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EDITORIAL

The Old System Shall Never Return; What Will Be the New?

March 28 (EIRNS)—The double virus facing all of humanity today—the corona virus threatening every nation, and the speculative virus doing the same—is increasingly recognized as a test of whether the human race has the moral fitness to survive. Shall we accept the dictates of London and Wall Street bankers, who transformed the world banking system from a Hamiltonian, creditary structure for enhancing productivity, into a vast casino run by vulturous speculators? The derivatives bubble they created, punctured first in 2008, was bailed out without any reform, leading, as

Lyndon LaRouche warned, to the far bigger bubble which is now disintegrating.

Or, shall we come to our senses, and recognize that it was that foolish bailout—failing to stop the gambling through a restoration of Glass-Steagall and a new Bretton Woods—which created not only the new financial bubble, but which also caused the collapse of the productive process itself, leaving what President Trump has correctly labeled the “obsolete” system, lacking the infrastructure and the productive power required to run a nation, let alone respond to the greatest crisis facing mankind since World War II?

Further proof that the old system is finished, came from Europe over the past 24 hours, where the political leaders in France, Italy, Greece, Portugal, and Spain all declared that the European Union has failed and is unlikely to survive the coming weeks. The original creation of the EU was part of the “globalization” process—sacrificing sovereignty and national productivity in favor of short-term maximization of profits for the financial interests centered in the City of London. When the EU leaders met on Thursday, the desperate appeal of the southern European countries (disdainfully labeled the “PIGS” by some oligarchs: Portugal, Italy, Greece, and Spain) to suspend EU spending limits and to create new bonds to meet the existential health and economic disaster facing their populations, Germany, Holland and Austria said “no,” agreeing only to meet again in 15 days. The response was severe, and revealing:

French President Emmanuel Macron: “France stands besides Italy.... We won’t overcome this crisis without a strong European solidarity at the health and financial levels. Are the EU, the Eurozone, reduced to a monetary institution and a collection of rules that allow each state to act on its own?... If Europe can die, it is in non-acting.”

Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte: “The entire European construction risks losing its *raison d’être*. Inertia would deliver the immense costs of a devastated economy to our children.”

Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis: “Yesterday’s EU summit meeting was not equal to the occasion. Europe is up against the greatest crisis since World War II. I am referring not only to the unspeakable human tragedy where developed countries are forced to choose who will live and who will die. I am also speaking of the economic tragedy.”

Italy’s Lega Nord party chief Matteo Salvini denounced the 15-day delay, “with people dying—of pneumonia today, maybe of poverty tomorrow. It is anything but a ‘Union.’ This is a nest of snakes and jackals.”

The return of euthanasia, as seen in the “triage” referenced by Mitsotakis, as well as the introduction by the *Washington Post* of “Do Not Resuscitate” plans for COVID-19 patients, and the “herd immunity” argument of the Imperial College London, must be recognized as fascist to the core. The cause of this global crisis is not “too many patients,” but rather it is the intentional takedown of the medical infrastructure by the likes of Wall Street’s Sir Mike Bloomberg, who shut down twenty hospitals in New York City while he was Mayor.

Helga Zepp-LaRouche today addressed the world in a virtual town hall meeting, titled “An Apollo Mission to Save Mankind—Building the Health Silk Road.” She highlighted President Trump’s hour-long discussion with his Chinese colleague Xi Jinping on Friday night, with both leaders praising the cooperation between the two great nations, and the urgency of collaboration of all nations in meeting the COVID-19 threat.

And yet, Trump’s Secretary of State Mike Pompeo continues to press for confrontation and war, declaring China a “threat to our health and our way of life, as the Wuhan virus [*sic*] outbreak has demonstrated.” He called on the G7 nations to join the United States in protecting the world from China’s “malign influence and authoritarianism.” Why has he not been fired, as his cohort John Bolton was?

Trump will not succeed in his best intentions without an awakened and activated citizenry, in the United States and around the world, fighting to stop the rush to economic holocaust and world war, by bringing the world’s

leaders together, including minimally Trump, Putin, Xi, and Modi, to establish a new paradigm for all nations, based on sovereignty and goodwill towards all people.

