

Stop briternes krigsfremstød!

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Vært Matthew Ogden: Det er 13. april. Som seere af vores webside vil vide, og som LaRouchePAC-aktivister vil vide, så gik verden i mandags ind i et alarmberedskab, svarende til Rød Alarm. LaRouchePAC og LaRouche-organisationen gik ind i en generel mobilisering for at stoppe det, det ville være en katastrofal, ødelæggende og meget farlig beslutning om at lancere et angreb mod Syrien. Et angreb, der meget vel omgående kunne kaste os ud i begyndelsen til Tredje Verdenskrig. Denne mobilisering har haft en enorm effekt. LaRouchePAC gik omgående i offensiven og udgav et flyveblad, som I ser her på skærmen. Flyvebladet kan downloades via linket, I ser her. (Dansk: <http://schillerinstitut.dk/si/?p=24629>)

Dette flyveblad omdeles nu overalt og er også blevet omdelt til hvert eneste kontor i Repræsentanternes Hus og USA's Senat.

Her følger engelsk udskrift af webcastet:

Let me just read you a little bit from this leaflet. This is not all of it, but these are some relevant excerpts. It begins by saying the following:

"We, the United States, are about to launch an attack on Syria and, possibly, the Russian troops therein, based on perfidious British lies; based on what may turn out to be history's final and blackest intelligence hoax, the one that eliminated the human race. At the same time, President Trump's personal lawyer's office was raided today, April 9, 2018, based on a referral from Special Counsel Robert Mueller. These two outrageous events are completely related. Unless you rise up with us right now to stop it, this country is in grave, graver peril. The outright attempt to blackmail this President into the war he was elected to stop has been escalated beyond anyone's imagination.

"In 2016, millions of Americans voted for Donald Trump

because he said he would end useless, perpetual wars on behalf of an intellectually dead and financially bankrupt Anglo-American system, the imperium which dates to the immediate aftermath of World War II. Donald Trump sought better relations with China, now emerging as the world's most powerful economy, and Putin's Russia. Trump's determination to establish decent relations with Russia and China and that determination alone, set into motion the hellish coup against the President, led by the British and those many useful idiots in our elites who are in their thrall. "That coup, whose manifesto was the fake "dirty dossier" on Donald Trump authored by MI6's Christopher Steele and paid for by Hillary Clinton, was on its last legs when Britain began its present offensive. Senators Charles Grassley and Lindsay Graham had referred Christopher Steele to the United States Department of Justice for criminal prosecution and patriots in Congress were pursuing a genuine effort to identify and prosecute those responsible for the coup against our President. Then, on March 4, 2018, a Russian who spied for Britain, Sergei Skripal, and his daughter were allegedly poisoned in Salisbury, England. Skripal runs in the same British espionage circles associated with Christopher Steele. Prime Minister Theresa May immediately pronounced to the world that Russia was behind the attack but has never ever produced any proof for any of her bellicose statements. President Trump was bum rushed by his traitorous advisors, including H.R. McMaster, who throughout his military career was a captive of Britain's International Institute of Strategic Affairs, into supporting Britain's completely unfounded claims. The message to the President from our traitors is clear, join us in the march to war and maybe, maybe, we will let up with the coup.

"Ultimately, Britain's own chemical weapons experts at Porton Downs refused to say that the agent used on the Skripals was manufactured in Russia, despite the evidence-free claims of Theresa May and her insane Foreign Minister, Boris Johnson".

"Despite voicing support for Theresa May, Donald Trump still sought to make good on his promise to the American people. He congratulated Putin on his election and invited him to the White House for early talks, citing the escalating and dangerous arms race between the United States and Russia. The British and their American friends completely lost it in response. A hammer needed to be dropped on this President who now was even talking of pulling American troops out of Syria and rebuilding the United

States.

