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Christ washes the feet of his apostles: "For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done for you." Gospel of John, 13:1–17.



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Correction. In our last issue, we published a photo of Israeli journalist Gideon Levy of *Ha'aretz*, but misidentified him (in the film review, "*Tomorrow's Freedom: Why Palestinian Leader Marwan Barghouti Must Be Freed*," by Gerald H. Belsky, see p. 34). In the film, Levy recalls that, as the Oslo accords came to naught, Barghouti "warned us. He went to the central committees of all the Israeli parties begging them to do something before it explodes!" Former Israeli Justice Minister Yossi Beilin is also characterized and quoted in the film, but is not pictured in our article in *EIR* Vol. 51, Number 13, March 29, 2024.

EDITORIAL

From Palestine: The Way To Celebrate Easter

March 30—This week saw a new extreme of lethal hypocrisy by the United States, unchallenged still by its NATO allies, but clear for all to see, with horror. While U.S. government leaders have spoken out for years demanding the world respect “the rules-based order,” even “the rule of law,” the same leaders this week said this does not apply to any rules Washington chooses to ignore. U.S. State Department spokesman Matthew Miller said on March 26 that the UN Security Council Resolution passed March 25, is “non-binding,” in its text calling for the Israeli attacks on Gaza to stop and mass humanitarian aid to begin. The U.S. will continue its military support to Israel, even if the Congress itself has not authorized more funding.

On March 29 it came out that the Biden Administration now has committed a new shipment of bombs and bombers to be sent to Israel. This is Washington’s answer to the United Nations. Though reported by the *Washington Post*, frequently unreliable, the account has not been denied by the Pentagon or the State Department, which reports that 1,800 MK-84 2,000-pound bombs will be supplied to Israel, and 500 MK-82 500-pound bombs. In addition, 15 F-35 stealth jet fighters will be supplied.

This arms commitment to Israel comes one week after the Congress passed a budget, in which it was specifically stated that, for the next 12 months, no U.S. funding will go to the UN agency which has been administering aid to Palestinians in Gaza, the West Bank, Lebanon and Jordan. This is the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA), which has been administering such aid since it was established in 1949.

Instead, the U.S. backs such ploys as seen today, when a three-vessel convoy departed Larnaca, Cyprus,

with 400 tons of food and other supplies, for Gaza, operated by the U.S. charity Open Arms. This is the second such waterborne shipment, and not even an eye-dropper amount of food relief. But the donors cynically note it includes dates, traditionally used to break the daily fast in Ramadan, according to today’s *Stars and Stripes* report. On March 29, the U.S. made another airdrop of food aid on Gaza. More hypocrisy.

The UN International Court of Justice (ICJ) on March 28 issued an order that Israel open more over-land crossings and take other measures to expedite massive food and relief aid. Thousands of truckloads are stalled out in Egypt, unable to get through the sole Israeli-run gateway to Gaza at Rafah. Last week, Israel issued an edict that trucks are not to go to northern Gaza to deliver aid. That still stands. The official death toll in Gaza is now 32,705.

One by one, other nations are stepping apart from the U.S., and resuming funding to UNRWA. The latest is Japan, whose government announced March 28 it will resume contributions. Donations from Germany and France were confirmed this week, and in the last 10 days, Australia, Canada, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, and Iceland have announced resuming funding. It appears that nine of the original 17 nations—led by the U.S.—along with the European Commission, which had stopped funding for UNRWA, have now resumed funding.

What is required is a complete break with the U.S./NATO rule, and measures of sanity and morality: immediate ceasefire, full-scale aid, start-up of the preliminaries for the “Oasis Plan” infrastructure-building approach throughout the entire Eastern Mediterranean and greater intercontinental region. This, in turn, requires conferring to [establish](#) a new international eco-

conomic development and security architecture, based on the principle of mutual benefit to all.

There are mass actions and other initiatives underway this weekend. In London today, multiple thousands are again demonstrating at Trafalgar Square. In Germany, the traditional Easter marches and rallies are underway, with a target of 70 major cities, and many small towns. Started in the late 1950s as anti-war demonstrations, the rallies this year have adopted the theme, “Now More than Ever, Together for Peace,” and focus on stopping arms to Ukraine, negotiations with Russia, as well as ceasefire in Gaza.

The International Peace Coalition (IPC), spanning all continents and “positions” on the common principle of stopping the countdown to nuclear war, yesterday included as speakers to its meeting several members from the organization that sent an open letter of warning to President Biden on March 25. The [letter](#) by the Veteran Intelligence Professionals for Sanity was titled, “VIPS MEMO: The French Road to Nuclear War.”

The IPC’s own open letter, from March 22, will be circulating at religious services in cities from Montreal, to Washington, D.C., to Houston this Easter weekend. It is titled, “[Our Outcry Must Not Come Too Late!](#)”

The singular intervention to make the point that “hypocrisy as usual” will no longer be tolerated, was that made in New York City March 28 by [Diane Sare](#), independent candidate for U.S. Senator from New York. She broke up the controlled environment of the three Democratic Presidents—Biden, Obama and Clinton—at their glitzy Radio City Music Hall fundraiser. She asserted to all, before the cameras, that they are warmongers, and idiots. She unfurled a large banner, “War Pigs All.”

Last night, the coverage of the event in [New York](#) magazine led off with Sare’s intervention, giving the link to her X account, though without mentioning her

by name. The article began, quoting her: “‘YOU IDIOTS!!!!!’ It was shortly before 9 p.m. last night, and a 58-year-old anti-war activist who’d paid \$1,000 for her seat near the stage at Radio City Music Hall was yelling at Stephen Colbert and the three Democratic presidents ... [as they escorted her out], she turned back and screamed one more time, ‘YOU’RE ALL OUT OF YOUR MINDS!’”

Another leading world activist, the Rev. Dr. Munther Isaac, also this weekend intervened to address what we are all called upon to do. A Palestinian, Dr. Isaac is the pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Christmas Church in Bethlehem, Palestine, where he commanded world attention for the nativity scene he created in December, showing the infant Jesus not in a manger, but amid war rubble; and he said in his Christmas sermon that, “[If Christ were born today, he would be born under rubble in Gaza....](#)”

On Good Friday yesterday, Isaac was interviewed by *Al Jazeera* on the crisis for Palestinians, and was asked what his message is for Easter. He spoke for many minutes on the unspeakable situation in Gaza, and on the decades of Israel’s occupation of Palestine. He said there is a “misconception that this is a conflict.” No, it is “a daily reality of oppression and apartheid.” We can say, “Our Good Friday has lasted way too long.... We have been living in sorrow for way too long.” However, he pointed out, “both people in the streets and in the churches” around the world, now “disagree with their governments” tolerating this, and people should act. They should do so at Easter. Using religious references, he made a universal call for people to become active. He said that, “Sadly, too many people think of celebrating Easter in a very individualistic way,” but we have to think of others. Thinking that way, he said, you can draw hope from the Easter greetings, “[Christ is risen, He is risen, indeed.](#)”

I. International

International Peace Coalition Meeting

We Must Not Lose Our Humanity

by Daniel Platt

March 29—The 43rd consecutive weekly online meeting of the International Peace Coalition (IPC) began today with an acknowledgment of the importance of the recent memo issued by Veteran Intelligence Professionals for Sanity (VIPS), titled “[The French Road to Nuclear War](#),” and it was noted that some of the authors of that report were participating in this IPC meeting, including Scott Ritter, former UN Weapons Inspector in Iraq; Ray McGovern, former analyst for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA); and Coleen Rowley, former FBI special agent and whistleblower.

Schiller Institute founder Helga Zepp-LaRouche opened the proceedings by recalling the film, [Storm Over Asia](#), released by her late husband, Lyndon LaRouche, in 1999. During its first ten minutes, this film describes the ongoing “Great Game” of conflict between the Anglosphere and the Asian powers, why it is happening, and who is doing it. At that time, the active conflicts were in the North Caucasus region, but we see the same dynamic going on in Ukraine now. French President Macron’s threat to deploy 20,000 troops to Ukraine is, said Zepp-LaRouche, “a very tricky situation,” and added that she thought it was of great importance to have members of the VIPS on the call to have dialogue with important speakers from France and elsewhere. The recent terrorist attack on the Crocus City Hall music venue, located in Krasnogorsk, Moscow Oblast, adds another dimension of danger: Russia has compiled substantial evidence that the attack came from Ukraine, including large amounts of money in cryptocurrency deployed to sponsor it.

