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## ***China-Russia: Zhu Follows Up Friendship Treaty***

Chinese Prime Minister Zhu Rongji led a high-level delegation on a five-day visit to St. Petersburg and Moscow, in what China's ambassador to Russia said was the first implementation of the China-Russia Friendship Treaty signed in July.

Ambassador Zhang Deguang told China's Xinhua news agency, "The visit will give a strong impetus to the expansion of multi-faceted cooperation between Russia and China, in particular in the economic field." He said that China-Russia trade is shifting toward large durable goods with high science and technology content, and toward cooperation in energy, space, telecommunications, and similar fields.

According to Itar-Tass press service, energy cooperation was the likely dominant subject of discussions. Ambassador Zhang told Itar-Tass that the proposed Russian-Chinese project to build a 2,400 kilometer oil pipeline from Siberian Irkutsk to Daqing in northeastern China, could alone raise Russia-China annual trade from the current \$8 billion to \$14 billion. He added, "Russia very much wants to sell us Russian passenger jets, and we have sent experts to determine the quality of Russian aviation technology."

Prime Minister Zhu, preceded by China's Foreign Minister Tang Jiaxuan, and accompanied by many heads of economic departments in the Chinese government, was to meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin and Prime Minister Mikhail Kasyanov.

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## ***Troy Findings Confirm Homer, Annoy Scholars***

A new Trojan War is raging among German scientists over the interpretation of excavations at Troy in recent years, by a University of Tübingen team led by Manfred Korfmann. Korfmann concluded that the new discoveries correct the way Homer and his epics have been viewed, as mythical stories. He found proof that Troy was an ally of the Hittites, the second big power besides

Egypt in the Second Millennium B.C.; and discovered a large lower city suggesting a population of 10,000, a city the ancient Greeks could indeed have seen as a rival power that could have provoked them to war. Homer is both epic poet and accurate historian, Korfmann says.

The team's findings during the past eight years in Turkey are presented with numerous other treasures in a very large exhibition, "Troy—Myth and Reality," shown in Stuttgart, Braunschweig, and soon in Bonn. It is attracting hundreds of thousands of people. The exhibition starts with the *Iliad*, and then compares the archeologists' new findings to what Homer wrote. Korfmann, says the daily *Die Welt*, "successfully did what no other scientist of ancient history managed to do after the decline of humanist education—he made the ancient world popular again" among the general population. The "millions of people that poured into this exhibition" created an upset among the scientific community. Korfmann has no proof for his interpretations, they say; Troy was nothing more than an "unimportant town that . . . housed the regional noble family," as, for instance, Frank Kolb of the University of Tübingen insists.

*Die Welt* continues, "Many scientists fear, that sensitive ideas could soon become manifest in the mind of whole generations as knowledge": that Homer's epics tell us the true history of his time, the 8th Century B.C., and back into the Mycenaean period, the "golden age of Greece," which the poet revived to lift the 8th Century B.C. Greeks out of a Dark Age.

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## ***Brazil Court Revokes WWF Seizure Of EIR Book***

EIR's Brazil correspondent Lorenzo Carrasco filed a successful petition before Judge Pereira of the 24th Civilian Court of Rio de Janeiro, as a third party who had been aggrieved in the World Wide Fund for Nature's legal offensive against the LaRouche affiliates in the Ibero-American Solidarity Movement, MSIA, in Brazil. Filing as the author of the book *Green Mafia: Environmentalism At The Service Of World Government*, Carrasco argued that his book fell outside the

scope of the temporary restraining order (TRO) which the WWF had previously obtained against the MSIA publishing or saying anything about the WWF. On that basis, Judge Pereira revoked his earlier decision, in which he had granted the WWF's petition, and had ordered the seizure of *Green Mafia*, as well as copies of *Brasil Nuclear*, the publication of the Brazilian Nuclear Energy Association, which had included an advertisement for the book. The books and magazines seized on Aug. 27 are to be returned to Carrasco.

The legal battle initiated by Prince Philip's WWF against LaRouche's forces in Brazil thus returns to where it stood before the mid-August attempt to silence EIR: The WWF-solicited standing TRO against the MSIA publishing or saying anything about the WWF remains in force; and, the WWF's slander suit against the MSIA, seeking severely onerous damages, is still before the courts.

Actions on both of these fronts in the war between the WWF and LaRouche in Brazil can be expected in the future.

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## ***Brzezinski Networks Scuttle Caspian Summit***

A summit meeting among the five Caspian Sea states (Russia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, and Iran), scheduled for late September, was postponed into November, because recent developments and rising frictions would have made the summit a failure.

Frictions over an unauthorized expedition of two British Petroleum vessels, from Azeri territory, into an oil-field area of the Caspian Sea that is claimed by Iran, have been at the center of the renewed crisis since late July. Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister Ali Ahani was to visit Baku, Azerbaijan on Sept. 3. But there are also frictions between Azerbaijan and Turkmenistan, over an even larger disputed share of the sea.

