders of all European countries. This system of power cannot be repaired or cured; it has to be changed.

You have been, or will be, confronted here with quotes of Prince Philip of Edinburgh or others, such as the infamous one in which he hopes to be reincarnated as a virus to reduce the world population. Others can be mentioned, such as John Holdren, Obama’s senior advisor on science and technology issues, or the famous late French ecologist Jacques-Yves Cousteau, who, like his British colleagues, wished to reduce the world population to less than 1 billion human beings. *This is criminal*, but it is not a crime of only a few individuals. It is a crime embedded in the British imperial system and inscribed in the institutions of our European Union.

Why? Because they are Malthusians. Their conception of man is that of a tamed animal; on top, are those meant to rule, and under them, the rest are doomed to submit. Such a Malthusian thinking cannot conceive that “development” means a community of purpose, the common aims of humanity, shared by those committed to fight for them, and not the criminal idea that you necessarily grow at the expense of others in a world of inevitably vanishing resources. Europe therefore has to change to become an association of nation-states committed to global world advancement.

The ‘Original Sin’ of the EU

Let us look at how Europe was generated since the end of World War II. It was based on three main rules: financial liberalism, free trade, and the debasement of nation-states. This culminated in the euro, a tool of self-induced destruction. As a result, for 2014 and 2015, we have zero growth rates—in fact negative physical rates—and the demand by Eurostat—that illegal activities be included in the gross national product of all member-states. It means that prostitution, drug traffic, tobacco and alcohol smuggling, will be laundered into the economy in order to increase the nominal GDP, and justify taking on more debt!

The estimated collapse of the purchasing power of the average wage earners in Europe since 2007, and



The origin of today's European Union can be traced to World War II; among its godfathers were the Frenchman Henri Frenay (l), "arch-enemy" of Charles de Gaulle (c), and betrayer of the Resistance leader Jean Moulin (r).

also here—it is underestimated—varies between 5-7% in France and Germany, to 50% in Greece. And if you take Ukraine into account, a 70% decrease. Two books written in French by Coralie Delaume, *Europe, the Disunited States*, and Robert Salais, *The Rape of Europe*, clearly make the point that, measure by measure, the present European Union has been deliberately organized to destroy the nation-states, and prevent the people from taking part in the real decision-making processes. We have been infected by the contrary—the absolute contrary—of a principled policy: “of the people, by the people and for the people,” as it is enshrined in the American Constitution and in Article 2 of the French Constitution.

This should not be a surprise if we consider where today's European Union comes from. It is the creation of the American Committee on United Europe, an organization through which the British and American services channeled funds and “ideas” to the European federalists. The ideas were British, and the money was the U.S. dollar: The Committee was created by Allen Dulles, the head of the Wall Street branch of the American CIA, and by Duncan Sandys, Winston Churchill's son-in-law. They were the godfathers of that Europe, along with a Frenchman, Henri Frenay, the arch-enemy of Charles de Gaulle.

Frenay organized the elimination of Jean Moulin, who served as the link between the Free French outside of France, and the French Resistance inside the country.

The Congress for Cultural Freedom, financed through the compensation funds of the Marshall Plan, created the cultural grounds to impose such a perverted Europe. Jean Monnet and Robert Schuman shared the job on behalf of their friends throughout Europe, including those active in the corridors of the Vatican. The original sin, so to speak, of the European Union lies therein, and the shape of the children corresponds to the wishes of those who cared for them.

Let me say something about the state of affairs in the European press and in economic institutions.

On the European press: Udo Ulfkotte, a former editor of the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, one of the leading dailies in Germany, recently admitted: “I've been educated to lie, to betray and not to tell the truth to the public.” He described how he was under the influence of the CIA. He said that most corporate media journalists in the United States and Europe are on “so-called non-official cover,” working for intelligence agencies. I quote him: “I think it is especially the case with British journalists, because they have a much closer relationship. It is especially the case with Israeli journalists. Of course with French journalists.... The German and American media try to bring war to the people in Europe, to bring war to Russia. . . . I am very fearful of a new war in Europe.”

Well, now you understand why all these people either never publish a word about us or, when they cannot ignore us, they call us “a cult,” or use other slan-

derous characterizations which evolve over time. These are character assassins, working on behalf of the assassins, period.