Zepp-LaRouche reported a number of positive developments, including the decision of the Irish government to join South Africa in its action against Israel before the International Court of Justice (ICJ); the [resignation](#) of Dr. Annette Sheline from her State Department position in protest against U.S. support for the Likud coalition’s genocidal policy in Gaza; and

the [momentum](#) to free Palestinian political prisoner [Marwan Barghouti](#), the one figure who could unify all Palestinians.

Following Zepp-LaRouche’s remarks, a special statement from Dennis Kucinich was read, who was a U.S. Congressman from Ohio from 1997 to 2013, Mayor of Cleveland, and is now an independent candidate for Congress. Kucinich stressed his support for non-violent conflict resolution through diplomacy.

Scott Ritter, a signer of the VIPS memo on Macron’s threat to deploy French troops to Ukraine, said that such a move “would begin a ladder of escalation” that would lead inevitably to a nuclear confrontation. He described the mind-set of NATO leaders as a “Casino-based addiction,” which leads the afflicted party to follow up on the stupidity of his initial bet by mortgaging his house and spending his kids’ college fund. Russia does not intend to move on to Poland or the Baltics, Ritter said; Russia’s security is threatened by NATO’s “irresponsible expansion.” Russia proposed a new European security framework in 2021—Ritter advised Western leaders to go back and study it now.

Col. (ret.) Alain Corvez, former advisor to the French Defense and Interior Ministries, described himself as “totally aligned” with the views of Zepp-LaRouche and Ritter, and elaborated on his reading of French President Macron’s insane proposal to send French troops to Ukraine. Leader of France’s *Solidarité et Progrès* party, Jacques Cheminade, described President Macron as “puerile and dangerous at the same time,” noting that he has displayed photos of himself on social media showing his biceps, as well as hugging Brazilian President Lula da Silva: behavior that is “full of contradictions.” Cheminade asserted that the economic and financial collapse of France “explains the flight forward.”

Coleen Rowley, another signer of the VIPS memo, recalled that there have been 70–80 such memos, and

they have all been correct. She said that it has been sad to witness continual lies that have led to unnecessary wars, noting that when leaders become desperate to maintain power, they become reckless, and lose their ability to reason. They start believing their own propaganda. Unlike Russians, Americans have not experienced the costs of war on their own soil.

Helga Zepp-LaRouche strongly agreed on this point; the present generation has no idea what war does. For them, war has been reduced to a video game in which you can simply re-start the game when you lose.

Ray McGovern began his remarks by reminding the participants that he has served in uniform, and he knows a bit about war. On the other hand, Joe Biden, Tony Blinken, Jake Sullivan, know nothing about war. Biden had “as many deferments as Dick Cheney—five, count them.” Because of the media, Americans have no idea how close we are to a three-front war. McGovern recalled, “I was alive during the genocide of Jews” during World War II. Was there anyone of moral standing who spoke out against it? Very few. He shared the story of Albrecht Haushofer, a German active in the anti-Nazi resistance, and quoted from Haushofer’s [sonnet](#) titled “*Schuld*” (Guilt), which was found after he was executed in prison. He concluded by saying, “It’s Good Friday.... I would just remind you that we are not to be discouraged.... There are enough of us.”

During the discussion period, people shared problems and successes they had encountered in their efforts to organize. A high point was a report on the previous night’s intervention by U.S. Senate candidate Diane Sare at the \$25 million fundraiser for Joe Biden in New York, with guest stars Bill Clinton and Barack Obama. Sare had devised an ingenious banner of super-thin material, which she was able to smuggle into the event under her clothing. It read “WAR PIGS ALL,” and she unfurled it directly in front of the podium. As she was dragged out, Sare was videoed shouting,

“You’re all out of your minds; you’re going to take us to nuclear war with Russia.” This video has gone viral. Sare’s intervention was quickly followed by others, including by members of Jewish Voice for Peace.

Cliff Kiracofe, former Senior Professional Staff Member of the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, made an interesting observation about the Crocus City Hall attack, concerning the Tajik ethnicity of the perpetrators. Russia has suggested that Britain may have played a role in organizing the attacks. During the 19th century, the British were recruiting and manipulating Central Asians for their Great Game. The Islamic Renaissance Party, illegal in Tajikistan, has its headquarters in London.

A Connecticut peace activist, new to the IPC, said that many people she works with want to know if there is the possibility of sending UN peacekeeping troops to Gaza if Israel continues to disregard the ceasefire resolution. Ray McGovern responded by insisting that, contrary to statements by U.S. Government officials, the resolution is binding *de jure*. He said that the Israelis now admit that the 1967 war was launched without provocation, and [UN Resolution 242](#) is also binding, though no one has enforced it. Things may be different now. It is certainly unconscionable to allow 90 Palestinian children to die every day. Coleen Rowley added that there are options and avenues for further enforcement of UN and ICJ measures. The strongest would be peacekeepers; before that, economic sanctions would be an option.

In closing, Helga Zepp-LaRouche reminded the participants that Easter marches are an old tradition in Europe. She urged everyone to go out and leaflet them. In the U.S., activists can go to churches with leaflets. As an official in Bavaria recently reminded us, you can’t have both guns and butter, so there will be increasing austerity demands which will make people more desperate. We must not lose our humanity: the right to develop and become beautiful souls.

Diplomacy, or Collision of Two Galaxies?

The following is an edited transcript of the weekly Schiller Institute dialogue with Helga Zepp-LaRouche on Wednesday, March 27, 2024. Embedded links have been added. The video is available [here](#).

Harley Schlanger: Welcome to our weekly dialogue with Helga Zepp-LaRouche, founder and chairwoman of the Schiller Institute. Today is Wednesday, March 27, 2024. I'm Harley Schlanger and I'll be your host. If you have questions or comments, you can send them by email to questions@schillerinstitute.org.

Helga, let's begin with developments from the last few days: First there was the UN Security Council vote on a new resolution, calling for a ceasefire in Gaza. This time it passed, with 14 votes and 1 abstention. The U.S., instead of vetoing it, abstained, which means it passed. And also then, the filing in Geneva of a report by the UN Special Rapporteur for Human Rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territories, Francesca Albanese, who said that the time is now to stop genocide against the Palestinians.

Now a viewer has written to us saying: "The pressure on Biden is obviously increasing to get a settlement, as is the pressure on Netanyahu to stop the genocide. But what more must be done to assure compliance on a ceasefire, and move to a real peace in the



UNRWA Facebook page

A child fetches water in Gaza.

Middle East?" And she writes, "I have registered for the [Oasis Plan conference](#)." So those are the first questions for you.

Helga Zepp-LaRouche: The UN Security Council vote is binding. But then the question is, will Israel regard that as obligatory to follow? And if not, the question is what other measures must be taken?

In any case, we can only suggest changing the entire outlook: That is why the Oasis Plan conference must be a really powerful intervention, and I think what you can do is help us to build the conference. Get as many individuals as possible, but also organizations—from the region, from Southwest Asia, but also from the United States and from Europe and other parts of the world—to put in their weight, because this is so enormous. The United States could have stopped it from the very beginning; now they are under pressure to do something. But the big question is, will they? And I think the only thing one



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The Security Council adopts Resolution 2728 (2024), demanding an immediate ceasefire in Gaza for the month of Ramadan, on March 25.

can do is to have the whole world, like a powerful chorus, demanding that the suffering of the people in the region should stop, and therefore that the [Oasis Plan](#) should be implemented. Just imagine, if the BRICS countries would all say that, if all the neighbors would say that—Saudi Arabia, the Emirates, Iraq, Syria, Türkiye—and then beyond that all the countries of Europe. And if everybody would demand that, it could happen! So that is the purpose of this conference: that we can build momentum and show people a vision for how, through economic development, peace can be established.

But I think it does require, like everything else in this incredibly dangerous moment in history, it does require an enormous amount of mobilization of people of goodwill. So, help us to build this conference. And help us by pointing out people we should contact; people you are contacting. Get mayors, city councils, congress members, parliamentarians, to endorse it. The more such voices we have, the better.

Schlanger: This is an online conference, and you can register for it at the [Schiller Institute website](#). It will be on April 13, at 11 a.m. EDT. And this is one of those moments in history where the kind of discussion that is going to take place will be outside of the control of the establishment, which means we can assure it will be an honest, serious discussion. So, take what Helga is saying seriously and help us to build for it.

Now, Helga, on that there are some more emails that have come in on the same general idea of what you were just proposing. For example, one person writes: “The system is collapsing, its leaders have little support. What about a call for a global general strike?” And someone else asked, “What about an international day of action? Are there other ideas that the Schiller Institute has that can move the situation much more quickly in the right direction?”

