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Lyndon and Helga LaRouche:

Despicable attempt to frame Dr. Natalia Vitrenko stinks of Nazism in the Bandera tradition— Victoria Nuland's favourite ideology

9 April 2015 (EIRNS)—American statesman Lyndon LaRouche and his wife, Schiller Institute founder Helga Zepp-LaRouche, today forcefully denounced a Nazi-led campaign being carried out by the Security Service of Ukraine (SBU) to defame and threaten the prominent Ukrainian economist and former Member of Parliament Dr. Natalia Vitrenko, a heroine and leading intellectual leader of that country.

“There has to be a high suspicion that this is being orchestrated by U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Victoria Nuland,” said Lyndon LaRouche today, “or by someone else with an affinity for Nazis in the Bandera tradition, such as Nuland is notorious for.”

Zepp-LaRouche, who in February 1997 co-initiated with Vitrenko the “Appeal to Convoke a New Bretton Woods Conference,” as a pro-development reorganisation of the world economic system, responded to news of the escalated attacks on the Ukrainian economist and politician: “These slanders are all the more despicable, in that they occur one month before the 70th anniversary of the defeat of Nazism in Europe, in May 1945. The nations said after the end of that war, ‘Never again!’, but the Western governments have forgotten about that pledge. Natalia Vitrenko has had the integrity to expose the neo-Nazi revival, and to give evidence of Banderite atrocities, both historically and in our day, while Victoria Nuland’s chosen Prime Minister Arseni ‘Yats’ Yatsenyuk, on the contrary, had the nerve to say on German television that the Nazi invasion never occurred—that it was only the Soviet Union that ‘occupied’ Ukraine.”

Dr. Vitrenko has twice been interrogated by the SBU for supposedly receiving Russian funds for the purpose of engaging in what some media have maliciously depicted as “propaganda work to discredit the Ukrainian government authorities, to provoke armed conflict between different layers of the population of Ukraine, to incite ethnic hatred, and to provide information support for conducting ‘referenda’ in Ukraine’s eastern regions.” A statement issued yesterday by Vitrenko’s Progressive Socialist Party of Ukraine (PSPU) pointed to stories published this week by the Glavcom news agency (glavcom.ua) and other media, which cited SBU “suspicions” about Vitrenko’s receiving money from the Russian Foreign Ministry-run Fund for the Support and Defense of the Rights of Compatriots Residing Abroad.

The allegations date to May 2014, when the accounts of Dar Zhizni (Gift of Life), a women’s NGO headed by Vitrenko, were frozen. According to Ukrainian media, this was done “in the framework of an SBU investigation of funds transfers through Ukribank, intended for persons suspected of infringement of the territorial integrity and inviolability of Ukraine.” Headlines in the current flood of media coverage name Vitrenko as “a major sponsor of separatists and terrorists,” which are broad categories being used by the current Ukrainian authorities against

their political opponents. Alexander Bondarchuk, head of the small Ukrainian Labor Party, and a colleague of Vitrenko both in the Parliament and as a co-signer on her statements against the violent, neo-Nazi-spearheaded February 2014 coup d’état in Kiev and its aftermath, was arrested 18 March on charges of “infringing the territorial integrity of Ukraine.”

Translations of the PSPU statement on the renewed threat to Vitrenko, as well as one on the Bondarchuk case, are available, here.²

SBU head Valentyn Nalyvaychenko announced in an 1 April interview that the model for his agency is Stepan Bandera’s Organisation of Ukrainian Nationalists-Ukrainian Insurgent Army (OUN-UPA), which collaborated with the Nazis during their invasion of the Soviet Union. In view of Vitrenko’s biography and her courage in continuing to speak out on the economic and political devastation of Ukraine since last year’s coup, the attacks have the pro-Nazi stench, typical of U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Victoria Nuland’s projects in Ukraine. Nalyvaychenko, long associated with the Bandera Trident (Tryzub) organisation, a core component of the coup’s Right Sector shock troops, boasted in a May 2014 Atlantic Council conference call of his “intensive” intelligence-sharing and other cooperation with “U.S. colleagues.”

Zepp-LaRouche noted that Vitrenko has spoken frequently in Europe, on both the harm done to Ukraine’s economy by IMF and free-trade policies, and the threat of the revival of fascist ideology in Ukraine, encouraged from the West. “Dr. Vitrenko is well-known and highly respected in Europe,” said Zepp-LaRouche, “and she has had high-level meetings both there and, in earlier years, in the United States. It is important for political figures worldwide to condemn these ludicrous attacks on Natalia Vitrenko, and identify where they are coming from.”

LaRouche and Zepp-LaRouche were Vitrenko’s guests in Kiev in 1995, when she was an MP. An economist specialising on Ukraine’s social services sector and the impact of International Monetary Fund (IMF) conditionalities, she ran a strong campaign for the Presidency of Ukraine in 1999, polling 11 percent even after her campaign was disrupted by an assassination attempt, in which she and 40 others were injured by grenades thrown at a rally. In recent years, Dr. Vitrenko spoke at conferences of the Schiller Institute in Frankfurt, Germany, in April 2013 and October 2014.

In a speech video-recorded for the 28-29 March 2015 conference of the Citizens Electoral Council of Australia,³ Vitrenko herself recalled that, “From 23 February to 5 March 2014, our delegation of leading representatives of some Ukrainian leftist parties was able to tour Europe, visiting France, Germany, and Italy,” where they held “dozens of meetings, press conferences,

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Ask: Are you planning to kill Natalia Vitrenko, leader of the Progressive Socialist Party?

