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Lyndon LaRouche has put out a warning that we may be less than a month from extinction. He does not make statements like that as exaggeration, or for dramatic effect. This is a real strategic situation and I can tell you that the EIR fact sheet that we prepared on Sunday [see “Western Powers Back Neo-Nazi Coup In Ukraine” at <http://larouchepac.com/node/29691>] and that we began circulating on Capitol Hill [to the US Congress] over the last three days has had a chilling effect on members of Congress, who have somewhat of an inkling that we are on the verge of a potential cataclysm. Now because we are talking about the prospect of a general war erupting as the result of a series of provocations that are creating a cumulative picture, this is obviously not something that is written in stone, there is no guarantee that it is going to happen but the potentiality is there to such a serious extent, that it is the obligation, it’s the only real sign of sanity for anyone who wishes to be certain that you are going to see the Spring of this year, is to take the kind of emergency action that I am going to spell out here over the course of the next few minutes.

Now people are undoubtedly aware that there has been a major, targeted destabilisation of Ukraine. It’s been grabbing headlines for the last several months, beginning with the announcement in November by the Ukrainian government that they rejected signing onto a straightjacket, really a suicide pact with the European Union called the Associate Agreement for an Eastern Partnership with the European Union. But to really appreciate the magnitude of what is going on here—it is not just simply the fact that Western governments are financing

and soliciting the support of quite literally neo-Nazi networks, organisations that trace their roots to the Nazi forces that collaborated with Hitler and the Nazi forces that invaded the Soviet Union in 1941. It is a much bigger picture than that. If any of you have access to a map of the Black Sea area, then I think that is a crucial starting point for understanding the situation that we are dealing with. Put yourself in the frame of mind of Russian President Putin, or of General Gerasimov who is the Russian equivalent of our General Martin Dempsey, the Chairman of the US Joint Chiefs of Staff. And then look at this map of the Black Sea. What you are going to see right in the middle of the island protruding down into the middle of the Black Sea is a port called Sevastopol. This is a Ukrainian port but it is the principal Black Sea base for the Russian navy. And if you look further down to the southwest you see that there are narrow straits that run through Turkey and then out to the Aegean and the Mediterranean seas. This is the totality of the Russian access to the southern ports and southern seas. It is of the utmost strategic importance to the Russians and I had a conversation earlier this week with a retired 4-star American military officer, highest-ranking, who confirmed to me that everybody in the US military command knows that the issue of the Ukraine and the issue of the Black Sea is a *casus belli*. It’s a red-line issue for Russia. If the Russians were to lose access to that critical port on the Black Sea because of a takeover of Ukraine by a fanatical, xenophobic, Western-backed government, this would be considered a *casus belli* for general war. And so you’ll see also, looking a little bit further to the west that one of the countries bordering on the Black Sea is Romania, where NATO has negotiated, the US has negotiated to place critical components of a European missile defense system that is supposedly aimed at Iran, but from the Russian standpoint is actually in fact directed at Russia. So they see a move to carry out literally an illegal, unconstitutional coup in Ukraine to wrestle control of that country away to Europe and to NATO. And this holds out the possibility of not only NATO countries Bulgaria and Romania being right on the west coast of the Black Sea, but the prospect of Russia losing its entire basing capability for the Russian Black Sea Navy. Now Russia has created once again for the first time since the end of the Soviet Union, a Mediterranean Russian fleet with a permanent presence in the Mediterranean Sea,



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which is only accessible through the Black Sea route. Because you've got a Western/Saudi effort to overthrow the government of Syria and Russia's only Mediterranean port, which is really more a port of call than a permanent base, is in Syria. So whether you love or hate Vladimir Putin, the Russian government, the Russian military command, anybody who has a sober view of this situation will realise that from the Russian standpoint there is a noose being tightened around them, a move to strip them of their vital port facility, which is a long term treaty agreement between Russia and Ukraine, Sebastopol. You've got a European missile defense system being put in place *supposedly* to deal with a threat coming from Iran. But in fact later generations of this system will be a direct targeting of Russia's ability to launch a retaliatory second strike in the event of a U.S. nuclear first strike. If you're a military planner you look from the standpoint of what is the potential worst case, and you plan from that standpoint. So you've got European missile defense, you've got the targeted destabilisation and move to grab up Ukraine which is in effect still an integral part of the economic life of Russia. You can't change geography and therefore Ukraine understood that the choice between being looted by becoming a satrap, a colony of Europe, of the European Union, versus maintaining the geographically critical and sound economic ties to Europe as an independent sovereign country, is the right way to go. The moment that the government made the decision to abandon this colonial-style partnership with the European Union, the goons were ready to take over. The reason is that there has been longstanding, persistent planning for a Phase II of the Orange Revolution that took place in Ukraine back in 2004. So Ukraine has been a target of Western Europe, NATO, and now under Obama of the United States, going back to the time of the original collapse of the Warsaw Pact and of the Soviet Union. The Russians see it that way and there is very good reason for them to have that view.