“Enter a second British authored poisoning hoax, this one in Syria. The Russians, Iranians, and Syrians not only assisted in the defeat of ISIS, but were mopping up the last remnants of remaining jihadis, such as Jayish Al Islam, a rebranded Salafist Jihadi group controlled by the Saudis, and the Al Nusra front or Al-Qaeda. The final military operations consolidating victory were concluded in the last days in Gouta, a suburb of Damascus. Having achieved victory, under the narrative our war mongering media would have us believe, Assad launched a chemical weapons attack to celebrate that victory, knowing he would bring down holy hell upon himself from the West.

“The pictures of dying children which President Trump reacted to so emotionally a year ago, when he launched missile strikes on Syria, have been presented to him again. There is every reason to believe they are fake. Russia and Syria had been warning about just such a false flag attack involving chlorine gas for over a month as they closed in on victory in Gouta. The only information claiming such an attack occurred is coming from the White Helmets, an aid organization founded by the British, implicated as being militarily involved with Al-Qaeda, and deeply implicated in past hoaxes concerning Assad’s alleged use of chemical weapons.

“The White Helmets are jointly funded by British and American intelligence components dedicated to regime change in Syria. They have received millions upon millions of dollars for this purpose. They are critical components of the interventionist and regime change foreign policy Donald Trump was elected to eradicate.

“In 2013, when Obama threatened war with Russia over Syria, the American people intervened, raised the roof of Congress, and stopped it. This is what is needed now. Russia sees an unrelenting information warfare offensive coming from the British and their dupes in the U.S. They correctly see this as the first steps toward war. We need to reverse this starting right now. Call your Congressional Representative or Senator, tell them to stop the drive to War and Shut Down Robert Mueller, Now.

“[The] Capitol Switchboard is (202)224- 3121. Raise the roof! Call the White House and tell the President not to step in a British trap. [And the White House switchboard number is] (202)456-1111.”

Now, that leaflet is available in the description of this

video. As we've received reports, calls have been inundating Congress, and we've received word that the White House switchboard has also been overwhelmed with calls over the last several days from American citizens responding to this call. The call, that LaRouche PAC issued to immediately go into an all-out mobilization to stop this war. As I mentioned, this leaflet is being circulated around the country. Rallies are being held in cities around the country by members and activists with the LaRouche Political Action Committee. Here, I'm going to show you a couple of pictures. This is a picture from the streets of Manhattan, and that graphic there – "No Strike on Syria" – which had listed the White House phone number and the Congressional phone number. The next there, you see "Chemical Weapons Hoax Is another British Lie". There is somebody signing up, leaving their information to become a volunteer and an activist with LaRouche PAC. The next one here, you see a banner "Fire Mueller, Not Missiles! Poison Gas, My Ass! Stop World War III! larouchepac.com". Here you can see a similar banner which was being deployed in the streets of Houston, Texas. This one, you can see, was accompanied by Kesha Rogers, who is an independent candidate for US Congress there in Texas. This one: "Syrian Chemical Weapons Hoax! British False-Flag for Nuclear War!" And then one more, here you can see Kesha Rogers herself, "Poison Gas My Ass! It's All British Lies!"

This is being similarly alluded to by experts here in the United States and abroad who are very clear that there have been previous instances of false-flag types of attacks being staged in Syria to try to provoke US involvement and to try to provoke these US strikes against the Syrian government. In fact, spokesmen for the Russian Foreign Ministry are tracing this directly back to the British, and are naming the British by name. So, as we said on Monday, the mask is now falling away, and the British have over-extended themselves and are now being identified as the perfidious actors that they are. Including in an interview that Will Wertz of *Executive Intelligence Review* conducted on behalf of LaRouche PAC on Wednesday of this week, with Senator Richard Black. Richard Black is a very vocal Senator here in the Virginia State Senate. This video has already gained over 23,000 views as of just a few minutes ago, last time I checked. In that interview, what Senator Black does is, he spares no words in warning that any strike on Syria with Russian troops present on the ground, could lead directly to a

thermonuclear war which would threaten the existence of human civilization itself. Let me play you a clip from that video, and I should just note that the full video is available. The link is available in the description below this video in YouTube [<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kTtAm00HW24>].

