

# Stor grund til optimisme: Silkevejsånden smitter! LaRouche PAC Internationale Webcast, 3. nov., 2017.

Vært Matthew Ogden: Det er den 3. nov., og jeg er Matthew Ogden på LaRouche PAC Internationale Webcast. Som man ser af titlen på aftenens udsendelse, så er temaet for vores udsendelse, »Stor grund til optimisme: Silkevejsånden smitter«. Vi har været i nedtælling til præsident Donald Trumps rejse til Asien. Air Force One har forladt Washington, D.C., og han er på vej til sit første stop på Hawaii, hvor han vil besøge Pearl Harbor; dernæst fortsætter han til Asien.

På skærmen her ser vi vores kalender. Her er Helga Zepp-LaRouches citat [Fig. 1]. Hun sagde, »Da Xi Jinping på den 19. Nationalkongres sagde, at Kina ønsker at gøre hele verden smuk frem til år 2050, for alle mennesker, så mener jeg, at dette absolut er opnåeligt. Vi bør alle gå med i denne bestræbelse.

Silkevejsånden vokser, når man først kender den.« Det var et citat fra [Helga Zepp-LaRouches webcast i går](#); Schiller instituttet har haft en række webcasts om temaet, »Silkevejsånden«. Denne optimistiske ånd, som Helga Zepp-LaRouche har reflekteret, både i det citat, I netop hørte, men også i løbet af de seneste par uger under vores nedtælling til præsident Trumps potentielt historiske rejse til Asien. Denne optimistiske ånd, Silkevejsånden, smitter virkelig. Vi udfordrer dig til, hen over de kommende par dage, at indfange denne optimistiske ånd, og til at hjælpe os i vore bestræbelser for, at USA skal tilslutte sig dette nye, fremvoksende paradigme, der vokser frem fra Kina.

*Her følger resten af udskriftet på engelsk:*

On the eve of President Trump's Asia trip, we're seeing efforts from both President Xi Jinping and from President Trump himself to try to set a very positive tone for this upcoming summit between President Trump and President Xi. At a speech at Tsinghua University, which took place on Wednesday, President Xi Jinping reiterated his commitment to "win-win" relations between the United States and China. He stated the following: "China is willing to work with the United States side to look far ahead and to aim high; to establish a community of shared future for mankind." So, that's an image [Fig. 2] there obviously from President Trump's and President Xi's last visit, which was them

sitting in the living room of the Mar-a-Lago resort down in Florida during President Xi Jinping's visit during the Spring of this year. But since that time, their relationship has continued to be positive and has continued to develop. That kind of vision, what President Xi Jinping called working "with the United States to look far ahead and to aim high", this is the kind of statecraft that indeed President Trump should engage in. To have an over-arching vision which is built on this idea that yes, over the coming generation, China and the United States will be two of the leading economies in the world. Our task at this point is to look far ahead into the future and to achieve some visions which are, indeed, very high; and to establish a community of shared future for all mankind.

Now obviously, that comes in the form of the United States joining in with this "win-win" vision of cooperation which China has built around the New Silk Road, the One Belt, One Road Initiative. So that was President Xi Jinping obviously trying to set a very positive tone for this upcoming summit between him and President Trump.

Now let's take a look at what President Trump himself had to say. In an interview last night with Fox News, President Trump went into a long discussion of what he expects from his upcoming trip to Asia; especially with his upcoming trip to China. Here you can see a screen shot [Fig. 3] from that interview subtitled "President Trump on US-Chinese relationship". Here's what President Trump had to say about his relationship with President Xi Jinping [Fig. 4]. He said, "President Xi has been pretty terrific. I've become very, very close to President Xi of China. I think a lot of good things are going to happen. I think it's a very important trip. I think this is one of the more important trips that a President has made." So, that's President Donald Trump talking about his upcoming trip to China. As you can see, even he himself acknowledges the very historic importance of this trip that he's making to China. So, on both sides you can see both President Xi and President Trump are trying to set a very positive tone for this upcoming summit that they're going to be having.