Let's add in a few additional elements. The Russians know perfectly well that the escalation in Ukraine has been timed to coincide with the opening of the Winter Olympics in Sochi, which also happens to be right on the Black Sea. And the Georgia provocation back in 2008 was timed to coincide with the opening of the Beijing Olympics when all eyes, all attention of the leading governments was focused elsewhere. A little war began in central Europe, and the potential parallels to the situation right now for Russia are unmistakable. The Russians also know that the United States has developed a new strategic doctrine called Prompt Global Strike, under which the US is building a capability to launch ICBM and other heavy military strikes against any place on the face of the earth within one hour. That is the advertised objective, and under some of the public writings on Prompt Global Strike, there is talk that the United States no longer has to rely strictly on nuclear weapons, thermonuclear bombs on their warheads of their ICBMs. Some of the new, precision and high-powered conventional explosives can be used instead. Now when you are sitting there at a radar detection system somewhere in Russia and you detect a launch of an ICBM, whether it's from a land-based facility out in the western states of the United States or whether it is from a submarine hugging a lot closer to the coast of Russia, you have very little time and no luxury to operation under the presumption that "Maybe we'll take a guess and take the risk that it is only a conventional warhead." All of these things cumulatively have been building up for years, and it's increasingly now reached a breakpoint because the situation in Ukraine has been pulled in terms of an activation

of what we identified in the fact sheet that all of you can find in both the *EIR* and on LaRouchePac website. Namely, that what you have going on is a direct insurrection financed and organised by Western European governments and by the Obama Administration with the aim not just of overthrowing the legitimately elected president of Ukraine, but of promoting and potentially even installing in power the networks of the children and grandchildren quite literally of those Ukrainians that allied directly with Hitler and were responsible for the murders literally of hundreds of thousands if not millions of Jews, Poles, and other central Europeans. Stefan Bandera was the leader of the overtly pro-Nazi movement in western Ukraine that was trained by the German Abwehr and had tens of thousands of special units of troops who moved in along with the German Army during Operation Barbarossa in 1941 and carried out crimes of genocide. In 2010 the previous president of Ukraine, Mr. Yushenko who was the darling and the creation of the Orange Revolution of George Soros, as his last official act as President after he had already been soundly defeated for reelection was to name Stepan Bandera as a "Hero of Ukraine". This is an official state award and it was given to someone who had a clear Nazi track record. Many of the groups who have now resorted to hardcore violence in Euro Mайдan Square in Kiev and elsewhere around the country are openly hoisting the Bandera flag. Some of the organisations, like Svoboda, one of the three main opposition parties, are open in that they promote the Bandera ideology of "Ukraine for the Ukrainians only", in other words an ethnic cleansing policy. And these are the people whom Catherine Ashton, the foreign minister of the European Union, has been visiting in Kiev, has been touting as the great wave of the future, to bring Ukraine into Europe and into NATO. This is what the Russians clearly understand to be an unwarranted and dangerous provocation aimed at finally achieving a 20 year long objective, ever since the collapse of the Soviet Union, namely to grab up Ukraine as a colony of Europe, as a NATO forward base, and while it is not being overtly discussed right now and advertised, to drive the Russians out of their critical Black Sea port.

