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The Stakes In the U.S. Midterm Elections: War or Peace

HARLEY SCHLANGER: Hello, I'm Harley Schlanger with the Schiller Institute. Welcome to our webcast for today. It's Oct. 11, 2018: Our webcast will feature, as always, Helga Zepp-LaRouche, our founder and chairwoman Helga Zepp-LaRouche. We were just reviewing events prior to this webcast, and there's so much going on, as we come now with less than five weeks to the midterm election in the United States, which is going to be an extraordinarily important in determining whether the American people are going to step up to the responsibility of joining the New Paradigm, or whether they're going to succumb to the demoralization and the media control. We're also seeing things that the LaRouche movement is famous for, which is economic forecasting. And Helga, why don't we start with that: We saw a very big drop in the stock market yesterday, there's jitters on Wall Street, anxiety around the world. What's going on?

HELGA ZEPP-LAROUCHE: The system is disintegrating, and it's just a question of time when this will happen. I find it very remarkable that the IMF is pronouncing the famous "D" word. Remember that the "D" word was never to be mentioned, because the market would supposedly follows the psychology of the markets, and when you mention the word "Depression," then that could bring it on and so was the tale. But now the IMF meeting in Bali, Indonesia has been warning that challenges are to be faced,

otherwise, the second Great Depression would be looming. Now, I find this really remarkable, and I think what they're trying to somehow prepare the population that thing is really coming down. This stock market plunge of more than 800 points – I think something like 820 – you had President Trump who basically said the Federal Reserve is “crazy” with their interest rate policy, which caused a complete reaction by [IMF Managing Director Christine] Lagarde and so forth, but he kept repeating it twice. He said the situation is much too tense to continue this. Naturally, this is the reason why you have the reverse carry trade from the emerging markets, which was mentioned by the IMF as the biggest threat to the system, and the second biggest threat or maybe on an equal level, being the indebtedness. Now, Lagarde also mentioned the indebtedness of the governments, the corporate firms, and also other categories, like student loans and car loans and all of this, is 60% higher than it was in 2008. Then, in addition to all of these things, you have the collapse of the real economy, with for example home-building peaked in the United States in January and has been in a free fall and since about May this was also the case for copper and timber – all of these have lost between 15 and 20% since the beginning of the year. So, these are all markers that this thing is not continuing.

And then, you have, naturally, on top of that the growing fight between the EU and Italian government. You had the famous letter, or infamous letter by the two EU Commissioners [Pierre] Moscovici and [Valdis] Dombrovskis, to the Italian government warning them that their intention not to stick to the EU-imposed budget deficit of 2.4%, that this would not be allowed, which was the trigger for a run on the Italian bond, and as a result, the spread between the Italian and the German values have gone up to 300 points; and it is generally said if it goes up to 400 – basically that means that the Italians have to pay 3% and more to refinance their loans – and that could actually really all contribute to a crisis.

On top of it, by the 15th of this month, that is in four days, the Italian government will publish the details of their budget. And it is expecting that the rating agencies immediately afterwards will put out some rating, in all likelihood downgrading the Italian bonds, or downgrading Italy as a country, which then basically, depending how they are formulating it, if the outlook is basically neutral, people say this could just go

through; but if they put a negative outlook on it, then that could lead to a big banking crisis – actually not only of Italy, but of the entire Western financial system.

It is clear that some of these people in the European Central Bank and EU Commission obviously think they can force the Italian government to capitulate, that they can control the consequences of this, but this is playing with fire: Because you have a highly, highly volatile financial system, and I can only say, in 2008, the whole world was more or less unprepared for the crash, because they were not listening to the warning this my husband had already put out, very clearly, on July 25th, 2007 – this was one week before the secondary mortgage crisis in the United States exploded. And he had said at that time, this system is finished. All you can see now, is how it comes down. And people didn't listen to it. So the crash occurred in 2008 and they didn't draw any conclusions out of their own mistakes, and just kept pumping money – quantitative easing. And basically all these instruments of the Central Bank are now completely exhausted and used up.

And contrary to 2008, when everybody was unprepared, those people who are now trying to cause the Italian government to capitulate and continue with the austerity, which the Italian government was voted in, because they rejected that austerity. So, if they push too hard, I think one should not forget that both Italian government coalition parties, the Lega and the Five Star Movement party, they have Glass-Steagall in not only their party program, but also in the coalition treaty.

