

peace and development, but this is not the approach of the U.S. Establishment. So, the New Cold War will go on although it is a dead end for the United States and its European NATO allies. How long it takes to hit the dead end is an open question.

It is reasonable to expect that because of the inexorable shift toward a multipolar world, the United States will become more isolated, if it does not drop its belligerent and bellicose policy of hegemony. U.S. policy, with its continuing features of neo-imperialism and neo-colonialism, serves only to increase U.S. isolation over time. The international community rejects that type of behavior, increasingly, and a counter-weight to

that policy is in the process of forming a new multipolar international system.

Washington’s politicians must make an agonizing reappraisal of U.S. foreign policy and drop hegemonism and Cold War thinking. Otherwise, the American people in the future may find their country alone in a changing world.

In conclusion, only through a constructive engagement by Washington with the international community can a new paradigm emerge that promotes peace through development and a positive and optimistic vision of an international community with a shared future.

Thank you for your attention.

Raymond McGovern 'Never Give Up'

This is the edited transcript of the presentation of Ray McGovern to Panel 1, “How To Inspire Humanity To Survive the Greatest Crisis in World History,” of the Schiller Institute’s Sept. 10-11, 2022 Conference, “Inspiring Humanity To Survive the Greatest Crisis in World History.” He is a former senior analyst for the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, and a founding member of Veteran Intelligence Professionals for Sanity.



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Thank you for inviting me. It’s a profound crisis indeed. It is unique, but there was something similar back in the days that I was born, in the 1930s in Germany. We survived that, and we could survive this one, too.

Thinking back, I remember a young lawyer in Berlin named Raimund Pretzel, who went by the pen name Sebastian Haffner. Later when his diary was discovered—he was in Berlin during the worst of it—I remember that he was trying to make his peace with what was going on. I want to quote a few sentences in English from the English version which is called *Defying Hitler*; the German version is called *Die Geschichte eines Deutschen*. Here’s Haffner:

The individual who is opposed to fascism, [is] just an ordinary man with many weaknesses,

but he enters the duel with a quiet determination not to yield. You will have to admit that, for someone who is neither a hero nor a martyr, he manages to put up a very good fight. Will you see him compelled to abandon the struggle?

Well, Haffner had to say the following about that:

No. The Germans lost. And why? I do not see that one can blame the majority of Germans who, in 1933, believed that the Reichstag Fire was the work of the Communists.

Or, for that matter, parenthetically, can you blame most of the Western people who are subjected to propaganda that the invasion of Ukraine was “unprovoked”? Says Haffner:

What one can blame them for, is that with sheepish submissiveness, the German people accepted that as a fact. The fire was a fact, and they lost their little personal freedom as though it was necessary. The Communists burned down the Reichstag? It was perfectly normal that the government would take “decisive

measures,” reversing all their personal freedoms.

What was missing was an iron resolve. What was missing is the kernel of integrity that in animals is called “breeding”. There were enough people in Germany and elsewhere to have faced up to things, but that didn’t happen. This time, there are enough people in the world to face up to the situation that exists, and it’s going to happen.

Now, how can I be so confident about that? Because I think that “sheepish submissiveness” is not going to be possible, when people have to put on ten blankets this winter, and still cannot get warm. I think even the sheepish people in Western Europe and Eastern Europe will have to be able to contend with what goes on here, even though they are clearly out-matched by the forces that rule them. I say that with some confidence.

Some of you will know that a Hungarian Jewish lawyer named [Benjamin] Ferencz was the last one to die among the Nuremberg prosecutors. He was a remarkable man. If you don’t know about him, look it up, okay? He had this advice to us. He said, look, if you want to pursue justice, go into it thinking that you’re going to succeed. Because you will succeed if you fulfill three conditions, just three: “Never give up; never give up; and never give up.”

So, let’s look at life; let’s look at promise; let’s look at all the people who are tuned in today, and who are willing and able to make the sacrifices necessary to make it better for the people of the world.

I close with a metaphor that was used a little earlier, and that is the metaphor of the gladiator. What are we going to give the gladiator? We’re going to give him a thumbs-up. The world is going to make it through this one, but only if we never give up. Thank you very much.

Discussion Session

This is the edited transcript of the Panel 1 Discussion Session, of the Schiller Institute’s Sept. 10-11, 2022 Conference, “How To Inspire Humanity To Survive the Greatest Crisis in World History.”

Dennis Speed (moderator): Before we go to questions and discussion, I’ll just ask Helga: Is there a particular response that you have to what you’ve heard so far?

Helga Zepp-LaRouche: I think that the point which was made by Cliff just now, I can only confirm that the mood of the world has changed dramatically, and what was also coming through in some of the other messages read. The time where the United States and the British, based on the special relationship between the Anglo-Americans, can dictate the rest of the world and they all will follow; that has clearly ended. That may be the case for some people who have the identity of underlings like the present German government, which is an unbelievable example of sheepish submissiveness which Ray was addressing. It’s almost that they are photocopies. Whatever Blinken says, Baerbock says; it’s an amazing phenomenon. But that is not the case. Jozef was talking about how the European Union is not unified; that is absolutely the case. I think

come the big storm of the coming weeks, you will see that the EU will have enormous problems to stay together. It’s definitely the case for the majority of the developing countries. Cliff was referring to it. First of all, the BRICS will have new members—Argentina has applied; other countries like Indonesia, Egypt, Nigeria. There are many countries that are absolutely refusing to be drawn into the geopolitical confrontation and do not want to take sides, and do not want to be part of this divide and conquer game.

I do share the optimism of Ray. I also deeply believe that we can come through this period, if we mobilize. It’s not going to be historical materialism, and it’s not going to be dialectical materialism. In other words, it’s not coming by itself, but it does require the active intervention of many people of good will to listen to what Cliff was saying. That we hope still that in the United States and in Europe there are enough people who recognize that the age of confrontation should be over, because what Dr. Toloraya was saying that the danger of an accidental war is so big that if people would be rational, they would have sleepless nights over just that possibility. And in the last year, there were many incidents where it was only the ability of pilots to fly very well and escape risky situations why things did not go out of control. I have said many times if world peace depends