U.S. POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

Trump Offers Strong Praise for China and Xi Jinping, While Pompeo Continue To Rant About the China “Threat”

March 28 (EIRNS)—During his daily COVID-19 press conference Friday, President Trump spoke about his close friendship and cooperation with China: “So, I had a great conversation with the President of China last night,” he said, “pretty late in the night. It was fascinating to me. You know, they have a whole—it’s a different kind of a world. It’s a different form of government, to put it mildly. We talked for a long time. We talked for at least an hour.... We talked about the whole concept: how it happened, when it happened, what was the most effective use. Was distance the best thing? We talked about everything.

“They’re ahead of us, from the standpoint of time. It happened there actually long before it happened here.... But we talked about it because he’s had additional experience of having been much earlier. And he’s developed some incredible theories, and all of that information is coming over here. A lot of its already come. The data. And were going to learn a lot from what the Chinese went through.

“Our relationship with China is very good. We also talked about the trade agreement. But, I must tell you, this whole invisible enemy has taken over the world. Nobody cares about trade, nobody cares about anything. You want to talk about trade? They immediately get back to this....

“And you know what? It probably should be mostly about this. It’s hard to talk about “Hey, how you doing with buying from the farmers?” They have started very, very large buying, as you probably have read, but what we really focused on was this.

“I also said: How have you done with cures, and how have you done with respect to vaccines? We discussed that. And, you know, they’re doing like we’re doing. They’re working on it very hard. They think they have some interesting things [which] have been determined, and we’ll see what happens. But we talked a lot about vaccine. We talked a lot about possible cures. How good would that be? I mean, that’s a game changer.”

Asked if President Xi had asked for a suspension of the tariffs, Trump said, “He never asked me to suspend tariffs.”

Contrast this to Secretary of State Mike Pompeo earlier this month: “The Chinese Communist Party poses a substantial threat to our health and our way of life..., our free and open order.” Pompeo called on everyone to “protect the UN and other countries from their malign influence and authoritarianism.”

One can only ask: How long before the President dumps this raving idiot?

Army Corps of Engineers Moves Ahead on Temporary Hospitals

March 28 (EIRNS)—Lt. Gen. Todd T. Semonite, chief of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, told reporters at the Pentagon yesterday that the Corps is looking at 114 facilities in 50 states for potential conversion into temporary hospitals, but the preference is for structures with open areas. “As I’ve been saying all week, there’s no way we can solve this with a complicated solution.... We needed a very, very simplistic solution. So we went in and designed four types of facilities.”

Compartmentalized rooms in hotels and dormitories are harder for doctors and nurses to staff without an open area where one or two nurses can see twenty people at once, he said. “But what we’re seeing in the last week is most of the cities in the states want to go to a wider area, where they can have more people in a population, probably 30 or 40, in kind of a node,” he said. Semonite cited the Jacob Javits Center in Manhattan as the perfect example because of its large exhibition spaces and ready availability of electricity and water all across the floor-space. “So, you can

actually do things like sinks right in the middle of a convention center,” he said.

As for the 114 structures, Semonite said that the Corps has assessed 81 of them—including hotels, sports arenas, convention centers, college dormitories, and fairgrounds—that could either accept patients who have contracted COVID-19 or treat non-infected individuals in order to free up overwhelmed hospitals. He added that the Army Corps has been assessing 15 to 20 locations a day, and expects the current total of 114 “to go up by 20 to 30 every single day.” Once a facility is confirmed, the city would then lease it, and the Corps would hire contractors to complete construction to convert the site within weeks.

“We’ve already got contracts, and we’re cutting contracts every night to be able to get contractors to be able to come into the facilities,” he told reporters. “I want to continue to stress [the] standard design validated by the federal government, which is then passed down through states and cities to sites.” He voiced concern about states such as Michigan, Florida, and Louisiana, where confirmed coronavirus cases have rapidly increased in the past week.

At the Javits Center, the Corps is building a 2,910-bed hospital which will be manned by some 650 troops from two Army field hospitals and additional personnel from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. “We basically took that four [multiplied] by 250 is 1,000. We thought we could expand it by stretching the ratio,” Semonite said. “So, today we’re going to plan on having 2,910 rooms up by Monday morning in the Javits Center.” With the expected arrival of the hospital ship *USNS Comfort* early next week, nearly 4,000 beds will have been added to New York City’s hospital capacity.

U.S. Interstate Travel Is Being Restricted

March 28 (EIRNS)—Several U.S. states are imposing or considering restraints on interstate travel in order to mitigate the COVID-19 impact on their states.

