



Swiss Weekly Editorializes, 'Are We Actually Governed by Lunatics?' Forcing World to Nuclear Doom

Sept. 24 (EIRNS)—For once, a European mainstream publication has written the truth! Weltwoche, the Swiss website with news and interviews, published an editorial under the above title. Pointing to Joe Biden, German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock and Swiss President Ignazio Cassis, the publisher and editor-in-chief of Weltwoche, Roger Köppel wrote: "The more the Americans and the Europeans get caught up in their feverish spiral of aggression, the longer and more globally and more dangerous this war will become." To get out of the quagmire, he writes, Europe would have to "restrain the Biden administration, set limits to the Ukrainians with their camera-toting charisma President Zelenskyy, who could yet fall ill with the Messiah syndrome. Risking a world war against Russia is madness. Peace negotiations are called for... Geopolitically, they have let it come to a nuclear war against Russia, not because Putin is crazy, but because they do not take the Russians seriously, probably also under deep-seated racist prejudices, treating them disparagingly, whistle at their interests, while one puts one's own interest—power-hungry and self-intoxicated—above everything."

Meanwhile, with the Doomsday Clock now only seconds before midnight, the military, the media, and the U.S. and British political leadership rant that it is all Russia's fault. It is obvious to the entire world that President Putin means exactly what he says, when he states that once the referendums are completed, Moscow will quickly accept all four oblasts into the Russian Federation. With that, any military assault on one or more of the new states of Russia will be viewed as a foreign invasion of the motherland, and the Russian military will respond. As is the clearly articulated nuclear posture of the Russian Federation, if the existence of the motherland is threatened, the use of nuclear weapons may be used.

Do the lunatics believe that Putin is bluffing? Do they truly believe that the referendums are a "sham," as they claim? Will they drag the world into nuclear holocaust in a desperate effort to save their crumbling dollar-based financial system?

It cannot be doubted. Matthew Kroenig, the acting director of the Scowcroft Center for Strategy and Security at the Atlantic Council (one of London's primary assets in the U.S.), who wrote in a Sept. 16 "Memo to the President," was quoted by the Washington Post on Sept. 22 as saying: "If it's Russian forces in Ukraine that launched the nuclear attack, the United States could strike directly against those forces. It would be calibrated to send a message that this is not a major war coming, this is a limited strike."

This is insane on many counts. First, Russia has made it abundantly clear that there are no targets warranting a nuclear strike in Ukraine. Russia has not even used conventional weapons on civilian targets in Ukraine, and would never launch a nuclear war there. Second, the idea that there could be a "limited war" is a utopian fantasy. The moment one nuclear weapon is used, all or nearly all would be launched immediately, on both sides.

However, in about ten days, four oblasts which are now part of Ukraine will become part of Russia. Any shelling or troop movement within those regions will be considered an invasion. Russia saw two fascist armies mass on their border and then invade—that of Napoleon (the first fascist), and that of Hitler. They will not allow it to happen again.

Adm. Charles Richard, the commander of the U.S. Strategic Command, who last year said that a nuclear war was now "likely" due to the rise of China, told a panel at the Air Force Association conference this past week: "All of us in this room are back in the business of contemplating competition through crisis and potential direct armed conflict with a nuclear-capable peer. The implications of that are profound... And this is no longer theoretical."

The Russians, meanwhile, held a conference commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the Cuban Missile Crisis. Sergei Ryabkov, the Deputy Foreign Minister of the Russian Federation, noted that "ballistic missiles have been equipped aboard Trident submarines, which have warheads of reduced power... The Americans are deliberately lowering the nuclear threshold."

The Russian Ambassador to the U.S. Anatoly Antonov told the same conference: "While the Cuban missile crisis resulted in the recognition of the possibility of peaceful coexistence of the two great powers, nowadays Washington pursues the goal of defeating Russia and bringing it to its knees. Even better option seems to be to divide of our country and subsequently establish several separate 'principalities' within our territory, depriving it of nuclear weapons and a legitimate permanent member seat in the UN Security Council."