Now, what did President Trump say about his relationship with President Xi Jinping? He said it's a very positive relationship. Now, he is sticking to that, despite all of the efforts from the mainstream media otherwise in the United States and in Europe and coming out of the geopolitical faction in Great

Britain, where they're trying to say "Oh, we have to try to give Xi Jinping a bad name, and we have to say that he's actually a dictator and a new Stalin and a new Mao." Well, in fact, President Trump is acknowledging that President Xi Jinping has done some very positive things; saying that he's a terrific person and that their relationship is very positive. In fact, this is the tone that you're getting from the Chinese media as we're leading into this historic summit meeting.

Now if you were reading all of the US media, you would definitely be getting a completely different picture. But what has the Chinese media been saying? Well, let's take a look at an article that just came out yesterday in the *People's Daily* [Fig. 5]. It's titled "Trump's Visit to China to Yield Significant Outcomes". The article begins by saying, "U.S. President Donald Trump's first state visit to China is an historic opportunity to boost cooperation between the world's two largest economies, and a chance to tackle the problems that dampen bilateral ties, said experts".

"In addition to security, the two nations' trade and economic cooperation will also become a crucial topic during Trump's visit "[E]xperts believe that deepened mutual trust and profound cooperation will benefit both nations in the long run." Then it goes on to quote a very significant person, Wang Huiyao, who is the director of the Center for China and Globalization, which is a leading think tank in Beijing. He said, "Bilateral cooperation in infrastructure will provide great opportunities for both nations. Trump has rolled out plans to upgrade America's infrastructure, but his \$1 trillion plan is as elusive as ever. On the other hand, China has spent \$11 trillion on infrastructure in the past decade, accumulating rich experience in building high speed rails, roads, and energy plants and proving itself to be a strong partner." Then he went on to say the following – the article says:

"Meanwhile, the U.S. can also help China's Belt and Road initiative, as the former has rich experience in economic cooperation with countries along the Belt and Road.

"It would be a win-win solution for both nations if the U.S. is willing to participate in the Belt and Road initiative and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank," added Wang."

So, that was an article in *People's Daily* online. As you can see, the Chinese experts are saying look the opportunity is there for Trump to use this visit to China to announce that he's

joining the Belt and Road Initiative and joining the Asia Infrastructure Investment Bank. Of course, this has been the theme that the LaRouche organization has had for the last several weeks, as we've been carrying out our ongoing countdown to this historic trip. Now the Chinese are saying explicitly that Trump has got the opportunity to announce that he is joining these crucial initiatives. Not only for the Chinese side, but saying explicitly that this is the opportunity for Trump to use the expertise and the financing that China is willing to provide to follow through on his promise here in the United States for trillions of dollars in infrastructure investment. Take what China has already accomplished with roads, high-speed rail, water management, power projects, domestically within China and also elsewhere, and bring that into the United States; and modernize the infrastructure here in the United States with that relationship.

Another Chinese media outlet has interviewed a US expert, this is actually an establishment figure; a fellow named Joseph Nye, who's the former dean of the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. This is what he had to say. This is an article from XinhuaNet [Fig. 6]. "Interview: Better Understanding Between the United States and China Benefits Both Says US Scholar". This is his quote:

"I don't see any reason why the United States can't have cooperation with China on many of the types of projects which will go into the One Belt, One Road. The One Belt, One Road should be able to produce global public goods. I think it can. Those public goods are good for China, and they're good for the United States; but they're also good for other countries. So in terms of producing public goods or global public good, that's 'win-win' for everyone."

Again, that's Joseph Nye, former dean of the Kennedy School of Government from Harvard University. As you can see, he's saying look this is an opportunity for "win-win". Not only would they benefit China and the United States, but he said there are also third party benefits. The entire world could benefit from this kind of "win-win" relationship between the United States and China. So, that's very significant coming from an establishment figure here in the United States – the former dean of the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

So indeed, you have a growing chorus of people who are beginning to recognize exactly what time it is, and exactly what

the potential benefits would be for Trump to announce that the United States is joining the Belt and Road Initiative coming out of China.

