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EDITORIAL

On the Eve of 9/11: The Best Laid Plans of Mice and Men Often Go Awry

Sept. 10 (EIRNS)—The international LaRouche movement is in the process of ploughing under the British Empire’s carefully laid plans to overthrow the legitimate governments of Donald Trump in the U.S., Vladimir Putin in Russia, Xi Jinping in China, and Narendra Modi in India, coups whose included objective is to prevent those four world leaders—or some combination of them—from meeting in a summit whose agenda would be to put an end to that Empire’s planetary reign of terror. Remember 9/11, and Lyndon LaRouche’s prescient warning on radio—as the events were unfolding—that such an attack could not have occurred without the complicity of corrupt elements within the U.S. military and intelligence services?

Readers of *EIR* will also recall that, back on Dec. 19, 2018, *EIR* warned that the House of Lords Select Committee on International Relations had issued a 119-page report one day before, on Dec. 18, titled “[U.K. Foreign Policy in a Shifting World Order](#),” which openly called for toppling the governments of the U.S., Russia, China and India. Special venom was spewed against Donald Trump, warning that, should he win a second term, “the damage to U.K./U.S. relations will be longer lasting.” The Lords called for the U.K. government to “reach out” to its American assets in the “deeply entwined” U.K./U.S. defense and intelligence establishment who “share our views and values,” i.e., to bring down Donald Trump—which is clearly reflected in the cast of characters involved in the ongoing attempted coup d’état in the U.S.

In her weekly webcast today, Helga Zepp-LaRouche emphasized the significance of last weekend’s Schiller Institute conference in exposing and sinking those British plans. The exposure of a coup faction among retired U.S. military figures, by former JAG officer Col. Richard Black, is reverberating widely, Zepp-LaRouche reported, as it reflects the view of

patriotic military officials who reject the idea of a coup against Trump. The President himself, in his Labor Day press conference, drew attention to the role of the war party, referring to Eisenhower's warning about the Military-Industrial Complex. And the decision announced on Wednesday to withdraw U.S. troops from Iraq demonstrates Trump's intent to move on his pledge to end the "endless wars."

Predictably, the war party went ballistic this week, with various military men and Congressmen denouncing Trump for daring to "question the motivations" of the top brass. None paused to reflect on the irony that, at the exact same time, Bob Woodward's new book *Rage* was quoting former Defense Secretary James Mattis (whom Trump fired in late 2018 because the general disagreed with Trump's policy of withdrawing American troops from Syria) reportedly telling Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats: "There may come a time when we have to take collective action" against Trump. "Collective action"?!

At the same time, deadly pressure and provocations are being ratcheted up against Russia and China, by the same British Empire that is out to overthrow Trump. These attacks, led by Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, risk tipping the world over the edge into war, as we document in detail below.

Zepp-LaRouche today again urged people around the world to help stop these coups, and join the chorus of voices demanding a summit of the leaders of the P-5 nations to address all features of the current crisis with the policies of Lyndon LaRouche. A 30-minute video with highlights of the first panel of the Schiller Institute conference, along with an international press release on the historic gathering, are now available on the Schiller Institute website and warrant the broadest possible circulation.

To continue the counter-attack against the British Empire and its policies. LaRouchePAC will hold an internet forum this Saturday, Sept. 12, in which former NSA counter-intelligence experts William Binney and Kirk Wiebe will be presenting their view on the 9/11 attack. The program is entitled, "The Choice: New World Paradigm or New World War." It will

include the presentation: “Why and How ‘9/11’ Could Have Been Stopped.” The forum starts at 2:00 p.m., EDT and can be viewed on the [LaRouchePAC](#) website.

STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

U.S. and Chinese Foreign Ministers Square Off at East Asia Summit

Sept. 10 (EIRNS)—Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi and U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo squared off at the 10th East Asia Summit Foreign Ministers Meeting with each side blaming the other for the tensions in the South China Sea. The meeting of 18 member states, chaired by Vietnam this year, was held in a video teleconference format because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Wang Yi told the summit on Sept. 9 that the United States is becoming the biggest driver of militarization of the South China Sea and the most dangerous factor damaging peace in the area, reported Xinhua. He said that the United States has directly intervened in territorial and maritime disputes in the region out of its own political needs, constantly flaunting its force and strengthening its military deployment. Furthermore, the United States has interfered with the efforts of China and Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) countries to resolve disputes through consultation, as well as provoking confrontation between countries in the region. “The United States is becoming the most dangerous factor damaging peace in the South China Sea,” said Wang.