As for economics, French behaviorist economist Jean Tirole just got the equivalent of the Nobel Prize for Economics. To make it short: He has always claimed that the concept of a systemic crisis is meaningless, and that to regulate hedge funds or derivatives is impossible: Let's leave that to irrational idealists, he says. After teaching at Princeton and MIT, he has now founded, with EU60 million from the French state and from French banks, the Toulouse School of Economics and the Advanced Study Institute in Toulouse, which both promote, among other things, the concept they themselves call "mutually assured delusion" (MAD). That is, after all, a good term to characterize the present "European groupthink."

The Choice

Let us now put our choice in blunt terms. Will Europe and Spain be the bridge for bringing the positive development of Eurasia into Africa, or will they rather be the bridge over which the death march of Ebola reaches the center of Europe? Will Germany, France, Italy, and other European countries regain their humanist impulse, or will they continue to spread the contrary on behalf of the British Empire? Are we determined to throw the idiocy of geopolitics and deductive thinking into the river, and to once again become explorers and discoverers? Are we ready to jump out of the false economic dilemma which opposes the Keynesian monetarism of money-forgers (monetarist diarrhea), to the orthodox cult of "tight money" and wealth grabbers (monetarist constipation)? French and German politicians may recognize themselves in this toilet room of world politics.

These are real questions in the real world.

What was Europe in 1411? It was a region with a level of development relatively much lower than that of China and India. Out of the ten major cities in the world, only one was European—Paris—with, at most, 200,000 inhabitants, while Beijing had at least 600,000. Already in 1792-93, Lord Macartney described the power and the number of the Chinese as a threat for the developing British Empire, suggesting that something had to be done about that, because there were really too many of them on Earth.

So what made Europe successful after 1411? In real terms, the Renaissance and its revolution in science and art; the Renaissance of Cusa, Kepler, Leibniz; the Re-

naissance of Leonardo and Beethoven, of Rembrandt and Bach. The idea of an *Homo universalis*, a human being developing above the animal species, not because of his power to dominate, but because of his capacity to create and to awaken his self-consciousness.

Unfortunately, instead of sharing that capacity, Europe, under the rule of its oligarchy, betrayed its own sense of universality, and the empires used the potential created by the Renaissance for their own behalf, against other regions of the world. Looting, destruction, and bestiality took over, and the technological applications of scientific discoveries were not used to launch an era of mutual development, but rather to gain power and possessions.

What was developed in the United States, based on the best of European tradition—i.e., the Leibnizian principles of life, liberty, and the *pursuit of happiness*, and not life, liberty, and *property*—was destroyed during the late 20th Century, after the death of Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

As Europeans and Americans, our mission is to recover the founding principles enshrined in the American Constitution, and for us, in Europe, to recover the principles of the 1648 Peace of Westphalia. That is precisely what Tony Blair called to eliminate in his famous Chicago speech in 1999, which was to be followed by the so-called war against terrorism, which is nothing but a war to terrorize people and to pit all against all.

The Peace of Westphalia was based on three main commitments:

1. The forgiveness of past offenses, including what was considered as the main offense, debt incurred to finance wars;
2. The advantage of the other, to prevent wars from breaking out and making gains at the expense of the other;
3. The upholding of the principle of national sovereignty based on mutual respect.

And that is what has been sold down the river by the current European Union, which is neither European nor a Union.

Making Development a Mass Movement

So where are we going to find the impulse for our recovery? Among those who have respected our principles better, although imperfectly. I mean, yes, the BRICS, or in the words of Prime Minister Modi: "Let's make development a mass movement, just like Mahatma Gandhi made the freedom movement a mass move-

ment.” Such is the paradox of the present moment of history: We have lost our principles in Europe and the United States, and the only way to recover them is to be inspired by the dynamic of the BRICS, which was created as a defense against our mistakes and our crimes, against the oligarchic financial oppression which propagates murder and destruction of the entire social fabric. But to do that, to act for the common good, we have to free ourselves once and for all from the British oligarchy and its back-up troops.

That does not mean that we Europeans have nothing to bring to the wedding basket. I do not believe, like the school of British historians, the Gibbons and the Toynbees, in the fatality of a decline, in the continuity of a great degeneration. I believe that the more the danger grows, the more what can save us is at hand, provided that we mobilize ourselves for the future of humanity, beyond Europe itself. And if Europe has done anything worth remembering since the end of World War II, it is to have made peace among European nations, even though it was on the basis of a compromise with the oligarchy.