Helga Zepp-LaRouche had a very significant appearance – this was actually last week – but it hasn't received yet the coverage that it should, although there is an article that is forthcoming in the Chinese-language press on this event. But Helga Zepp-LaRouche delivered a speech at an event in Paris on October 24th which was jointly sponsored by the international Schiller Institute and the Geopolitical Academy in Paris – the Académie de Géopolitique de Paris. Helga Zepp-LaRouche's speech was titled "Achieving a 'Win-Win' Cooperation with China". Now, I'm going to play a portion of her speech. You'll see that it's sort of broken up because there was a simultaneous translation into French for the French-speaking audience; but we've just selected out the portion of Helga Zepp-LaRouche speaking English for our English-speaking audience here. But it's a very important strategic overview going into President Trump's trip to Asia. So, I'm going to play that speech for you now.

HELGA ZEPP-LAROUCHE: Ladies and Gentlemen, Excellencies, Dear Guests: I would like to approach the issue of the China question from the standpoint that there is right now a complete clash between what I would call the old paradigm and the new paradigm, and that new paradigm has been very little understood in the West. I would like to start by talking about what just happened, namely the 19th National Congress of the CPC and especially the perspective outlined by President Xi Jinping for the next 35 years.

First I want to say, I was in China for the first time in 1971 in the middle of the Cultural Revolution, and therefore, I basically take credit of having the advantage of having seen firsthand, the absolutely incredible development of the Chinese miracle. China has developed in the last 40 years in particular, since Deng Xiaoping's reforms, into the most incredible economic transformation of any country on the planet. It has uplifted in the last 30 years, 700 million people out of poverty; it has now a growing middle class of people who are economically doing very well, and it has a perspective of eliminating all poverty by 2020, that is three years from now, of the remaining 42 million poor people in the rural areas.

What Xi Jinping did first in his speech, was to take a review of what has happened in the last five years since he became General Secretary of the CPC, and that was essentially to develop the inner and western regions of China, which also is very difficult, because these are mostly deserts, and it's very difficult because this is a tremendous challenge. But China has done an incredible job in doing exactly that.

One year after Xi Jinping had become General Secretary, he announced the New Silk Road, the Belt and Road Initiative in Kazakhstan, and in the four years since this project has been put on the agenda, again, the most breathtaking development has taken place where now, about 70 countries are now actively participating in this project.

By 2020, Xi announced that China should be a moderately prosperous country; by 2035 China should be fully modernized, and by 2050 it's supposed to become a "strong, democratic, culturally advanced, harmonious and beautiful nation." Xi emphasized that in China's development, they were adding miracle upon miracle and basically would draw on the 5,000 years of China's history, where China contributed many advances to humankind, and also develop a spirit of science, of innovation, and excellence for the future. He mentioned 14 times in his speech that the aim of all of this is that people would have a better and a happy life. Now, I have not heard that said from any Western politician since a very long time. It is in the Declaration of Independence that the "pursuit of happiness" is an inalienable right of all people, but if I look at the political processes in Europe or the United States, "happiness" is not a subject of discussion as the purpose of policies.

What China has done is to take the Chinese economic miracle, and offer it through the Belt and Road Initiative to all participating countries, and that has already transformed all of Asia, much of Europe, Eastern Europe, Southern Europe, Africa, Latin America. And at this Party Congress, there were many leaders who said they will now take the inspiration of the Chinese model for their own development.

While this is happening in China, you had a peak of unprecedented attacks on China in the Western media. Bloomberg, *Time* magazine, the *Wall Street Journal*, you had a barrage of articles accusing China that this is all just an attempt to gain global power, to replace the Anglo-American imperialism with a

Chinese imperialism, that it's a grab for raw materials; that Xi Jinping would be like Stalin, like Mao Zedong, just nothing which has not been said.

So, how come the countries that are participating with China, 70 countries or maybe even more than 100, are all happy, they're all praising what China is doing, and how can it be that there is such a complete difference in perception of what is going on? This is what I call the clash between the old paradigm and the new paradigm, because what China is offering is a cooperation on the basis of a "win-win cooperation" where naturally China is pursuing its interests, but it is also at the same time, giving the interest of the participating countries; so it's in a mutual benefit for both sides.

Let's take it back a little bit: When the Soviet Union approached its last phase, in the United States the neo-cons developed a concept which they called the Project for a New American Century (PNAC), which was the idea that there should be only a unipolar world, dominated by the Anglo-Americans.