Now, obviously, the Italian government knows what they're up against. They have seen speculators moving in on countries, driving them into the ground, so they are relatively careful, and they're not saying anything terribly provocative. But if somebody from the outside pushes them into a crash, I would not exclude the possibility, or I would actually say it's quite probable that they would implement Glass-Steagall as a self-defense.

So it is quite different from 2008, and I think the only lesson that one can draw out of all of this, is we need to amplify our efforts to go for a New Bretton Woods system, which we have a campaign on internationally, we have a petition; this has been signed by many people in the meantime, and I would urge you, our viewers, sign this petition, get it around, prepare anybody you know – elected officials, mayors, parliamentarians,

congressmen – to prepare for Glass-Steagall, and not only that, but the Four Laws of Lyndon LaRouche. Because unless we reorganize this entirely bankrupt financial system in an orderly fashion, the danger is an uncontrolled collapse.

You need a New Bretton Woods system, you need Glass-Steagall, we need to get rid of the casino economy; we have to have credit for the financing of the real economy, and we have to have a new credit system to basically finance investments on a multinational level among all the countries of this world, to get the world out of this danger of a depression.

So, if the IMF talks about the danger of a Great Depression, people should take it to heart. Think about what happened in the Great Depression in the '30s – in the United States it was devastation, but in Europe it was even worse, because it led to fascist movements and that to world wars. So people should not take these things lightly: Get onboard with us. Join the Schiller Institute, join our campaign for New Bretton Woods, because that's the only answer one can give to this danger of a looming crash.

SCHLANGER: I had a chance to read through the Executive Summary of the IMF report, and there were two omissions – they were there in a sense, but they didn't really acknowledge them, – both of which your husband was out in front of for many, many years, in dealing with the IMF. On the one side, it's clear that it's {their} policy which has failed. The austerity regime which the IMF is famous for, these have never led to any economic development. And then, secondly, the quantitative easing, the low-interest credit for speculation, instead of Glass-Steagall – the IMF was promoting that. And so, the two things they promoted, they're now admitting are failed. Do you have any thoughts on that, Helga?

ZEPP-LAROUCHE: I think the possibility that the IMF would reform itself is probably going in the probability towards zero. I think it requires a different kind of action. In a certain sense, you have right now in the whole world, already, a revolt against these failed neo-liberal policies. This was expressed in the Brexit; this was expressed in the election victory of President Trump; the new Italian government is an expression of that; also the Austrian government. And I think that – in a certain sense, national sovereignty has to be reasserted, and I

don't think these supranational institutions which were the main reason why these policies were imposed, which had created havoc: Look at what happened to Greece. The Greek economy was diminished by one-third. The Italian economy was destroyed. The fact that we have now a totally different government in Italy, which is pro-growth for the most part, which is for the relationship with China, for the relationship with the New Silk Road, all of this is a response to the failure of these policies. And there are many people in Europe who are expecting that, given the fact that the EU is basically doing exactly the same thing in principle, namely, sticking to the neo-liberal austerity, that you will have an earthquake in the coming European Parliament elections [in April] which will show that these present policies will be absolutely out.

I think this is much too long term. I think the crisis is upon us now, so I can only say: The only solution is for the package I just said before: The IMF is really a bankrupt organization, and that was stated by my husband in 1975, when he proposed to replace this IMF with an International Development Bank, which would provide large-scale, low-interest credit for development projects in the developing sector; and if that would have been done, we would not have a migration problem, we would have prosperous countries around the globe; but now, with the New Silk Road, this policy is on a good way.

So I can only say, "listen to the wise words of Lyndon LaRouche," belatedly, but better late than never.

SCHLANGER: And that was a very popular item, "How the International Development Bank Works," that Lyn wrote back in '76, I think it was. We used it as part of his campaign – for his first campaign for President.

Coming up on the midterm elections, there's a lot of turmoil that's been unleashed. What's clear is that Hillary Clinton has not learned anything from the results of November 2016. You have a real civil unrest that's being built, deliberately, because the Mueller case, the Mueller Russiagate story, is collapsing. This can become a very dangerous situation. Let's start with what Trump said – Trump said, the Democrats have gone crazy. I assume you would share that assessment, Helga?

