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## EDITORIAL

**Schiller Conference—A New Way of Thinking Brings the World Together for a New Paradigm**

April 27 (EIRNS)—Lyndon LaRouche, following the 2008 financial breakdown of the Western financial system, presented the emergency measures required to end the British Imperial financial policies which created the bubble in the first place, but warned that only a combination of the world's four major powers—Russia, China, India and the United States—working in tandem, collaboratively, could construct the new international economic structure to replace the bankrupt monetary system centered on the City of London and Wall Street. Those proposals were rejected, in favor of massive bail outs of the “too big to fail” banks, causing the creation of a bubble twice as large today—nearly \$2 quadrillion in mostly worthless derivative gambling debts. That idiocy was joined by the imposition of vicious austerity measures in the trans-Atlantic nations and in the developing sector in Africa and Ibero-America.

This past weekend, the Schiller Institute held a two-day conference, under the title “Mankind's Existence Now Depends on the Establishment of a New Paradigm!” An estimated 2,500 people attended the conference online over the course of two days, from over 55 countries, from Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Americas. As of Monday afternoon, the total number of visits to the first panel on YouTube had already risen to 5,300. Among the more than forty speakers, keynote speeches were presented by Schiller Institute Founder Helga Zepp-LaRouche, by the 1st Deputy Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the United Nations, and by the Consul General of the People's Republic of China in New York. In combination, these speeches demonstrated both the possibility and the urgency that “the East” and “the West” can work together to end the imperial division of the world into warring blocs, to address the existential threats now facing mankind from both the coronavirus and the global economic and financial disaster sparked by the pandemic.

Over 200 questions were submitted during the conference, from several African and South American Ambassadors, from farmers, from elected officials, and from patriots and citizens around the world. The speeches were translated into multiple languages.

It worked, because the conference demonstrated a different way of thinking from the atomized, disjointed structures of geopolitical, zero-sum thinking imposed by the Empire's media and corrupted educational systems. Instead, the four panels—strategy, science, classical culture, and physical economy—were presented as a “One,” in the sense intended by those thinkers whose ideas gave rise to the great nations of history—Plato, Confucius, Nicholas of Cusa, Gottfried Leibniz, who all recognized that the “One” was greater than the sum of its parts.

The world will never be the same after the COVID-19 pandemic. The “cause” of the pandemic cannot be hidden by the “China-China-China” hysteria (a replay of the failed “Russia-Russia-Russia” campaign which attempted to remove Donald Trump from office and sabotage his effort to establish friendly relations with Russia and China). The cause was not a person or a country, but the destruction of the American System following the assassination of John Kennedy, and the 50 years of austerity which destroyed the infrastructure and the industries of the Western world and the developing sector alike—and especially the taking down of the public health systems, to maximize the profits of the Wall Street firms which controlled the privatized healthcare companies.

But the world was also forever changed by this historic Schiller Institute conference. A “certain tone” has been sounded, in this Year of Beethoven, and that tone is resounding internationally, resonating with the New Silk Road, and with the necessary emergence of a New Bretton Woods conference, led by Vladimir Putin, Xi Jinping, Narendra Modi and Donald Trump, and other leaders of good will, to replace the decrepit ideas of Empire and geopolitical wars once and for all, while establishing a new just creditary system dedicated to giving every child on Earth the opportunity to develop his or her inherent creative powers to the fullest.

We call on everyone reading this report to become a member of the [Schiller Institute](#), and to purchase Volume I (of the dozens or perhaps even hundreds of volumes to come) of *Lyndon LaRouche Collected Works*, released this week by the [LaRouche Legacy Foundation](#).

## U.S. POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

### **Former British Defense Secretary Threatens China's Misdeeds Means We Need To Go to War**

April 27 (EIRNS)—Former British Defense Secretary Tobias Ellwood (2017-19) penned a diatribe against China in the *Mail on Sunday*, denouncing President Donald Trump for inaction against China, comparing the situation to the 1930s “which could easily lead to war,” concluding that “it is time for Britain, in particular, to act.”

Under the title: “The Global Race for a Vaccine Will Turn Nasty—Get Ready for Cyber Attacks and Data Theft,” he warns that China may find the vaccine first, since “President Xi has harnessed the vast resources of the Chinese state to just this purpose.... It would be a terrible irony if China, the source of the outbreak, were to profit from the chaos it has wrought, but that is its intention.”

