

Sergei Lavrov would have to appear to defend Russian policy. “And under cover of this hullabaloo, the USA would ‘merely’ hit some targets in Iran with nuclear bunker busters.” Khazin concluded with a remark that it was likely due to considerations such as these, that President Vladimir Putin “looked pale” at the Oct. 1 Russian Security Council meeting.

The Broader Threat

It should come as no surprise that Russian media would respond to *EIR*’s exposés and calls for action, considering that, as LaRouche has again stressed recently, the ultimate targets of the Cheney war party are the great powers of Eurasia, China, India, and Russia. As we go to press, the crisis triggered by Georgia’s Saakashvili is escalating, and the tone of voice adopted by Russian President Putin, Foreign Minister Lavrov, and others, is becoming markedly harsher. As the Russian leaders have made clear, they view the provocation launched by Tblisi, with the arrest of four Russian diplomats as “spies,” as an operation emanating from those same circles inside the United States who are pushing for war against Tehran. This specific incident, in turn, is placed, correctly, within the broader context of the eastward expansion of NATO, and other threats to Russia and its role in the region, including its leading function in the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO).

In this situation, the role played by Russia and China as permanent members of the UN Security Council, on the Iran dossier, is delicate. Secretary of State Rice has just completed a tour of the Persian Gulf and Middle East, during which she tried—apparently without much success—to constitute a “moderate Arab coalition” against Iran and other “extremist” forces in the region (read: Hamas and Hezbollah). Immediately following her regional tour, she moved on for a meeting of the “five-plus-one” group—the five permanent Security Council members, plus Germany—which has been dealing with the Iranian nuclear issue. From comments made to the press, it is clear that Rice’s intention was to force through a new resolution in New York, establishing a new ultimatum for Iran to suspend its uranium enrichment program, under the threat of sanctions. Significantly, Rice was quoted as saying *not* that Iran had to be prevented from developing an atomic bomb, but that Iran had to be prevented from acquiring the knowledge required. “The issue here is that Iran should not be in a position to acquire the technical expertise to enrich and reprocess.”

Sanctions, as Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad made clear again on Oct. 5, would not have a tremendous effect on the country, except to further exacerbate tensions and fuel anti-Americanism among the population. But sanctions, for Rice, for U.S. Ambassador to the UN John Bolton, and for the British, are important as a stepping-stone towards armed conflict. Thus, the response of the Russians and the Chinese will be key, politically, in determining whether or not the war party can be stopped in its tracks.

Address to Europeans

‘October Surprise’ Before U.S. Elections?

by Helga Zepp-LaRouche

Helga Zepp-LaRouche is the national chairwoman of the Civil Rights Movement Solidarity (BüSo), a German political party. She issued this leaflet on Oct. 3, with the subtitle “Is the Bush Administration Planning To Use Nuclear Weapons Against Iran?” It has been translated from German, and sub-heads added.

Dear Citizen,

If the representatives of the U.S. military, the intelligence services, and politicians are right in their warnings of a new military attack, this time using nuclear weapons against Iran, then World War III could still break out in October. In the U.S.A., a series of concrete warnings has been issued in recent days and weeks, that the military preparations for such attacks from the air have been finalized. In addition, there are indications that this time, the Administration will neither consult nor give prior notice to either the U.S. Congress or the UN Security Council.

An array of prominent personalities have appeared before the public with these warnings, including: Gary Hart, former Senator and Democratic Presidential candidate; Paul Craig Roberts, former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury in the Reagan Administration; Gen. William Odom (ret.), former Director of the National Security Agency (NSA); Gen. Anthony Zinni (ret.), former head of the U.S. Central Command; Gen. Barry McCaffrey (ret.), former head of the U.S. Southern Command and “Drug Czar” in the Clinton Administration; Col. Sam Gardiner (USAF, ret.); and Lt. Col. Karen Kwiatkowski (USAF, ret.), to name only a few.