ZEPP-LAROUCHE: If calling for violence is a sign of insanity, then I would agree with him. And it's funny, I was

looking at the German media, and they all portray this fight, this very hot situation in the United States, as if it's all just electioneering by Trump that he would call the Democrats a "mob." But, it is a fact that Maxine Waters already some months ago, called on everybody to get into the face of Trump cabinet members, whenever you them – there were some actually violent incidents; people were not served in restaurants; and also some other Democrats basically called that you should be "in their faces" of the Trump camp. And that has created a complete hysteria, which was amplified by the Kavanaugh case, where even Alan Dershowitz, who said that he's a liberal Democrat, he said that the attempt, for example, Senator Feinstein and Eric Holder, they said that Kavanaugh should not be accepted, that this would put into question the legitimacy of the Supreme Court! I mean this is really incredible. Dershowitz then correctly said, forget it, Kavanaugh is now Supreme Court Justice and he will be there for his lifetime; this was due process, and the Democrats should go back to being civilized and not violate all the norms and rules.

I mean, this is incredible: I'm not an expert on American constitutional questions, but it seems to me if the Senate, or some Senators, are putting into question the legitimacy of the Supreme Court, this is heading towards a constitutional crisis, or some kind of a state crisis if these people are not stopped. I think they have lost all barriers, and they have lost all sense of limit! This is a completely hysterical situation, and I can only say that this is very dangerous. And we have said many times that Trump is being attacked, essentially, – I mean, you can pick on tiny points here and there – but that's not the point: The main reason why Trump is being attacked, is because he tried to get the relationship with Russia on a good basis. He had a very successful in Helsinki with Putin. And at least, in the initial phase, he had an excellent relationship with China and Xi Jinping. And that is why the geopolitical establishment went absolutely crazy – as a matter of fact, they're escalating their campaign, both against Russia and against China, in unprecedented ways. And it is the question of war and peace, and people should really understand that, that the Democrats have really gone crazy on the issue of Russia and also China, and they should not fall into this trap, because in the consequence, this would mean World War III.

SCHLANGER: One of the other important points, I think is that what we're seeing, is again, people like George Soros funding these rent-a-mobs. And Soros, of course, has been involved in this for many, many years. And I believe, Helga, you first identified the operation against Trump after the election, as similar to the "color revolutions" that Soros, combined with people like John McCain, the National Endowment for Democracy, the Clinton State Department, to run coups and regime changes, throughout the former Soviet bloc countries. I think we're now seeing that what you said about the "color revolution," is totally accurate, including the danger of a Maidan Square-type chaos being unleashed. Sen. Rand Paul said yesterday that he fears that there could be assassinations. Is this pretty much what you had seen two years ago, this color revolution scenario?

ZEPP-LAROCHE: Yeah, because whenever you have George Soros involved in such, and he financed, according to reports, \$50 million to a private group which, according to these reports, which was called into being by a "senator," not named, but the individual involved was formerly an aide to Senator Feinstein, so the speculation naturally goes in this direction. This was an outsourcing of the whole Steele operation to a private group, basically using \$50 million so that this could go on, after Steele was officially fired from his liaison with the FBI. Now, this is incredible. I think this will all come out, and also following the James Baker testimony, which even if it was behind closed doors, nevertheless, what came out in various Fox TV programs and various other revelations, that it was Michael Sussman, the lawyer of Hillary Clinton's campaign and the lawyer for the DNC, which was the original trigger for the whole Russiagate affair. I find this absolutely incredible and I can only hope that the American voters draw their conclusion out of it, because that means that the Hillary Clinton campaign was involved with a foreign power, namely great Britain, against her opponent in the election campaign, and then afterwards, basically against an elected President. Now, I don't find this very "democratic," to say the least, to use these kinds of secret service methods, deep state methods, to work against your own President, who has been democratically elected. This, in my view, is the biggest scandal, and if it is all coming out, if all the documents are being declassified, I think

it will go down in history, as the biggest scandal in American history. And that is what's at stake with this midterm election.

SCHLANGER: I think it's very important that Baker, who was the legal counsel to Comey and the FBI, in his testimony before a private Congressional hearing, that he acknowledged that Sussman gave him the Steele report, which was then incorporated into the original FISA warrant against [Trump campaign advisor] Carter Page. That just makes clear that all these Democrats who have been protesting what Representative Nunes did in his House Intelligence Committee, that they were wrong, they were lying; they were trying to cover up for the connection between the British, the Clinton campaign, and the FBI.

