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Military-Linked Website Warns of Nuclear War

A prominent website widely monitored by active-duty and retired military and intelligence officers, has picked up on the danger of nuclear war coming out of Georgia's attack on South Ossetia. Col. Patrick Lang's (USA-ret.) *Sic Semper Tyrannis* 2008 blog (http://turcopolier.typepad.com/sic_semp_tyrannis/), Aug. 28 posted the following item, under the headline, "Trade War Over Georgia? Not the Point."

"Several commentators have written to discuss my rhetorical question as to whether or not Russia and the U.S. will push their renewed rivalry to the point of war... Only 'Curious' addressed my principal concern. Nuclear war. ...

"Consider this. What was there of really rational calculation in Russia's recognition of the independence of South Ossetia and Abkhazia? The Russian leaders have every reason to think that Bush, Cheney, and the neocons are capable of ideologically driven decisions that are devoid of rational action.

"The Iraq adventure speaks for itself as an example of that. The near disaster in Iraq has probably been averted through the ability of the U.S. armed forces to learn from their experience there, but the Bush Administration and the neocons dragged their feet and did little to help the armed forces retrieve the situation. McCain can 'rattle on,' but everyone who really studies the situation in Iraq knows that the solutions reached were complex, and only partly the result of the increase in combat units labeled 'the surge.'

"The Russians should also consider the bellicose comments of both candidates for the presidency of the United States concerning Georgia, and the foolishness of the idea of sending U.S. fleet units into the Black Sea, where the potential for a confrontation with the Russian Navy would be high. Such a confrontation, fed by mass emotion expressed by modern media, could easily escalate in an uncon-

trollable process.

"Khrushchev badly misjudged the possibilities for the U.S.S.R. when he met with Kennedy in 1961. As Kennedy said on a later occasion, 'The Soviets have made the mistake that many others have. They have thought us weak, soft, and self-absorbed.'

"Russia and the United States still possess the power of Armageddon. They must be more careful in dealing with each other."

SCO Dushanbe Declaration: Force Will Not Work

The "Dushanbe Declaration," signed Aug. 28 by the Presidents of member-nations of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), nations focusses on the dangerous international strategic situation. The first sentence states that the "Interdependence of states has grown sharply, security and development are becoming inseparable. None of the modern international problems can be settled by force.... Reliance on a solution based solely on the use of force faces no prospects."

The Declaration emphasizes that due regard must be given to the interests of all parties, and to "the need to respect historical and cultural traditions of every state and every people and the efforts aimed to preserve in accordance to international law unity and territorial integrity of states."

These statements were written after intense discussion of the Russian response to the aggression launched by Georgia. The Declaration also denounces the "creation of a global antimissile defence system [which] does not assist the maintenance of strategic balance," and then supports "the active role of Russia in promoting peace and cooperation" in South Ossetia.

Western press reports have consistently claimed that the Declaration is an attack on alleged Russian aggression in Georgia, although Russian President Dmitri Medvedev was one of the six signers.

The Declaration demands "broad international collaboration in resolving the problem of resources supply to satisfy the needs of mankind," and states that, given the world economic situation, a "responsible currency and financial policy, control over the capital flowing, ensuring food and energy security have been gaining special significance."

Farsi Media Cite LaRouche On Dangerous Brit Agents

A Persian-language news wire published in Iranian press and Internet sites, such as Alborznews.net in late August, cited London LaRouche on the operations to perpetrate a blockade against Iran in the Gulf, and the Georgian attack on South Ossetia, noting that the operations are run by British Intelligence agents George Soros and Dick Cheney.

The wire stated that the Russian *Rusky Zhurnal* asked LaRouche about the British schemes in the Caucasus. LaRouche responded: "The excellent information available to me shows that there should be no doubt that the sneak attack on South Ossetia, by the order of President Saakashvili, an instrument of British agent George Soros, was a British imperial operation intended to coincide with both the similar provocations in the case of Kosovo, and current operations of the PKK in Southwest Asia, and the threat of an attack on Iran intended to occur during the interval between now and approximately mid-September."

This London-directed operation, the Persian wire reported, is to be assessed as exploiting both London's influence on U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney, and on the U.S. Democratic Presidential candidacy of Soros-asset, Sen. Barack Obama.

At the same time, the British Foreign Office is using this opportunity for committing western continental Europe to a military-thrust posture toward Russia and Belarus under conditions of the failure, so far, of London's "Lisbon Treaty" scheme.