Zepp-LaRouche: Well, in theory that would be a good idea, but I don’t know how practical it is. If we



U.S. Army/Sgt. Anthony Ford

NATO Steadfast Defender 2024 exercise— here in Poland—on March 11. Steadfast Defender, involving all 32 members of NATO, began in January and continues into May.

were to call for an international strike, who would follow? An international day of action sounds more practical.

But I think the way to look at it is that we have to organize people on the idea that we need a completely different approach, because we really are on the verge of World War III. The Veteran Intelligence Professionals for Sanity (VIPS)—this is a group of American dissidents, one could say, formerly working for the military, CIA, the State Department, National Security Agency—they have formed this organization known as the VIPS, which just released an incredibly important [memorandum](#) to President Biden about the proposal by French President Macron to send French troops—any NATO troops—into Ukraine. The memo makes clear that Macron’s proposal brings us to the brink of nuclear war. And there are rumors that there are already 2,000 troops prepared to be sent. The VIPS warn that if not stopped, this would lead the Europeans as well as the United States into to a nuclear war; what could become annihilation.

This is very important, because that is the reality, and we will probably get more into this in terms of the terrorist attack in Moscow. If you look at what’s happening, we are in a completely out-of-control situation. Therefore, we must quickly initiate a discussion that we are the intelligent human species; we are gifted with reason and capable of defining solutions out of a seem-

ingly hopeless situation. That is why I have proposed since November 2022, the idea of a [New International Security and Development Architecture](#), which must take into account the interests of every single country.

I think that is a concept which is extremely important for people to start to discuss; to think about what it would mean to create a world order where every nation can live! Because if we do not get off the geopolitical confrontation between NATO on the one side, Russia, China, on the other side, a little mistake—there are people who say, “Oh, no. This will never happen. They won’t let it occur.” Well, if you look at the history before World War I and the history before World War II, you can clearly identify in each case the moment when it was too late. You can’t predict the future, because there is such a thing as free will and you can always change the dynamic. But looking back in history, you can definitely say, at that moment it was too late. And we are right now in such a period where nobody knows, but a lot of people are absolutely scared, because the present establishments do not seem to be guided by wisdom, but in part by illusionary dreams! And I think that’s very scary.

So, my suggestion is, we could think about an international day of action. We now have the Easter celebrations next weekend. In Europe, many marches are being planned. You should go there; deploy. We have a leaflet on our website, [“Our Outcry Must Not Come Too Late!”](#) You can download this leaflet, in multiple languages from the [Schiller Institute social media](#). If you don’t have that leaflet, take another one. Go to these marches, which will be held in many places in Europe. And in the United States, you can go to church services; take this leaflet, go there and distribute it. Contact our offices and let’s build! Because to make a day of action worldwide, it does require some preparation. But if you mobilize this coming weekend, that would be a first step.

And then think about a larger effort which would be the idea of a [New International Security and Development Architecture](#): That requires more organizing, but you can enter that discussion with us right now.

Schlanger: We have an email from a contact from Palestine, who was quite upset by the meeting that took place between Israel’s Defense Minister Yoav Gallant and U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin. He said: “What a hypocrite! Austin said more must be done for humanitarian concerns for the Palestinians, but that the



UN Photo/Loeys Felipe

Francesca Albanese, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories—illegally occupied by Israel since the Six Day War in 1967—briefs reporters after submitting her report to the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva on March 26.

United States would continue to support Israel.” And he said, “Don’t they see, children are dying every day. Mothers are dying, grandparents are dying; there’s starvation everywhere. Don’t they see that the world is looking at them as a bunch of immoral, evil hypocrites?”

Zepp-LaRouche: I think the report which you mentioned in the beginning by [Francesca Albanese](#), who is this UN Special Rapporteur, she made a speech yesterday in Geneva before the UN Human Rights Council, in which she presented her findings of her report that she’s called, [“Anatomy of a Genocide,”](#) and she goes again through all arguments and descriptions which we know already from the International Court of Justice.

Yes! It is genocide! It is perpetrated before the eyes of the world public. And I said this a long time ago: This is the moral test, that if we cannot stop that, if we cannot intervene in such a way to immediately stop this, it falls back on whether we are morally fit to survive as a human species? And I’m afraid to say that for some places, the answer is almost clearly “no,” because the governments, which after all of this evidence has been presented and is accessible—It’s not like the Nazis 80 years ago. There, people could with some credibility claim that they didn’t know; and that is still being discussed and investigated by historians: how much did people know? And the majority for sure could not know and did not know because there was an effort to conceal it.

But in this case, there is no effort to conceal it. It’s

out there in front of the eyes of the world, and therefore I think that that is really a test of our ability to survive as a human species: Are we humans or are we not?

We need to mobilize to shift this as we discussed with the Oasis Plan for Southwest Asia.

Schlanger: Helga, you mentioned the “VIPS Memo: The French Road to Nuclear War.” There was another, similar comment this week by Viktor Orbán, the Prime Minister of Hungary, who referred to the talk of the war-hawks at the European Union Summit, backing the Macron proposal. He said it was like “entering a second galaxy.” A friend of the Schiller Institute in Europe said: “While these kinds of interventions are crucial, are there others in Europe speaking out against Global NATO? And what can be done to bring more people out?”

Zepp-LaRouche: I think there are people—I think the image which Prime Minister Orbán uses about the “two galaxies” is exactly right, because sometimes you have the feeling there are people, like probably many of those watching this program, who are extremely concerned that the present geopolitical confrontation is bringing mankind into a danger like never before. And I think they are aware of the fact that, because of the breakdown of trust, breakdown of all disarmament agreements and arms control agreements, that the present situation is much, much more dangerous than at the height of the Cuban Missile Crisis! Because at that time, Kennedy and Khrushchev did still talk to each other; there were back-channel discussions, so the situation could be defused.

Now, if you had, like after this March 22 terrorist attack outside Moscow, if it comes out that the attack traces back to the Anglo-American countries, which is mooted—Putin and the FSB have basically said that they’re investigating who gave the order to ISIS to conduct these terrorist attacks. If that leads to countries in the West, we could be in a situation

much worse than the Cuban Missile Crisis in minutes. Therefore, I think there are people who are concerned with that. And we know many of them, not all of them, but I would say it’s a significant minority.

But then you have the other galaxy, and these are people who say, “Oh, the Russians are only bluffing. Don’t worry. We already crossed so many red lines and they didn’t do anything—so let’s cross another red line.” And I think that that is really scary: Because the people who are in that other galaxy seem to be completely numb in terms of the danger that represents for the entire existence of civilization. I think the main



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The Crocus City Hall amphitheater, one day after the terrorist attack on March 22, 2024 that killed at least 144 and injured more than 551. Crocus City Hall is a Moscow-area venue for rock concerts.

problem we have is that the NATO apparatus is controlling the narrative. Sometimes little cracks occur, like Victoria Nuland losing her position, because of the cracks in the whole thing.

But for the most part, I think the key question is can we mobilize the conscience and the sense of self-preservation, self-reliance in the majority of that other galaxy in time?

Schlanger: I do have a question for you that came in on the terror attack in Moscow. This person writes, “Whether it was Ukraine or not that was directly behind it, the authors behind this are the same as those behind the proxy war with the intent to destroy Russia. And you can see it from some of the neocons, who are gleeful about this happening against Russia. It’s clear they

have no humanity. But, what does this say about the problems in the Western media that continue to attack Russia, saying ‘this is Putin’s fault, Putin deserved it’?” The question is, “What can you say overall about this attack that occurred in Moscow?”

Zepp-LaRouche: I think one argument I was reading earlier was that in civilized societies, you would condemn any kind of terrorism no matter who is the target. And somebody said when some atrocity happened in Ukraine, in Berlin, the Brandenburg Gate was illuminated in the colors of Ukraine, yellow and blue. So, is the Brandenburg Gate being illuminated now in the Russian colors? Obviously not. So that reflects how the world is not civilized and people are condoning things which are totally inhuman.

But I think this is really a very dangerous moment, because [Putin just met with the prosecutors, investigators](#), and other officials, and obviously instructed them to conduct the investigation. And if it turns out that it was not just this ISIS—Putin raised the *cui bono*: Who would profit from it? And I can only advise people, look at the video my late husband, Lyndon LaRouche, made in 1999: It’s a two-and-a-half-hour video, called [Storm Over Asia](#). But if you watch the first 10 or 15 minutes, it is absolutely breathtaking. This was at the time of the wars in the North Caucasus, and he said that the people who have been involved in the Great Game for a very long time, they have these terrorist mercenaries, which are recruited and deployed for whatever purpose in a destabilization against Russia, China, Iran. And if you listen to Lyndon LaRouche in that video—just listen to the first 10 minutes or so, and you will get an absolute grasp of what is happening now. You replace “North Caucasus” with “Ukraine,” and everything corresponds to the situation today.

