

President Trump's Asia Trip Steps Into the New Paradigm

This is an edited transcription of Helga Zepp-LaRouche's Nov. 16 weekly webcast for the [Schiller Institute](#) or [La-Rouche.com](#).

Harley Schlanger: Hello, I'm Harley Schlanger from the Schiller Institute, and I'd like to welcome you to this week's webcast with Helga Zepp-LaRouche, the founder of the Schiller Institutes.

Obviously, the main topic for this week is going to be the recently-concluded trip of President Trump to China. This was quite spectacular, and as we've been reporting, it represents a decisive shift away from the old policy, the Obama policy of the Asia pivot, into a potential era of cooperation and peaceful development. It was clear from the first summit that took place in Mar-a-Lago, that Trump and Xi Jinping—the President of China—have a very good relationship. It seemed to be developed further on this trip.

So, what are the results in your view, Helga, of this trip? And what are the broader strategic implications of what's going on, given the successful completion of this trip?

Helga Zepp-LaRouche's answer to host Schlanger's first question, is incorporated into the editorial statement above, which leads this issue of EIR.

Schlanger: And I think we probably should point out a little bit more of this media coverage, just to cite



U.S. President Donald Trump and his wife Melania Trump (L), and their hosts, China President Xi Jinping and his wife Peng Liyuan, in front of Taihedian, the Hall of Supreme Harmony, during their visit to the Palace Museum (in the Forbidden City), Beijing, Nov. 8, 2017.

two examples. The *Washington Post* has an op-ed saying that Trump's trip was not the total fiasco most people expected. And an unidentified *Financial Times* correspondent is quoted, "I have to think that in some ways, the Asian leaders are laughing behind his back, and certainly the Chinese are." Now, at the same time, in the United States, as you pointed out, there is an attack on Xinhua, the Chinese press service, saying that they probably should register as foreign agents. And *Russia Today* is now already being put under that form of sanction: They have to register as foreign agents.

We've discussed this before, Helga, but the question keeps coming up. Why is the media doing this? What is it that they're so fearful about in the prospect of coop-

eration between the United States, Russia, and China? I want you to just review that again.

Zepp-LaRouche: An article appeared just today by Willy Wimmer, who was State Secretary of the German Defense Ministry (like a U.S. Undersecretary of Defense) in 1988-92 under Helmut Kohl. He wrote that the media are absolutely like Goebbels. That is true, if one considers that the British, at the end of the Second World War, studied the methods of Goebbels, and they concluded that you have to out-Goebbels Goebbels. They did a pretty good job of that by perfecting the method of total propaganda—as Bertrand Russell said—we have to make sure that the people believe that snow is black and that black is white. Once we have accomplished that, then we have done our job. That’s exactly what they are doing.

People who are subjected to this kind of permanent bombardment with propaganda, cannot possibly even imagine that governments actually exist which are devoted to the common good of their people. But I have made the point repeatedly that anybody who studies it, has to come to the conclusion that a country which lifts 700 million people up out of poverty, and has a clear strategy to get everybody out of poverty by 2020, is devoted to the common good of the people. There is really nothing debatable about it. When China offers the world the Belt and Road Initiative, China is offering that kind of economic development model—the Chinese economic miracle—to other countries, which obviously understand that this is much more attractive than being a submarine in the Pacific for NATO or for some other militaristic group.

The oligarchy, that is, the people who have been conducting geopolitics at least since the emergence of the British Empire, designed the post-World War II order after Truman took power in the United States under Churchill’s influence. While there were certain changes and interruptions with de Gaulle and with Kennedy and with other leaders, there has been a continuity from that period. What you see right now in the United States is on the one hand a full-fledged McCarthyism:

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Sidney Hook, speaking on June 26, 1950 at the opening session of the founding of the Congress for Cultural Freedom in West Berlin.