So this is widely understood by American military strategists to be a *casus belli*. Meaning that it is a cause for war. And as the events in Ukraine, at Sochi with the Olympics escalate, as the Russians build more and more of a dossier on the terror networks that carried out a recent series of suicide bombings and are directly threatening the Sochi Olympics and they recognise that these networks are being sponsored and financed by Britain and by Saudi Arabia, and that the main route into Russia is coming through a NATO country, Turkey, you get the idea that the Russians have reached a point where they will not tolerate any more. This is known, it is understood, some of our own top military planners like General Dempsey, is continually making the point that we have more issues in common, we have more urgent strategic points of collaboration with the Russians and that people should cut out these provocations. It was bad enough when it was Syria, which is not Russian sovereign territory by any means, but now the crisis has gone directly to the heart of Russia's core strategic interests.

If Barack Obama were not President of the United States, I think there is very good reason to believe that none of this would be happening. Obama is not an American. He is a *stooge* of the British Monarchy. He is a *stooge* of the European oligarchical factions who are terrified because of the fact that their financial system is collapsing at an accelerating rate once again and that they are doomed.

EU Geopolitical Confrontation Risks Thermonuclear World War!

By Helga Zepp-LaRouche; Translated from German by Susan Welsh

Feb. 1—Steered by geopolitical interests, the policy of the West—the United States and the EU—has created a Nazi monster in Ukraine, the consequences of which could finish us all off. As a result of two decades of interference by foreign interests in Ukraine, not only is there a threat of civil war and the possible break-up of the country, but also nuclear confrontation with Russia.

“What? That’s not at all what we hear every day on the TV news! Aren’t these peace-loving protesters who want to escape to free Europe and from the threat of Putin’s dictatorship?”

Let’s imagine that something like what is happening in Ukraine now were occurring in Berlin. The area around the Reichstag and the Chancellor’s Office is barricaded and besieged by supporters of organizations who use swastikas as their party logo and shout out Nazi slogans; some buildings in the area are occupied by the NPD [the neo-fascist National Democratic Party of Germany—ed.]; masked and heavily armed mercenaries who fought alongside al-Qaeda in the wars in Iraq and Syria, are throwing Molotov cocktails and have occupied the Ministry of Justice, and throughout the rest of the Federal Republic, 2,200 foreignfunded non-governmental organization (NGOs) are stirring up their paid activists to occupy local mayors’ offices and city administrations and to demand the ouster of Chancellor Angela Merkel. The duly elected Merkel government deploys police in an effort to clear these plazas, and is then denounced by all the countries of Asia and Africa for ignoring the citizens’ desire for freedom.

This mirror-image scenario is exactly what is going on in Ukraine right now, and there can be no doubt that this is known to the EU, the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, and the chairman of the European Parliament’s Committee on Foreign Affairs, Elmar Brok, since many of their representatives have been in close touch with the demonstrators for weeks. But, at the same time, many publications, such as *Time* magazine and the *British Guardian*, to name just two, are identifying the fascist character of the opposition in Ukraine. Stephen Cohen, professor of Russian studies at New York University and Princeton, put a point on it, in an interview with Amy Goodman of Democracy Now: There was a coup by right-wing Nazis against a democratically elected government, he said. “Who precipitated this crisis? It was the European Union. . . . Essentially, Ukraine was given an ultimatum: Sign the EU economic agreement or else. Now, what was that agreement?” he asked. “It would have been an economic catastrophe for Ukraine. . . . What did the European Union offer them? The same austerity policies that are ravaging Europe, and nothing more—\$600 million. It needed billions and billions.

“There’s one other thing. If you read the protocols of the European offer to Ukraine, which has been interpreted in the West as just about civilizational change, escaping Russia, economics, democracy, there is a big clause on military cooperation. In effect, by signing this, Ukraine would have had to abide by NATO’s military policies. What would that mean? That would mean drawing a new Cold War line, which used to be in Berlin, right through the heart of Slavic civilization, on Russia’s borders.”

Encirclement of Russia

So let’s take a closer look at these “freedom-loving, pro-European” demonstrators.

The Svoboda organization has hoisted everywhere the red-black flag of the 20th-Century OUN (Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists) of Stepan Bandera and its military wing, the UPA

(Ukrainian Insurgent Army). The Svoboda Party’s leader is Oleh Tyahnybok, whom Sen. John McCain and others are so thrilled to be photographed with. Svoboda’s hero, Bandera, was a leading collaborator of the Nazis, and his organization prepared the way for the Nazi invasion of Ukraine in 1941. The OUN/UPA¹ was responsible for the massacre of up to 100,000 Poles in 1943-44, and, according to the official history of the British MI6, after the war the group was taken over by British intelligence and was controlled in the 1950s by the Gehlen Organization in Germany, after Reinhard Gehlen became head of the BND [Federal Intelligence Agency].