Co-thinkers of geopolitical madman Zbigniew Brzezinski in U.S. and British circles, want Caspian tensions increased, not resolved. The U.S. State Department's special envoy for the Caspian Sea region and Eurasia, Elizabeth Jones, used her stay in

**CHINA AND TAIWAN** government oil companies are getting ready to sign a contract to jointly explore the Taiwan Strait, which, the *Wall Street Journal* notes, would bring commercial ties to a potential war zone. This will be the first major commercial agreement between state-owned companies from both sides.

**EGYPT** held large military exercises on the west bank of the Suez Canal at the end of August, involving its air force, infantry, engineering, and electronic warfare forces. These just skirted the Sinai zone demilitarized since the 1978 Camp David accords with Israel. Israel has been conducting military operations against Palestinian refugee camps at Rafah, right on the Gaza border with Egypt.

**INDONESIAN** separatists are threatening ship traffic in the Malacca Strait, the world's busiest shipping lane. Ishak Daud, leader of the "Free Aceh Movement" trying to separate that region from Indonesia, indirectly claimed credit for the hijacking of a Honduran ship and holding of its crew for ransom. Daud demanded that ships "seek permission" from him to go through the strait.

**THAILAND'S** new diplomacy with China and Burma is being protested by Teddy Goldsmith's and George Soros' new Jacobins, who claim to be anti-globalization. What they are opposing in this case, however, is contacts between the Thai and Burmese governments, also involving China, for cooperation against Golden Triangle heroin- and gun-smuggling.

**STEPHEN HAWKING**, global expert in virtual reality and public advocate of human cloning, made the wild statement to *Focus* magazine Sept. 1, "We must improve human beings through genetic engineering, to not be surpassed by computers. . . . In contrast with our intellect, computers double their performance every 18 months, so the danger is real that they could develop intelligence and take over the world."

Baku on Aug. 26-27, to issue stern warnings to Iran, and to assure the Azeris of full U.S. political support. Jones' tour included Georgia and Ukraine, preparing a session of the avowedly non-Russian alliance GUUAM (Georgia, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan, Moldova) in Vienna, in early September. Jones also tried to rally support for the Baku-Ceyhan oil pipeline, another project that is to exclude Iran and Russia.

What these games and frictions have failed to do, so far, is to disrupt the construction work which was begun, in mid-August, on the Iranian and the Azeri side, on their parts of the North-South Railway corridor, whose route runs from Russia, along the western shore of the Caspian Sea, to the Persian Gulf. And, they have not deterred Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan from pursuing feasibility studies on an oil pipeline to the Persian Gulf, through Iran—the shortest and cheapest transit of all.

## New Strengthening Of China-Thailand Ties

Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, accompanied by his Finance and Foreign Ministers, spent three days in Beijing, meeting Premier Zhu Rongji, National Legislature Chairman Li Peng, and President Jiang Zemin. After talks with Zhu Rongji, Thaksin called for a strategic partnership between the two nations, "not only politically but also economically." Agence France Presse noted that in May, Zhu told China's Central Bank to begin negotiating a currency swap agreement with Thailand, in line with the May 2000 discussions at Chiang Mai, Thailand among the ten member-states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and South Korea, China, and Japan, known as the ASEAN-Plus-3.

Zhu and Thaksin agreed to strengthen their strategic cooperation in areas including trade, communications, education, and culture. As important or more so, they gave strong public support for a regionwide war on drugs; the talks coincided with a meeting of representatives in Beijing from China, Laos, Myanmar, and Thailand to improve cooperation against drug smuggling. At the end of the four-country talks, an agreement

was reached to increase cross-border police cooperation and intelligence sharing, to improve tracking and capture of smugglers. The agreement stops short of letting police operate in the territory of neighboring countries, but does allow them to cross the border "on short notice" to discuss actions with counterparts. As a result, Thailand has appointed its first anti-narcotics liaison officer to its Embassy in Beijing.

## São Paulo Elite Hear LaRouche Strategy

EIR's Brazil correspondent Lorenzo Carrasco addressed 150 of the most prominent São Paulo businessmen on Aug. 28, on "The Crisis Of Globalization, And The Future Of Brazil." The Commercial Association of São Paulo (ACSP) had invited Carrasco to address the group, and advertised it in *Diario do Comercio*, its official paper. Carrasco called upon them to organize themselves, such that they can contribute to the reorganization of the bankrupt international financial system. The questions and answers lasted for another hour and a half.

After showing the inevitability of an Argentine debt default, Carrasco gave a detailed report on LaRouche's proposals at the Economic Commission of the Russian State Duma (lower house of parliament) in June and during his recent video-conference with accountants in Mexico. Carrasco concluded with LaRouche's challenge to banker Felix Rohatyn to debate, on his effort to undermine LaRouche's call for a New Bretton Woods, with his own "delphic" version.

Carrasco then followed with a presentation on the truth behind "the American economic miracle and the new economy," detailing the degree of bankruptcy of both the international financial system, and the American financial system.

Carrasco told the Brazilian business leaders: "In the face of this reality, institutions are emerging in different parts of the world . . . which are beginning to fine-tune their plans like an orchestra, in which LaRouche, with his proposals for the reorganization of the world financial system, is conducting and providing the harmony."