

Helga Zepp-LaRouche, invited to address the "Dialogue Instead of Weapons" meeting as Chairwoman of the Civil Rights Movement Solidarity (BüSo) political party, called for an immediate ceasefire in Ukraine and negotiations.

an immediate ceasefire in Ukraine and for negotiations, as proposed by China, Brazilian President Lula da Silva and Pope Francis. She laid out in some detail scenarios of U.S./NATO think tanks for dismantling Russia, which has been on the agenda of U.S. neo-cons since the fall of the Soviet Union, including support for terrorists in the Caucasus shortly after President Putin assumed the leadership of Russia. To avoid the immediate threat of nuclear confrontation, all efforts must be focussed on fostering a new international peace movement, cooperating with the Global South. She invited the participants to take into consideration in their deliberations the Ten Principles for a new security and development architecture, which she has issued.

In his speech, former NVA Col. Friedemann Munkelt also stressed the optimistic perspective which the current shift of power to the countries of the Global South signifies for a change in global policies and a solution to the crises.

Several experts stated that Germany has become a party to the war in Ukraine, and therefore has become a potential target of Russian missiles. This policy is in direct defiance of the principle enshrined in the German *Grundgesetz* (Basic Law), according to which Germany has the duty to contribute to peace in the world.

However, the most acute danger arises through the escalation towards nuclear confrontation, as the change of U.S. nuclear strategy does not exclude first use of nuclear weapons anymore. Prof. Wilfried Schreiber reported that the United States in November 2021 reactivated the 56th (nuclear) Artillery Command based in Wiesbaden, Germany, to be operational by mid-2023. Thus the U.S. is capable of leading nuclear war in Europe

with the newest weapons systems at the disposal of this new command, which is responsible for the planning and deployment of the use of middle-range nuclear missiles in Europe. The command (responsible for Europe and Africa) had been deactivated after the 2+4 negotiations on German reunification.

The timing of this operational reactivation coincides with the maneuver "DEFENDER-Europe 2023" in the summer of 2023—the traditional command staff air force logistics maneuver, during which the U.S. transports between 35,000 and 80,000 soldiers to Germany. Prof. Schreiber

concluded dramatically, that we are at the edge of a point of no return: "For the United States a limited nuclear war in Europe is possible, but not for us! And, actually, neither for Russia."

Thus, it remains a matter of political organizing, to stop this predictable march into global apocalypse, with all forces of good intent.

As author Rainer Rupp wrote in the introduction of the conference brochure:

"In the current huge danger, which our peoples are facing, we have no time any more, to quarrel about political party limitations and different socio-political orientations. Instead of discussing about theoretical matters, which divide us, we should concentrate in this situation on what unites us! Namely Peace with Russia!".

## RESOLUTION

## Dialogue Instead of Weapons— Peace with Russia

The following resolution was passed at the conclusion of the March 27, 2023 "Dialogue instead of weapons—nonpartisan action against the war," organized by the East German Board of Associations, founded in 1994.

We, the participants of our forum today, call upon all peace-loving people to join our protest against war and for a just peace. In the great danger in which our peoples currently find themselves, we no longer have time to argue about party political differences and different socio-political orientations. Instead, we must focus on what unites us!

The future of our children and grandchildren and the preservation of human life on our earth require that Germany and its economy do not fall victim to a policy of Western "rule-based order" that wants to "destroy" Russia and is preparing for war against China.

The U.S. and NATO are standing with their military might on Russia's borders, arming Taiwan against China and thus threatening the security of the Russian Federation and the People's Republic of China.

This policy is accompanied by economic, financial and media wars, sanctions in violation of international law and misinformation, combined with dismantling of democracy and freedom of expression.

Double standards characterize the "rules-based world order" of the West. In truth, it is imperial war policy under the leadership of the USA. For this, the people pay the blood toll and lose their hard-won social achievements. Since 1999, when the war of aggression against the rest of Yugoslavia was launched in violation of international law, the USA has mandated its own war operations in accordance with its so-called "rules-based international order."

The war in Ukraine, planned for the long term and started in 2014 at the latest, is also before our eyes on a daily basis.

Germany, as a warring party, is contributing to the further escalation of this war with arms deliveries, money, and military training on the front line. It is arming, making the population ready for war and persecuting peace activists. It is fomenting hostility against Russia with hatred and incitement. The government violates its oath of office [Article 56 of the Basic Law, "... dedicate to the welfare of the German people, ... avert harm from it], and violates the most important obligation of the Basic Law: the peace commandment [Article 26GG]. This policy leads to a world war, which will know no winners.

Therefore.

- we raise our voice to stop the war spiral,
- we protest against the German support for the prolongation of the war ...,
- and we demand an end to this course of war through a just peace that guarantees Russia's security and a peaceful anti-fascist Ukraine without NATO.

Let's not wait until it is too late again!

We see our event as a further voice for peace, so that it becomes stronger and gains broad power.

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## Peace with Russia—for a New Global Security and Development Architecture

by Helga Zepp-LaRouche

April 1—This is a translation of the presentation made in German by Helga Zepp-LaRouche, chairwoman of Civil Rights Movement Solidarity (BüSo), opening the second part of the conference, "Dialogue Instead of Weapons: Nonpartisan Action Against the War," organized by the East German Board of Associations (OKV) in Berlin, Germany on March 27, 2023.

What brings us together here is the shared concern that we are currently in a spiral of escalation between the U.S. and Russia which, in the worst case scenario, could lead to a short-term nuclear world war that could wipe out all life on earth in a subsequent nuclear winter. The former Chief of Staff of the German Armed Forces, General Kujat, recently warned that, unlike in the Cuban Missile Crisis, we are not governed today by politicians who would be able to assess the existing risks, who would be smart enough to avert them, and who would be willing to make compromises. You can put it another way: We are currently at the mercy of forces that are giving up all sovereignty, and are risking Germany's existence with their policies, both in terms of security policy, and of the existence of Germany as an industrial nation.

The most important thing now, with the help of all possible forces in the world, is to reach a ceasefire in Ukraine, and peace talks that take into account the interests of Ukraine *and Russia*, as soon as possible. Several world leaders have offered their help as mediators: President Xi Jinping with his 12-point