



# Let Peace with Russia Be Just the Beginning

March 14, 2025 (EIRNS)—All eyes are now on the possibility of ending the war in Ukraine. For those who wish to avoid a nuclear world war, it is a hopeful prospect; for those in London and elsewhere who don't, there is a great gnashing of teeth. U.S. Special Envoy Steve Witkoff returned to Washington on Friday, March 14, after a late-night Thursday meeting in Moscow with Russian President Putin, at which the two discussed the ceasefire proposal put forward by the U.S. and Ukraine. Trump reported on Friday morning that it was a "very good and productive discussion ... and there is a very good chance that this horrible, bloody war can finally come to an end." U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio echoed the sentiment, stating, "We'll examine the Russian position more closely and determine—the President will then determine what the next steps are.... Suffice it to say, I think there is reason to be cautiously optimistic." While any person who is not out of their mind welcomes the prospect of peace and good relations between the world's two largest nuclear powers, not all are so qualified. In what Helga Zepp-LaRouche compared to "the warmongering madness that broke out before World War One," the EU elites continue to push for the militarization of Europe through their €800 billion "ReArm Europe" plan, under the baseless pretense that Putin will soon turn from Ukraine to attack Europe. The transatlantic military-industrial complex is salivating at the prospect: "An era of rearmament has begun. It brings us growth prospects for the coming years that we have never experienced before," said Armin Papperger, chief executive of defense giant Rheinmetall, whose biggest shareholder, BlackRock, just installed its former European chief, Friedrich Merz, as the likely next Chancellor of Germany. But many in Europe don't want to go down with the NATO-led European imperial ship. Professor

Gustavo Piga of the University of Rome Tor Vergata called the EU "a sailboat at the mercy of the winds, with a crew of 27 hubs getting in each other's way and no captain." Editor of Difesaonline Gianandrea Gaiani got right to core of the matter, identifying the ReArm Europe plan as a financial bailout plan, comparable to the those of 1930s Fascist Italy. The U.S., while no longer on a direct nuclear confrontation course, is by no means free from the financial dimension of the fascist swindle, as cryptocurrency issuers are likely soon to be given access to Federal Reserve payment systems and access to the U.S. Treasury market as legal tender alongside the dollar, further opening up the U.S. banking system to be looted by the speculative financial side of the war system, which could lead to a different kind of nuclear implosion. Only if we shift to an entirely new paradigm, leaving behind the thinking of the collapsing system of geopolitics and the institutions that embody it, can we truly take advantage of this hopeful moment for humankind. In her urgent appeal of March 8, *Instead of Rearming for the Great War, We Need To Create a Global Security Architecture!*, Helga Zepp-LaRouche called on all thinking citizens to do just that: "Humanity has reached the point where it must overcome the old patterns of thought steeped in geopolitics and the Cold War and replace them with a new global security and development architecture that takes into account the interests of all nations on this planet. A positive example for this is provided by the Peace of Westphalia, which came about because the warring parties came to the conclusion that if the war continued, no one would be able to enjoy victory, since there would be no survivors. How much more convincing this argument is in times of thermonuclear weapons which, if used, would lead to the extinction of all mankind!"

Let the promising developments toward peace with Russia pave the way toward a new quality of relations with all other nations, one which considers the interests and development of humankind first and locates national interests within that larger mission. This would be a way of organizing ourselves and our activity here on Earth

in coherence with the creative nature of mankind. A good start in that direction? Gather endorsements for Zepp-LaRouche's March 8 appeal from leaders all across the globe. Attend the May 24—25 Schiller Institute conference, "A Beautiful Vision for Humanity in Times of Great Turbulence!"

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