Now, Helga, a couple of other things we need to cover before we finish today: One is the very significant stopover in Beijing by Secretary of State Pompeo. He had just come from North Korea, where there was what appears to be quite a successful meeting with Kim Jong-un. But when he got to China, it was a slightly different environment, largely because of the moves toward trade war. What happened when Pompeo got to Beijing?

ZEPP-LAROUCHE: This was shortly after Vice President Mike Pence had made this absolute diatribe at the Hudson Institute, attacking China in the {worst} possible way, and this was taken very badly by the Chinese government and Chinese media, who really questioned, does that mean there is a shift in the Trump Administration, in a total hostile attitude towards China? Basically, when then Pompeo arrived in Beijing, just a few days afterwards, he basically reiterated that it is the policy of the United States to have a good relationship with China, to agree to the One-China policy, and that the United States is not trying to stop the rise of China. And there were several Chinese media which noted the fact that this was an extremely important statement to come at this moment.

There was one interesting article in the {Global Times} by the American analyst and expert, Clifford Kiracofe, who made the point that there is a clear difference between Pence, who sort of speaks for the deep state, and Trump, who is trying to change the U.S. foreign policy, but is being "hamstrung" by this crew on the side of the deep state. And Kiracofe basically said the U.S. establishment is unwilling to learn the lesson from what's going on strategically, that the world is changing and that there is a

multipolarity already now.

Now, the significance of this is not only Kiracofe saying that, but that the {Global Times} is publishing that, which is a paper which is very close to the Chinese government. So I think it's important that the Chinese are still, despite the trade war and the escalation coming from ridiculous – like Elizabeth Economy, who was already on a rampage in 2014, came out with another major piece, accusing China of all kinds of things – I don't need to repeat this stuff; and I already in 2014 said that Elizabeth Economy obviously has an "economy-class mind" if she says these things, and obviously, she has not improved since. But in any case, I think it is very important that Pompeo was there to set the record straight, because obviously, the need to find solutions to the world does require the collaboration among the major powers of the world. Those people who are pushing this insane confrontation, like Hillary Clinton did in her speech in Oxford, where she was on an absolute rant against Russia, I mean, these people should really not be listened to, at all.

SCHLANGER: Another group that shouldn't be listened to, but unfortunately is, is the IPCC, which is in the news again, with the so-called "manmade climate change" theories they have, demanding that carbon dioxide be eliminated from the universe. This goes back to the campaign you waged against the British-backed, German figure John Schellnhuber, who has been pushing these policies. And now it looks as though this is going to be aimed as dagger at the heart of the German auto industry. And it's a good thing that Trump pulled the United States out of the Paris climate change agreement. But where is this heading?

ZEPP-LAROUCHE: This is report which says the climate accord from Paris was not good enough, we need not stop 2% temperature increase, but we should stop at 1.5% by 2050. And obviously, this is basically what Schellnhuber put out some years ago with the "great transformation" as he called it, the decarbonization of the world economy, getting rid of nuclear, getting rid of coal, oil, gas, just go to "renewable" energy sources; and there, it is very, very clear that what my husband has developed in terms of the cohesion and the correlation between energy flux-density in the production process, and the potential relative population density, which can be maintained with that

energy flux-density, means that the goal which Schellnhuber set forth that the Earth can only carry 1 billion people, that that is what they now want to put back on the agenda. It's a desperate effort by the forces of the Empire against Trump, who has promised to reindustrialize the United States; especially against the New Silk Road, against the Belt and Road Initiative, which now is the new spirit which has captured more than 100 countries already, which work with the Belt and Road Initiative to their benefit. And it's an effort to really throw a monkey wrench into this dynamic.

But I think it's desperate, I think it's dangerous, but I don't think it will work. I don't think that these people will convince China, India, Latin America, Africa, the Asian nations, even some of the European nations, to lie down and die, because this is what that would mean.

It's dangerous anyhow, because you can see that it's needing a mass hysteria on the CO2 question. I mean, first of all, we have long debated that the CO2 emissions is really a minimal factor in climate change. Climate change is taking place, there's no question about it, but as we have documented many times in the past, it has to a very large extent to do with the position of our Solar System in the Galaxy, and it is long-term cycles from Ice Ages to warming periods, and within that, you have still smaller fluctuations; and this is determining the climate.

So the whole discussion of whether the CO2 emission of man causing these climate changes is just completely absurd. Now, it's very dangerous, because, as you can see, this brainwashing of the population – in Europe, for example, one day after the IPCC put out this quack report, the EU Environment Ministers met and they decided that the CO2 emission from cars should not be 30%, like they had previously argued, but it should be 35%; and the German government, which basically initially said 30%, and then agreed to this compromise – it's just crazy.