“Peace and stability are China’s greatest strategic interest in the South China Sea,” Wang said, and stating that it is also the common strategic aspiration of China and ASEAN countries. “China hopes that countries outside the region, including the United States, will fully respect the wishes and expectations of countries in the region, instead of creating tension and seeking profit from it.”

A day later, Pompeo told the ASEAN nations that they need to go beyond words and act against China’s “bullying” in the disputed South

China Sea, promising America will back them up. “I think keep going, don’t just speak up but act,” Pompeo said without elaborating, reported The Associated Press. A State Department spokeswoman told AP that Pompeo pressed for a peaceful resolution of the disputes. “Reconsider business dealings with the very state-owned companies that bully ASEAN coastal states in the South China Sea. Don’t let the Chinese Communist Party walk over us and our people. You should have confidence and the American people will be here in friendship to help you,” he said.

The East Asia Summit is comprised of the 18 member states of Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)—Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam—as well as the Indo-Pacific states of Australia, China, Japan, India, New Zealand, the Republic of Korea, Russia and the United States.

Shanghai Cooperation Organization Foreign Ministers Could Head Off China-India Border Conflict

Sept. 10 (EIRNS)—As the foreign ministers of China and India meet on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) foreign ministers’ meeting in Moscow today, both sides are beefing up their military forces along the China-India border. Media reports today indicate that Chinese “high-altitude” troops are practicing their parachute jumps. “High-altitude” artillery was also tested on the Tibetan plateau recently. And Chinese fighters and bombers have been seen at aerodromes on the Tibetan Plateau, capable of reaching the Chinese border with India.

Chinese and Indian defense ministers met last week in Moscow on the sidelines of the SCO defense ministers’ meeting, and while both sides indicated a willingness to compromise, there was another flare-up at the border afterwards, with shots being fired for the first time in decades on the border. The previous fight that erupted with the death of at least one person was largely hand-to-hand combat. The border is also an access point to China’s Tibet, which is still contested by Tibetan exiles, many of whom are deployed as “high-altitude” troops in the Indian army.

Indian aggressiveness may well be being encouraged by the U.S. and the British, with their decades-long influence in the region, who are interested in creating a NATO-like force in the Indo-Pacific region to contend with China. India is being hotly wooed by the U.S. for its Indo-Pacific gambit. Hard-liners in China will also tend to be activated by the border tensions.

Diplomatic Flap over Ambassador Branstad Op-Ed for *People's Daily* in China

Sept. 10 (EIRNS)—A major brouhaha is being created over the refusal of China's *People's Daily* to publish an op-ed from U.S. Ambassador Terry Branstad. While there was nothing egregiously wrong with the commentary, it was terribly negative and placed the blame for the U.S.-China difficulties totally with China and their lack of "reciprocity." In his op-ed, Branstad praises the traditional openness policies of the U.S., but says nothing of the present administration's attempt to put those policies on the chopping board, with hundreds of Chinese journalists now in the U.S. being refused visa renewals and 1,000 Chinese studying in the U.S. having their visas revoked. And many of the "violations" cited by Branstad are based on totally bogus claims, i.e., Huawei "stealing" technology from U.S. companies.

It comes as no surprise that *People's Daily*, which has published previous Branstad pieces, would refuse such an article without significant editing. It is also out of character for Ambassador Branstad, who may have been under pressure from his boss, Pompeo, to write such an opinion piece. And it may have been meant to fail, giving Pompeo more leeway to crack down on Chinese journalists, and on Chinese Ambassador to Washington Cui Tiankai, who has been widely interviewed by the U.S. media, a fact that no doubt gets Big Mike's goat.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying had the same suspicion. In a couple of tweets, Hua said, "What the U.S. did is apparently irrelevant to freedom of the press. Clearly it is carefully choreographed to find fault with China. The proposed op-ed is just a decoy to trap China." She also noted that David Stilwell, the Assistant Secretary of State for East

Asia and the Pacific already lodged representations with the Chinese Embassy on the matter.

A former U.S. ambassador, Max Baucus, on the other hand, has been getting prime coverage in the Chinese press. Speaking at a videoconference sponsored by the U.S.-China Chamber of Commerce yesterday, Baucus said: “The U.S. cannot stop China’s rise and needs to find a way to get along with China. Efforts should be made to reach reconciliation and cooperate in some areas.... The rise of China cannot be stopped, and once Americans understand this, it will help improve U.S.-China relations.” Baucus said that the economies of the United States and China are interconnected and dependent on each other. “The United States needs to find a way to get along with China, and it should also make a longer-term strategic plan for China’s development. The two countries should respect each other and form a solid and fair relationship,” Baucus said. Baucus’s comments were covered widely by Xinhua and other Chinese media.