The wire concluded by citing LaRouche: Although the Georgian government has apparently given up its war, after virtually demolishing the capital of South Ossetia, the British Foreign Office, which actually created the Saakashvili government through financial operations by Britain's George Soros, will now use its fraudulent version of the events as the basis for efforts to promote its current complex of operations against Russia in Southwest Asia, including the London-promoted deployment of U.S. naval forces into a blockade-posture against Iran.

Russia's Lavrov Responds To Brit Miliband's Line

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov responded Aug. 27 to provocative assertions made by British Foreign Secretary David Miliband in Kiev, Ukraine.

"The moralizing that we hear from our Western colleagues is not based on facts," Lavrov told reporters. "It's strange that our actions to defend our citizens right on our borders should be criticized by Britain, considering its actions in the Falkland Islands, which are on the other side of the world," Lavrov added.

"Miliband says NATO is an anchor of economic stability, democracy, and development," he said. "I never heard that NATO is involved in democratization. But it seems times are changing. I won't comment on that, just as I won't comment on his emotional statement about the division of Europe," Lavrov said. "I think the completely inexplicable and unfounded expansion of NATO is creating that division of Europe.

"Miliband proposes action by the West, including a re-examination of relations with Russia in international institutions such as the G-8, the Russia-NATO Council, the European Union, and the OECD," he continued.

"Russia is interested in partnership in these and other structures only to the extent to which its Western colleagues are interested. The tendency recently has

been for a block policy against Russia," he added.

Regarding Moscow's position on the use of force for resolving conflicts, Lavrov pointed out that Russia has been against the use of force for settling conflicts anywhere, including Yugoslavia, and Iraq, and also Iran, where there is no conflict at all, although it is talked about all the more frequently.

"Russia is also opposed to the use of force in the Middle East, and the Caucasus region. Georgian President Mikheil Saakashvili is the one who is for the use of force in conflict resolutions in violation of all agreements, signed, among others, by the Georgian leadership," Lavrov stressed.

Steinmeier: Push Aside Emotion, Talk with Russia

In an op-ed in Aug. 27 issue of Germany's major tabloid *Bildzeitung*, Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier wrote: "We are faced with a very grave situation in foreign policy. The conflict in the Caucasus threatens to go into further escalation. If we don't watch out now, the entire security architecture in Europe will be destabilized—with unpredictable consequences for all of us.

"Some people are now playing with fire—on all sides. The spiral of provocations must stop, and must do so instantly. Otherwise, the situation will get out of control faster than we can believe.

"With the recognition of Abkhazia and South Ossetia, Russia is escalating the conflict further. That is irresponsible. But exactly because of that, we here in the West must not act in an unwise way.

"To be carried away by emotions right now, would be wrong. We have to prevent the virus of separation and war from spreading to other regions. We here in Germany know: Conflicts can only be solved in a common approach and in a climate of respect and trust. That is why we now need the return to responsibility and reason."

Briefly

TAIWAN is considering building a bridge linking an outlying island, Kinmen (formerly Quemoy), to Xiamen city on mainland China, Taiwan's Central News Agency reported Aug. 24, in a sign of improving cross-Straits ties. Kinmen is only 1.4 miles from the mainland. Taiwan will complete a feasibility study by year's end.

THE PRO-PLHINO Committee's announcement that Mexican political leader Cuauhtemoc Cardenas endorsed the tri-state water management plan, the North West Hydraulic Plan (PLHINO), became front-page news in Sonora's newspapers Aug. 28, the same day President Felipe Calderon visited Sonora to attend a meeting of federal Congressmen from his PAN party. Cardenas is the son of Mexican President Lazaro Cardenas, a collaborator of U.S. President Franklin Roosevelt.

ISRAEL is considering sending aid to North Ossetia. Unlike Great Britain, Germany, and the United States, Israel has not made any public statement on the Russian government's recognition of the independence of South Ossetia and Abkhazia, nor will it issue any condemnation of Russia. According to the *Jerusalem Post*, Israel is keeping a balanced policy, because it has "critical strategic interests" in maintaining good relations with Moscow.

AN ISRAELI-U.S. agreement for the deployment of a U.S. radar system in Israel's Negev region means that there will be a de facto American base in Israel for the first time.

RIA NOVOSTI reports that Russia successfully launched a Topol ICBM with new warhead on Aug. 28. Said Col. Alexander Vovk, "The performance data gathered during the test launch will be used to increase the effectiveness of future Russian mobile ballistic missile units."