So, here's a clip from this interview with Senator Richard Black.

SEN. RICHARD BLACK

: we have maneuvered ourselves to a point, where the degree of risk I think is as high as it was when the Archduke of Austria was assassinated, causing an explosion into the First World War – enormous bloodshed, suffering, destruction. And the First World War, of course, was sort of just a prelude and laid the groundwork for the Second World War, and the vast destruction that took place.

Now: what makes this worse than the First World War situation, is that while Russia – you know, we outspend Russia 11:1; our defense budget is so big, that it equals the combined total of the next 14 largest nations in terms of defense spending: Russia, China, Germany, Korea, France; it just goes on and on. We have a {gargantuan} defense budget, and so we are more than a match for the Russians. The Russians, while they have a fine army, and fine military, it's much smaller. It just can't compare.

However, where we do have equality is with nuclear power. Both sides apparently have roughly 1,500 nuclear weapons that are set to go, like that. There are roughly 7,000 on either side, which are capable of being used in short order. That is enough probably to destroys two-thirds of humanity. And certainly the Western world as we know it, would be practically annihilated: All of our major cities. Right here in Virginia, Norfolk, the biggest naval base on Earth, would simply be gone. This Loudoun County which has huge internet traffic would be gone. The Pentagon would be gone. New York City totally gone! It would totally be erased from the Earth!

And we have people like John Bolton, who are sufficiently reckless, to where, for their self-interest, they are willing to risk the death of perhaps 2 billion people, to just simply purging them from the face of the Earth. And it is incumbent on

the President to recognize the extraordinary danger that we face. We have been building up to this, and many of us elected Donald Trump on a promise that he was going to sort of normalize our relations with Russia; he was going to stop trying to overthrow President Assad, and work with the Syrians; he was going to downgrade the importance of NATO, and he was going to give up regime change. Now, Trump has done a lot of the things he promised to do, but he has not done *one* thing that he promised to do in foreign affairs – well, you could take the exception – he was always very hostile towards the Iranian deal and so he was honest about that. That’s probably the one thing that he’s focused on most. But you know, when Gen. Michael Flynn was planned to be the National Security Advisor, Michael Flynn would have been a godsend for this nation. He knew where the skeletons buried, he understood what was going on, and I think he recognized the importance of drawing back from nuclear war.

And so, we have come to a point, probably more dangerous than any time in my lifetime – and I’m counting the time, when as kids we used to have air raid drills, and we’d get under desks, and they tell you, you cover your eyes, so you won’t be blinded by the blast, and the back of your neck, so something won’t hit you and break your neck. And people understood nuclear war, because we had dropped the atomic bombs on Japan, and they understood what it could do. Today, it’s sort of vague, it’s very distant.

But the nuclear weapons that we have today, make the ones we used on Japan look like firecrackers. They’re nothing! So we are at a fantastically perilous juncture in our history, and someone needs to take control of it, and say, let’s pull back from the precipice.

OGDEN: So, a very clear call. Somebody needs to take control of this situation and say, “We’re pulling back from the precipice.” And as Senator Richard Black said there, he sees that we’re in a more perilous and more dangerous time than at any point in his lifetime; including at the height of the Cold War during the so-called “duck and cover” drills. Now, Senator Black immediately after delivering this interview to LaRouche PAC, travelled to Richmond, to the State House in Virginia, and used his privilege as a leading State Senator to stand up, claim the floor, and deliver an extraordinary speech to the entire General

Assembly, which followed very heavily along the same lines as what he went through in this interview that you just saw an excerpt from. This speech had such an impact that even the *Washington Post* was compelled to give it thorough coverage. Here's some of the coverage that was included in the *Washington Post*. Let me just read you the beginning of their article. They said:

"A state legislator who once flew to Damascus for a two-hour sit-down with Bashar al-Assad took to the floor of the Virginia Senate this week to say the Syrian president might have been framed with a suspected chemical attack – if the attack happened at all.

