



Helga Zepp-LaRouche Call for Emergency Summit Proven Absolutely Right, Absolutely Necessary

In the 72 hours since Helga Zepp-LaRouche issued her Jan. 3 call for an emergency summit of Russia, the United States and China—to adopt a new paradigm for Southwest Asia and Africa, lest global war break out over Iran—events have proven it necessary that that call be spread everywhere. There is a very great potential for an economic development solution broader than the conflict, a solution growing out of the extension of the Belt and Road Initiative through Southwest Asia and Africa.

In the absence of such an immediate summit of the powers, the escalating threats and counterthreats between Iran and the United States can explode into broader, even global war.

How immediately such a summit could turn the critical situation into the “Treaty of Westphalia” direction of mutual economic development, is shown by a new report from Hussein Askary, Southwest Asia Director of the Schiller Institute. In a webcast yesterday with LaRouchePAC, Askary revealed the detailed agreement in September by which China and Iraq had worked out, just before the destabilization of Iraq began, an “oil for technology” contract of \$20-30 billion investments in new Iraqi infrastructure.

If the three powers can be gotten to hold an emergency summit now, security guarantees can be given to Iran, and those powers can jointly issue much larger credits than this for reconstruction from the “endless regime-change wars” that President Donald Trump pledged to end. Askary explained the development corridor plans for Syria, Yemen, Iraq, Iran. The credit for these plans would be the start of a New Bretton Woods system, as Lyndon LaRouche proposed for the last 25 years of his life.

Zepp-LaRouche also emphasized that President Trump now has the opening to do what he promised—get American troops out of Middle East wars. Within 72 hours, not only did the Iraqi parliament vote to tell the American and all foreign forces to leave, but it became clear the commanders there recognize that that is a

necessity. Obviously, some administration and Pentagon officials do not want American troops to leave Iraq; this caused a turbulent situation as of Monday afternoon with “official” statements that were directly opposed. But it only became clearer, that taking American forces out of Iraq now is the wise choice.

There is even sharper-relief proof that Zepp-LaRouche was absolutely right in counterposing the expansion of the Belt and Road into the region through a great-power summit, to the spread of conflict back into Iraq and the current war crisis. That proof is that no sooner did Iraq’s Prime Minister join the Belt and Road Initiative in late September, than the neo-con war party declared that this development must be stopped. On Oct. 30, Daniel J. Samet, Program Assistant for Middle East Programs at the Atlantic Council, wrote in *The Diplomat*: “In Iraq, Iranian meddling is certainly a threat to the country’s stability and the national security interests of the United States and its allies that plays well politically. But let’s not turn a blind eye to a more menacing threat in China.” The Atlantic Council excerpted his *Diplomat* article on the same day, under the headline: “Iran’s Not the Only Country All Over Iraq.” And as he wrote, Iraq was destabilized: Israel spread its bombings from Syria to Iraq; militias resumed attacks on American bases; anti-government demonstrations broke out; and continued: “Yet while the United States fixates on Iranian ambitions, a far more formidable power has stepped in. Last month, Iraqi Prime Minister Adel Abdul-Mahdi revealed that his country was signing on to China’s signature Belt and Road Initiative.”

What the British Empire’s geopoliticians and its U.S. “permanent war” faction do not want is: Donald Trump in the Presidency; an end to regime-change war; and great power cooperation among Trump, Putin and Xi for peace and high-technology development.

Those are the objective of Helga Zepp-LaRouche’s statement, the center of mobilization now.