Ukrainian sources report on the participation of another radical group, whose name in Ukrainian is *Spilny Sprava* (“Common Cause”), abbreviated “SS,” and who regard themselves as stormtroopers. Anti-Semitic, Russophobic, and racist slogans dominate the scene, and there have already been assaults on other groups. There are also reports of the infiltration of the ranks of the demonstrators by over 300 Ukrainian “Afghansi”—guerrillas who fought in Syria on the side of the pro-al-Qaeda groups against the Assad government, and therefore have considerable combat experience.

There is no question that a fascist coup is in progress in Ukraine.

But as President Putin’s advisor Sergei Glazyev recently stressed, these Nazis did not just suddenly come out of the woods: For 20 years, Ukraine has been the target of the same policy of the Anglo-American policy of regime change—of which the EU has become the regional sub-division—that has been aimed at Iraq, Iran, Libya, Syria, and ultimately Russia and China. During these two decades, it is estimated that various U.S. political circles, NATO, George Soros, and a considerable number of foundations and think-tanks have invested between \$30 and \$40 billion in building up pro-Western, anti-Russian networks and 2,200 (!) NGOs, with only one purpose: to break Ukraine away from any type of association with Russia, and finally to achieve its integration into the NATO military alliance and the complete encirclement of Russia. These networks were also responsible for the so-called “Orange Revolution” in 2004. In Georgia, the same process of subversion was called the “Rose Revolution”; in the Arab world, the “Arab Spring”; in Russia, the “White Revolution” or “Russian Spring” (but there the attempt failed). Following the same modus operandi, the mob is also being used against the legitimate government of Thailand. After the outbreak of violence last November, President Putin said that the deployment of these networks was actually planned for the Ukrainian presidential election campaign in 2015, but when the Association Agreement with the EU was put on hold at the EU summit in Vilnius, they were activated ahead of time.

One must take into account the overall strategy of the U.S., NATO, and the EU towards Russia and China, the de facto forward defense of NATO, whose expression is, *inter alia*, the deployment of Patriot missiles in Turkey (the Bundestag just approved the extension of that agreement); the stationing of the U.S. missile defense system in Eastern Europe on the Russian border; and the Air-Sea Battle doctrine against China. These policies, taken



German Christian Democrat Elmar Brok, the chairman of the European Parliament’s Committee on Foreign Affairs, is a promoter of the opposition in Ukraine.

together, aim to eliminate these countries' nuclear second-strike capability. Both Russia and China have made it unmistakably clear that they have no intention of capitulating to this threat, but would answer with effective countermeasures—their nuclear arsenals.

Europe Union's Hypocrisy

The scandalous hypocrisy of the EU, the Konrad Adenauer Foundation, and such "democratic" monstrosities as Elmar Brok, are motivated by the longstanding encirclement strategy toward Russia and China which has been pursued since the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989. This strategy, which ultimately aims at regime change or capitulation to the empire of globalization on the part of both of these States, also accepts nuclear confrontation over Ukraine, as was clear from fantasies published in the *Economist*, in an article dated March 15, 2007. In this "futurological" essay, written as if from 2057, the house organ of the City of London envisioned a nuclear showdown over Ukraine "in the dangerous second decade of the century," a confrontation to which the EU, in the scenario, is pushing the Obama Administration. "The Ukraine crisis," wrote the *Economist*, as if from 2057, "became a triumph for the EU, . . . promoting the decision to go for a further big round of enlargement."

The EU's policy toward Ukraine has shown its true colours. It should not be forgotten that the Greek and Spanish police treated demonstrators no less harshly at the behest of the Troika [IMF, European Central Bank, European Commission],

when they demonstrated against the brutal austerity measures that were implemented on behalf of the banks. And the EU, of course, is no more concerned with the welfare of the people of Ukraine, whose economic plight was in significant part the result of the shock therapy of the 1990s. Otherwise, they would have simply agreed to Putin's offer of a tripartite summit among the EU, Ukraine, and Russia.