But the danger is not just over COVID-19, he writes: “And this life-and-death race for a vaccine throws into sharp relief the wider struggle for global power now under way. We are at a geo-political turning point as China attempts to re-shape the world order to suit itself.”

Trump's relations with Xi Jinping are dangerous, he intones: “Under Donald Trump, the U.S. has decided to leave the stage. President Xi has been only too happy to fill the vacuum. He was already reinterpreting the global economic architecture well before the pandemic, giving China license to advance its reach well beyond its own shores. Now, with the world caught off guard, China's strategy can accelerate. It wishes not merely to consolidate its grip on power, but to promote both authoritarianism and chaos.... China is emerging stronger than ever,

wielding its influence faster and more aggressively, filling the void created by other nations as they retreat.”

Perhaps we need a war, he suggests: “Today, we should all heed the echoes of the 1930s, with a rise in nationalism, a global recession and a demise in world order that could easily lead to war.... And as we work through our own domestic challenges, we must once again be willing to stand firm in defending our values and standards as we did in the 1930s.... And it is time for Britain, in particular, to act. The world is fast moving into a dangerous new era. If we don’t take the initiative—as we have done in the past, then who will?”

Oh, for a lovely little war...

### **Horror Stories from the New Dark Age in the United States**

April 27 (EIRNS)—Descriptions of the New York subway system and prisons throughout the U.S. and provide a glimpse of life in the pandemic’s New Dark Age:

- The *New York Post* reports that “the subway has become a filthy, deadly homeless shelter on rails, according to disgusted transit workers who have taken to recording and photographing the horrid conditions. One video shot earlier this month shows cars of homeless men and women stretched out and slumbering away on an E train. A homeless woman was photographed sitting on a 2 train mid-afternoon Wednesday next to an overflowing grocery cart and plastic bags. And in one video, a man uses the space between the cars on a 2 train as a toilet while stopped in a Brooklyn station.... Workers say the transit systems has never been dirtier or more packed with the homeless as ridership has declined with stay-at-home restrictions for all but essential workers.”

- The Marshall Project, which covers the U.S. criminal justice system, reports that in the state prison in rural Lincoln County, Arkansas, where prisoners produce cotton, rice, and eggs, 14 staffers and more than 680 of the prison’s nearly 1,700 prisoners have coronavirus. Ohio’s Marion Correctional Institution, has reported 4 deaths, but has more than 2,000

prisoners and at least 160 staffers who tested positive for the virus, while at Pickaway Correctional Institution in Pickaway County, at least 9 prisoners have died, while more than 1,500 prisoners and 79 staffers have tested positive. The Marshall Project adds that Louisiana reported the death of a prison warden and a medical director this week, while 11 men have died at the Oakdale Federal Prison.

“Federal officials have largely given up testing at a half-dozen prisons where serious outbreaks have erupted, saying they assume that all staff and prisoners have been exposed.”

### **Neo-Cons Worried about Putin-Trump Statement on Cooperation**

April 27 (EIRNS)—The *Wall Street Journal* today sought out statements of reply to the Joint Statement issued by Presidents Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin in honor of the U.S. and Soviet forces meeting at the River Elbe on April 25, 1945. They were particularly worried about the sentence: “The Spirit of the Elbe is an example of how our countries can put aside differences, build trust, and cooperate in pursuit of a greater cause.” This “spawned concern among some lawmakers on Capitol Hill,” writes the *Journal*, since “the move comes as the Pentagon and State Department have complained about Russia’s behavior, and many officials remain deeply wary of Moscow’s intentions.” They refer to the claim that “Russian fighter jets twice buzzed American Navy planes over the Mediterranean Sea, while defense officials have accused Russia-based news organizations of spreading disinformation about the coronavirus,” and “State Department officials have repeatedly complained that Russia was providing critical military support for Syrian leader Bashar al-Assad’s offensive in Idlib province.”

“ ‘Everyone knows that Trump has a bizarre infatuation with Russia’s autocratic leader and that Trump constantly plays into Putin’s hands,’ said Rep. Eliot Engel (D-NY), chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.”