When the Wall in Berlin came down, the organization around my husband, Lyndon LaRouche, had an answer: We proposed the Productive Triangle economic development Paris-Berlin-Vienna, which was the idea to transform the Comecon countries with Western technologies through development corridors. In 1991, when the Soviet Union disintegrated, the Iron Curtain was no longer there, and we proposed the Eurasian Land-Bridge, which was the idea to connect the population and industrial centers of Europe with those of Asia through development corridors, and we called that in '91 already, the Eurasian Land-Bridge, the New Silk Road.

We campaigned for this over 26 years, but naturally, if you go back to '91, this was not in the interests of the Bush Sr. administration; or Margaret Thatcher, who called the German unification the "Fourth Reich"; or even Mitterrand who opposed German reunification, so there were many geopolitical obstacles to realize this plan at that time.

So the unipolar world forces pursued their policy which consists of regime change of any country, any government which would oppose the unipolar world, color revolution, such concepts as "right to protect" (R2P), under the pretext of fighting for human rights and democracy to conduct interventionist wars, which has given us the mess in the Middle East and the refugee crisis. This was what ensued over these decades.

That military-strategic policy was combined with an economic side, which was essentially the lack of development caused by the IMF conditionalities, which prevented explicitly Third World development; a policy of the Troika in Europe which prescribed brutal austerity to Southern European countries such as Greece, Italy, Spain, Portugal. And this led to the revolts against this system which we have been watching for the past almost two years. That revolt expressed itself in the Brexit, in the election victory of President Trump and the loss of Hillary Clinton, in the "no" to the referendum in Italy for the change in the Constitution; in the recent developments, such as the election victory of Kurz in Austria, Babic in the Czech Republic, the eruption in Catalonia, so this is an ongoing revolt.

That policy is now leading to the danger of a new financial crisis, much worse than 2008, because the causes of that crisis had not been addressed. To the contrary, through quantitative easing, negative interest rates, an enormous amount of liquidity was pumped into the system which manifests itself now in the form of a much, much bigger indebtedness of governments, of firms, of student debt, of car loans, and this is a bubble about to explode again.

China is not unaware of what is the reaction of the Western media towards the Chinese model, and I found it very interesting that in the last days there is a completely new tone in the Chinese media about this reaction of the West. They say, with a very new self-confidence, less diplomatic than the Chinese would usually speak, that their model is superior to the Western model. And they talk about the errors of Western conceptions about China, that the West completely misses the true nature of the Chinese development, that the West obviously does not want China to succeed and predicting, that it will not succeed. One article says, that the West thinks the closer that China is to the West, then they're on the right path; if they are diverging it's dangerous; that China should consolidate the interests of the West, and therefore China's development is negative and challenges the world order; and that China should not challenge what they call "universal values," but in reality these "universal values" are just Western interests. And then, in several articles, they say, look at the chaos of the West, the influence of the Western media is shrinking and China should no longer care about Western prejudices.

So, I'm just touching upon these things, because it is my



firm belief that the New Silk Road dynamic is unstoppable, because it is the much more attractive model of international cooperation, and it will eventually also be put on the table in all of Europe. I think it would be in the fundamental interests of European nations to cooperate with China and with Russia, in the development of Africa: This is the only human way to stop and overcome the refugee crisis. China has offered a “win-win cooperation” to Mrs. Merkel, to Italy’s Gentiloni, to [former French Prime Minister] Mr. Raffarin, when he was at the Belt and Road Forum in Beijing in May, so the offer is on the table. The same goes for the reconstruction of the war-torn countries of the Middle East, where, in the case of Syria, there is already an emerging tripartite cooperation, where China provides the infrastructure, Russia the energy, Iran the industrial parks, and other countries are invited to cooperate in reconstructing Syria; and also the same goes for Iraq, Afghanistan, Yemen, and other countries of the region.

Contrary to what you read in most Western mainstream media, the possibility that it would come to a good relationship between Trump and Xi Jinping in the upcoming visit of President Trump to Asia, where he will go to Vietnam, Philippines, South Korea, Japan, and a state visit to China, are very good.

The whole Russia-gate against President Trump, the idea that there was collusion between the Trump team and Russia, whereby Putin would have helped Trump to win the election, is utter nonsense, there’s no evidence for it, and it was designed entirely by the intelligence services of Great Britain and the Bush-Obama administrations, to prevent Trump from having a positive relationship with Russia and China – and that is not succeeding.

