



Precipice, or Turning Point?

Feb. 22—On February 21, Russian President Vladimir Putin, after the announcement of Russian recognition of the territories of Donetsk and Lugansk as sovereign republics within Ukraine, delivered a televised speech, not to Russia, but to the world. English speakers were able to watch and hear Putin’s message as well. Putin made it clear that, whatever the delusions of those in the trans-Atlantic sector, Russia regards Ukraine as fully integrated into the NATO command and control structure. He specifically stated, “I will explain that the US strategic planning documents (such as Prompt Global Strike, released in Feb. 2007) stipulate an option of [a] so-called preemptive strike on [an] enemy’s missile systems. And we know who the main enemy for the US and NATO is. It is Russia....”

Remember that Mississippi’s Roger Wicker stated on December 7, 2021, that for the United States, “Military action could mean that we stand off with our ships in the Black Sea and that we rain destruction on Russian military capabilities.... We don’t rule out first-use nuclear action. We don’t think it’ll happen. But there are certain things in negotiations if you’re gonna be tough that you don’t take off the table.” Former Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard, on the Tucker Carlson program, responded the next day to Wicker, “This is why it is such a dangerous situation that we are facing, as we are being pushed closer and closer very quickly ... to a hot war, a nuclear war that would destroy the world as we know it,” she said.

The article “If Russia Invades Ukraine, Sanction China,” subtitled “Putin has found an economic lifeline in Beijing that only Washington can destroy,” (see slug) shows what the real target here is. There is now a motion for human progress, for world economic and technological development, and against depopulation, involving well over 100 nations. It is especially represented by the recent alliance between Russia and China, the “China-Russia joint statement on International Relations Entering a New Era,” properly identified by Patrick Lawrence as “a global

order most of humanity has awaited throughout the postwar decades—all seven of them. This is immensely positive.”

The “magnet for development” known as the Belt and Road Initiative, the more advanced version of the 1996 New Silk Road deliberations involving Helga Zepp-LaRouche and the Schiller Institute, was first announced, it should be remembered, in Kazakhstan in September, 2013, by President Xi Jinping. This was just before the Ukrainian government rejected the European Union-Ukraine Association Agreement on November 21, deciding in favor of the Eurasian Economic Union. The elected Ukrainian government of Yanukovich was then overthrown by the “economic hit men,” including Victoria Nuland and others.

Today, the Doomsday politicians can and must be defeated by a new security architecture, based on peace through development and the LaRouche Four Laws. The Schiller Institute’s social media presence and its interventions into religious, academic, intelligence, and national institutions, using the speeches of our recent conference, cannot only save lives, but make that new architecture a reality. Thousands of citizens standing up, not for personal freedoms, but for “the benefit of the other,” for peace through development as the means to end world war, is the only path forward for humanity. In this year of LaRouche, if the name for peace is development, the name for development is LaRouche’s Four Laws.

The International Schiller Institute is therefore launching a mobilization which will release a statement in the next 24 hours, proposing multiple actions that all can take to help. The idea is that all our forces, and those that join us, speak with one clear voice, what Lyndon LaRouche would have called “the proper voice placement,” to achieve a precision in our desired effect — one idea across many continents.

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