Now, we have to clean up our act at home and rid ourselves of the oligarchic infection. You cannot organize a peaceful home, with cockroaches and beetles inside. It is time to clean our houses and to act, not for ourselves, but for the advantage of other people. We need to disinfect ourselves and to leap forward together with one impulse, not only to join the BRICS but to inspire the development of the future. Our immediate challenge is not only to prevent horrible things from happening, but to make good things happen, derived from new principles.

An historical example gives me hope—in fact it is not one, but two. First, that of Anton Wilhelm Amo, a young African gentleman from Ghana, who was adopted circa 1707 by the Duke of Brunswick-Wolfenbütell, and treated as a member of the family. He went to the universities of Halle, Wittenberg, and then Jena, studying logic, metaphysics, physiology, astronomy, history, law, theology, politics, and medicine. He mas-



Anton Wilhelm Amo, a young African, was adopted and educated by a German aristocrat; he mastered six languages, and his memoir, “On the Legal Status of the Moors in Europe” (1729), demanded equal rights for blacks.

tered six languages: English, French, Dutch, Latin, Greek, and of course, German. In 1729, he wrote a memoir on *De Jure Maurorum in Europa* [*On the Legal Status of the Moors in Europe*], where he demands the right for blacks to be treated the same as other Europeans. He earned his doctorate in philosophy at Wittenberg, in 1734.

His remarkable thesis, *On the absence of sensation in the human mind and its presence in our organic and living body*, is against Cartesian dualism and develops a Leibnizian conception of humanity based on the discovery of

principles and the elaboration of ideas beyond sensual perception. He returned to his birthplace when Germany became repressive, and died in custody in a Dutch fortress in Ghana. Abbot Grégoire praises him in his *Notices des nègres et des mulâtres distingués par leurs talents et leurs ouvrages* [*Records of Negroes and Mulattoes distinguished for their talents and their works*], on the intellectual achievements of black authors, and he was also a reference for Kwame Nkrumah, the first President of Ghana.

The other case in the 18th Century is that of Abram Petrovich Gannibal, a black child adopted and freed by the Russian Czar Peter the Great, who had a glorious career in Russia as an engineer and officer, married into the nobility, and had generations of descendants, among them, his great-grandson Aleksandr Pushkin.

These two cases prove that when European individuals decide to respect the advantage of the other, such things can happen, and it is a ray of light from the past into the future. Today, we are far from having extended to all Africans such recognition of their humanity, and it is a challenge for us all to achieve that, as an expression of our rebirth. When we let them die, we murder our own humanity by doing that to them.

Because “Europe,” as they have tried to impose it upon us, has no future; it is finished as a financial powerhouse, located in a limited region of the world under British tutorship, but the nation-states composing Europe have to be revived, like voices in a chorus or



Abram Petrovich Gannibal (l), was adopted by Czar Peter the Great; he became an engineer and officer, and married into the nobility; his great-grandson was the famous Russian poet Aleksandr Pushkin (r).

to mobilize, from Darmstadt to Toulouse.

Think of the North of Europe—Sweden, Denmark, and Finland—as a bridge toward the East. Think of the South as a bridge toward Africa, over Italy, Spain, and Portugal.

Think of all the nations of Europe that I did not mention as well. It is a combination with an incredible potential for peace. It is one of the keys to open the gates of the future, but we fail to use it with our culture of death and deadly inaction, our entropic non-action, our sins of omission and pessimism. European nations can only survive if they commit themselves to giving up their bad social habits, prac-

tices, and opinions of the past hundred years, and to mustering the optimism needed to reject a culture of death. To be human is not to look at yourself in a mirror like a narcissistic oligarch, but to look at yourself from the standpoint of the future, improving the condition of mankind.

A Matter of Life and Death

Let's think about it as a matter of life and death. It is a matter of life and death, and we all have to understand the danger better than in the written words that I am reading for you.

Death: If we keep behaving as we are, our destiny is to die. Either we could all die in a world war, or Ebola could kill us, or we could be destroyed by the coming waves of murderous austerity breaking over us all. It is here and now, and the result would be the same: a planned mass extermination.

Peace: Let's think of all European nations joining together to contribute.

Life: That means, first, to stop once and for all, the confrontation against Russia and China; and second, to launch a credit policy to build the infrastructure, or better said, the platform for world peace.