I think it is that deep-rooted Great Game destabilization of trying to dismantle Russia—and nowadays, you have the Jamestown Foundation; you have this other organization, called “Free Nations of Post-Russia Forum,” and they are definitely talking—and probably not only talking—about dismantling Russia; cutting it into 12 or more pieces. And I think the Russians are extremely aware of this fact. That’s why when we cross

the line—and Putin has reaffirmed, he is not changing the nuclear doctrine of Russia, which this [Sergei Karaganov](#) had suggested. Putin said, no, he will not change the nuclear doctrine, which says that if the territory of Russia is threatened, Russia would probably deploy nuclear weapons.

But my whole reading of the situation is that anybody who is playing with the use of nuclear weapons as the means to settle this conflict, is clinically insane. And I’m pretty much convinced that both China and Russia will do everything possible to *not* use nuclear weapons. But if you have these kinds of destabiliza-



Russian President Vladimir Putin at a March 25 meeting on measures being taken after the terrorist attack at Crocus City Hall.

tions—Wars never work as they are planned: You have an incident. As a reaction to this terrorist attack near Moscow, there was an incursion where a Russian missile for 39 seconds or so entered the Polish airspace, and immediately, naturally, other fighter planes took off. It’s these kinds of little things which could trigger a catastrophe. And we should not forget that right now, we still have until May this very large NATO maneuver, called Steadfast Defender 2024, where 90,000 troops are being deployed. They’re rehearsing the transference of large numbers of troops and so forth: It’s these kinds of maneuvers which could go out of control, very quickly, if some accident occurs. That’s why I’m asking for a change in mentality; that we have to stop this thinking that—and right now I think it’s really on the edge.

Schlanger: OK, now here's a question for you from someone from Italy, saying that they rely on the Schiller Institute for an analysis of what's happening in Europe; and they write: "What happened to the Meloni government? Supposedly it was going to be anti-NATO, possibly anti-European Union; instead, it's become pro-war, pro-NATO. And they also broke the Memo of Understanding with the Belt and Road Initiative with China. What happened?"

Zepp-LaRouche: I think it's exactly what happened many times, that somebody claims to be for sovereignty of a country, like in that case, Italy; or in France, there are many sovereignists. But then, when push comes to shove, somehow the strings are pulled, and then people are pro-European Union, pro-NATO, pro-war, pro-weapons delivery to all kinds of places. I think unfortunately that the present system works in such a way that they have their cluster agents—their agents of influence—and they make sure that each organization is staying in line. You can actually make a list of such people—in journalism, in the political parties—who have that kind of a role. And unless people start to recognize that as part of the system of control, I think it will continue to work that way.

I think, concerning the Memorandum of Understanding, right now there is enormous pressure by the EU to not have relations with Russia and China. This plays out right now, for example, in the western Balkans; there are elections in the next several days, and Serbian President Vucic said that in the next two, three days, there will be enormous challenges in his country.

So, I think there is an enormous effort to try to prevent such a thing. But on the other side, I think the voice of the Global South, of the countries that suffered from colonialism for 600 years, even if they are all under attack—You see what's happening in Egypt right now, with the IMF; in Ethiopia, also similar. There is now a new scandal being discovered in South Africa; Argentina naturally is under massive attack with President Milei in there.

So, it's not a battle without difficulties, but given the fact that the Global South is the Global Majority—they represent 85% or so of the world population—I think that the danger is that everything, everybody is being pulled down. But I'm also quite confident that the majority of the countries of the world, right now with the BRICS-Plus, that there is actually an effort

to create a new economic system, where everybody can actually develop and develop their own resources, and become, not super-rich, but to have a decent living standard for all of their people. That is a wish, and that is a trend of the time, which I think is stronger than all the efforts of destabilization.

Schlanger: Well, in response to what you've been discussing, we have two new questions that just came in. One is: "How can basic beliefs and social values be depoliticized voluntarily and not forcibly?" And related to that is a question: "The Schiller Institute emphasis on cultural dialogue against the Great Game is so important, based on the concept from your fundamental principles that all human beings are made in the image and likeness of God. Is there an effort underway to get more artists to speak out, as part of the bigger effort of the International Peace Coalition?"

Zepp-LaRouche: Yes. I just this morning had a very good discussion with some friends about the need to strengthen the dialogue of civilizations. Because, I think many of our viewers, that's you, probably in these very, very difficult days, sometimes have a feeling that the whole world is becoming so horrible—many people say, "I don't watch the news anymore, because it's just one horror show after the other"—that it is so important to keep a sense of beauty, to keep a sense of creativity, to keep a sense of what mankind is capable of in a positive way, which is expressed in the composition of Classical music, of beautiful poetry, of beautiful paintings. So, I will take your question as a reminder and as an encouragement: We will have many, many efforts to organize Classical concerts, a Dialogue of Civilizations representing the best expressions of Chinese culture, of European culture, of African culture: And have that be the substance of discussion among people. I think this is so important to uplift the soul, because this sort of having a vision of what mankind *should* be, that should motivate us to try to realize it in reality, rather than proceeding from reality and then going straight to hell, because that's where we seem to be headed.

I think the task of poets and musicians to uplift people is more important now than ever before. So, if you are an artist, contact us, help us to build concerts and such dialogues of culture.

Schlanger: I have one more question from someone who identifies herself as an old friend of the late, de-



EIRNS/Stuart Lewis

Lyndon LaRouche speaks in a Sept. 30, 2011 webcast.

parted Renée Sigerson, who says that she's very hopeful that the [LaRouche Legacy Foundation](#) will be putting out more material and making it available. And she asks, "Where does that program stand right now?"

Zepp-LaRouche: Oh, that is definitely making progress. We have now the second volume of *Collected Works of Lyndon LaRouche* at the printer, so you can expect that to come out fairly soon. That will be a beautiful collection especially of cultural writings, on music, on poetry, and you should definitely put in an order right now.

And then the [LaRouche Library](#) which is being developed by the LaRouche Legacy Foundation is also making tremendous progress. So, you should go to the website and look for it yourself. It's an enormous amount of work because my late husband was an extremely prolific writer: In the times when he was in his best capacity, he would write up to 80 pages a day! And not just articles, but with footnotes, with graphics, with everything, so that editors had almost no work to finish the article for production. He authored, I would say, the equivalent of—I would say over 100 books, and thousands of articles. And there are also many videos, audios, communications of all kinds. So, it's an enormous amount of work, but we will make it all available, because I think to study Lyndon LaRouche at this time, to study his economic theories, to study his analysis of history, his incredible insights into Classic-

al composition, that is, I would say the most important thing you can read at this moment.

Schlanger: Helga, those are the questions I have for you. I think it would be useful in summary, for you to once again give people a sense of what the intention is from this conference on April 13, "The Oasis Plan: The LaRouche Solution for Peace Through Development Between Israel and Palestine and for All of Southwest Asia."

Zepp-LaRouche: This coming Friday we will have another Zoom meeting of the International Peace Coalition. It will be very important, and you should contact us to be connected and be part of it. Because we will have guests—two or three members of the VIPS, the Veteran Intelligence Professionals for Sanity, to discuss the memorandum they wrote to Biden on Macron's proposal to bring troops into Ukraine, and the danger of nuclear war. We very likely will have a leading retired military officer from France, who will be in a dialogue with these VIPS people: So that will be an extremely fascinating event. I can tell you, one of them will be Ray McGovern, and there will be others. So you should join that, because you should want to be part of an International Peace Coalition: We have to unify all peace-loving people around the world to be strong enough, because you have many groups, here and there, but since they're not unified, their voices are not sufficient to really influence the policy. So that's the first thing.

Then, on April 13, we will have this Oasis Plan conference. We will have an extraordinary combination of speakers, from Palestine, from other countries from the region: experts on water, on desalination, on nuclear energy, on all kinds of aspects of the realization of the Oasis Plan. Try to help us build that conference: Get invitations to all elected officials, to all members of parliament, city councils, state legislators, mayors, other groups that should be concerned. And let's build a movement for peace through development. I think that's the most important thing you can do right now.