Pompeo Is Ready To Go to the Brink over ‘Substantial Chance’ That Russians Poisoned Navalny

Sept. 10 (EIRNS)—The latest from the ubiquitous Secretary of State [Mike Pompeo](#) is his assertion in an interview on the Ben Shapiro Show podcast that “there is a substantial chance that this [the Navalny ‘poisoning’] actually came from senior Russian officials.” “Substantial chance”?

Here is what Pompeo alleged: “I think people all around the world see this kind of activity for what it is. And when they see the effort to poison a dissident, and they recognize that there is a substantial chance that this actually came from senior Russian officials, I think this is not good for the Russian people. I think it’s not good for Russia.” Pompeo then said the U.S. will “do our best to come to a conclusion about who was responsible too.” The U.S. is looking into the matter “very seriously,” adding that he had no reason to doubt German results—which were of course provided by the British lab Porton Down.

Lavrov Charges Germany with Acting above the Law; West Enters a 'Skripal 2.0' World

Sept. 10 (EIRNS)—Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov responded today to Germany's about-face on their legal responsibilities to provide Russia with medical evidence related to the Navalny case. "We're accustomed to unfounded accusations. When the official representative of the German government says that the request from the Russian Prosecutor General's Office has been directed to independent judiciary agencies, and so the German government can do nothing about it, while demanding that we conduct an investigation, it resembles the precedent created by our Western colleagues following the Salisbury [Skripal] poisoning incident. If such logic prevails, that would only mean that they put themselves above the law, above everyone else." (Former GRU agent Sergei Skripal and his visiting daughter Yulia were poisoned on March 4, 2018 in Salisbury, England.)

Earlier, the statement of the Russian Foreign Ministry after the Sept. 9 meeting with German Ambassador Geza Andreas von Geyr, read: "A strong protest was declared to the ambassador over the unfounded accusations presented by the federal government of the Federal Republic of Germany against Russia in the context of the illness and hospitalization of Russian citizen Alexey Navalny, and the obvious use of his situation by Berlin as an excuse to discredit our country on the international arena," TASS reported. The ministry also repeated the demand that Germany provide a detailed answer to the official request of the Russian Prosecutor General's Office dated Aug. 27, 2020, asking to provide details on Navalny's case—and if Berlin does not respond to Russia's request, the Russian Foreign Ministry will consider it a "blatant hostile provocation," which "is fraught with consequences for Russian-German relations" and may complicate the international situation.

Germany Officially Refuses To Give Russia Any Evidence of Navalny Poisoning

Sept. 10 (EIRNS)—Germany’s ambassador to Russia Geza Andreas von Geyr informed Russia’s First Deputy Foreign Minister Vladimir Titov on Sept. 9 that Germany was not going to comply with Russia’s legal request from Aug. 27 to hand over any medical data on Alexey Navalny. Four days earlier, Germany’s Foreign Minister Heiko Maas had announced the opposite: “We approved this request for legal assistance long ago.... And, as a matter of fact, there is no reason to turn it down.” Now, TASS reports that they obtained a message from the German Embassy that Geyr stated yesterday that the Navalny case is not a matter between Germany and Russia, and that NATO, the EU, the G7 had all made statements—implying that this superseded any legal obligation Germany had towards Russia. Germany’s deputy spokeswoman Martina Fietz confirmed this yesterday, saying that Berlin had no intention of delivering the evidence to Russia and that it seems “no reason” to do so.

On Sept. 6, there was no reason not to comply with their legal obligation to Russia and, on Sept. 9, no reason to comply. Reason is running a strange course in Germany this week.

Fietz seemed to say that everything was handed over to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), answering a direct question with the contorted expression, “[Y]ou can assume that all the conditions have been met for the OPCW to do its work.”

Germany’s Defense Ministry was asked about Russia’s claim that Berlin had failed to provide any evidence to back up their “Novichok” conclusion last week. Spokesman Arne Collatz was more direct, though still evasive, saying simply that the data had been given to the OPCW. It appears that Germany’s new position is that their Sept. 2 “Novichok family” finding nullifies any legal requirements with Russia, even though the Aug. 27 legal request from Moscow’s Prosecutor General’s office was about all medical evidence about their Russian citizen—including but not limited to any findings of poison. The strange perambulations of Germany—refusing all

medical data and reports from Russia on the Aug. 21 handover of Navalny, and complete silence and non-acknowledgment of the legal request from Aug. 27 to Sept. 6—is accounted for by their evident intention all along to produce a “Novichok” finding.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov pointed to the issues of the provenance of Navalny’s actual medical samples: “We don’t know what they have given to the OPCW. We naturally prefer that they hand over those analyses directly to us.” It is worth noting that one has to ignore a) the finding of no poisons in Navalny on Aug. 20, as found by three different medical labs, b) the presence of “Novichok family” poisons in Western labs; and c) the evident “watering down” of Novichok so to leave “evidence” but not kill, in order to assume that what OPCW now has, is any evidence of what happened to Navalny on Aug. 20.