Think of it as a European choir, a chorus of nations, from the Atlantic to the Urals, a Eurasia from Lisbon to Vladivostok and the Sea of China. Germany bringing its steel and machine-tool capabilities, together with Switzerland and Austria; France its atomic energy and aerospace capacity; and both France and Germany uniting with Russia, China, and the United States in a space project, for which researchers and engineers expect us

Europe has no future in its perverted form, but it does have the right to claim it as an assembly of wise minds in sovereign republics. Here we are, in this room, and I am sure we are going to be enriched by the next speakers with thoughts coming from the future.

Let us then free ourselves from the deadly embrace of the City of London, Wall Street and the British Empire, and say and mean the following:

Long live a New Silk Road around the whole Earth!
 Long live free Europe; long live Eurasia from the Atlantic to the Sea of China!

Long live free Germany!
 Long live free France!
 Vive les États-Unis de Franklin, Lincoln, Roosevelt et LaRouche, Vive les États-Unis libres! Long live the free United States!

We may all breathe freely the open air, provided we put our lives at stake on behalf of humanity's future. It is in our hands; it is in our hands because it is our mission. And the people, if we challenge their pessimism and set an example for them, are waiting to come on-stage.

The Silk Road as a Bridge of Friendship

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Let me begin by thanking Mrs. Helga Zepp-LaRouche for inviting the China Soong Ching Ling Foundation to the Schiller Institute's 30th Anniversary Conference. I feel deeply honored to have this opportunity to listen to the invaluable insights, and to speak and exchange ideas with you at this enlightening conference.

As Confucius said, "At 30, I stood firm." For a person or an organization, 30 years of age is of great significance. So, on behalf of the China Soong Ching Ling Foundation, my colleague, Mr. Chen Bo and I have come from Beijing to you, to express warm congratulations on the Schiller Institute's 30th Anniversary Conference, and pay tribute to the Schiller Institute for its relentless efforts in safeguarding the right of mankind to progress and development.

We are here to learn from the Schiller Institute and the participating colleagues, experts, and scholars from various countries and NGOs. Yesterday and today, Helga Zepp-LaRouche and the participants have shared views on the "New Silk Road and China's Lunar Program," world peace, and the new era and new paradigm of human society. The discussions have not only benefited us with stimulating ideas, but also inspired us with new perspectives.

With such new perspectives, we will think further about the historical and cultural values of the ancient Silk Road that originated in China and extended all throughout the world, and about the "One Belt and One Road" proposal made by President Xi Jinping (the Silk Road Economic Belt and the 21st-Century Maritime Silk Road"), its far-reaching historical significance and great relevance for the development of China and the world, and the huge contribution it will make to peace and well-being of mankind.

We are here also for enhancing mutual understanding and friendship through the bond of the Silk Road. As an ancient Chinese saying goes, "though born a thou-



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Pei Hua presents Helga Zepp-LaRouche with a model of an ancient Chinese chime, a gift for the 30th anniversary of the Schiller Institute.

sand li [an infinite distance—ed.] apart, souls which are one shall meet." At the end of last August, the China Soong Ching Ling Foundation invited Helga Zepp-LaRouche to attend the Cultural Roundtable Conference on "One Belt and One Road," and to visit the Jiayuguan Great Wall and the Mo Kao Grotto at Dunhuang along the ancient Silk Road. And the day when the Roundtable was closed coincided with Helga Zepp-LaRouche's birthday. We had the honor of spending a wonderful and unforgettable time with her at Lanzhou University.

In early September, she traveled to Beijing, where she visited the former residence of Mrs. Soong Ching Ling and talked intensively with leaders of our Foundation on "One Belt and One Road" to explore possible cooperation areas.

Now in mid-October, less than two months after Helga Zepp-LaRouche's visit to China, the Schiller Institute is holding the conference on "the New Silk Road and China's Lunar Program" in celebration of its 30th anniversary, which will bring together the world, Germany and China, match ideas to music, and link the classics with modernity. A highlight of the 30 years' excellence of the Schiller Institute, this conference represents how Helga Zepp-LaRouche connects her deep thinking on human development with her China Silk Road experience, and also continues the bond between the Schiller Institute and the China Soong Ching Ling Foundation forged through the Silk Road.

Thanks to this conference and the Silk Road, we are gathered here to meet friends, old and new, for enhanced mutual understanding, contacts, and friendship.