They never noticed that the Soviet Union has disappeared, that Communism is no longer there, but instead you now have Russia which is not communist. But they have kept the same methods of the Cold War, in order to influence the opinions of the people against Russia and China. They were the ones who tried to create a unipolar world after the Soviet Union disintegrated in 1991, using policies of color revolutions and regime-change, which were all based on lies.

All of these things happened, but I want to move to another subject, which is the exhibition which is taking place in Berlin right now, portraying the history of the Congress for Cultural Freedom (CCF).

This is an institution financed by the CIA from 1950 to 1967, which waged cultural warfare. I did some studies about it some years ago, and it is the most unbelievable operation. At the height of this cultural warfare, this operation owned 120 magazines, and they organized all the musical concerts. They replaced Classical

music with modern music; they promoted so-called “expressionist” modern art. They had professors on their payroll, as well as students, journalists, and trade unionists. They just penetrated every possible institution in order to promote their model of so-called “freedom,” because people were attracted by the Soviet Union in the postwar period, and this CCF operation was used to put an end to that. Most of these left-wing intellectuals didn’t notice who was behind it, but if they did notice, they were sworn to secrecy with the threat of 20 years in jail if they revealed it. This is something people should really study, because this is not something which stopped in 1967, but it continues to operate to the present day.

There was a very revealing article in the *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, which said that what is so upsetting about this exhibition, is that it reveals that this CCF operation of the CIA was not done to promote some reactionary outlook, but that it brought to the fore exactly that left-liberal paradigm which is now the politically correct view held by the entire Western establishment. It is that paradigm which is now being challenged by Russia, by China, by Islam, and by the populist parties of the West.

I find this quite an admission, to say that the present paradigm of political correctness is the result of a CIA operation. People have to really think about that, because that is really what is behind the ferocity of the attacks against Trump. That is why, for example, I would guess, Nancy Pelosi is so absolutely anti-China, which is noted even by the Chinese now, who say that the entire success of Trump’s Asia visit is being attacked just for the sake of U.S. domestic political fights. It is ridiculous to take a strategic relationship of such importance between the two most important countries in the world, and make an internal political squabble of it.

Harley, you have to say something on the CCF as well, because I think it’s important for our viewers that this really sinks in, because this is why people often have such ridiculous views, and they aren’t even aware of it.

Schlanger: I think this is very important, and it’s something that you’ve repeatedly talked about over the years. One of the main intentions we had in making this webcast was not just to bring out the truth against the filth of the fake news which is 24 hours a day, 7 days a week—but to raise this more profound question of the nature of man. The aim of the Congress for Cultural Freedom is precisely to spread the idea that man is

driven by animal instincts. Therefore economy must be organized around greed and self-interest, and people should be focused on their own immediate enjoyment and pleasure. This goes back to Bentham and Adam Smith and the British empirical school. The fact that this was imposed by the CIA—and there are many, many documents that verify this, as you mentioned, from the magazines, the reports, and the journalists. There was a German editor not that long ago, who said that all German news was filtered through the CIA, that in a sense, the journalists were all on the payroll. So, it does continue.

Now this is something that the Schiller Institute was uniquely set up to combat. Not just the idea that when you tell the truth, that will lead people into a new paradigm; but that people need to reflect on what is the actual nature of man. Are we just animals—are we just beasts and creatures of comfort?

It’s also worth noting that this same grouping, which is now attacking Trump, President Xi, President Putin, and others, was the group that targetted your husband, Lyndon LaRouche, and put him in prison in 1989, through the work of George Herbert Walker Bush and others. He was deemed a threat to this system. And the person who oversaw that case against LaRouche, was none other than the amoral legal assassin himself, Robert Mueller. I think it is important—and people can go to the [Schiller Institute](#), or go to [larouchepac.com](#), and there’s plenty of material on the Congress for Cultural Freedom. This is quite significant.

Helga, my question for you is: These are also the same people who created the European Union, and are now promoting this idea of destroying national sovereignty. I wonder if you’d like to just add to that?