Otherwise, Peskov repeated what he has said from the beginning: Russian authorities had launched a preliminary check into what happened to Navalny, but emphasized that they need proof of his poisoning to conduct a full-fledged criminal inquiry. He added, “We have been left puzzling over what kind of difficulties could have prevented them from sharing their findings with us.”

U.S. POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

Establishment Uses Woodward Book To Issue Further Coup Threats, Destabilize Trump Campaign

Sept. 10 (EIRNS)—Amid the barrage of unsubstantiated charges and outright lies about President Donald Trump contained in the excerpts that have been released to the public from Bob Woodward’s upcoming book, *Rage*, one is worth taking particular note of. Woodward reports that former Secretary of Defense Gen. James Mattis told then Director of National Intelligence Dan Coats, that President Trump was “dangerous” and “unfit,” and warned Coats that “there may come a time when we have to take collective action” against Trump. No further explanation is provided as to

what Mattis meant by “collective action,” but the threat of a coup is beyond obvious.

In a separate conversation, Mattis purportedly said, “The President has no moral compass,” to which Coats purportedly responded, “True. To him, a lie is not a lie. It’s just what he thinks. He doesn’t know the difference between the truth and a lie.”

And who is General Mattis? In his remarks to the Sept. 5-6 Schiller Institute conference, delivered under the title “Do We Risk a Military Coup?” Col. Richard H. Black (USA, ret.) had reminded listeners: “General James Mattis is the former Secretary of Defense, who resigned in 2018, in a successful effort to block the President from withdrawing troops from Syria. On June 3, 2020, he issued a frightening denunciation of the President. After praising the rioters for their ‘wholesome and unifying demands,’ he denounced the President in scathing terms, and he said, ‘We are witnessing the consequences of three years without mature leadership.’ He added, ‘We can unite without him, drawing on the strengths inherent in our civil society.’ ”

Washington War Party Goes After Trump

Sept. 10 (EIRNS)—The Washington Beltway War Party is in full mobilization against President Donald Trump. At least three of its members have issued complaints about Trump’s military policies, basically claiming that if Trump serves another four years, it’ll be all over for America’s alliances and the military. Michèle Flournoy, former Undersecretary of Defense for Policy under the Obama Administration and who has made no secret of her ambition to be Secretary of Defense in a Biden Administration, is eager to “undo” the “damage” that Trump has supposedly done to the U.S. alliances. “Unless we have a new leadership that our allies believe they can count on, I don’t believe our alliances can survive another four years of what they’ve just experienced,” Flournoy said in an interview on Sept. 8, reported Bloomberg. Regardless of whether she serves in a Biden Administration, Flournoy said she would advise him to “make repairing these relationships a central focus right upfront.”

Retired Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges, a former commander of U.S. Army who has made a second career out of scaremongering about the supposed Russian threat, spoke similarly during a video event with Defense One website. He attacked Trump's plan to pull 12,000 troops out of Germany (some of them will, as is known, end up in Poland, which is not an improvement, but Hodges apparently did not complain about that), calling it a political move that will fizzle out over time. He complained that the decision is about punishing Germany over not paying 2% of its GDP on defense and undermines confidence in the U.S. commitment to the Alliance. Hodges also claimed that the U.S. military is "ill-equipped to deal with a serious threat from Russia," even though Russian defense spending is roughly 6-7% of that of all of NATO, including the U.S., combined.

A third member of the War Party, retired Adm. James Stavridis, a former commander of NATO, lashed out at Trump's plan to draw down the U.S. troop presence in Iraq by 2,200 troops. "Winners: Islamic State, Iran, Russia and Syria. Losers: America's allies. And, of course, the people of Iraq, who will slip further under Iranian control," Stavridis concluded in a commentary published by Bloomberg. "All with no significant savings in money or lives. Not a very good bargain, especially for an administration that prides itself on the art of those international deals."