The fact that the EU rejected this proposal, reveals its true intent: geopolitical confrontation! Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, at the Munich Security Conference today, raised the obvious question of what instigating riots has to do with democracy: "Why is no one condemning those who seize administration buildings, attack policemen and chant racist and anti-Semitic slogans? Why are prominent European politicians actually encouraging the moves in question, although in their own countries they immediately clamp down on any encroachments on the letter of the law?"

If the EU does not immediately correct its scandalous behaviour, condemn the Nazi insurrection, stop all financial support to non-governmental organizations, and respond to Russia's offer for a tripartite summit, then the immediate withdrawal of Germany from the European Union becomes an existential question of self-preservation.

The consequences of EU policy made it necessary for me to write a Declaration of Independence for the European nations (see last week's *EIR*), as a very seriously intended platform for all of our survival.

Vitrenko warned a year ago: Neo-Nazis are taking over!



In a 15 April seminar following her speech to the Schiller Institute's "New Paradigm for Civilisation" conference in Frankfurt, Germany (13-14 April), prominent Ukrainian political leader and economist, Natalia Vitrenko warned of the Nazi movements being fostered in Ukraine, and of the objective to make Ukraine "a Nazi state" which

would be "a danger for the whole world." This excerpt was prefaced by her saying that her movement had come under heavy pressure; while the Nazi parties were heavily promoted, becoming more and more powerful, her movement was "kept off the air."

In the 2009 Parliamentary elections, the Nazi party Svoboda entered the Parliament and obtained Parliamentary immunity, substantial state financing, and guaranteed air time. They proceed to hold their covens without any obstacles. They march through the streets with torches and under slogans like "Ukraine over All!" "Ukraine for Ukrainians!" "Glory to Ukraine, Death to the Enemies!" "Stab the Muscovites, Slash the Russians, Hang the Communists!"

This is a gross violation of the Ukrainian Constitution, because it is incitement to ethnic strife. Nobody does anything about it. Money pours in from the West. For the so-called struggle against corruption alone, NGOs receive \$400 million a year from Europe. They start beating up people demonstrating for other causes: anti-fascists, Orthodox [Christians], etc. We had to set up our own self-defense units to defend our rallies. Several times, already, we have had to make citizens' arrests of the neo-Nazi thugs and take them to the police station. We would demand that they be prosecuted for impeding our political activity. The police immediately let them go and they have orders from above to do this; "Europe" would be unhappy with the violation of democracy in Ukraine, if they touched these thugs. The government is doing nothing to stop this.

Nazi propaganda is spread openly. Books by [Dmytro] Dontsov, the "Ukrainian Nietzsche," are openly sold in the

Parliament building. Yushchenko, before leaving office, issued a decree that only the nationalists could be considered fighters for Ukraine's independence. By the logic of this decree, the Red Army were occupiers. Russia was an occupying force. Only the collaborationists are upheld as having defended Ukraine's independence.

I filed suit against this decree by Yushchenko. Yanukovych could have repealed the decree, but he did not. I lost the case at the local level, the Appeals Court, and I am now preparing a complaint to the Supreme Court. My father fought throughout the war, so how could he be an occupier? There have already been films shown on Ukrainian TV about how Ukrainians greeted Hitler with joy, while Stalin was a demon, the Red Army were occupiers. Then there are talk shows around these films, in which young people shout out, "Glory to Ukraine!"

The Nazis cultivate soccer fans. There have been several cases during soccer games, when at the 88th minute of the game, a firecracker is set off. This is a code for "HH" or "Heil Hitler!" The International Soccer Association had to penalize the Kiev Dynamo soccer club, forcing them to play a game with no spectators. I wrote a letter of thanks to [ISA President] Michel Platini, for being the only one to raise his voice against Nazism in Ukraine. The Ukrainian Nazis have a headquarters office in Prague. They work directly with those in Poland, the USA, and Great Britain.

I understand very well that at any moment, passions could explode in Ukraine and the streets will belong to the Nazis. Yanukovych has been a 100% puppet of the West. And so it turns out that all the people in power in Ukraine are those who hate Russia. And the fact that our population is dying out, and the fact that we are deprived of the ability to live together with our blood brothers of Belarus and Russia, doesn't bother them at all. They constantly go running to the U.S. Embassy.

Therefore, what happens in the world will happen, and it will happen inclusively in Ukraine, as the formation of a Nazi state. And I think that a Nazi state in Ukraine is a danger for the whole world.