Schlanger: OK. I think that's all we have time for, Helga. Thanks for joining us this week. And as always, we expect to see you again, next week.

Zepp-LaRouche: Yes, and try to become active with us.

South Africa's Foreign Minister in U.S. To Find 'the Better Angels of Our Nature'

by William Jones

March 27—South African Foreign Minister Naledi Pandor travelled to the U.S. and Jamaica, March 18 to 26, to clarify misconceptions about South Africa and its vision for the world, holding many meetings and speaking events, both public and private, including with members of government, members of Congress, business leaders, academics, and religious figures. In doing so, she was also looking for “the better angels of our nature,” as Abraham Lincoln once put it. South Africa has been under attack recently because of its refusal to be railroaded into an anti-China and anti-Russia crusade, and for its courage to stand up to the obvious Israeli genocide ongoing in Gaza. It has even become the subject of a bill in the U.S. Congress calling for a reevaluation of America's relationship with the country.

South Africa, however, has refused to be bullied in this way and has instead defended its independent identity and principles. At the end of last year, its government initiated proceedings against Israel at the International Court of Justice, alleging that Israel's ongoing, retaliatory slaughter of Palestinians in Gaza violates the UN Convention on Genocide. This action has caused some furor in the Biden Administration and in the U.S. Congress, who deem applying such a measure against its closest ally in the Middle East as absolutely unacceptable.

Earlier this year, two Republican Congressmen introduced legislation into the U.S. House of Representatives calling for a general reduction in U.S. relations and trade with South Africa if it does not distance itself from China and Russia, and take an open stand in support of Ukraine in NATO's war against Russia. According to Dr. Pandor, bending to such pressure from the U.S. would violate South Africa's “sovereign independence.”



UN/Violaine Martin

Naledi Pandor, Foreign Minister of the Republic of South Africa, addresses the High-Level Segment of the UN Conference on Disarmament, March 1, 2022.

Minister Pandor is intent on clarifying the motivations behind South Africa's positions and actions, both for the Administration and for Congress. She participated in a public event at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington on March 19, where she underlined the changes that have occurred in the world economy over the last few decades, in particular the emergence of the countries of the Global South as a major force in the international arena. She said that South Africa fully supports the global world order based on the United Nations, but indicated that, in light of these changes, there must also be changes in the United Nations and in the Bretton Woods institutions.

She rejected the accusation that South Africa was taking sides with the “authoritarian nations” against the “democracies.” The notion of “authoritarian countries” was “not in her logbook,” she said, noting that countries may have differences between them, but that shouldn't lead them to brand each other as

enemies. When asked about the failure to bring about an end to the genocide in Gaza, she replied,

We as humanity need to look at ourselves in horror and dismay, and we need to be really worried that we are setting an example for those really authoritarian regimes.

Pandor also rejected the claim that South Africa was siding with Russia in its conflict with Ukraine. “We talk to both sides,” she said, and noted that South Africa has participated in all the “working groups” called by Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky to discuss the conflict. “But we also insist that there have to be talks with Russia,” she emphasized, noting that the issue of “security” involved all the parties at the table. She also indicated that President Zelensky would be coming to South Africa sometime this year.

Looking for ‘the Better Angels of Our Nature’

The South African Foreign Minister is also on something of a fact-finding mission while she is in the United States, visiting civil society organizations and think-tanks to see if the real America, as she has known it, is still intact. For example, she participated in a roundtable discussion with the U.S.-Africa Business Center of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. She also met with leaders of religious organizations, which included speaking at a meeting organized by the Muslim Public Affairs Council at the South African Embassy.

Minister Pandor addressed a reception in Washington honoring both American activists who assisted South Africa during its struggle against apartheid, and the South African diaspora. Dr. Pandor is, in fact, an old friend of the United States. As she explained in an interview with *EIR*’s Marsha Freeman, [published](#) in the Winter 2011/2012 issue of *21st Century Science*



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Minister Pandor told EIR’s Marsha Freeman that she had been inspired by Eleanor Roosevelt—the wife of President Franklin Roosevelt—who was loved across Africa as the defender of African American rights and the leading drafter of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the UN General Assembly in 1948. She is seen here with UN Assistant Secretary General Henri Laugier of France in 1947.

& Technology, she took much of her inspiration and her vision as a young woman from Eleanor Roosevelt, and expressed, at that time, the hope that she would see that vision again become a reality in the United States. It must unfortunately be admitted that official U.S. policy has deviated drastically from the days of the Franklin Roosevelt Administration, and most especially from the vision of First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, but it is not entirely extinguished in the hearts of Americans.

When asked about her intent to talk with the organizations of “civil society” outside of the Washington Beltway—she travelled, for example, to Chicago—she said that she had an interest in understanding—

the degree to which they continue to be aligned with the values that drove many organizations to support South Africa’s struggle against apartheid, to have an appreciation as to whether these values still hold, or whether they are so fundamentally altered that we are dealing with a totally different America.

At an informal and private meeting March 20 at Howard University's Center for African Studies, Minister Pandor elaborated more fully on the reasons that South Africa raised the genocide issue at the International Court of Justice. She noted that South Africa had learned about democracy and human rights from the example of the United States, and that they took these lessons seriously. These criteria should encompass all countries, she stressed, and when a country violates those norms, they should also be held to task, whether you like them or not. She totally rejected the attempt to characterize those who condemned Israel's bloody operation as "anti-Semitic." When you go into a country and declare that you wish to eliminate the problem of hostility among the people by killing them or expelling them, it is quite clear that you are committing genocide, she said.

She cited the African philosophy of Ubuntu, variously translated as "humanity towards others" or "that we share a common humanity," to describe South Af-

rica's principled stance today. There can be no "double standards" among nations in that respect, she insisted. At Carnegie, when asked about the need to establish global "norms," she put it this way:

There is the impression that the weak must respect [the rules], the weak should implement them, but the powerful can do what they want, and they will not be found wanting in any way.

During the Q&A at Howard, she also pointed to the South African experience during apartheid, no doubt reflecting the way South Africa views Palestine and Hamas. In South Africa's fight against apartheid, she said, they first issued resolutions demanding a change in the status of black Africans in the country. When that did not work, they then organized protests. But when these were crushed, they had to organize an underground, which carried out a variety of more forceful actions. That was the last resort, she noted, but it ultimately changed the conditions in the country and brought down apartheid.

Pandor also made the point that there should be no attempt to divide African nations based on geopolitical issues, referring to the U.S. attempt to organize African countries into an anti-China front. She emphasized that South Africa supported the international order based on the United Nations. This doesn't preclude reform of the UN, she added, stressing in particular the need to reform the Security Council, where important measures can be stopped by the vote of a single country. "The United Nations must be able to act on questions of peace and security," she said.

She said that her number one message to the United States was that if you harm South Africa, you harm Africa, and that the U.S. and South Africa should work together as partners.

In response to a question on "climate change," she gave a clearcut answer as regards priorities. "You can't talk about the environment without talking about development," she said. She stressed that concern for the environment can only be implemented when you have "sustainable development." She also emphasized the importance of scientific cooperation between the U.S. and South Africa, in particular, praising the role that Howard University had played in promoting such cooperation through the years.



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U.S., Mexican Farmers Find Common Interest vs. Cartels, Big Finance

by Gretchen Small

March 29—The groundwork has been laid for Mexican and U.S. farm leaders to actively join forces, together with European farmers, in a common fight to defend their right to produce good food, and more of it, for the people of the world. The message of support sent by 22 U.S. farm leaders to a March 15 meeting of their Mexican counterparts called by the “National Front To Save the Mexican Countryside,” set this needed process in motion, by addressing “our common fight to save independent family farming, and independent national economies everywhere.”

Mexican farmers had formed the Save the Countryside movement in the spring of 2023 as independent food producers across the country began sending their tractors into the streets in protest against economic policies which are bankrupting them. The topics on the agenda at their March 15 meeting, held on the sidelines of this year’s annual three-day ExpoCeres agriculture fair, were big: the world food crisis and the urgency of renegotiating the fraudulent free trade agreements, restoring parity pricing and a national agricultural plan, and the urgency of building the great water projects to confront the deepening North American-wide drought—and the shortage of sufficient fresh water even in non-drought periods.

Organizers opened the meeting by reading the message from the U.S. farmers in Spanish, as the English original was projected onto a large screen behind them. The statement caused a commotion. Many of the producers were surprised to hear



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Alberto Vizcarra Ozuna (left) and Baltazar Valdez Armentia at the Mexican farmers' press conference, March 15, 2024.

