addressed, because it affects other parts of their system, and other systems as well. And that is, the gauge is different, by three and a half inches: It’s just enough that you can’t run from one system to the other. My own personal opinion is, you should have a dual-gauge, double-track railroad, at the minimum. And possibly, two main tracks: A standard gauge going to China, and two Russian gauge tracks.

And on the Trans-Siberian Railway, there is now a great interest by the Russian Railway in moving lots of cargo from China to Europe, so they don’t have to run on the British ships through the Suez Canal and the ocean, which takes them much longer. The costs, believe it or not, are almost equivalent. And if the Russian Railway can increase its transit speed, and reduce its transit time between China and Western Europe, they’re going to get a lot of business. They already have plenty, but they were going to get a lot more. I think adding additional tracks to their standard gauge would probably help.

Krupnov Issues Call for Revolution of Development

Yuri V. Krupnov, chairman of the board of the Institute for Demography, Migration, and Regional Development (IDMRD), and leader of the Development Movement, both based in Moscow, sent greetings to the Schiller Institute conference in San Francisco June 29. Krupnov is the author of several books, including one titled “In Russia, the Sun Rises in the East.”

Dear conference participants!

I greet the participants in this inspiring conference and hope that your work will be fruitful!

The American Revolution is an event of universal significance, which made it possible for the people of the United States to build a powerful and independent nation, and to set an example of making constructive transformations in the interests of all mankind.

Today the planet Earth again needs a new, creative and constructive revolution—a revolution of development, as an explosive upsurge for the prosperity of all peoples of the world, without exception.

This revolution of development is directly opposed to the chaos, which is cultivated in the interests of a thin layer of global elites, who are indifferent to the historical and cultural interests of mankind.

In this critical situation, the peoples of the U.S.A. and Russia have a special calling, because we both have the experience of carrying out constructive revolutions and super-intensive industrialization. Our task today is to move, through a new industrialization and new urbanization, to overcome destructive entropy and act to bring a new paradigm to life—the paradigm of development. This means to organize development on a planetary scale, relying on fundamental science, education, culture, and advanced industry.

The Pacific Ocean is of exceptional importance in this context.

The imperative for Russia’s own development today is to shift the center of our country toward the East, toward the Pacific Ocean, which in Russia was also always called the Great Ocean. For Russia, the Great Pacific Ocean is not some alien place; nor are Alaska and California alien for us, as you know from Fort Ross, which is nearby.

The time has come to transform the Great Pacific Ocean into a Great Development Zone for mankind.

And our task is to demonstrate to the entire world, through joint development projects, a model of a different socioeconomic way of life, centered upon the divine genius of every person, and upon respect for human history and culture.

The youth of our nations must play a decisive role in this.

Your energy, determination, imagination, and faith in the creative, constructive abilities of man, who has the capacity to transform the Earth into a blossoming garden—that is where the future lies and where there is hope!

Be bold! I believe in you and your projects.