Zepp-LaRouche: The whole idea of a united Europe, the idea of a Europe of the regions, going back to the Pan-European Union, to Coudenhove-Kalergi—these were the same people who believed in “racial hygiene.” They admired Hitler’s race laws. This grouping helped to bring Hitler into power. The form this takes now, is that because of the absolutely unjust economic policies of the Troika [European Commission, European Central Bank, and the International Monetary System] imposed on Europe, there is now a dissolution of Europe. The East European countries are turning away, and the separatism in Spain is now spreading. There is actually the possibility that the EU is not going to last in its present form.

There was a rather remarkable study by the Bundeswehr (German army) in February, which predicted six different scenarios under which the EU would cease to exist, leading to, in the worst case, in which most of the European member states joining a Russian bloc by 2040.

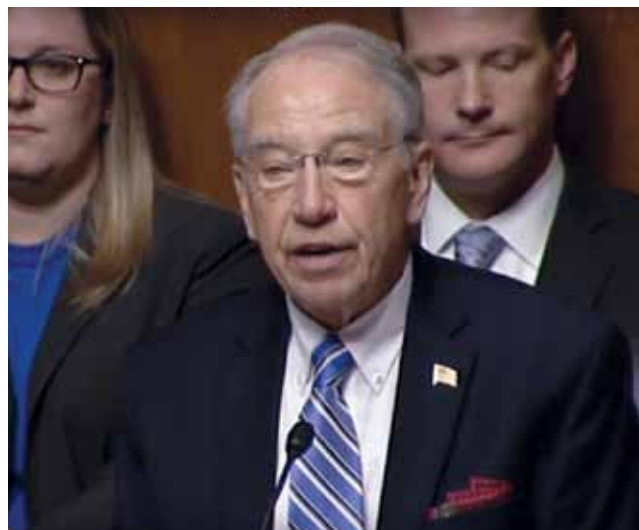
The EU in its present form as a supranational institution, has taken away more and more of the sovereignty of its member nation-states, and cannot survive. That is why we are also warning that we really have to pay attention to the fact that the next financial crash is about to happen. The EU has just once again eliminated the possibility for the separation of commercial banks from investment banks, as happened with Franklin Roosevelt's Glass-Steagall act. They have once again permitted the use of the same kind of derivatives which made the 2008 crisis so devastating.

So, I think we need a new conception. We have said many times that we have to move to a completely new basis for international relations, where sovereignty is respected, and where differing social systems are respected. We need to have a new paradigm where mankind comes first, where the common aims of mankind are put before all differentiations into national interests. That is exactly what Europe has to orient to if it is going to survive.

Schlanger: I think if people listen clearly to the quote you read from President Trump in China, you see that kind of spirit reflected in what he said. It was a very interesting speech. Also, what he said in Vietnam, where he talked to the people of Vietnam about how we share the horrible effects of the Vietnam War, and that when we honor veterans, we honor them not for fighting, but for reflecting a commitment to a principle of the nation. I think we're beginning to see this reflected in what the President is doing.

In this context, we now have all the new stories coming out trying to defend the Steele dossier, and the *Guardian* of London is taking the lead in this; it has taken the lead in this from the beginning. But for instance, in his discussion with the press after his brief meetings with President Putin, President Trump unloaded on Clapper and Comey and Brennan and others. Where do you think the Russia-gate attack stands right now, with all the investigations and information that has come out?

Zepp-LaRouche: If you listen to the media, at least



Senator Grassley's office

Senator Chuck Grassley, Iowa, Chairman of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee.

in Europe, you would never find out about it, because you would only hear new allegations about the supposed collusion of Trump's son and what-not. But the fortunate development is that there are several initiatives coming from the Congress and from the Senate, which put the spotlight exactly on the FBI, on the collusion with British Intelligence, and on the question of what was the role of Hillary Clinton. Why did the Obama Administration co-finance the "dodgy dossier" of Christopher Steele? This comes from several Congressmen who have written an open letter asking Attorney General Sessions to appoint a special investigator to investigate all of that. Then in the Senate, Senator Grassley is continuing to put the spotlight on these questions, so I think it's a battle. It's not yet decided. I think there was a new barrage against Trump when he came back, and there are several Congressmen who started an impeachment procedure against Trump, which I don't think has any chance of success at all. But it is just more mud being thrown, and judging from what President Trump said on the plane when he flew to Vietnam, he really was very clear which side committed the crimes. I can only hope that his spirit, which was reinforced on his trip to Asia, will carry through, and there will be an investigation of all of these people. I think it's much more hopeful than you would assume if you only listened to the media—because I think that there is a certain determination coming from many sides. It's coming from the Tea Party, and it's coming from the Bernie Sanders' supporters.