American farmers denouncing the same system which is crushing them! They had assumed that U.S. ag producers had benefited from the last 30 years of NAFTA



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Corn destroyed by drought in Texas.

free trade policies at the expense of Mexican ag producers, as the mass media and lots of political leaders had told them for years, but now they were hearing otherwise.

The U.S. farm leaders stressed the common interest shared by farm producers on both sides of the border:

Our common enemy is the monopolistic complex of global banks, and transnational corporations. They impose a below-cost-of-production trade policy. They prevent a parity-oriented price policy, which would maintain the farm producer sector in each of our countries, and in nations around the world.

They are stealing the “family farm” culture out of agri-culture. The same agro-financial complex has prevented infrastructure construction in North America, to serve our common interest in necessary improvements, especially water systems—dams, canals, irrigation, desalination, flood control. They block high-tech power, transportation, health care and thousands of other projects.

The U.S. farm message proposed common action:

Now is the time to stop this destruction. Re-control trade. Build infrastructure and set the agenda for a new economic system worldwide serving productive forces—from farmer producers to manufacturing, not globalist, speculator predators. Our fellow ranchers and farmers are on the streets in Europe, and in India. There were hundreds of farm demonstrations in the Americas in 2023. We fight here in the U.S.... We stand with you and look forward to working together to get the job done.

(See the full statement and the signers below.)

The message was read by Baltazar Valdez Ar-



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Pictured here are some of the leaders of the National Front to Save the Mexican Countryside who led the meeting of the movement held during this year's Expoceres, the big annual fair in Sinaloa, known as the granary of Mexico. Los Mochis, Sinaloa, March 15, 2024.

mentía, a leading ag producer from the state of Sinaloa (one of the breadbaskets of Mexico), who plays a key role in the national Save the Countryside movement. When he finished, he gave it his whole-hearted support. “The world needs more production,” he told the meeting. Wars and geopolitical issues are determining the rules, not the so-called “free market,” and this is wiping us out. “It is clear that the problem is international, and we have to see it that way in order to be able to measure our forces accordingly.”

That message then shaped the several-hour discussion which followed.

The Save the Countryside leaders gave the message further prominence at the press conference they had called on their meeting, by also reading it there before they made their statements. Two local papers published articles on the movement's meeting, and reported that a message from U.S. farmers had been read. One article emphasized the message of the Mexican farm leaders that the “[Farm Crisis Is Worldwide](#).” The other reported Valdez's charge that ag producers in Mexico, the U.S., and Europe face the same disastrous policies from governments pressuring farmers to give up farming. [He was quoted](#): “It is very clear that this situation is caused by the world's large financial consortiums.”

Change the Speculative System, or Go Under

Mexico's Save the Countryside movement was organized out of a recognition that, in order for protests to succeed, ag producers have to propose a solution, and that nothing short of a change in the speculative financier-run system will work. They have been fighting to get their fellow producers to understand that merely fighting for some measly financial handout from the government will not save them, because the existing parasitical system as a whole is collapsing and only a return to a system based on tried-and-proven principles of physical economy will work. This effort has been strengthened as Mexican farmers see "spectacular mo-

linked to food production. Private, global agro-financial corporations have subjugated the government of [Mexican President] Andrés Manuel López Obrador, as they have done with most European governments and others in the Americas.

The growing outpouring of producers from Germany, France, Spain, the Netherlands, Poland and other countries, who have taken thousands of tractors and farm equipment to the highways to gather them in front of government offices and parliaments, protesting against the same free trade policies affecting Mexican pro-

ducers, is an unequivocal sign that the world's producers will not accept being sacrificed on the altar of the markets controlled by Wall Street and London in the Chicago Stock Exchange and other speculative centers.

When we are suffering from a government cowed by these forces, and from presidential candidates who, out of ignorance or complicity, refuse to discuss the structural problems affecting the countryside and the national economy, it is up to the people, as the repository of national sovereignty under the Constitution, to organize ourselves

with the necessary strength to reestablish the powers of the Mexican State and protect national food production, as well as the economic development and industrialization of the country.

Organizing Presidential Candidates

The movement has done just that. With Mexico's presidential elections scheduled for June 2 this year, that campaign is in full swing. Last Jan. 8, when one of the two leading presidential candidates, Xóchitl Gálvez, agreed to meet with agricultural producers in the northwest of the country, more than a thousand producers turned out for the meeting. Baltazar Valdez addressed the meeting and the candidate, in the



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Mexican farmers rally to defend their right to produce good food in 2023. One of their banners reads, "Get wheat and corn out of the Chicago Board of Trade! Parity prices for grain!"

bilizations of hundreds of tractors" occupying the capitals of Europe, from Berlin to Brussels and Paris, and other developing nations joining forces in an effort to create such an alternative system around the BRICS.

A statement [posted Feb. 5](#) by leading Save the Countryside organizer Alberto Vizcarra Ozuna gives an idea of the kind of organizing this movement is carrying out. He wrote:

We are witnessing the end-stage of an economic, commercial and financial model that, accustomed as it is to speculation, has for decades disregarded development and social welfare, especially socio-productive activities

name of the National Front To Save the Mexican Countryside.

It's time for Mexico's ag producers to wake up, Valdez Armentía stated from the outset. There are measures we can take to solve the great crisis we face. He held up the statement on the crisis prepared by his movement, which he then gave to the candidate. The document identifies the root of the crisis as being the abandonment of the policy of maintaining national food security through parity pricing and government protection which Mexico had maintained for a half century, from 1934–1982. The policy shift that occurred starting in 1983 towards the free trade policies then codified in NAFTA and today's USMCA, has left grain prices to be decided at the whim of international speculative markets, it charges.

With limited time to speak, Valdez summarized the four measures the movement argues must be taken to save Mexico's food and farmers:

1) Urgently revise the agricultural chapter of the USMCA, in order to correct all regulations which harm the farmers, and, at the same time, take up proposals that Mexico diversify its foreign and economic relations by turning towards the BRICS for alternative trade relations and joint investment projects, to get around the control by the cartels that ma-

nipulate prices on the Chicago Board of Trade, and the like.

2) Establish national production goals, and ensure those goals can be met through a universal policy of parity pricing for basic grains, and establish reasonable tariff policies to prevent cheap food imports from harming national producers.

3) Return to a policy of developing water resources, rather than today's doomed effort to manage existing resources. Great infrastructure projects, like [the Northwest Hydraulic Plan \(PLHINO\)](#), and seawater desalination plants to supply coastal cities, must be built.

4) Re-establish all the policies which Mexico employed from 1934 to 1982 to protect and develop the productivity of Mexican agriculture. "We are not proposing a return to the past; we are proposing re-establishing the basic economic principles" which assured social well-being.

Valdez Armentía told the candidate and the mass of farmers listening that he was willing to meet any candidate willing to listen, with the message: "Forget ideologies and dogmas. Let us be really practical. Let us take up again what worked for 50 years, and throw out everything in the last 30 years which has not worked."

Salute to the Farmers and Ranchers of Mexico, Our Comrades in Common Purpose

March 26—*The following message of support and policy, signed by the 22 U.S. farm leaders from 14 states, whose names follow, was read in Spanish translation to farmers meeting at their conference in Los Mochis, Sinaloa, March 15, to discuss how to overcome the extreme crisis they, too, face today.*

We farmers and ranchers in the U.S. salute you in Mexico. We greet your organization, the "National Front To Save the Mexican Countryside," and its deliberations at your March 15 conference. We respect and value your guts and courage in our common fight to save independent family farming, and independent national economies everywhere.

Our common enemy is the monopolistic complex of global banks, and transnational corporations. They impose a below-cost-of-production trade policy. They prevent a parity-oriented price policy, which would

maintain the farm producer sector in each of our countries, and in nations around the world. They are stealing the "family farm" culture out of agri-culture.

The same agro-financial complex has prevented infrastructure construction in North America, to serve our common interest in necessary improvements, especially water systems—dams, canals, irrigation, desalination, flood control. They block high-tech power, transportation, health care and thousands of other projects.

Now is the time to stop this destruction. Re-control trade. Build infrastructure and set the agenda for a new economic system worldwide serving productive forces—from farmer producers to manufacturing, not globalist, speculator predators.

Our fellow ranchers and farmers are on the streets in Europe, and in India. There were hundreds of farm

demonstrations in the Americas in 2023. We fight here in the U.S., and we encourage and support our brother farmers, ranchers, and all food producers in Mexico.

In this spirit, we send our support to your conference, “Let’s Recover a Sovereign Policy in Food Production.” We stand with you and look forward to working together to get the job done.