Explain: The SBU, Ukraine's security service, has falsely accused Vitrenko of using funds by the Russian government to promote separatism and ethnic conflict.

Vitrenko's associates fear that this is intended to make her a target of a violent attack by Ukraine's neo-Nazi thugs—the groups that America backed to run the coup last year.

The Rada [Parliament] has just rammed through laws to criminalise anything deemed to be “pro-Soviet” (see below and articles page 7), but glorify as “independence fighters” both those Nazi groups in WWII which collaborated with Hitler in the extermination of Jews and Poles and in fighting the Soviets, and the modern neo-Nazi groups which are directly descended from the WWII Nazis, such as the Organisation of Ukrainian Nationalists and the Ukrainian Insurgent Army (OUN-UPA).

These laws violate the rights of Ukrainians under the Constitution of Ukraine, the European Convention on the Defense of Human Rights and Basic Freedoms, and the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights.

In a chilling echo of Nazi Germany, posters and flyers are being posted across Ukraine calling on people to inform on anyone who supports Russia or opposes the Kiev regime, accusing such people of being “domestic separatists.” People are encouraged to call a hotline of Ukraine's Security Service (SBU) to share the information with the authorities. Reportedly the hotline was set up by activists at the Ukraine Crisis Media Centre (UCMC), one of US Assistant Secretary of State Victoria Nuland's pet Nazi operations which is directly funded by the National Endowment for Democracy and the U.S. Embassy.

Demand: They inform the Ukraine government that there is worldwide concern for the security of Natalia Vitrenko and her collaborators, and that if anything happens to her the world will know that Ukraine's Nazi-dominated regime and their American backers are responsible.

Further background

Suddenly last week, a press campaign about Vitrenko being on the “Russian payroll” began, in which she was accused of using the money for “propaganda work to discredit the Ukrainian government authorities, to provoke armed conflict between different layers of the population of Ukraine, to incite ethnic hatred, and to provide information support for conducting ‘referenda’ in Ukraine's eastern regions”.

A collaborator of Vitrenko's, Alexander Bondarchuk, who is part of another political party is facing 5 years in prison for “infringement of the territorial integrity of Ukraine”, based on articles published in his newspaper last August—not even written by him, but he is being held responsible as editor-in-chief.

The new laws, yet to be signed off on by President Poroshenko, set the stage for a fully fascist state in Ukraine, and as Vitrenko's colleague, Vladimir Marchenko, pointed out: “this is a continuing Nazi coup, and people have to understand, because of where and what Ukraine is, sitting right in the middle of Eurasia, that there cannot be a successful New Silk Road if a fully fascist state is allowed to be there, blocking it.”

Other points made by Vitrenko and her colleagues:

*The laws are completely unprecedented: never and nowhere before has “communist ideology” as a whole been declared criminal. This is now a Nazi regime.

*The laws ban all displays of “pro-Soviet” symbols.

*As soon as these laws are signed, Vitrenko said, “I could get 10 years in prison, for saying that I am proud of my grandfather and my father.”

*The law mandates that all cities, towns, villages, squares, streets, etc. named after any Communist or Soviet person, must be completely renamed in a period of three months. This will cost not millions, but billions of hryvnias, under conditions where the hryvnia has been devalued by 48% in January-March, and inflation during March was doubled the rate in February (see Vitrenko's speech to the 28-29 March Australian conference in this week's Almanac, or at cecaust.com.au/2015conference/).

*The bill which praises the OUN and the UPA also grants their members special social benefits. This occurs whilst pensions and other social benefits for regular Ukrainian citizens are continually being pared back, and are not enough to live on. (See Vitrenko speech to CEC conference.)

*Rewriting history: In his speech to the Rada on 9 April, President Poroshenko said that “Hitler together with Stalin initiated the bloody fighting of World War II, and then tried to divide and split Europe.” This has been a continued theme of the new regime. Stated Vitrenko: “These laws all aim to falsify history, violate the Charter and Judgment of the Nuremberg International Military Tribunal, besmirch the glorious past of our people, and make heroes of traitors and accomplices of the Hitlerite Nazis.”

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and interviews. Thanks to Members of the European Parliament from the Italian Lega Nord, I was able on 26 February 2014 to hold a press conference at the European Parliament. ... Already then, we warned about the threat of civil war and the disintegration of the country, which could lead to World War Three. And at that time, I called on Berlin, Moscow, and Paris to unite efforts: specifically these three centres—Berlin, Moscow, Paris—to unite their efforts and prevent the Nazis from taking over in Ukraine, and to help institute a ban on all neo-Nazi parties and movements in Ukraine.”

Natalia Vitrenko's latest video address, posted today on her website www.vitrenko.org, is titled “A Military Junta instead of European Values.” She analyses the law introduced into Parliament 3 April by President Petro Poroshenko, which provides for declaring martial law in Ukraine either in the face of an armed invasion, or “the threat of attack.” The latter formulation, Vitrenko alleges, provides for acting on the basis of “fabricated threats”—just like the SBU's “bluff, that Vitrenko is threatening the territorial integrity of Ukraine.”

1) http://cecaust.com.au/main.asp?sub=articles&id=2015_04_10_vitrenko-documentation.html

2) http://cecaust.com.au/main.asp?sub=articles&id=2015_04_10_vitrenko-documentation.html

3) http://cecaust.com.au/2015conference/panel_03/01_natalia_vitrenko/20150329_vitrenko.html