The Music of the Ancient Chinese

To celebrate the Schiller Institute’s 30th anniversary conference and pay tribute to the Schiller Institute’s efforts to promote the brilliant pearl of culture—German Classical music—the China Soong Ching Ling Foundation has prepared this model of an ancient Chinese chime as a gift for the Institute. This Chime is a percussion instrument of the ethnic Han Chinese in ancient China, with its origin in the Western Zhou Dynasty (1046 BC-771 BC), and its prime time in the Eastern Zhou Dynasty (770 BC-221 BC) (including the Spring and Autumn period and the Warring States period), the Qin Dynasty (221-206 BC), and the Han Dynasty (206 BC-220 AD).

China was the first country to produce and use chimes, which speaks to the achievements of Chinese bronze craftsmanship and tonality in ancient China. It embodies the great wisdom of ancient Chinese and the splendor of China as an ancient civilization. The second part of Wanzhang of *The Mencius* has this: “In Confucius we have what is called a complete concert.” A complete concert is when the large bell proclaims the commencement of the music, and the ringing stone proclaims its close. The “large bell” refers to chimes.

We hope that the Schiller Institute at the age of 30 will make comprehensive achievements, like a complete concert, in promoting ancient music and traditional culture, advancing cooperation among countries and regions along the Silk Road, and facilitating scientific and technological progress. It is also our hope that our two organizations will work together to enhance exchanges between the Chinese and German civilizations, and between Eastern and Western traditional civilizations, including Classical music.

Helga Zepp-LaRouche and her husband Lyndon H. LaRouche, together with the Schiller Institute they founded, have long been committed to today’s world economic restructuring and reconstruction of international order. They attach great importance to the position and role of Asia and China, in particular, in realizing their proposed new global governance paradigm.

That’s the philosophical foundation behind Helga Zepp-LaRouche’s high appraisal of the New Silk Road and China’s lunar program, and her efforts to promote

global understanding of these two remarkable projects. She once said something to the effect that to enhance win-win cooperation among countries in Asia, Africa, and Latin America, China proposed the New Silk Road, presenting a completely new perspective, and like the ancient Silk Road, the New Silk Road will facilitate flows of ideas, goods, culture, and science, and more importantly, it is open and invites all countries in the world to participate.

The China Soong Ching Ling Foundation deeply endorses her perspective and understanding of the new Silk Road.

The Schiller Institute’s 30th anniversary conference presents a good opportunity for people of vision to get together, exchange views, and share wisdom, with a shared interest in world peace, human progress, and the building of the New Silk Road. We are fortunate to get acquainted with you, and wish to take this opportunity to tell you something about Soong Ching Ling and the China Soong Ching Ling Foundation. We have some slides to show you with some pictures to help you know about Soong Ching Ling, and walk you through the Foundation and the former residence of Soong Ching Ling.

Now I would like to ask Mr. Chen Bo to introduce these slides (see below).

Chen Bo

The Work of the Soong Ching Ling Foundation

Mr. Chen is the Deputy Director of the International Division of the CSCLF.

We are China Soong Ching Ling Foundation (CSCLF), a non-governmental organization (NGO). In memory of Soong Ching Ling, a great lady of the 20th Century, and the former Honorary President of the People’s Republic of China, the foundation was founded after her name in May 1982.¹

1. Mr. Chen’s extensive and fascinating power-point presentation is available on the Schiller Institute’s New Paradigm [website](#).

Our Objectives are Peace, Reunification, and Future: Peace—Promoting International Friendship and Safeguarding World Peace; Reunification—Developing Exchanges across the Taiwan Strait and Promoting Reunification of the Motherland; Future—Caring for the Future of the Nation and Developing Children’s Work.

Our Missions are to carry forward the great thinking and spirit of Dr. Sun Yat-sen and Soong Ching Ling, and fully explore their academic and cultural values; to strengthen exchanges and cooperation with well-known international institutions, charitable organizations, and friendly individuals; to make close contacts with the relatives and descendants of Dr. Sun Yat-sen and Soong Ching Ling, and unite with all patriots at home and abroad so as to widely attract talents and intellectual resources; to promote exchanges and cooperation with Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Macau at all levels in various fields; to develop welfare and charity projects so as to raise funds through various approaches, care for people’s livelihood, help people in need, and build a harmonious society; to build more public service facilities beneficial to the development of children and welfare of women, and start some other related activities.