"|'It is not entirely clear that there was an attack,' Sen. Richard H. Black (R-Loudoun) said in a 20-minute speech on the floor of Virginia Senate on Wednesday. 'There was a doctor, from the hospital â from the main hospital in Douma â who has said, 'We haven't received any casualties. Nobody has been sent in.'|' "The Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons [the OPCW], a global watchdog, has sent inspectors to Syria to try to confirm whether it was a chemical attack that killed dozens in Damascus on Saturday."

Then it went on to say, "As nearly two hours of strictly perfunctory, procedural business wrapped up, Black asked to address the body.

"He expressed concern that President Trump – whom Black largely supports – will launch a military strike against Assad 'regardless of whether there was an actual attack and without regard to who may have staged it.'

"He went on to say the United States has been at war in the Middle East for 17 years with no end in sight. That former Rep. Charles B. Rangel (D-N.Y.) had been right when he said that without a military draft, Americans are more careless about sending troops into battle. That national leaders who make the call, such as former Vice President and Defense Secretary Richard B. Cheney, never went to war themselves."

Now, the article went on to report that, while there were several Democrats who were quite flabbergasted that Senator Black would have the gall and the guts to stand up and say what he said there on the floor of the Virginia State Senate, there were several of his colleagues who stood behind him 100%. And knowing his background as a military veteran with medals of valor that he has received from going into combat, receiving wounds, and also

his history as a JAG [Judge Advocate General] and very high-level prosecutor associated with the US Army, they know that these words from Senator Richard Black are not words that he delivers lightly.

Another elected official who, like Senator Black has travelled to Syria in order to see what actually the conditions are on the ground, and to get the truth of the matter and to get the facts for herself, is US Representative Tulsi Gabbard, Congresswoman from Hawaii – a Democrat. This week, Tulsi Gabbard, like many other members of the US Congress – Democrats and Republicans included – went into an all-out mobilization. Several of her colleagues have been calling on President Trump to at least come to Congress and follow the US Constitution and the War Powers Act. But Tulsi Gabbard went much further, and she issued a very strong series of tweets, which I would just like to go through for you here. She said: “Our unfortunate and brutal history of waging regime-change wars has failed. Interventions in Iraq and Libya caused death, destruction, and human suffering. We have neglected our own communities. Military action should be the last resort, not our first. The people of Syria want peace more than anything in the world. Dropping bombs on Syria will not bring their war-torn country any closer to peace. It will escalate and prolong the war, resulting in more senseless death, destruction, suffering, and refugees.” She says, “By launching a US military attack against Syria, terrorist groups like al-Qaeda, ISIS, Jayish al-Islam, etc. will be reinvigorated and resurrected in their quest to topple the government and establish a caliphate. This creates a greater threat to America and Hell for the Syrian people.” She says, “Bottom line: If our desire is for peace and stability in Syria so that refugees can return home and they can begin to rebuild their homes and lives, then we should work for peace rather than expanding and escalating the war through a US military attack against Syria. #peace for Syria. As a soldier, I know that the most basic requirement before taking military action is that you must have a clear achievable objective, and a strategy to achieve it. You must analyze the situation, know what the risks are, and what the cost and consequences of your actions will be. Our actions in Syria must be based on strategy which is based on what our mission actually is. What are we trying to achieve? The neo-cons and neo-liberals calling on Trump to attack Syria either don’t know what the mission is, or are pursuing a mission that is contrary