And there was just a very important event on Sunday, Nov. 12 in Manhattan, where William Binney, Diane Roark, Ray McGovern, and Sean Stone, showed the movie “A Good American,” which portrays the work of William Binney, who was in the fourth most important job in the NSA, when he resigned in protest after September 11th happened. He said that what was implemented then, went completely against the ethics of a patriotic intelligence person in the United States. Therefore, he left the NSA. And now he has proven with forensic evidence that there was no Russian hacking. President Trump asked CIA Director Pompeo to meet with Binney to review this evidence—which did not prevent Pompeo from repeating the statement afterwards that there was Russian hacking. But I don’t think this line will hold up.

What is at stake is that the crimes of that apparatus could be exposed big-time, and I think that would really liberate the entire world, if this operation could finally be terminated.

Schlanger: One final point on that, was the interesting parallels between recent statements by President Trump and people like President Putin and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov—that they’ve identified these problems as coming not from the current Trump Administration, but from Obama. There’s a mythology that continues in the media that Obama solved the economic crisis, and that he was actually much better at international relations. I don’t know if you remember this, Helga, but on his last trip to China, in contrast to the greeting given to President Trump—when President Obama got off the plane for the G-20 summit, they had no stairway to let him get down from the plane. He was stuck for twenty minutes on Air Force One. So this idea of Obama as being the great hero, is one of the things that is going to have to be challenged.

Just finally, on your sense that we now have moved into this new Europe. What do you expect in the weeks ahead with the Chinese initiatives and what will come out of Europe and the United States in reaction to these initiatives?

Zepp-LaRouche: I think Europe is in a very shattered condition. Maybe a “Jamaica” coalition can be formed in Germany; (It’s called the Jamaica coalition because the colors of the parties making it up are those of the flag of Jamaica.) But they have not come up with answers to any important questions. They are discuss-

ing the most unimportant issues, and I think this is not going to be of any lasting significance. [*Editor’s note: coalition talks broke down on Nov. 19.*]

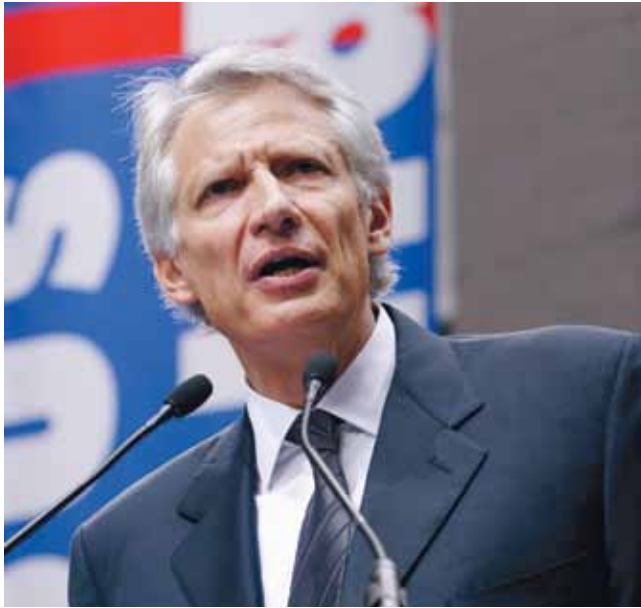
The other European countries are in disarray. At the same time, there is a groundswell of industrialists and other groupings wanting to join the Silk Road. Right now in Germany, in Hamburg, in Bremen, in Frankfurt, in Dusseldorf, in Stuttgart, and in Munich, business groupings and chambers of commerce are organizing conferences or friendship societies. So, there is a groundswell of people recognizing that there is a new paradigm developing, and they want to be part of it. Given that, in Eastern Europe, Central Europe, the Balkans, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Switzerland, Austria, and France, very important voices are calling for this.