Peace is one of the three objectives of CSCLF. In the past 30 years, CSCLF, taking peace as the theme, and children as messengers in the cross-cultural exchanges, has established friendly cooperation with over 30 countries across five continents. CSCLF has continuously kept regular mutual exchanges with over 10 countries and regions, for 20 years, through the Soong Ching Ling International Youth Camp in China, the Asia-Pacific Children’s Convention in Fukuoka in Japan, the International Festival of Children’s Art in Ukraine, and the Winnipeg Folk Festival in Canada, etc. By so doing, we have helped Chinese children to



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Chen Bo outlined the many activities around the world of the Soong Ching Ling Foundation.



One of the missions of the Foundation, Chen said, is “to carry forward the great thinking and spirit of Dr. Sun Yat-sen and Soong Ching Ling, and to fully explore their academic and cultural values.” Here, Sun and Soong on their wedding day (1915).

learn about the world, and foreign kids to better understand China.

Since its founding, CSCLF has received tens of thousands of foreign friends, including heads of state, current and former politicians, ambassadors and their spouses, and world celebrities. In addition, CSCLF has also organized many delegations to visit the United States, Canada, Thailand, the Philippines, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Uzbekistan, Ukraine, Russia, France, Austria, and Italy for signing agreements, attending forums, and conducting friendly exchanges. All these visits have produced good impacts.

For many years, CSCLF has conducted fruitful cooperation with UNDP, UNICEF, and WHO, and famous corporations, such as Coca-Cola, Starbucks, McDonalds, Nokia, Toyota, and BMW, etc., in the fields of culture, education, health, medical services, science, technology, and environmental protection. Such cooperation has effectively promoted the process of the internationalization of welfare and charity undertakings of CSCLF.

BRICS and Pan-Africanism: Operational Convergence

Mr. Senny, the Secretary General of the Pan-African League-Umoja, read the following message to the conference. His speech was translated from French.

Dear Comrades,

In the name of our organization, the Pan-African League-Umoja, we would first like to thank our comrades of the Schiller Institute for organizing this meeting. And a most important meeting it is, coming at a time when financial imperialism, which is itself the direct and natural son of global imperialist geopolitics, is constantly organizing itself, and mutating into various tentacles, able to alienate all sectors of our societies.

We would like to express our thanks to the French party, Solidarité et Progrès, which honored us with this invitation to be among you here in Frankfurt. This invitation will allow us to make our fight known to the international anti-imperialist family. We in the Pan-African League-Umoja are convinced that, faced with well-coordinated, united imperialism, we cannot win if we are dispersed, isolated, and disorganized.

We will first briefly present the BRICS, and then Pan-Africanism, independently from that, which is our organization's ideology. We will then show the operational convergence needed, and even urgently, to curb the spread of imperialism wherever possible, in the hopes of defeating it some day.

The Historical Initiative of the BRICS

In addition to the extreme militarization of the world, imperialist geopolitics is based on control of the means of financing national economies. With that, it nullifies the inalienable rights of peoples to define their economic policies freely. The institutions of Bretton Woods, the Club of Paris, the Club of London, and others, are the visible instruments that serve to crush the peoples by violating their sovereignty.

Therefore, the Pan-African League-Umoja welcomes the initiative taken by the BRICS, on July 15, 2014 in Fortaleza, Brazil, to create one of the largest development banks in the world, so as to offer a real



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"The Pan-African League-Umoja is fighting to restore to Africa all the attributes of its sovereignty," against the financial imperialism of the IMF and World Bank," stated Mr. Senny.

development alternative to the World Bank and the IMF.

These five countries—Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa—have a total population of 3 billion people, which is about 3 out of 7 Earthlings. It is high time for them to raise their voice in a world which only heeds the balance of power.

Current events certainly cannot refute that. Indeed, how else can one understand the humiliation that the U.S. courts just imposed on a great country like Argentina, ordering it to pay the vulture funds colossal sums of money? \$1.3 billion to be exact.

We would just mention that Argentina has 41 million inhabitants, and its GDP in 2012 was nearly \$475 billion. The Pan-African League-Umoja, of course, supports the international solidarity movement of all progressive peoples with respect to the suffering Argentinians. This is nothing less than international financial looting.

The supreme humiliation of the Argentinian people underscores the importance of finding alternatives to the dominant financial system, such as the one the BRICS propose with the development bank.

What the BRICS are attempting to do to free themselves from the international diktat, is exactly what the Pan-African League-Umoja proposes for Africa. As everyone knows, international financial imperialism knows no borders, and [the nations of] Africa, more than any other, have suffered unspeakable harm from such deadly policies, under regimes that are often corrupted by an international financial oligarchy.