Some of these sources are warning that the most likely time period for this military strike could be as early as Oct. 4-18, but definitely before the U.S. Congressional elections on Nov. 7. The strikes are to be carried out, without forewarning, by long-range bombers and missiles, as well as from aircraft carriers, which are already located in the Indian Ocean and the Persian Gulf. So-called “bunker busters,” i.e., tactical nuclear weapons, are to be used, to destroy the Iranian nuclear facilities allegedly buried deep underground. The sources also report, that mass resignations and retirements among top ranks in the military will take place, if such a strike were to occur.

If this were to happen, it would be the beginning of a global asymmetrical war and an actual war of civilizations: It



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Organizers from the BiSo in Berlin in July, campaigning to prevent war against Iran (poster on the left), and against synarchist banker Felix Rohatyn and the “financial locusts” in Germany who work with him.

would be a descent into a New Dark Age. Incomprehensibly, in Europe, the members of the national parliaments lull themselves into confidence that such a military strike will not take place, because the resistance of Europe, Russia, and other nations is too strong. Nothing is more foolish than this view. If the governments and parliaments do not now immediately openly declare that they will resign from NATO in the event of such an attack, in the shortest time, it could be too late.

Not a Foregone Conclusion

With the approval by the U.S. Congress of the fascist law that officially permits torture during interrogations, the U.S.A. threatens to completely lose its character as a constitutionally sovereign republic, and could turn into a fascist dictatorship. The intellectual leader of the Democratic opposition, Lyndon LaRouche, has now, therefore, called for a broad mobilization against this danger in the next five weeks of the hot phase of the election campaign. He is demanding immediate impeachment of Bush and Cheney, and the firing of Rumsfeld. The lower 80% of the “forgotten men and women,” i.e., the social strata discriminated against by the current system, must be mobilized in order thus to bring the Democratic Party back once again to the tradition of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The fact that various politicians and military representatives are appearing before the public with warnings about an immediately pending military attack on Iran, does not mean that this war is already a foregone conclusion. On the contrary, the warnings have the purpose of mobilizing the public in

opposition to it. But only if this mobilization achieves the necessary strength, and the pressure on the members of Congress leads to the initiation of impeachment procedures now, even in the middle of the election campaign, can the catastrophe be stopped. In any event, Europe must openly say, that it sees the danger and the consequences that follow from it.

The actual dynamic for these insane plans—which does not at all revolve primarily around the Iranian nuclear program, but rather around the formation of a world empire—lies in the systemic crisis of the world financial system. The gigantic losses of the Amaranth hedge fund and other financial institutions, banks, etc., as well as the ever more dramatic collapse of the U.S. real estate market, are the beginning of the crash of the global dollar system. If now even the French representative of the Lazard Frères investment bank, Jacques Attali, warns of the breakdown of the world financial system, that speaks volumes. After all, with its policy of enforced monetary union, the [François] Mitterrand regime, for whom Attali was the top advisor, bears a not insignificant share of the blame for the crisis of the system.

Governments, Citizens Must Act

It is hardly comprehensible, but in the face of this twofold existential threat—the danger of war and the financial crash—there is at present no indication that any efforts are being undertaken by governments and parliaments to counter the war danger, or to arrest the process of the financial crash, or to solve it through a new financial architecture. Instead, they are engaged in useless schemes to solve partial problems, with senseless economic measures and personal intrigues.

Unfortunately, it is also the case, that the greater part of the population is not entirely without blame for the current developments. Not to vote at all, as over 40% of eligible voters did in the most recent elections in Berlin and Mecklenburg-Premomerania, or to “go with the flow” and vote for the “lesser evil,” plays directly into the hands of the financial oligarchy. The actual alternative were to participate in a real type of solution, as the BiSo presents it. Every citizen is now called upon to do exactly that.

The attempt by Lyndon LaRouche in the U.S.A. to resuscitate the Democratic Party and to activate it in the image of Roosevelt for the policy of the New Deal and a New Bretton Woods, is absolutely essential, if there is still to be a solution. At the same time, LaRouche and his international movement are attempting in these weeks, through a dialogue among the institutions of Eurasia, the Americas, and Africa, to put the issue of a new, just world economic order on the agenda.

The fate of mankind hangs by a silk thread. In the coming weeks, the decision about war or peace, about a systemic financial collapse or a new, just world economic order, will be made. Take an active part in this movement, which can make the difference.

Yours,
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