Reversing Our Plunge Into Hell

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EDITORIAL

Oct. 29—The following is the introduction to The LaRouche Organization's emergency pamphlet, scheduled to be released this week, on the civilizationthreatening crisis in Southwest Asia, and the conceptual means for its resolution first devised and promoted more than four decades ago by the late economist and statesman Lyndon LaRouche. That pamphlet includes three works by Mr. LaRouche: his May 4, 2009, "The End of Sykes-Picot: Moving Beyond Colonialism," republished in EIR Oct. 27, 2023;

his April 27, 1994 presentation in Moscow, "The Oasis Plan: Development Is the Key to Peace in

the Middle East" republished in EIR Oct. 20, 2023; and his August 21, 1990 "A Peace Plan in the True Interests of Arab and Israeli," which is republished in this issue of EIR.

As you are reading this, the ethnic cleansing and depopulation campaign already under way in Gaza may be about to, or may already have, triggered a region-wide war in Southwest Asia, in which the whole world could rapidly, "unintentionally," become involved. Under the pretext of "supporting Israel's unconditional right to self-defense" following the Hamas terror raid of Oct. 7, a NATO/United States-led force, as large or larger than that assembled in 2003 just before the Second Iraq War, has been placed in the Eastern Mediterranean, including 30,000 American military personnel. The USS Gerald R. Ford and the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower aircraft carrier strike groups, both equipped with nuclear weapons, are now deployed there.

On Oct. 18, President Vladimir Putin of Russia, speaking to media from Beijing, said: "I want to

say—what I am going to say and inform you about is not a threat—that I have instructed the Russian Aerospace Forces to start patrolling the neutral zone over the Black Sea on a permanent basis. Our MiG-31 aircraft carry the Kinzhal systems that, as is common knowledge, have a range of over 1,000 kilometers and can reach speeds of up to Mach 9." At the close of his press conference, he reiterated: "I emphasized that this is not a threat. But we will perform visual control, and

> weapons-based control over what is happening in the Mediterranean Sea."

The nuclear-capable Kinzhal mis-

sile is hypersonic, making it extremely maneuverable and practically impossible to defend against, once it is launched.

Something much bigger than "Israel vs. Hamas" is clearly under way. Is it war with Iran? Is it a direct confrontation with Russia? Sixty years ago, when President John F. Kennedy occupied the White House, it could be expected that the American people would be told the truth, or at least part of it. This, however, is a time of lies and deception, of "unspeakable practices and unnatural acts" done in your name by agencies that you have funded, but that you do not know exist. This is a time in which the American people, through the corruption of the United States Congress, are prevented from knowing or doing anything except "committing" to unending Roman-imperial wars, financed with money we do not have, for purposes which are never revealed. This must now be ended, and the American people told what is actually happening, and what can be done to reverse "Global NATO's" march to selfdestruction.

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Time To Replace the Dying Global Predatory System

There is no "Middle East conflict" as you are induced to think about it. The term Middle East is a British colonialist construct, the source of the present conflict going back to 1916-1917 when the British Foreign Office spawned what they knew would result in permanent war in that area. To solve it, one must rise above its divisions. Southwest Asia—Jordan, Palestine, Iraq, Lebanon, Syria, Iran, Israel, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, etc.-requires economically strong sovereign nation states, organized in a community of principle in the way now sought by the alliance of the Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa-led BRICS-Plus. The City of London and Wall Street financial interests oppose any such stability. They use intelligence services as "economic hit men"-and sometimes as hit men per *se*—to enforce their opposition.

For example, consider this story, "U.S. to Israel: No More Chinese Deals; Pompeo's Flying Visit" published May 13, 2020, in *Breaking Defense*:

"The United States delivered a clear message to Jerusalem today—avoid further involvement of China in the Israeli economy. The message was one of the main reasons for the very short visit of American Secretary of State Mike Pompeo to Jerusalem—one day before the new cabinet is sworn in."