to US interests. Actions that weaken or cripple the Syrian military result in greater instability, more suffering of the Syrian people, and strengthen terrorist groups like al-Qaeda and ISIS, Army of Islam, etc. who are trying to topple the government. Is that our mission? Does this help Syrian or American people?" Then, she concludes, "US military action in Syria could escalate into a war with Russia and Iran. Russia has already stated that they will respond to any US military attack against Syria. Is this our mission? How does going to war with Russia over Syria serve the interests of the American people?" That final tweet goes directly to the point. Any attack on Syria would risk wounding or killing a Russian service member or Russian military assets which are deployed heavily in that region. Any attack on a Russian military asset or a Russian soldier, would result in a direct response from Russia, which means World War III. So, those warnings are very clear. Now, Tulsi Gabbard also confronted US Defense Secretary James Mattis during a hearing that was held in the US House of Representatives just yesterday. She begins by bringing up the War Powers Act and the Constitutional right of Congress to declare war, not the President; but then she pursued a similar line of questioning as what she covered in that series of tweets. You'll hear Jim Mattis say, "We haven't yet actually decided whether there will be a military strike against Syria," although President Trump in the beginning of the week has set himself a 24-48-hour time line on that. There are questions surrounding what is actually the discussion and the push-back inside the White House, and what is Jim Mattis' role on this, and an acknowledgement that, at least if a military attack were launched, what is the strategy to follow up on that? And then an acknowledgement that any military attack would precipitate a much higher escalation in the conflict, and could lead to a war with Russia. So, you'll see Tulsi Gabbard say that explicitly. So, here's this video clip from the Congressional hearing yesterday.

REP. TULSI GABBARD

: Thank you, gentlemen, for your service. The President indicated recently his intention to launch US military attacks against Syria. Article I of the Constitution gives Congress the sole power to declare war.

Congress has not done so against the Syrian government. Syria has not declared war against the US, or threatened the US. The launch of 59 missiles against Syria by Trump last year was illegal and did not meet any of those criteria in the War Powers Resolution. The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2018, which was signed into law by President Trump, states that none of the funds made available by this Act may be used with respect to Syria in contravention of the War Powers Resolution; including for the introduction of US armed military forces into hostilities in Syria.

My question is: Will the President uphold the Constitution, the War Powers Resolution, and comply with the law that he signed, by obtaining authorization from Congress before launching US military attacks against Syria?

DEFENSE SECRETARY JAMES MATTIS: Congresswoman, we have not yet made any decision to launch military attacks into Syria.

GABBARD: It is simple, however, what the Constitution requires, so while you are correct in saying the President has not yet made a decision, my question is: Will he abide by the Constitution and comply with the law?

MATTIS: I believe that the President will carry out his duties under the Constitution to protect the country.

GABBARD: What would the objective of an attack on Syria be, and how does that serve the interests of the American people?

MATTIS: I don't want to talk about a specific attack that is not yet in the offing, knowing that this would be pre-decisional. Again, the President has not made that decision. However, looking at the Chemical Warfare Convention, I think it's by far in the best interests of civilization, certainly the best interests of America, that that Convention be obeyed by the nations that have signed it. What has happened in Salisbury, England and now has happened in Syria again, shows that this is not an idle concern.

GABBARD: So, if the decision is made, as you have stated publicly, you are laying out all the options on the table for the President. If the decision is made to launch a military attack

against Syria, Russia has already responded that they would respond to our US strike. As this action is considered, can you justify for the American people how going to war with Russia over Syria serves the interests of the American people?

MATTIS: No, Congresswoman, I can't answer that question. I'm not ready to speculate that that would happen.

GABBARD: Would you not say that it is a highly likely occurrence, given what Russia has stated directly that they will respond?

MATTIS: No, Congresswoman, I would not. There's a lot of ways to respond to the violation of the Chemical Weapons Convention diplomatically, economically, militarily, that taken in total would represent I think what we have to do in this world if

in accordance with international norms and international law.

OGDEN: So, as I said, numerous members of Congress are insisting that the War Powers Act and Article I of the Constitution – the Constitutional privilege of the US Congress to declare war and not the President; that this be observed. Both Democrats and Republicans. This is also being brought up in the UK by Jeremy Corbyn, saying Theresa May cannot be allowed to just launch a unilateral attack on Syria without coming to the Parliament first. So, there is huge push back; but I would insist that this comes, this was catalyzed by the mobilization that LaRouche PAC and the LaRouche organization internationally launched at the beginning of this week. The actions by activists such as you who are viewing this webcast, and other people who have been mobilizing in an all-out mobilization over the course of this week, has had a very significant impact, and may be the reason why we are not at war in Syria already, and have not escalated this into some sort of an attack, a missile launch in Syria at this point. Now, we remain in the danger zone. By no means is anything decided. We have to continue this mobilization in a way which goes beyond even what has been done thus far this week.