On the other hand, they also quote Joe Cirincione, president of Ploughshares Fund, a pro-arms-control foundation, saying: “It is

appropriate for the two nations to mark this historic victory. Yes, it serves Putin's interests, but it can also serve ours if it helps us put aside differences to cooperate on key issues, most importantly the extension of the New START treaty."

### **Atlantic Council Claims That China Is Taking Advantage of Trump's Inaction**

April 27 (EIRNS)—The Atlantic Council, the U.S. branch of the neo-con establishment in the U.S. and the U.K. (the U.S. counterpart of the Henry Jackson Society in Britain) issued a statement warning that China is using the COVID-19 crisis to grab leadership away from the U.S. in Asia and the world. Interestingly, they seem to hate Donald Trump more than China, so they call for the United States to cooperate with China to stop the threat of a global financial collapse.

Titled "A Step Change in Sino-American Relations—Shaping the Post-COVID World Together," Council members Mathew J. Burrows and Peter Engelke write: "The U.S. foreign policy elite worries that the United States could lose the global leadership contest with China if Washington perseveres with its America First approach."

They write: "There is bipartisan agreement that China is to blame for the coronavirus outbreak.... Both Democrats and Republicans are incensed about the U.S. dependence on China for pharmaceuticals and medical supplies. At a minimum, a decoupling in this and other realms seems in the offing. Compounding the anger is the realization that China is pulling out of the crisis ahead of the United States and is already starting its economic recovery. The most recent Institute of International Finance (IIF) forecast shows China recovering to the point of having 2-3% GDP growth for the year."

But, they continue: "In the short term, both the United States and China may need each other to ensure a chance at a global recovery. In 2008, China reflatd its economy and, in doing so, helped the rest of the world recover. It is unclear, however, whether China has the same capacity today. China's total debt load amounts to about 310% [of GDP], and some

observers believe it does not have the appetite for a major economic stimulus initiative. If the global recovery is long and halting, and does not deliver on jobs, both leaderships in the United States and China will face real tests and in this soured atmosphere, protectionism and Sino-American frictions will become even stronger.

“The bottom line is, the coronavirus pandemic may end up reinforcing Chinese President Xi Jinping and the Communist Party of China’s authoritarian tendencies on the one hand, and an America First reaction on the other.” Therefore, fearing Trump as much as China, they call for cooperation with China to deal with the financial breakdown (in cooperation with the IMF and Asia Development Bank, of course), rather than leaving it in China’s hands.

### **Republican Senatorial Committee Lays Out Clear Path for Trump To Lose the 2020 Election**

April 27 (EIRNS)—The dunderheads in the National Republican Senatorial Committee have issued a clear path for Donald Trump’s electoral defeat in 2020. Their recommended election strategy to their colleagues is simple: Attack China! The 57-page memo issued by the committee instructs Republican candidates *not* to defend President Trump, except for his travel ban from China, but to attack China’s “cover-up” of the coronavirus, allegedly leading to the deaths of thousands of Americans. More specifically, in order not to be accused of racism, they urge, the target should be the Chinese Communist Party, and *not* the Chinese people or Chinese-Americans. They wish to pull out the race card, but not be accused of being racist.

Now, such a harebrained strategy will no doubt appeal to the gaggle of Republican “yahoos” who sit on Capitol Hill. But it ain’t gonna fly with the American people. While some of the Republican Senate Caucus have won their seats on the basis of people’s racial preferences, Trump did not. And in coming up with this cock-and-bull strategy, they are no doubt more eager to save *their* necks than the President’s.

While some of the right-wing yahoos may have come aboard the Trump bandwagon, hoping to steer him in “the right direction,” his ability to win voters in 2016 was rather his insistence on a change of the status quo, namely to rebuild the American economy, get out of all these godforsaken wars in the Middle East and other venues, and work out agreements with former adversaries, Russia and China. And while he has been hammered every step of the way, from “Russiagate” to the call for his impeachment by the Democrats, he has tried to do what he said he would do. If this thrust is lost by this insane focus on China-bashing, he will no doubt lose those voters who represented his margin of victory, not to speak of, that bond of trust he has presently with the Chinese—and the Russian—President.

A close friend of *EIR*'s in South Korea reported that his friends in the U.S. have bitterly complained that they are being treated with suspicion and sometimes hostility, not distinguishing between Korean and Chinese, as the anti-China hysteria is fomenting racism in many Americans—the “yellow peril” of the Chinese exclusion laws, the racist policy which remained the law of the land from 1882 until 1943.

## STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

### **Iraqi Military Says Talks with U.S. on Withdrawing Troops Will Begin in June**

April 27 (EIRNS)—Over the weekend, several reports emerged from Iraq on a statement made by Iraqi military spokesman, Maj. Gen. Abdul-Karim Khalaf, published by the Iraqi *Al-Sabah* newspaper, to the effect that Iraq would begin negotiations with the U.S. in June on the eventual withdrawal of all U.S. troops from Iraq. Khalaf said, according to Al Masdar News, that “the decision to conduct negotiations comes in accordance with the decisions of the Iraqi Council of Representatives for the exit of the American forces, and that is with the agreement of the Iraqi and American parties, and that the security relationship between Iraq and the United States will continue in the framework of training operations and exchange of experiences even if the decision is implemented pulling out.”

He said that “the Iraqi government received a message from the American side, which was positive and included discussing the strategic relationship in all its forms between the two sides in detail,” stressing that “Iraq will discuss the withdrawal of foreign forces in a serious and detailed manner.”

Khalaf said that the negotiations will discuss all forms of relationship between the two countries in the economic, political, security, and cultural fields established within the strategic framework agreement signed between the two countries, saying: “Iraq wants a normal relationship and friendship with the United States.”

There has been no confirmation from the U.S. side on this yet.

## NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER

### **Xinhua Reports on Chinese Consul General’s Speech to Schiller Institute Conference**

April 27 (EIRNS)—Xinhua reported on Chinese Consul General in New York Huang Ping’s speech to the Schiller Institute Conference on April 25, which report has been published on CGTN, in the Philippines’ *Manila Times*, and Malaysia’s *The Star*, and perhaps others. It has been translated at least into Spanish and Thai.

It begins: “China and the United States should work together in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic and lead countries through the crisis, a senior diplomat said here on Saturday. Chinese Consul General in New York Huang Ping made the remarks while delivering a speech at a video conference held by the Schiller Institute, which was attended by around 2,500 people from all walks of life.”

It then paraphrases Consul General Huang’s main points, under the headline: “China, U.S. Should Join Hands in Fighting COVID-19, Says Senior Diplomat.”

## **Budapest-Belgrade Rail Agreement Brings New Silk Road a Major Step Closer to Europe**

April 27 (EIRNS)—A major breakthrough was reached April 24 with the announcement that the planned standard gauge rail (SGR) link between Budapest, Hungary, and Belgrade, Serbia, would finally become a reality. The 370 km link is destined to eventually extend through to Greece (crossing Kosovo and North Macedonia), where it will connect with the Maritime Silk Road in Piraeus. Hungary’s state news agency MTI wrote that China expected the line to “become part of a corridor for the delivery of Chinese goods to Europe from the Port of Piraeus in Greece.” Scheduled for completion in 2025, the SGR line will provide an efficient entry point for global trade directly into the heart of Europe.

In the planning since 2014, when the two countries signed an agreement with China, one of the sticking points had always been the funding. Shrouded in secrecy since that time, the Hungarian government even passed a law to classify the terms of the deal for 10 years. In a video announcing the agreement, all Hungarian Finance Minister Mihaly Varga would say is that the agreement was “advantageous and secure for Hungary,” and that the terms of the loan were “favorable relative to the currently available debt-financing conditions.”

Under the relentless hounding of British agency Reuters, however, Varga finally admitted that the deal called for 85%, or \$1.9 billion, of the project’s financing to be provided by the China Exim Bank, at 2.5% interest for 20 years.

## **President Xi Jinping Continues His Post-COVID Inspection Tour**

April 27 (EIRNS)—China’s President Xi Jinping is continuing his inspection tour of the impoverished areas of the country to examine the progress of the gradual opening up of the economy after the major epidemic and to ensure that the poverty alleviation would continue with the goal of eliminating poverty in the country this year. As he often does, the President spent a considerable amount of time traipsing through many of the isolated mountain villages. For him the visit to Shaanxi was a

particularly moving occasion, as it was the province where he was born, and it was his place of exile during the Cultural Revolution. In a short video that was made during his visit, he expressed his feelings.