For example, French President Macron sent Raffarin, the former prime minister, to attend the Beijing Belt and Road Forum in May. He gave a very good speech. Now, another former French prime minister, Dominique de Villepin, also came out and praised the 19th Congress of the Communist Party of China, saying that this was absolutely in line with the aspirations of Europe for peace, for cooperation, and for a multi-polar world. So, what I’m saying is that while the EU in Brussels, and unfortunately Berlin, are putting on the brakes in respect to joining this new paradigm, there is a groundswell of more and more people who realize that that is really the way to go.

I would think that the impact Trump’s Asia trip has a similar effect in the United States. Especially those states which are immediately affected by his economic and trade deals, such as West Virginia, Ohio, Alaska, and a couple of others—I think all together a total of twelve states have been affected positively by economic deals.

I think the word will spread, and one of the purposes of this webcast is to bring people up to date, to point your attention to these developments, and to actually ask you to help. This webcast is meant to get people active. Join the Schiller Institute. Help us to spread the conception that a new relationship among nations is absolutely possible, and it’s already becoming a reality. Don’t sit on the sidelines. Become active with us, because this period has a tremendous potential.

Last week we talked about the fall of the Wall and the great historical chance that that represented. But I think if you look at the possibility that mankind can move to a completely new era where there is prosperity for everybody and peace among nations, this defines a



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Dominique de Villepin in 2010.

new era of civilization. I have the complete conviction that—provided that there is not some great tragedy like a financial crash for which no solution is implemented in time, or some other crisis kicked off around some

incident, some fake story—I think that the new world view is taking over.

The popular culture of the West has become a culture where everything is allowed, where there are no criteria, there is no standard, no morality—that is something which will not last. It is a false belief, it's an ideology, a deviation from the true nature of man, and I think it will disappear in a similar way to the way scholasticism disappeared, because it was an inadequate idea associated with a certain period of history in Europe originating in the Middle Ages. And it vanished. Today, you don't have scholastics, at least not in this old form.

So, I'm confident that the chance is here to have a new renaissance, to have an uplifting of people, where the best traditions of all cultures, of all nations and cultures of this planet are revived, and out of that development, a new renaissance can be created. I think that that is an absolutely realistic possibility. So, be happy and join us!

Schlanger: Well Helga, thank you for your optimism and your work in spreading the spirit of the New Silk Road. We'll see you next week.

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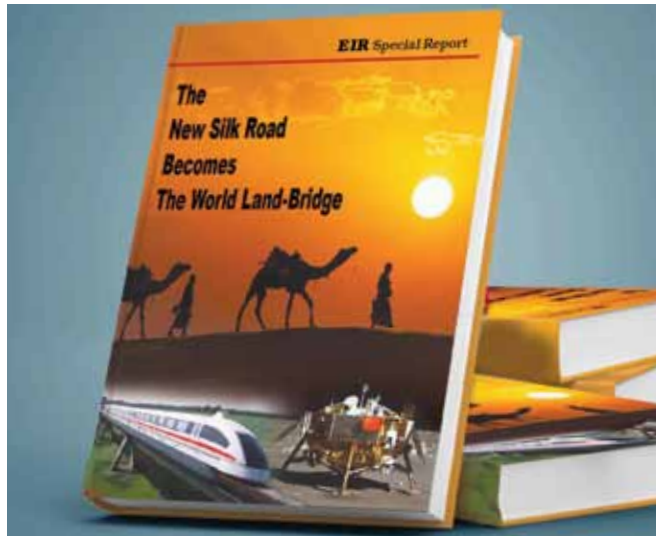
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