Rhode Island: Governor Gina Raimondo announced yesterday that “I am issuing an executive order mandating that anyone who’s traveled to New York by any form of transportation must self-quarantine for 14 days upon arrival in Rhode Island.” This is in keeping with National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases director Anthony Fauci’s stern warning that people fleeing New York’s mass outbreak must self-quarantine. The Governor has also said that starting Saturday, police and National Guard officers will be “going door-to-door” in certain communities, requesting contact information from anyone who has been to New York or came from there. Starting Friday, police are pulling over cars with New York plates travelling on Interstate 95 and other highways with the same message. She said violators will be fined, and repeat offenders could be jailed.

Kentucky: Governor Andy Beshear is considering closing the border between Kentucky and Tennessee, CNN reports.

Florida: Checkpoints have been set up at the top of the Florida Keys to restrict access to non-residents. Governor Ron DeSantis said on Friday that he is extending his earlier executive order demanding that travelers from Louisiana do a mandatory 14-day self-quarantine, and will include air passengers from New York or New Jersey. He also suspended vacation rentals in Florida for the next two weeks.

New Mexico: Governor Lujan Grisham on Friday ordered that all air passengers arriving in New Mexico must self-quarantine for 14 days immediately upon arrival.

Kansas: The state government ordered self-quarantine for all travelers from Colorado and Louisiana, adding to the same requirement issued earlier for travelers from Florida, Washington, California, New York, New Jersey, and Illinois.

STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

Spaniards Denounce Dutch Epidemiologist Call for Euthanasia

March 28 (EIRNS)—Outrage is spreading in Spain over yesterday’s report in *El Español*, a national online daily, that a leading Dutch epidemiologist argues that the reason why Italian and Spanish health systems have been overwhelmed by COVID-19 is because they do not deny their older citizens access to intensive care units (ICUs), as the Netherlands does. *El Español*, as others, linked that epidemiologist’s advocacy of euthanasia to Dutch Finance Minister Wopke Hoekstra’s demand that the Spain and Italy be investigated for overspending in the budgets.

Frits Rosendaal, head of Clinical Epidemiology at the Leiden University Medical Center, claimed that Dutch “cultural differences” are one reason they don’t have to worry about facing the same crisis as in Spain and Italy. “In Italy, ICU capacity is handled very differently. There they include people whom we would not include because they are too old. The elderly have a very different position in Italian culture,” Rosendaal ranted.

The secretary-general of the Pensioners and Retirees Association of Spain’s UGT national labor federation, Anatolio Díez Merino, responded with a blistering op-ed titled “Not That Way, Europe, Not That Way!”:

“Today we woke up with two pieces of good news in these coronavirus times: In Italy, a human being who is 106 years old left the ICU, and in Spain another of 84 years left the health center after overcoming the virus.” Their families, the health workers, and the citizens and media of both countries celebrated, Anatolio Díez wrote.

To them he contrasted Lieutenant Governor of Texas Dan Patrick, or the Netherlands’ Frits Rosendaal, who think that old people should get out of the way. Anatolio Díez compared that thinking to the Nazis, and linked it to Hoekstra’s attack on Spain and Italy. Europe of the north, he wrote, will let nothing hinder “the eagerness to accumulate the money of those who pay them.”

“We and our health workers are united to save lives.... To lose older people, is not simply to lose a person with ‘too many years;’ it is to lose experience, knowledge. It is to lose our living history,... to break the intergenerational chain of communication, the chain of life; and if we lose all this or we forget it, we will be burying years of struggle, of learning, of life experiences.”

NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER

Macron and Conte Attack German Government

March 28 (EIRNS)—In two separate interviews, French President Emmanuel Macron and Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte attacked the German government in what is the most serious split in the European Union—and between France and Germany in particular—since its existence.

In an interview with Agence France-Presse and three Italian dailies, Macron said he does not want “an egoistic and divided Europe,” and stressed that “France stands beside Italy.” “We won’t overcome this crisis without a strong European solidarity at the health and financial levels. Is the EU, the Eurozone, reduced to a monetary institution and a collection of rules that allow each state to act on its own? Or do we act together to finance our expenses, our needs in this vital crisis?”