Robert “Bob” Baker, Leesburg, Virginia; Former Grain and Livestock Producer; Director of Schiller Institute Agricultural Commission

Jon Baker, Harper, Iowa; Cattle and Grain Farmer; Agricultural Bank Vice President and Loan Officer; Vice President of the Iowa Stockgrowers Association

James Benham, Versailles, Indiana; Former State President of the Indiana Farmers Union; National Board Member of the National Farmers Union

Bill Bullard, Billings, Montana; Chief Executive Officer, R-CALF USA (Ranchers-Cattlemen Action Legal Fund United Stockgrowers of America)

Mike Callicrate, Colorado Springs, Colorado; Cattleman; President and Founder, Ranch Foods Direct

Angel Cushing, Allen, Kansas; Goat Farmer; Independent Farm Activist against the Green New Deal / 30×30 land grab

Frank Endres, Corning, California; Wheat and Cattle Rancher; National Board Member of National Farmers Organization (NFO) and of R-CALF USA

Taylor H. Haynes, M.D., Laramie, Wyoming; Rancher; President, and member of the Board of Directors, Organization for Competitive Markets

Angela Huffman, Wharton, Ohio; Sheep Farmer; President of Farm Action

Wilbur Kehrli, Manchester, Iowa; Cattle, Pigs and Grain Farmer; Board of Directors of American Blue Cattle Association, retired

Bill Kluck, Mud Butte, South Dakota; Sheep and Cattle Rancher; Chairman of Sheep Committee, R-CALF USA; on Board of Directors of South Dakota Stockgrowers Association

Vaughn Meyer, Reva, South Dakota; Cattle Rancher; Former President of the South Dakota Stockgrowers Association; Former President of the Organization for Competitive Markets

James Moore, Alaska; Fisherman, Past Chairman of the Alaska Trollers Association

Eric Nelson, Merville, Iowa; Farm/Feeder and Rancher; Vice President R-CALF USA, and Director, Region VII (Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin)

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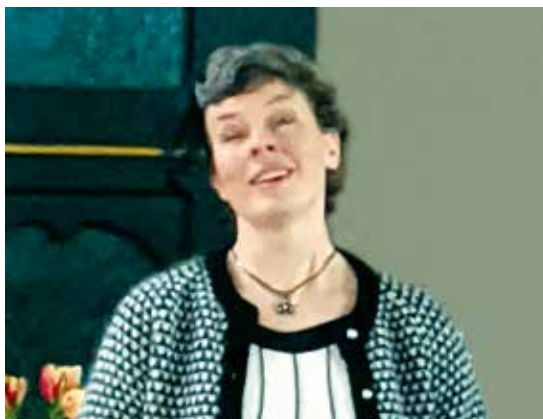
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II. Culture

Music for Peace— A Perspective from the Universe

by Philip Ulanowsky

March 28—Civilization has long known that even the most difficult conflicts can be enduringly resolved when participants rise above the fog of fear and ordinary concerns in order to see each other and approach the problems from the clearer perspective of their common humanity. Among the best vehicles out of murkiness is music. Those old enough to recall the 1989 fall of the Berlin Wall, which had divided East from West for 38 years of the Cold War, may recall how many Classical and other musicians gave free concerts in celebration. Today, as we stare into the opening jaws of the nuclear annihilation being



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Signe Fribo Jeppesen, soprano, at the Music for Peace concert in the Thalkirche (Church in the Valley), Wiesbaden-Sonnenberg, Germany, March 16.

pushed by frightened and enraged circles in NATO, with the appearance that our fate is sealed, music once again serves to elevate the viewpoint of audiences to a higher realm.

On the initiative of a political organizer of Albanian heritage in Denmark, a small, free concert was given on March 16 in Wiesbaden, Germany—a country otherwise known for the Ramstein military base. Under the heading “Music for Peace,”

Feride Istogu-Gillesberg assembled a group of committed musicians to present both instrumental and vocal selections of music from Albania, Denmark, Sweden, Germany, Italy, Austria, Russia, and Ukraine. Originally planned for Stuttgart, the concert had to be moved to the charming Thalkirche Wiesbaden-Sonnenberg, but found a warm reception.

The program announced,

In a world that has come apart at the seams, a dialogue between different nations marks an important ray of hope that unites people through beauty and reminds them that we are all part of the common human family and can enrich each other through the beauty of different cultures. Art, and music in particular, is a universal language that speaks



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Soprano Feride Istogu-Gillesberg accompanied by Adeline Ushaku Hashani.

to the heart and opens our souls to beauty.

German translations of the song lyrics were read first, with the wry comment that “international understanding is easier when you know what the other person is talking about.” Though this has not moved many national and other leaders to ascend from their ideological entrenchments in recent years, wings of song lifted the concert’s participants.

The audience was treated to a wide scope of music by an international group of performers. Violin Sonata in F major by George Frideric Handel; three Albanian folk songs; Trio Sonata VIII by Arcangelo Corelli for two violins and piano; Ludwig van Beethoven’s arrangement of the Ukrainian folk song *Schöne Minka*; two Danish songs by Lizzie Fribo Jeppesen and the Swedish *Freds-sang* (Peace Song); the *Adagio* movement from Johann Sebastian Bach’s Concerto for Two Violins; a Ukrainian folk song; two Russian songs, one by Fribo Jeppesen and one by Sergei Rachmaninov after a poem by Heinrich Heine from his *Book of Songs*; the serenade from Joseph Haydn’s “Serenade Quartet”; two German folk songs set by Johannes Brahms; and finally, the lively *Only One Globe*, another composition by Fribo Jeppesen, this one in English. To conclude the evening, the performers and their



Feride Istogu-Gillesberg, soprano.

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friends invited everyone to join in singing the lovely canon (round) *Dona Nobis Pacem* (Grant Us Peace).

Istogu-Gillesberg, a soprano, was joined by soprano Signe Fribo Jeppesen (the composer’s daughter); pianists Werner Hartmann and Adelina Ushaku Hashani; violinist Caroline Hartmann; and Claudio Celani, who sang and also played violin, viola, and guitar as called for!

According to one participant, “The audience was enthusiastic, and the unanimous opinion of those involved was that the experiment was

a success and could serve as a model for further events of this kind.” An outbreak of others would undoubtedly be welcomed, not as an entertaining escape from harsh realities, but to give voice to the cry for peace.



Violinists Claudio Celani and Caroline Hartmann.

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III. From Lyndon LaRouche

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In the Garden of Gethsemane

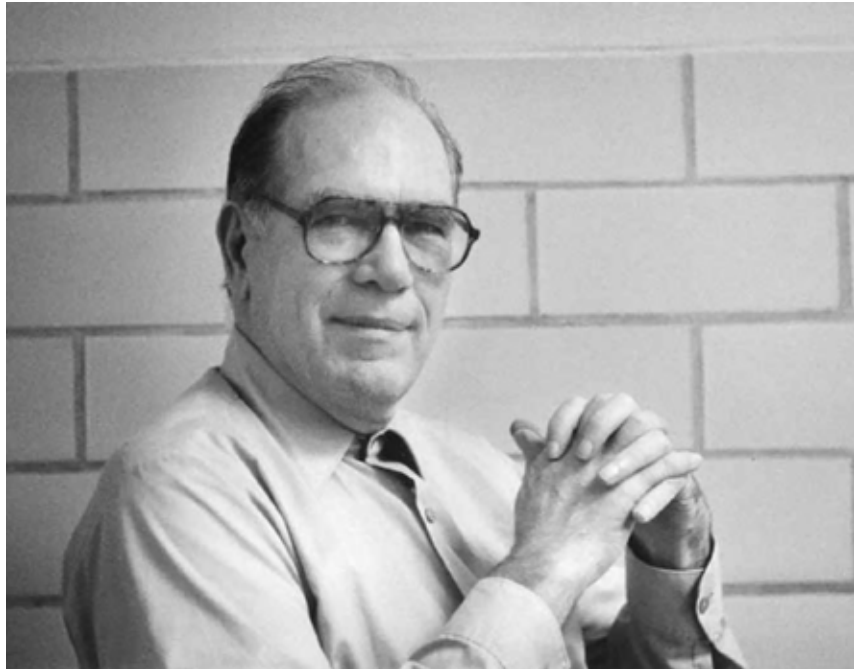
by Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.