What I would like to do, just to conclude this broadcast, is to bring you an excerpt of a webcast that Helga Zepp-LaRouche delivered just yesterday. Helga Zepp-LaRouche has been receiving a lot of traction in what she's been saying. A webcast which was delivered last week, which she delivered in German on a website in Germany, has already received over 60,000 views. This is really catalyzing a major interest in the leadership that the LaRouche movement is providing on this issue. So, you'll hear Helga Zepp-LaRouche say here in this webcast is that we are in a very dangerous situation that could get out of control in no time. This is, indeed, a British trap that President Trump is walking right into, and we have to prevent him from walking into this kind of British intelligence trap. So, here's what Helga Zepp-LaRouche had to say:

HELGA ZEPP-LAROUCHE

: Yeah, we are indeed in a very dangerous situation, which could get out of control in no time. And just to underline that point, this tweet by President Trump which made the headlines internationally everywhere, namely, Russia, the missiles are coming. That turns out to be a reaction to a fake news! The background of this story is that about a week ago, the Russian ambassador to Lebanon, gave an interview where he supposedly said that any attack on Syria would be answered by a full military reaction by Russia. Now, it turns out that that interview which appeared on Hezbollah TV [Al Manar] and was translated into Arabic was mistranslated, and obviously referred to an earlier remark which General Valery Gerasimov, the Chief of Staff of the Russian military had made, where he said, that if there is an attack on a Russian soldier in Syria, that Russia would react. So, it was not that any attack on Syria would be met with a Russian retaliation, but if the lives of Russian soldiers would be attacked, which is a huge difference. But obviously, that was the trigger point for Trump to send out this tweet. But it also shows you that in this environment of complete orchestration of fake news, false flag attacks, secret service manipulation of all kinds, how easy it is to stage an incident and how things can get out of control. We are right now not off the war danger. It's still unclear

what will happen. Yesterday at the White House briefing, apparently it was said that "all options are on the table." Theresa May meets with her cabinet – supposedly according to media reports, which are not very reliable, but it's the only source we have on that – to decide if the British would participate in a US military attack. Now, the US warship *USS Donald Cook* is 100 km from Tartus, which is the Russian military port in Syria, and another US warship has left Norfolk, and is on the way already since several days.

Now, since Russia has full air control over Syria, and Syria has also extremely effective missile defense systems, if there is a US missile attack on Syria, it could be right in a confrontation between the two nuclear powers, the United States and Russia. So I can only urge you, all of you who are watching this program, you should join our mobilization. In every parliament in the world where you are, get your congressman, get your deputy to intervene and make sure the respective governments are completely distancing themselves, that there is a public debate and investigation. And we must really have a total mobilization against this war danger.

OGDEN: So, that is a call to action from Helga Zepp-LaRouche. We remain in a red alert. We need a total mobilization against this war danger; not only here in the United States, but across the entire planet. The resistance to this must be vocal, loud, clear, and it must be made clear that this is exactly the kind of provocation which could directly lead to World War III. So, don't let President Trump walk into a trap. That's the subject of the leaflet that we are circulating – "Enough! Call Congress and Your Senator and Tell Them To Shut Down Robert Mueller and Stop the British Drive to War". So, we implore you: If you haven't yet, do this; do it again. Get all of your friends and neighbors to inundate Congress with these calls. And to call the White House switchboard as well. We must continue in this all-out mobilization and respond to the call to action that you just heard Helga Zepp-LaRouche deliver. So, thank you very much for viewing this webcast here today. Please stay tuned to larouchepac.com.