Mike Pompeo's role in also perpetrating the "Russiagate" hoax during the Trump Administration is well known. The Anglo-American establishment has been in a secret war against the Belt and Road Initiative, and both Russia and China. The present military buildup in the Eastern Mediterranean is but another expression of that undeclared war. That war is not on behalf of, or in the interest of, the American people, but only of the City of London and Wall Street.

China-Israel contact has been very active in the past decade; there are over 1,000 Israeli start-ups located in China. Reports, such as the neo-con JINSA's (Jewish Institute of National Security for America) "Curtailing Chinese Investment in Israel: A Comprehensive and Cooperative U.S.-Israeli Strategy," indicate the deeper "geopolitical" strategic concern. But the basis for resolving conflict in Southwest Asia has been significantly strengthened in the last two years. The "Belt and Road" economic perspective of China, also called "win-win," is being applied to these nations, including Israel, and has produced spill-over effects in the political sphere as well. Saudi Arabia and Iran have renewed diplomatic relations, seeking to end their differences. Both have also recently joined the BRICS association, along with the United Arab Emirates. And the Saudis have been involved in very sensitive negotiations with Israel—negotiations which have now been jeopardized, if not mortally wounded, by the events of Oct. 7.

Lyndon LaRouche in his 1999 work, "<u>Mad</u> <u>Brzezinski's Chessboard</u>," succinctly articulates the basis upon which to defeat geopolitical lunacy:

"The educational and related development of the whole population of these regions, means an uplifting of the mental state and well-being of the human individual. It means development of the individual in ways consistent with the notion of each and every man and woman made equally in the image of the Creator, qualified equally to participate in the fruits of reason leading to mankind's progressive dominion within the universe. This splendid result is precisely what the British monarchy will not tolerate. Their reaction is: 'Better the apocalypse!'"

Economic Development and the Path To Peace

The bankruptcy of the trans-Atlantic financial system, the failure of the financial warfare against Russia, the fledgling success of the BRICS "colonialism is over" initiative, and the drive for technological progress and improvement in the productive powers and conditions of life of the nations of Africa and Asia—this is the true battleground for the conflict that we are seeing in Gaza. The deaths of hundreds of thousands of Palestinians, as well as tens of thousands of Israelis, are treated by these genocidalists as inconsequential, as a convenient pretext and a trigger for launching a military destabilization that can have devastating consequences for the world.

This was always the thinking of those that have advocated a "Clash of Civilizations" policy, be that Samuel P. Huntington, who popularized the term; Zbigniew Brzezinski, Huntington's mentor who spoke about the Islamic Fundamentalist Card; or their precursor, British intelligence operative Bernard Lewis, who spoke of "the arc of crisis." The purpose has been to plunge the world into perpetual war as a weapon of imperial rule. Therefore, in Gaza, an area about twice the size of Washington, D.C., half of whose residents are under 18 years of age, the match is being lit, intended to set the entire region of Southwest Asia on fire.

Before it is too late, let us reverse course. Let us recall the courage of martyred Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. The conditions for resolving the "Arab-Israeli conflict" were negotiated 30 years ago in the Oslo Accords, involving Yasser Arafat of the Palestine Liberation Organization and Rabin, a tough Israeli patriot, military officer and, previously, a sworn enemy of Arafat who reversed course. Rabin, the former Israeli Defense Minister, upon assuming the office of Prime Minister, said in his July 1992 address to the parliament: "Mr. Speaker, Members of the Knesset, security is not only the tank, the plane, and the missile boat.... Security is a man's education; it is his home, his school, his street and neighborhood, the society that has fostered him. Security is also a man's hope." When he and Arafat jointly appeared at the White House on <u>September 13, 1993</u>, he went further: "We who have come from a land where parents bury their children, we who have fought against you, the Palestinians—We say to you today in a loud and a clear voice: Enough of blood and tears. Enough." Though Rabin and the peace process were assassinated on November 4, 1995, by an Israeli fundamentalist fanatic, we must declare that "truth crushed to earth will rise again." We must, as the assassinated Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said, be among "those with the courage to change axioms."