



# Putin and Xi Strengthen Belt and Road Collaboration, Warn of Global Economic and Nuclear War

So long as the British Empire and its foundational oligarchical principle remain at large on the planet, the human race remains in existential danger of extinction by thermonuclear war and/or economic disintegration. This point, forcefully made over the years by Lyndon LaRouche, is today the central strategic issue looming over all other developments.

Russian President Vladimir Putin, speaking last on June 6 to the heads of the world's leading news agencies on the eve of the opening of the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF) June 7, shocked his interlocutors by stating:

“Let’s recall Winston Churchill.... Remember his speech at Fulton that kick-started the Cold War?... Little has changed since that time.... If we do not keep this ‘fiery serpent’ under control, if we let it out of the bottle, God forbid, this could lead to a global catastrophe.” Putin then recalled the U.S. scuttling of the ABM treaty in 2002, and the more recent withdrawal from the INF treaty, and stating: “Everyone is pretending to be deaf, blind or dyslexic. We have to react to this somehow, don’t we?”

The Russian President then called for dialogue and cooperation among the leading nuclear powers, and emphasized: “The most recent conversation I had with President Trump, I must say, inspires certain optimism. because Donald told me that he, too was concerned about this.” On this theme, two days later, it was announced that there will be a meeting in Prague on June 12, of Russian and U.S. envoys, to start discussing a range of issues on deterring nuclear weaponry.

Similarly in China, the government of Xi Jinping is making every effort to get trade and economic relations with the U.S. off their current confrontation course, while proceeding to develop China’s own sovereign scientific and technological capabilities—most recently with the commercial rollout of their 5G technology network. But government and political circles in China are also openly discussing possible “worst-case scenarios” in the trade war with the U.S., and are preparing for that eventuality.

The latest development on this front is that U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin yesterday made

reference, in a CNBC interview, to the prospects of the U.S. and China, and their Presidents coming together on economic relations. “What I would say, is that we look forward to them meeting...”

In the Americas, the headline developments this past weekend are the coming together of Presidents Trump and López Obrador; in terms of the newly announced Joint Declaration on Migration (June 7), which states that “both countries recognize the vital importance of rapidly resolving the humanitarian emergency and security situation,” related to the flow of undocumented migrants travelling across Mexico to reach the U.S. border. Significantly, the agreement addresses the need for regional economic growth in southern Mexico, and El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras.

All of these developments point to the urgency of using the G20 heads of state summit in Osaka on June 28-29 as the occasion for the Presidents of the United States, Russia, and China—and others—to sit down and jointly hammer out the “win-win” solutions to these central strategic crises.

If they do that, they will quickly find that their best ally in that endeavor is the ideas, policies and specific programs of Lyndon LaRouche, whose living memory was celebrated this past weekend, in a beautiful, historic Memorial to “The Triumph of Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr.” in Manhattan June 8, and livestreamed to other U.S. cities.

Helga Zepp-LaRouche, Schiller Institute chairwoman, said at one point to the Manhattan gathering, that, “Lyn’s vision of a fully developed world becoming a reality in the form of the World Land-Bridge is now happening: Of a new form of international relations among nations, of a dialogue of Classical cultures replacing confrontation, and of the vision of an international cooperation of colonizing the Moon and a joint Mars mission. His enemies, who are the enemies of humanity and the happiness of the people, may prevail in the short term. But they’re already haunted by the Erinyes. They may have been able to cover up their crimes for a short while, but there is this higher power of natural law, which will bring their crimes to the light of day.”