Pan-Africanism: Liberation and African Renaissance

Pan-Africanism, an ideology inspired by Africa's own specific history, has fundamentally opposed, for two centuries now, the imperialism that Africa has been a victim of, first through slavery, then colonization, and now, neo-colonialism.

For the Pan-African League-Umoja, in the tradition of the historical fathers of Pan-Africanism, the only way to end the imperialism that dominates the African world, is through political unity of the carved-up, weakened African territories that are the involuntary prey of imperialism and, because of that, subject to the influence of different powers, which takes away the sovereignty of the people.

The current imperialism, also called neo-colonialism, maintains the African world in a purely colonial economic structure, which forces it to remain an eternal provider of raw materials and a producer of single crops (monoculture) for export only, while it passively consumes imported manufactured products.

Financially, the Bretton Woods institutions, in complicity with the former colonizers, call the shots in the African world. Almost from the beginning of their construction, African states were prevented from developing, by a series of economic injunctions since the 1980s, forcing them to implement Structural Adjustment Plans imposed by the World Bank and the IMF.

The most blatant case was in 1994, when the IMF had France, the former colonizer of 14 countries of the franc zone, and the real owner of the African Financial Community Franc (FCFA), devalue that currency by 50%. The effects of that monetary blow were horrendous: A product imported from France which was worth 100 FCFA was suddenly, from one day to the next, worth 200. To make up for the 100 FCFA, twice as many of the usual products had to be sold. The purchasing power of the populations in those countries fell steeply and brutally, of course, with no compensatory measures, all the more as salaries had been blocked for some ten years, on IMF orders.

To top it all, the debt of those countries in foreign currency was doubled in FCFA. Thus, ten years of efforts to reimburse the debt by those countries under IMF Structural Adjustment Plans (freeze on hiring, downsizing of health and education budgets, salaries blocked) were simply wiped out.

Therefore, the Pan-African League-Umoja is fighting to restore to Africa all the attributes of its sovereignty. We are well aware of the fact that our political unity

cannot be consolidated unless we also have monetary sovereignty, as the only way to end the monetary repression which inflicts a heavy price on the population.

The initiative taken by the BRICS we term historical, as is their manifest determination to escape from the feudal claws of international financial imperialism.

The real question is whether we will be able to join forces to make our actions operational and successful?

Operational Convergence of Anti-Imperialist Forces

The originality of the Pan-African League-Umoja is that it has been a federalist political movement from the very beginning. It is meant to be established in all African countries—and is so already—with a view to waging political struggles until it can acquire political power.

Our mission is to help destroy the legitimacy of the dominators, and provide our dominated populations with the critical spirit, mobilization, and understanding needed for their own liberation.

For the issues raised by Pan-Africanism are highly political. Who could realize them better than the Pan-Africanists?

The territorial sections that represent the Pan-Afri-

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can League-Umoja in every African territory are fighting to assert power on the lowest levels (neighborhood, association, town hall, deputation). Our sections thus have a different role than that of conventional political parties. In each section, we take care of popular education to combat cultural alienation, and assist our populations in becoming masters of their fate through socioeconomic activities.

How can we, all together in the anti-imperialist family, concretely help all these activists who are doing excellent work with the populations?

Dear Comrades,

As this assembly well knows, imperialism cannot help alternative movements such as ours, which wants to destroy it. On the contrary, imperialism only produces the conditions for its own reproduction.

That is why we issue a call to our comrades of the BRICS to concretely help the alternative movements in countries under neo-colonialism, the natural son of financial imperialism, to come to power.

Conclusion:

The Pan-African League-Umoja is open to partnerships with all organizations and figures involved in the anti-imperialist fight. We invite the anti-imperialist family to work together on the basis on concrete projects to roll back the common adversary on each of our territories.

Thank you very much—*Umoja Ni Nguvu* [Unity Is Strength].

Malcolm Fraser

We Need a New, Open, Inclusive Society

Mr. Fraser, a former Prime Minister of Australia (1975-83), sent this greeting to the conference.