*A prophet is not without honor,
save in his own country.*

—Matthew 13:57

Those of us who find ourselves in Gethsemane—a Gethsemane where we are told that we must take a role of leadership with our eye on Christ on the Cross—often experience something which, unfortunately, most people do not. We tend to look at things from a different standpoint. Before trying to situate how I see the recent period, and the period immediately before us, I should try to communicate what my viewpoint is, a viewpoint which I know is shared in some degree of very close approximation by everyone who has gone to Gethsemane with the view of the Cross in his eyes, saying, “He did it, I am now being told that I must, too, walk in His way.”

What I suggest often, in trying to explain this to a person who has not experienced it, is to say: “Imagine a time 50 years after you’re dead. Imagine in that moment, 50 years ahead, that you can become conscious and look back at the entirety of your mortal life, from its beginning to its ending. And, rather than seeing that mortal life as a succession of experiences, you see it as a unity. Imagine facing the question respecting that mortal life, asking, “Was that life necessary in the total scheme of the universe and the existence of mankind, was it necessary that I be born in order to lead that life, the sum total of that number of years between birth and death? Did I do something, or did my living represent something, which was positively beneficial to present generations, and implicitly to future generations after



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me? If so, then I should have walked through that life with joy, knowing that every moment was precious to all mankind, because what I was doing by living was something that was needed by all mankind, something beneficial to all mankind.”

If I am wise, then 50 years after my death, in looking back at my mortal life, I know that from the beginning with my birth, to the end with my death, that my truest self-interest was the preservation and enhancement of that which made my having lived important to those around me and those who came after me.

That is the beginning, I think, of true wisdom; that is the beginning of the Passion, which sometimes enables each of us when called to walk through our own peculiar kind of Gethsemane. It is from this standpoint, that

the mind of an individual such as our own, can efficiently comprehend history in the large.

A second point, which I often raise, I think is essential to understand the few simple observations I have to make here. It is that, in human reason, in the power, for example, to effect a valid, fundamental scientific discovery, which overturns, in large degree, previous scientific opinion, we see a fundamental distinction between man and all beasts. This power of creative reason, typified by the power to make a valid, fundamental scientific discovery, and also the power to transmit and to receive such a discovery, is that which sets man apart from and above the beasts.

The emotion associated with that kind of human activity, whether in physical science, in the development of creative works or performance of creative works of classical culture or simply in the caring for a child to nurture that quality of potential for discovery in the child, is true love. Creative activity is human activity, and the emotion associated with that kind of activity, is true love.

We start from that and say that society must be based on these considerations, that every human being, being apart from and above the animals, has the right and the obligation to live an important life. Every human being has the right to do something, such that if one looked back 50 years after the death of that person at his or her whole mortal life, one could have said, that life was necessary to all humanity. At the same time, one could distinguish some use of this creative power of reasoning as the activity which made that life important, simply, sometimes, the development of that creative power.

We have, in the entirety of the approximately 2,500 years of Western European history, which includes the history of the Americas, two conflicting views of mankind. One view shares more or less the standpoint I've just identified: We view the human individual as bearing the divine spark of potential for reason, as a sacred life; a spark of reason which must be developed by society, nurtured by society, given opportunity for fruitful expression by society; a quality of activity whose good works must be adopted by society, protected by society, and preserved by society, for the benefit of present and future generations. That is the republic, the republic as conceived by Solon's constitution of Athens—a notion of republic, which, in our time, is made nobler by the Christian understanding, which transforms and elevates the contributions of Solon and Socrates after him.

On the other side, there is the conception of Sparta,

a privileged oligarchy, brutalizing the Helots, the slaves, the so-called lower classes. That, too, is a model society, not a republic, but an oligarchy.

The struggle between these two views of mankind is epitomized by the struggle between President and General George Washington, on the one side, and King George III on the other. George Washington was a soldier and statesman of the republic, not a perfect one, but a good one. On the opposite side was poor King George III, the puppet of the evil Earl of Shelbourne, and the epitome of oligarchism, the heritage of Sparta. The tradition of King George III, which deems that some men must be kept slaves, is an oligarchical view, which hates the idea of the equality of the individual in respect to the individual human being's possession of that divine spark, the individual human being's right to the development of that spark, the nurture of its activity, and the defense and perpetuation of its good works.

Such is the conflict. In our time, the great American Republic, by virtue of the cultivation of ignorance and concern with smallness of mind, and neglect of the importance of what comes after us in the living of our mortal lives, has been so undermined, degraded, and corrupted, that we as a nation no longer are the nation we were conceived to be, but instead have become a nation brain-drained in front of our television sets, thinking with greater passion about mere spectator sports or mere television soap-opera than we do about urgent events in real life. We are a nation seeking gratification in drugs, in sordid forms of sexual activity, in other sordid entertainments, in that kind of pleasure-seeking, which echoes the words *Sodom and Gomorrah*.

And so, oligarchism, that which George III of England represented back in the eighteenth century, has taken over and rules the land which was once George Washington's.

What this leads to is this. Today, there is a great revolution around the world against tyranny in all forms. So far, this revolution has manifested itself within the communist sector against communist tyrannies. But it is coming here, too. Wherever the divine spark of reason is being crushed by oligarchical regimes, with all their cruelties, the divine spark of reason within human beings inspires them to arise, to throw off the tyranny—not out of anger and rage against tyranny, but because the divine spark of reason in each person *must* be *affirmed*. We seek not merely to be free from oligarchy; we seek to be free from oligarchy, because not to do so would be to betray the divine spark of reason in

ourselves and in others.

The secret of great revolutions, of great civil rights movements, as Dr. King's example illustrates, is this capacity, which the Greek New Testament called *agapē*, which Latin called *caritas*, which the King James version of the Bible calls *charity*, which we otherwise know as *love*. Whenever this power of love, this recognition of that divine spark, setting us above the beasts, prevails, wherever people can approximate that view of the sum total of their lives, as if from 50 years after their deaths, whenever movements arise which, out of love, produce people who are willing, not fruitlessly, but for a purpose, to *lay down their lives*, so that their lives might have greater meaning, for this purpose—there you have the great revolutions of history.

If we were to project events on the basis of what is taught in the schools about revolutions and other struggles of the past, then the human race at present were doomed. If we say that people struggle against this and that oppression, and so forth, and out of rage or whatnot, overthrow their cruel oppressor, we should lose; the human race would lose. However, if we touch the force of love, the spark of divine reason, we unleash a force, a

creative force, a divine force, which is greater than any adversary, and we win. Those revolutions, which are based upon the appeal to this divine spark of reason within the individual, prevailed. Those which worked otherwise produced abominations, or simply failed.

Yes, we must struggle against injustice. But it is not enough to struggle out of anger. We must struggle out of love. And that we learn best, who have had to walk as leaders of one degree or another, through our own Gethsemane, with the image of the Cross before us.

That is the best I can say. I might say it better, but what I try to say with these poor words, is the best I can say summarily, on the subject of current history. I believe, that the great upsurge of humanity, implicit in the optimism I express, is now in progress. I am persuaded that we shall win, provided that each of us can find in ourselves, that which makes us the right arm of the Creator, a man, a woman of providence, within the limits of our own capacities and opportunities.

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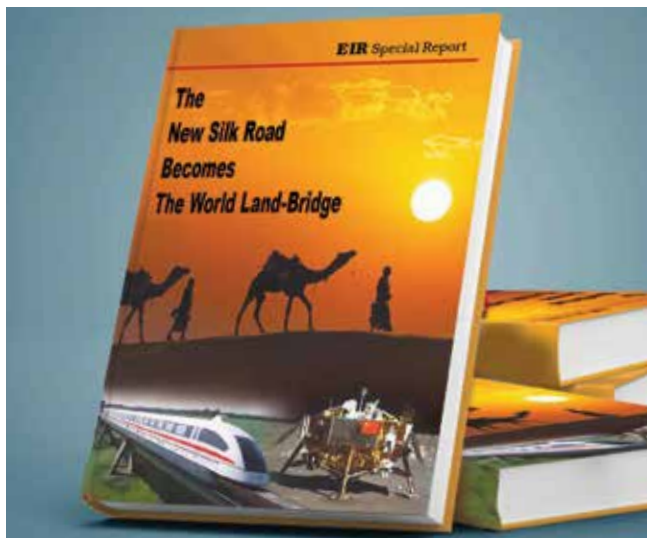
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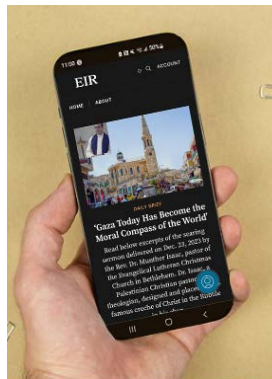
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