The United States is undergoing right now a tremendous economic crisis, a total collapse of infrastructure due to a non-investment for about 100 years; infrastructure in the United States is collapsing. The United States has 150 km fast train system between New York and Boston, as compared to more than 20,000 km fast train system in China, and there is right now a very concrete discussion that China would, together with the Japan, invest in the infrastructure of the United States, and this could be a subject in the upcoming Trump visit in China.

There are already many strategic realignments going on: I only want to point to maybe the most obvious case, that of Japan.

Japan right now is seeking a very good relationship with Russia, they are developing the Kuril Islands together economically. Because of the strategic close relationship between Xi Jinping and Putin, the relation between Japan and China is now improving. I want to just say, that from the standpoint of universal history, I think that mankind has reached the point where either we move to a new paradigm of self-governance of relations among nations, and stop thinking that war can be, in the age of thermonuclear weapons, a means of conflict resolutions, if you don't want to risk eliminating ourselves as a species. So we have to think about a new paradigm of cooperation, and it is on the table. So, I think that the kind of discussion we need to have in Europe really needs to take on a completely different shape and form. I don't even think multi-polarity is what we want, because multi-polarity still has the idea of geopolitical confrontation, that you have one group of countries who has an interest against another group of countries; where I think that the idea pronounced by President Xi Jinping of the "community of a shared future of humanity," where you start with the one mankind first, and then you come to the national or regional interest, is the way we have to think. As a last comment, I think that the West can only find this kind of cooperation if we develop or rediscover our best traditions, like China has revived its Confucian tradition of 2,500 years, and the West has to revive its best Classical traditions of all our European cultures. If we do that, I think we are at the verge of a new era.

OGDEN: So that was a speech that Helga Zepp-LaRouche presented to a joint event in Paris on October 24th, sponsored by the international Schiller Institute and the Academy of Geopolitics in Paris. As you can see, this is a wonderful overview of exactly the kind of strategic situation that is now presenting itself as President Trump is flying on his way to this historic summit in China with President Xi Jinping. Now, one more item that we need to conclude with, this is just some breaking news on the so-called "Russia-gate" narrative, which is now completely falling apart. Last week on this broadcast we reported that the news had come out that Hillary Clinton and the DNC had been exposed as directly financing the so-called "dodgy dossier" from Christopher Steele, the British intelligence agent who had put together this so-called dossier on

President Trump. Now it has come out that that was only the tip of the iceberg. What's now being revealed is that the Democratic nomination during the 2016 Presidential campaign was completely rigged – 100 %; even more than we knew at the time. The facts have come out that expose the reality that the DNC, all the way through the primaries, starting a year before the Presidential primaries even occurred, was in fact nothing but a subsidiary of the Clinton campaign. 100 % bought and paid for and controlled. Donna Brazile, of all people, who is a long-time Democratic Party figure and was the interim chairperson of the Democratic National Committee, has just exposed in her forthcoming book; this is an article that was in {Politico} which is quoting an excerpt from her forthcoming book, but the article is titled "Inside Hillary Clinton's Takeover of the DNC". Donna Brazile reported that the Democratic National Committee's rigging of the party nomination for Hillary Clinton against Bernie Sanders, also Joe Biden, Martin O'Malley, and any other Democratic nominee who never had a chance. This rigging of the nomination process was far worse than we even had known before; and far worse than was even exposed by the DNC emails and the John Podesta emails that had been published by WikiLeaks. In fact, it turns out that the Clinton campaign was in {total} control, a lockdown of the entire DNC and total control of every aspect of the so-called "neutral" Democratic National Committee, beginning all the way back in August of 2015; almost a year before Clinton became the official Democratic Party nominee.

Here's how it worked. Apparently, Obama had left the DNC deeply in debt; over \$24 million in debt after the 2012 Presidential campaign. He was paying off that debt very slowly, so under Donna Brazile's predecessor, former DNC chairperson Debbie Wasserman-Schultz, the DNC had signed a secret agreement with the Clinton campaign which specified that in exchange for sending money to the DNC, Hillary Clinton would control every aspect of the Democratic National Committee's operations – the party's finances, the party's strategy, and all of the money that was raised by the DNC. Her campaign would have the right of refusal of who would be the party communications director, and it would have the right of final decision on all other staff that was hired by the Democratic National Committee. The DNC would also be required to consult with the campaign about all other staffing, budgeting, data, analytics, and even mailings that were sent out by the Democratic National Committee.