I wish you well in your deliberations. We desperately need a more cooperative and more inclusive world. The West needs to be prepared to recognize, and also to accept, the consequences of past grievous errors. The

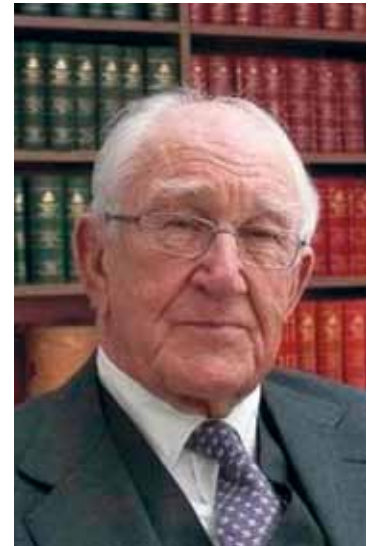
move of NATO eastwards was giving notice that the West did not want Russia as a collaborative partner, but rather as a defeated foe still to be marginalized. It is not surprising that NATO's move has led to a cool, or even to a sour, relationship between the United States and NATO, and Russia. They virtually made a cooperative relationship impossible.

Other Western initiatives have generally ended in failure. The Gulf War to free Kuwait was an overwhelming success, but the possibilities that could have flowed from that war, where 31 nations participated with troops on the ground, were thrown aside by policies of the neo-conservatives and their ideas of American exceptionalism and manifest destiny. In that vision, whatever America did was right, because America did it. The second War in Iraq was an unmitigated disaster, predictably unleashing sectarian violence which has engulfed, and still plagues, the whole region.

The West has begun a new war against Islamic State in Iraq and Syria [ISIS], without the means to complete that war or to achieve peace.

We need a new and more open, inclusive society, where others can participate in making the rules that affect everyone. We have a Monetary Fund and a World Bank, dominated by American and Western interests; it is not surprising that there are now moves to sidestep these institutions and create alternatives.

There is an option, and that is for the most powerful Western nations to realize that there have been great changes in the world, that the strategic context has altered, that other powers such as the BRICS are emerging and that the West should collaborate with them as partners to establish a more equal and a more just world.



Malcolm Fraser, former Australian Prime Minister.

Editorial

Follow APEC's Lead—Write Off Obama

A week after his “political impeachment” by American voters, the leaders at the important Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) annual summit, held in Beijing, accorded Barack Obama an unimportant role. It was a summit whose major development and infrastructure initiatives—the new Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), the even newer “Silk Road Fund,” the Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific (FTAAP)—Obama was trying to stop. He failed, and got neither “refuge” nor “boost” from the downward plunge in which he was headed at election time.

Americans must act accordingly, on their repulsion against Obama and his policies at that time.

The domination of summit developments by the BRICS dynamic, and particularly by China, was unmistakable. Russia and China signed a second major agreement on pipeline construction and natural gas supply to China over the next 30 years; they also launched development of a hydro-power/flood control set of dams along the Amur River in Siberia. China announced the “New Silk Road Fund,” a financing platform for infrastructure investments, which it was inaugurating with a \$40 billion capitalization. And there much more—which we can’t detail here.

The summit also provided the natural venue for beginning to deal with longstanding conflicts, as shown in the meetings between Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and both the Chinese and Russian Presidents.

By contrast, Obama at APEC managed not much more than an announcement of additional visas to the U.S. for Chinese visitors—by “Executive order,” of course.

Against this new “BRICS” international development and growth dynamic, imperial/financial

London and its thin man Obama had assumed they could use national antagonisms and rivalries; that of Japan and China, the previous border and economic disputes between China and India, Brazil-Argentina rivalries, etc. “Nationalism” in service of what? A Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade deal which would give the biggest transnational/imperial corporations and banks *supranational* control over the policies of nations!

The BRICS dynamic, now extended to APEC, is going beyond nationalism, to a higher standard *for sovereign nations* which sets mutual economic growth and development, and scientific discovery and progress for the entire human species, as the objective. This also used to be the creed of the “American System.”

Back in the U.S., small sparks are flying off the stone of last week’s electoral crushing of Obama. Two more Senators, most forcefully Republican Rand Paul, declared that Obama’s Iraq/Syria war policy now violates the Constitution and the War Powers Resolution, and that Congress cannot tolerate this. The White House then “flipped,” calling off the 1,500-troop deployment Obama had just announced, until Congress votes on it. Multiple publications on Nov. 10 ran exposés/attacks on Obama’s White House Svengali, Valerie Jarrett, calling for her to go.

But on the real problem, Lyndon LaRouche said this: “When Obama was on the downturn for the better part of two weeks, he was thrust back into a leadership position, apparently. . . . If he’s not thrown out of office very soon, the circumstances are, objectively . . . that the United States will crash. . . . Obama has to be dumped. And if he’s not dumped, then your life, and your nation, are very much in doubt.”

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