

Zepp-LaRouche Warns Of Fascist Ukraine

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The text begins with the first paragraph of Zepp-LaRouche's response to the interviewer's first question, in large, bold type:

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in Ukraine,” Helga Zepp-LaRouche, Founder and President of the Schiller Institute, an international political and economic think-tank, told The Voice of Russia.

Voice of Russia: It seems that the talks aimed at solving the Ukrainian crisis have reached deadlock as the government and opposition stay as divided as ever. So, do you think that these two sides still have a chance for a peaceful solution or not?

Zepp-LaRouche: I think it depends on the question of what is actually going on, because there is no question that if you look at the facts of who are the people in the Maidan and in the other upheavals, mainly the violence is committed by fascists—not only the Svoboda Party, but a whole variety of groupings who are followers of Stepan Bandera, who was the Nazi collaborator helping the Nazis to prepare the invasion in Ukraine.

So, these are the people, together with some outside terrorists, who had been fighting as Ukrainians on the side of the rebels in Syria. And 350 of those have returned recently, and they are together with Svoboda and hooligans who are committing the violence. So, there are probably somewhere between 3,000 to 10,000 absolutely violent criminal Nazi elements who are committing these crimes.

And [complete lies are being spread by] most of the Western media but also Western politicians, Western foundations, and also such organizations as the Washington Affairs Council or the National Endowment of Democracy. What is really going on is a fascist coup, and already now there is a big danger that if this is not stopped by people in the West, people in the U.S. and people in the EU, this indeed is escalating into a civil war. I mean, there may be an argument



Helga Zepp-LaRouche's interview with Voice of Russia was given prominent billing on Feb. 7.

about whether that civil war has already started or not. And the whole aim of it is to provoke the reaction from Russia, which then would be used as a pretext for a showdown.

I think it is very important that the developments in Ukraine cannot be seen in isolation from other developments in the region, like the U.S. ballistic missile system in Poland and Czechia, and also the deployment of the *Aegis* destroyer to the Rota base in Spain. Now, then you have to see also the different utopian military conceptions, like the Prompt Global Strike doctrine in the Pacific, because all of these doctrines proceed from the utopian conception that a first strike by NATO against Russia and China could proceed without these countries being able to develop or deploy a second strike.

Obviously, this is ridiculous, and both Russia and China have made absolutely clear that they do have a second strike capability. But if this offensive posture is maintained, what we may end up with is that both sides have no other possibility, or rather Russia and China have no other possibility, than to also go into a first strike posture, in which case you have the simultaneous launching of the first strikes from both sides, and that

would lead to the extinction of civilization, and that is what is at stake in Ukraine.

Voice of Russia: What can you say about these reports of the U.S. and EU that they are preparing a financial aid package for Ukraine? Why do you think America and Europe are so eager to help Ukraine and what is actually behind this support?

Zepp-LaRouche: I don't think they are eager to help Ukraine at all, because I think that if Ukraine would have signed the EU Association Agreement, it would have suffered the same treatment like Southern Europe, and you can only look at what is the effect of the Troika policy in Greece, Italy, Spain, and Portugal, and then you can see that Ukraine would have absolutely had no advantage by joining the EU agreement, and it was a lifesaver for Ukraine not to sign that.

Right now because the real situation is that the transatlantic financial system is collapsing, we can have a blowout of the financial system any moment. And on the other side, the Pacific Asian countries are in a much better condition; if you look at China, Korea, India, Russia, they are going in a much better economic direction than the transatlantic association. And Yanukovich was immediately travelling to China; he came back with very extensive cooperation agreements, and President Xi Jinping was recently in Romania, offering to build fast train systems in Eastern Europe, which the EU had cancelled because they are in this total austerity mode.

Therefore, when Yanukovich started talks with China and Russia, the EU realized that they have only demands, but not offers. So, now they are using a carrot and stick, on the one side, offering financial help but with very clear conditions. They call it structural reforms and these structural reforms would mean that Ukraine would have to give up its state-owned properties, it will have to privatize, it would have to apply the usual conditionalities, which always cut the social aspect of the economy.

But they are combining it with the blackmail, what they are calling sanctions, which are aimed to put pressure on the oligarchs in Ukraine who have obviously money accounts in offshore countries, and by threatening to freeze these accounts and to deny visas for traveling abroad, they are trying to put pressure on these financial forces of the oligarchic elements in Ukraine. So, it is extremely dangerous and can only lead to a

catastrophe, because I think that the argument of the Russians, to say that the Eurasian Union is much less integrated than the EU [is right], and the whole argument that Putin wants to reassemble the Soviet Union is really absolutely wrong.