Blowback over Trump's Attack on the Military-Industrial Complex

Sept. 10 (EIRNS)—"I don't buy that idea at all," said Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC), referring to President Donald Trump's Labor Day statement that people in the Pentagon tied to the military-industrial complex would prefer to see wars continue. "I've known most of these three and four stars when they were colonels. They have their own family members in these fights.... The people who want to avoid the war the most are the ones who actually fight it," Graham stated.

The top Republican on the House Armed Services Committee, Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-TX), likewise stated that "I've been a little dismayed at what's happened the past few days. I know the President says things for effect a lot, but to have a commander in chief question the motivations of

military leaders and basically say they're in it for themselves is wrong and it gives our adversaries an opening." He added, revealingly: "Even if you think it, you shouldn't say it."

Army Chief of Staff Gen. James McConville, in what is being described in some media accounts as "push back" against Trump, was asked at a Sept. 8 Defense One online event whether the military is beholden to defense contractors. "Many of these leaders have sons and daughters who have gone to combat, or may be in combat right now. So, I can assure the American people that the senior leaders would only recommend sending our troops to combat when it's required in national security in the last resort."

COLLAPSING WESTERN FINANCIAL SYSTEM

Humanitarian Catastrophe Being Ignored on Lesbos

Sept. 10 (EIRNS)—The situation on the Greek island of Lesbos the Moria refugee camp was burned down is clearly a humanitarian catastrophe. It is not clear how many refugees are left without shelter—official reports say 3,500, others say 12,000 refugees are stranded in empty fields.

A second fire destroyed more of the camp on Sept. 8. It is obvious that some refugees themselves set the fires as the only way to break an impossible situation. The Migration Ministry said it would take "all necessary steps" to ensure that vulnerable groups and families had shelter. The fire also destroyed the new health unit's intensive care area.

A passenger ferry and two Navy landing ships are being sent to accommodate some 2,000 of the refugees. The only option that makes sense is to evacuate the refugees from the island and transfer them to other countries than Greece. Only 400 unaccompanied minors from the camp so far will be transferred off the island. Greece has already requested at the EU level that other countries also take the refugees, but outside of expressions of solidarity nothing substantial has been done.

Meanwhile COVID-19 measures are being taken, with 19,000 test kits being sent to the island, as well as the deployment of more doctors and medical personnel to handle the situation.

Speaking from Geneva at a virtual press conference today Francesco Rocca, president of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), said it was “urgent” to move migrants from the Greek islands to the mainland, calling it a “humanitarian imperative.” He called it a “European crisis which requires concrete acts of solidarity by EU member states. Simply containing people is not the solution.”

Rocca said, “No human being should live in the conditions in an overcrowded camp like in Moria.” He said that the camp was supposed to be a transit facility for refugees who were supposed to be processed and either deported or sent on to other EU countries. Nothing was done as the EU and its member states foot-dragging left the Greek government with the problem. Rocca told the media: “Local people, NGOs, the Red Cross, everyone is doing their utmost. But for how long? We must speed up the move of these people from the island.”

More Than Half of All Households in the U.S. Four Largest Cities Are Facing Financial Hardship

Sept. 10 (EIRNS)—That is the unsurprising result from a new NPR/Harvard/Robert Woods Johnson Foundation survey, that “at least half of households in the four largest U.S. cities—New York City (53%), Los Angeles (56%), Chicago (50%), and Houston (63%)—report facing serious financial problems during the coronavirus outbreak. Serious problems are reported across a wide range of areas during this time, including depleting household savings, serious problems paying credit card bills and other debt, and affording medical care,” stated the survey press release yesterday. Also unsurprising, the survey found: “Serious financial problems during the coronavirus outbreak are reported by majorities of Black households in New York City (62%), Los Angeles (52%), Chicago (69%) and Houston (81%). Serious financial problems are also reported by majorities of Latino

households in New York City (73%), Los Angeles (71%), Chicago (63%), and Houston (77%) during this time.”

The Fed Now Owns 30% of All U.S. Mortgages

Sept. 10 (EIRNS)—One result of the Federal Reserve using quantitative easing to bail out the bankrupt financial system, is that the Fed now owns over 30% of all U.S. mortgages, according to a report in *The Street*. The total balance sheet is nearly \$7 trillion in securities and another \$2 trillion in mortgages. “The Fed has snapped up \$1 trillion of mortgage bonds since March. It bought around \$300 billion of the bonds in each of March and April, and since then has been buying about \$100 billion a month. The Fed now owns almost a third of bonds backed by home loans in the U.S. If the Fed maintains its current buying pace, it will again own 34% of the mortgage universe by year’s end.”

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