“It has been almost 47 years since I first came here. That was in 1969. To be more accurate that was 46 years ago. At that time, I would normally herd the sheep on a hill top and then sit there reading or meditating.” The video also featured other of Xi’s remarks about his experiences in those days: “I have developed a strong connection by witnessing the process of poverty alleviation over the past decades. I was about 16 years old at the end of the 1960s, I came from Beijing to a small village in northern Shaanxi province to be a farmer. I worked hard with the villagers, so that I could make my life better. But it was extremely difficult at the time.” Xi said that the chief thing he learned from farmers was seeking truth from facts and overcoming tough challenges.

Viewing a nature preserve in the Qinling Mountains which separate northern from southern China, the President also stressed the need for protecting the environment. He underlined the importance of continuing to convert cropland into forests and grasslands, promoting a comprehensive treatment of desertification and soil erosion, and improving the ecological environment in the Yellow River basin.

After his visit to the countryside, he went on to visit Xi’an, the provincial capital, where he visited a major auto plant run by the state-owned Shaanxi Auto Holding Group. He stressed the role of state-owned enterprises in reviving the economy and asked the managers many questions about the measures they were taking to prevent the return of COVID among their workers. Xi also carried out a dialogue with scholars and professors at the Xi’an Jiaotong University. He also placed a great deal of emphasis on the need for a further push in the scientific and research sectors. The Xi’an Jiaotong (Communications) University was originally based in Shanghai, but already in the 1950s with the beginnings of a policy of developing the country’s west, 1,400 faculty members and 3,000

students volunteered to leave Shanghai to establish a presence in Xi'an, an ancient Chinese capital, and one of the hubs of the western development.

It is also now one of the nodal points for the Belt and Road system.

President Xi said: “Investments in new infrastructures such as 5G, Internet of Things, artificial intelligence, and industrial internet should be bolstered, while efforts should be strengthened to enhance investments in sectors including transport, water conservancy, and energy, and shore up the weak links of rural infrastructure and public services.” He urged deeper integration into the Belt and Road cooperation, faster creation of corridors, commercial logistics hubs, and bases for important industries and people-to-people exchanges connecting countries in Central Asia, South Asia, and West Asia, and the construction of international trade channels in inland areas featuring efficiency, low cost, and good services.

From Shaanxi, he traveled to Anhui Province, once the poorest province in the country but now a flourishing area, but still with some pockets of poverty. In addition to his visits to the rural areas here, he also paid a visit to the University of Science and Technology in the provincial capital, Hefei, the location of China's thermonuclear fusion program. Here he toured the Institute of Advanced Technologies and the Spin Magnetic Resonance Laboratory. He also participated in a meeting with 70 intellectuals, model workers, and young representatives from across the country, where he stressed the need to listen to the intellectuals, a message which is particularly poignant with the 50th anniversary of the Cultural Revolution on May 16, in which the Chinese intelligentsia was brutally persecuted and nearly decimated, which included the young Xi Jinping and his father, who was also sent out on rehabilitation as a factory manager. Intellectuals were then labeled the “stinking ninth category” in the “nine black categories.”

### **China Pledges Ongoing Work with Africa Nations To Fight COVID-19, in Foreign Ministry Briefing**

April 27 (EIRNS)—Today's Foreign Ministry briefing began surprisingly, with an official statement on helping Africa fight the coronavirus. Foreign

Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang, before taking questions, as is his routine, made the following statement: “The COVID-19 pandemic is fast spreading in Africa, posing daunting challenges to African countries. To provide further technical support to Africa, the Foreign Ministry and the National Health Commission will organize a series of videoconferences on technical exchange on COVID-19, during which Chinese medical professionals will share their know-how with African officials and experts on epidemic prevention and control, clinical diagnosis and treatment, test methods, border quarantine and risk assessment. The first conference will be held at 4 p.m. (Beijing time) today.

“China deeply relates to what Africa is experiencing in face of challenges posed by the spread of COVID-19. We have provided and will continue to provide our utmost support and assistance to African countries through various means. In light of the development of the epidemics and African countries’ needs, China will offer more anti-epidemic supplies, send more medical teams, accelerate the building of the Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and step up China-Africa cooperation in public health and disease prevention and control. We are ready to work with Africa to achieve the final victory against COVID-19,” Geng affirmed.

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