



Happy New Year! 2020: Will We Head Toward War, Or Put the World in Order?

“I think that people at the beginning of the year ... always start with deeper thoughts than usual,” was the opening reflection by Helga Zepp-LaRouche yesterday, speaking on the last Schiller Institute weekly webcast of the old year. “Where should this year go?” she asked. “What should be accomplished? What are the dangers? And I think President Xi Jinping, in his New Year’s speech of today, actually, said that the coming year will be a milestone year.

She continued: “And I would even take it a step further: I say, that everything will depend on what will happen with the impeachment process in the United States, which is around the Russia and China question of the relations between the United States and these two countries; will the crash happen? Can we make a reform in time? And by the end of this year, I think a lot of strategic decisions will have been made which will determine if the world is on a way of a big confrontation and possible war, or if we can use this coming year to put the world into order and establish a completely new set of international relations.

“Now, it is very clear that the three Presidents, Trump, Putin and Xi Jinping, are working in their own way to establish a good relation among these three countries, and I think this is actually the most important strategic question, because once you have an accord among these three countries, I think every other problem in the world can be tackled—not solved immediately, and it’s not overcoming all difficulties, but you have the precondition that you can solve the strategic questions.”

So far there have been baby steps, limited but significant initiatives, toward collaborative leadership. For example, Presidents Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin had a useful telephone call on Dec. 29, in which Putin thanked Trump for the U.S. providing the intelligence enabling Russia to head off a terrorist attack in St. Petersburg during this holiday period. In Ukraine, also on Dec. 29, the exchange of prisoners between the Kiev government and the Donbas self-proclaimed republics marks some steps in the right direction. Yesterday, Russia and Ukraine made an agreement for the five-year continuation of uninterrupted gas transit through Ukraine, from Russia to Europe, as highlighted yesterday by the two Presidents in a New Year’s phone call.

But, Zepp-LaRouche pointed to the important events in the coming months, that can be the occasions to truly deepen collaboration. “I think the really big question which is coming up in April and May is the 75th anniversary of the defeat of

Nazism; and there, you have naturally, the big event, the 75th anniversary celebration on May 9 in Moscow, to which Putin repeatedly invited President Trump, and Trump basically expressed great interest to go there, even if details have not been decided.”

In Putin’s message of New Year’s Greetings to President Trump, Putin reiterated the invitation for Trump to come to Russia in May for the 75th anniversary commemoration of victory over fascism in the Great Patriotic War. In reporting on Putin’s message, the Kremlin statement said that, “Putin noted that Russia and the U.S. were historically responsible for ensuring global security and stability, and that Moscow speaks in favor of normalizing bilateral relations and establishing an equal dialogue based on the mutual respect of interests.”

Regarding China, President Trump himself announced via Twitter that he plans to go to China once Phase Two of the U.S.-China trade talks commences. He said that Jan. 15 is the date he expects to sign Phase One of the trade agreement, with high-level Chinese officials at the White House. Then the Phase Two negotiations can start.

The potential represented by these gestures is anathema to the geopoliticians and war-hawks, centered in the networks of the dying British Empire, that are actively working to foment Cold War confrontation between the U.S. and China and Russia. By their imperial nature, this is how they seek to remain in control. The Economist of London in the past week, came out with an actual scenario for how to thwart China, and bring Trump down, by whipping up his base against China during the election year.

Of course, this war-hawk game plan need not prevail. Zepp-LaRouche described it in some detail as an “evil, geopolitical design,” but, she stressed, “I don’t think it will function.” People should understand what we’re up against, in order to defeat it, and make way for a new order.

In particular, much depends on success in the United States to bust up the coup operation being perpetrated against the Presidency. Zepp-LaRouche stressed, “We really are in a run against time, and it’s very difficult to say how this will end up. If Trump wins, and if the investigations [by, for example, Attorney General Barr and U.S. Attorney John Durham, into the wrongdoings of the FBI, CIA and British networks] all proceed, a lot of people could go to jail.”

It is no time to be complacent. Happy New Year!