So, as you can see, what this shows is that the DNC was nothing but a bought-and-paid-for subsidiary, a completely subservient part of the Clinton campaign; whereas it is supposed to be a completely unbiased party organization which gives every candidate a fair shake. Additionally – and this is going to be a much bigger story over the coming days – apparently the Hillary Clinton campaign was using the DNC as a fundraising clearinghouse to evade Federal Election Commission regulations; virtually laundering campaign cash through the DNC, which was then funneled into the Hillary Clinton for President campaign, bypassing or evading FEC regulations. Under FEC law – this is the law that every candidate in the entire country is supposed to follow – the Federal Election Commission says an individual US citizen can only contribute a maximum of \$2700 directly to a Presidential campaign. So if you wanted to contribute to the Hillary Clinton for President-campaign, your max is \$2700. But the limits for contributions are much higher for contributions to state party organizations and to the party's national committee. So, therefore, any citizen, any individual who had maxed out their \$2700 contribution limit to the Hillary Clinton campaign, could then turn around and write a check to the Hillary Clinton Victory Fund, which would be an additional check for up to \$353,000; which represents \$10,000 to each of the 32 state party organization, plus \$33,000 to the DNC. So that money was then deposited in the state party coffers first, but then was vacuumed into the DNC and then directly to the Presidential campaign. Apparently less than 1% of that money stayed in the state party organizations.

Now this information, this bombshell, is coming directly from Donna Brazile; this is not some sort of disinformation or fake news that's coming from some troll in St. Petersburg or something. This is contained within Donna Brazile's own book about the DNC. As Elizabeth Warren said in response to a CNN interview yesterday when she was asked "Was the DNC campaign, was the Democratic nomination process completely rigged in favor of Hillary Clinton?" "Yes, it was." No other nominee even had a chance, despite the fact that there was overwhelming support within the Democratic base for anybody but Hillary.

What President Trump said in response to this news, in a series of tweets that he put out over the last 24 hours, is the following. He said, "This is real collusion and dishonesty. This is a major violation of campaign finance laws and money

laundering. Where is our Justice Department? Let's go FBI and Justice Department." Then he also said, "Bernie Sanders supporters have every right to be apoplectic of the complete theft of the Democratic primary by crooked Hillary." So, this is a bombshell. This news will definitely develop over the next few days, and this is going to be a major story as President Trump leaves on his historic trip to Asia. We have an opportunity right now to organize the entire country to say "Let's abandon this entire Russia-gate false narrative. Let's focus on the true story." Let's take a look at the opportunities that are ahead of us for our President as he takes this trip to Asia, and what all Americans have in common. We have crumbling infrastructure, we have an opioid crisis which is unprecedented in its proportions. The stories about this are absolutely unfathomable about how many deaths we've experienced over the last year from opioid and heroin overdoses. The statistics are that we have had one September 11th every three weeks in terms of the number of Americans that have died. Or, over the past year, more Americans have died from opioid and heroin overdoses than died in the entirety of the Vietnam War. This is the economic reality that is confronting the American people; and this is the kind of situation which could be resolved overnight by taking a completely different turn towards a spirit of optimism which Helga Zepp-LaRouche has characterized as the spirit of the New Silk Road.

So, let me put on the screen one more time as we conclude our webcast, the image of our calendar [Fig. 7]. We've been counting down the days up to today over the course of the month of October, as we approached the departure of President Trump for his historic trip to Asia. President Trump and President Xi Jinping will be meeting on November 8th and November 9th, so this is coming up next week. This historic summit between President Trump and President Xi Jinping could, indeed, be a history-changing event. So as the title webcast stated, "Great Cause for Optimism: The Silk Road Spirit Is Contagious". We challenge you to catch the Silk Road spirit over the next few days, and to do everything that you can to ensure that this summit is indeed a watershed moment for the history of US-China relations and the history of the entire human race. Thank you very much for tuning in today, and please stay tuned as we follow this important and historic trip that

President Trump is making to Asia as we approach this bilateral summit on November 8th and 9th next week.

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