Now, what will that do? The boss of VW, the largest German carmaker today came out and said that if this aim is being implemented to have 35% cut in cars' CO2 emissions, then this will cause, alone for VW, 100,000 jobs – and that's just one carmaker. Now, you can add all the other ones, and you will end up with millions of people going unemployed and the whole industry collapsing! Germany, as an economy, is already on extremely fragile ground because of the exit from nuclear energy,

and if they now are pushing to eliminate coal altogether, this will be the death of Germany as an industrial country.

Obviously, we will make a big campaign against that.

There is a big worry, because obviously, for example, Poland is 90% dependent on coal in terms of its electricity production.

And if they force countries to implement that, you will have a populist explosion in the next vote, if not earlier.

So this is all completely crazy, and it should be stated very clearly, that with the presently existing technologies, for a very long time, the world population cannot be maintained without coal, and there are safe and modern coal plants which are completely environmentally friendly; and it's completely motivated by, not the environment, but by an anti-population attitude. We had put out in 2015, a report "'Global Warming' Scare Is Population Reduction, not Science," and in that report, we had the Queen of England on the cover, because obviously, Schellnhuber, who wants to be addressed all the time as "CBE," Commander of the British Empire, – we had documented in that report that these are British policies. And I think what we see with this IPCC report, and anti-coal emission campaign; and in Berlin, they now forbid diesel cars, cars which fueled by diesel are forbidden from driving in 11 zones in Berlin! Now, the craftsmen's association has said that this means that 50,000 cars of craftsmen will not be allowed to drive in the city, and everybody who needs the services of a craftsman, who needs a new roof, or needs a new pump, or whatever, they will not be serviced any more.

This has nothing to do with real issues: This is mass psychosis, and it's driven by the hedge funds, by Wall Street, because the CO2 emission trade is a quackery: We denounced that in the past, and now, to impose a global carbon tax, which is also what is being pushed, would mean they have again a good weapon against national sovereignty, because once you agree that national economies have to submit to the policing in terms of their carbon emission, here you go again in the direction of this globalist eco-fascism.

It's not scientific, I think it's the opposite: It's oligarchical and it's an effort, really aimed, in my view primarily against the New Silk Road, but naturally also against Trump, also against Germany, and many other countries. So, we should really denounce that, and we will have a whole bunch of articles about that on this webpage; we will have a whole section

on the Schiller page, where we will have interviews and statements. And we invite you, if you have some scientific contribution to make to this subject, we will publish it on this website and have a public debate. Because this is really dangerous for the future of civilization.

And we have to have the opposite approach: We have to have an optimism about man being able to go into fusion power, to develop completely new scientific methods for energy, safety, for raw materials security, space travel – I think we should not get into this scare which is really a tool of the oligarchy to try to stop the development of the people.

SCHLANGER: Helga, we've gone on a little bit longer than usual, but I think there's one other thing we have to bring up, because we teased it last week, which is endorsements for Independent Congressional candidate Kesha Rogers in Texas. In case, people don't know this, in the last couple of days, we've two very prominent American Republicans and conservatives – actually, they may not even be Republicans in the party sense – but Roger Stone, a longtime friend of Donald Trump, a self-proclaimed "political provocateur" issued a very strong endorsement of Kesha Rogers. And then, Senator Richard Black, a Virginia state senator, who's been very involved in exposing the coup and also exposing the deep state operations against Syria, he issued a statement endorsing Kesha Rogers. Helga, do you have any thoughts on these two endorsements?

ZEPP-LAROUCHE: I think it's great, and I can also add that the French former Presidential candidate Jacques Cheminade also endorsed Kesha Rogers, saying that even though he's not an American, Kesha's campaign has international significance, because she is the flagship against everything which is going wrong in the United States, right now. So I think we will have more such statements, and I really wish all of you to come out and support Kesha Rogers, because this is a campaign of national importance and international importance. [Rogers is an Independent running in the 9th CD in Texas, against incumbent Democrat Al Green, who promotes impeaching President Trump regardless of whether he has committed a constitutionally defined crime or not – ed.]

SCHLANGER: OK, I think that about does it. Until next week,

Helga, we'll see you.

ZEPP-LAROUCHE: OK, till next week.