Macron pointed out that at the EU Council’s March 26 meeting, ten Eurozone countries demanded either “a common debt capacity” or “an increase in the EU budget to allow a real support to the countries most seriously hit by this crisis.” “Some countries, including Germany, have expressed their reluctance.... If Europe can die, it is by inaction,” Macron said, neglecting the fact that the EU is not Europe. “Like Giuseppe Conte, I do not want a minimum common denominator Europe. This is an historic moment: France will fight for a Europe of solidarity, sovereignty, and future.”

In an interview with the financial daily *Il Sole 24 Ore*, Conte said that “the entire European construction risks losing its *raison d’être*.” Italy will go on, on its way, because “inertia would deliver the immense costs of a devastated economy to our children.”

Conte reiterated his proposal for issuing corona-bonds, and admitted that there has been “a frank and hard confrontation” with Germany’s Chancellor Angela Merkel. The Italian government, with the new decree to be issued in April, will “bring our total budget effort to an amount well above €50 billions.”

Costa, Mitsotakis, Salvini Mince No Words on the EU

March 28 (EIRNS)—According to Spanish daily *El País*, Dutch Finance Minister Wopke Hoekstra has demanded an investigation on why some countries claim they have no budget margin to face the coronavirus emergency, despite the fact that the Eurozone has grown for the last seven years (*sic*). This was directed at Italy and Spain, and is an incredible provocation, as those two countries have undergone budget cuts in order to comply with EU rules.

Reacting to this report, Portuguese Prime Minister António Costa stated that Hoekstra’s speech “is repulsive” and represents “a threat to the future of the European Union.... This kind of answer is of absolute irresponsibility, it is a repeated meanness and undermines fully the spirit of the European Union.... If the EU wants to survive, it is unacceptable that a political figure with responsibility, of any country, could give such an answer to a pandemic such as the one we are going through.”

Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis likewise issued a statement highly critical of the March 26 EU video summit. “Yesterday’s summit meeting was not equal to the occasion. Europe is up against the greatest crisis since World War II. I am not referring only to the unspeakable human tragedy where developed countries are forced to choose who will live and who will die. I am also speaking of the economic tragedy caused by the paralysis of economic activity,” he said yesterday in a post on his Facebook page.

Mitsotakis repeated his endorsement of a Eurobond solution, by which the EU should “borrow, cheaply, large sums on behalf of all member-states,” and recalled that he signed the letter to EU Council President Charles Michel with eight of his colleagues to that purpose. He echoed Conte by saying that “Unfortunately, some countries insist on handling today with the tools of yesterday.”

Salvini Says of the EU: Once We Defeat the Virus, We'll Rethink Europe, and Maybe Say Good-Bye

March 28 (EIRNS)—In an interview with affaritaliani.it, Italian Lega Nord head and opposition leader Matteo Salvini accused the European Union of “taking two weeks more time to decide what to do, whether, whom, and how to help. In full emergency, with people dying—of pneumonia today, maybe of poverty tomorrow.... It is anything but a ‘Union.’ This is a nest of snakes and jackals. First, we defeat the virus, then we will rethink Europe. And if it is needed, we will say bye-bye, without even saying thank you.”

Russia Seeks for UN General Assembly To Adopt Declaration on Coronavirus

March 28 (EIRNS)—Russia is calling on the United Nations General Assembly to pass a declaration on global cooperation in the fight against the coronavirus, which includes the lifting of sanctions. The statement by the Russian UN Mission reads:

“On 26 March 2020 the Russian Federation submitted to the UN General Assembly an initiative to adopt a UNGA Declaration on solidarity in countering the coronavirus.

“The project is based on the principle of the UN Charter on cooperation of states that is reflected in the UN Declaration on Principles of International Law of 1970. The initiated Declaration, in particular, suggests recognizing the leading role of the WHO in combatting the pandemic; envisages consent of states to cooperate with each other and with the WHO, i.a. [*inter alia*] in order to develop methods that should stop the spread and ensure treatment of the COVID-19 disease; provide assistance to the most vulnerable states, especially developing countries; abandon trade wars and

unilateral sanctions adopted in circumvention of the UN Security Council; prevent discrimination of states, peoples, and individuals with regard to the pandemic; counter financial speculations in basic necessity items; recognize the need to spread only reliable and science-based information about the pandemic. The Russian Federation has commenced collection of comments on the initiative.”