The Schiller Institute and the Foundation to Battle Injustice have issued an open letter to the United Nations, under the title: "UNGA Must Remove the Causes for the War Danger!" calling for the UN to convoke an emergency conference to reach an agreement to stop the rush to nuclear war. Please sign the letter and join this critical effort:

Sign the Open Letter:
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Zepp-LaRouche: Wake Up Now, Or You May Not Exist by This Time Next Week

Sept. 26, 2022 (EIRNS)—An exaggeration? Unfortunately not.

The world is barreling towards a nuclear showdown between the US-NATO and Russia, with far too few voices in the West raised in protest and demanding alternatives, Helga Zepp-LaRouche warned in a policy discussion with LaRouche movement organizers on Monday afternoon. “This current crisis around Ukraine is far, far more dangerous than the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962. It poses an existential threat to all of civilization.”

It’s almost as if the world were existing in two parallel universes, Zepp-LaRouche stated. On the one side, Russia’s leading circles are fully convinced that the West’s NATO structure is out to destroy Russia in its entirety, to rip it to pieces and “decolonize” it, as various think tanks are openly calling for. President Putin said as much in his Sept. 21 speech to the Russian nation. Foreign Minister Lavrov has stated the same at home and abroad. And a pronouncement issued by the influential Izborsk Club also on Sept 21 spoke for many in Russia when it warned that this is “a fateful moment in history. The violent confrontation between Russia and the West poses the ultimate question: will Russia survive in this struggle or will it finally and irreversibly disappear. A great war is on the doorstep.”

In the “other” universe, NATO and the West are hell-bent on using the Ukraine war to push through their decades-old agenda of “decolonizing” or fully dismembering Russia into powerless statelets – a policy which Zbigniew Brzezinski and other London assets long championed. They have repeatedly stated over the last year, louder and louder by the day, that they are fully prepared to use nuclear weapons to force Russia to back down and capitulate.

“Things are about to go awfully wrong,” Zepp-LaRouche warned. We have two high-speed trains – nuclear trains -- barreling towards each other, and there will be a train wreck unless this is stopped in the next days.

Events of the last 24 hours have only confirmed this evaluation. The referenda are underway in the

four regions of Ukraine, and everything indicates that there is both a very large voter turnout and that there will be an overwhelming vote in favor of joining Russia – as occurred with Crimea back in 2014. The voting will end on Sept. 27, and Russian parliamentarians believe the final steps for the regions’ accession will be completed by Sept. 30. At that point, they will be considered part of Russia – *and defended as such by Moscow.*

Yesterday, Secretary of State Tony Blinken and National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan were sent out to tell national TV audiences that “We will not recognize the sham referenda,” as Sullivan stated on CBS, “and we will treat this territory for what it is – Ukrainian territory, not Russian territory. And we will continue to support the Ukrainians as they seek to de-occupy this territory.” And then for good measure: “Any use of nuclear weapons will be met with catastrophic consequences for Russia.” Blinken preferred to threaten that Russia would suffer “horrific consequences.”

Zepp-LaRouche concluded her remarks with a stark warning: “We have to go into a full Red Alert mobilization. If there are no significant voices of dissent coming from the United States, this itself becomes a factor in Moscow’s strategic assessment.”

We must change the perception abroad that there are almost no voices of sanity in the United States, or at least not sufficiently-influential voices to change the current course to nuclear annihilation. Those voices must be raised *now*, and loudly -- voices that understand that there is a basis for a negotiated solution to the Ukrainian crisis, built around a new international security and development architecture, that takes into consideration the needs of *all* nations.

Prominent Russians realize, and have said so publicly, that the voice of Lyndon LaRouche has been essential as the needed idea-giver for such a mutually beneficial policy, and that is why they want to shut down the speakers of the Schiller Institute conferences.