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EDITORIAL

In Defense of Sanity

Dec. 3 (EIRNS)—First, read the following account from CGTN on one of the dramatic implications of China’s lunar program, including the current Chang’e-5 lander collecting samples on the lunar surface:

“Modern science has revealed that most of the energy we use today originated from sunlight—coal and oil are basically storage of ancient sunlight. Scientists and engineers have been trying to build a smaller sun on Earth for decades. And helium-3 is a great fuel to do that. One hundred tons of helium-3 can generate the energy needed by all humans for a year. And there may be a million tons of helium-3 on the Moon—which can help humans survive another 10,000 years. Building the artificial sun requires many strict conditions, some of which can be easily met on the Moon since the sphere has much less gravity than the Earth. Imagine if we don’t need oil anymore. Lots of wars will become pointless and we may enjoy one of the most peaceful ages ever. Isn’t that great? And that’s why we should continue the effort of lunar exploration. China’s international Moon lab could be a good start.”

Second, watch the [Schiller Institute NYC Chorus documentary](#) video, as we close in on the 250th anniversary of Ludwig van Beethoven’s birth on Dec. 16.

Now you are in the proper frame of mind to locate the strategic significance of the Schiller Institute’s Dec. 12-13 conference on “The World after the U.S. Election: Creating a World Based on Reason.”

With all-out warfare underway in the U.S. over the British attempt to carry out a coup d’état against President Donald Trump (and the Presidency itself); with the uncontrolled COVID-19 pandemic unleashing sickness, death and psychological trauma in most countries around the world; with the provocations by London lackeys like Secretary of State Pompeo against China, Iran and other countries, bringing the world to the edge of warfare;

small wonder then that most people have trouble even discerning what reality is, let alone recognizing the pathway to solutions.

Helga Zepp-LaRouche took up this problem in her Dec. 2 weekly webcast:

“I think there must be absolute concern that this battle is decided in favor of Trump.... I think people have a very hard time right now seeing through what is fake news, what is propaganda, what is psychological warfare operations against the population. I think the only way you can keep your sanity, is you have to focus on the solutions: There are solutions.... If you focus on the solutions, you don't need to have an endless debate about who did what to whom.

“At this point, I think a lot of what is being said and written and what is in the social media and all kinds of videos, is designed to confuse the population, to make them feel impotent, and passive.

“I think the best way to counter that is to focus on the solutions which were developed by Lyndon LaRouche many years ago, but are still completely valid. That will be the central issue at the upcoming Schiller Institute Conference on Dec. 12-13.

“You have to rally for solutions, because otherwise I think we are in for an incredibly dangerous period. But once you know what the solutions are, namely that you can have a new financial system, a new credit system, and once you focus on that and work with the Schiller Institute to form an international alliance to implement those policies, then you can keep your mental health. Otherwise, for some people, sometimes things seem to be very difficult these days.”

SCIENCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Chang'e-5 Starts Its Journey Home

Dec. 3 (EIRNS)—The Chang'e-5 ascender has launched from the Moon, the first Chinese take-off from an extraterrestrial body, and has reached lunar orbit where it is to rendezvous with the orbiter and deliver its samples

to the returner for delivery back to Earth, perhaps the trickiest part of the trip. While on the Moon, it deployed the national flag before leaving.

China Looking Forward into Helium-3 Future

Dec. 3 (EIRNS)—Related to the ongoing Chinese mission to collect lunar soil samples on the Moon, [CGTN](#) is pointing to the vast reserves of helium-3 there, writing on Nov. 26:

“Modern science has revealed that most of the energy we use today originated from sunlight—coal and oil are basically storage of ancient sunlight. Scientists and engineers have been trying to build a smaller sun on Earth for decades. And helium-3 is a great fuel to do that.

“100 tons of helium-3 can generate the energy needed by all humans for a year. And there may be a million tons of helium-3 on the Moon—which can help humans survive another 10,000 years. Building the artificial sun requires many strict conditions, some of which can be easily met on the Moon since the sphere has much less gravity than the Earth.

“Imagine if we don’t need oil anymore. Lots of wars will become pointless and we may enjoy one of the most peaceful ages ever. Isn’t that great? And that’s why we should continue the effort of lunar exploration. China’s international Moon lab could be a good start.”

This is not the first time that CGTN has highlighted the helium-3 issue, but has been a steady companion to most of its coverage of the Chang’e-5 mission since it began. It has also been underlined by many of the researchers involved in the Chang’e-5 project in their briefings on the project.

UNITED STATES POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

Trump Legal Team Organizes Michigan Legislators To Assume Their Constitutional Duty

Dec. 3 (EIRNS)—Michigan state legislators, Republicans along with various supercilious or downright clownish Democrats, heard four hours of testimony presented last night by Michigan citizens on the blatant

violations of election laws they had personally observed in the counting of the Nov. 3 presidential vote. In summation, Trump campaign lawyers Rudy Giuliani and Jenna Ellis focused on their Constitutional responsibility as state legislators to ensure an honest counting of the votes.

You have heard the testimony of these witnesses, Giuliani told them. Holding up a large binder, he urged them to read through the hundreds of additional sworn affidavits it contains, which detail similar instances of fraud witnessed by others. Look at what you have heard and read about what transpired in Michigan, and compare it to what happened in the other states: Pennsylvania, Georgia, Arizona, etc., and think about how in all these places you see the same pattern of fraud, he said. This was a concerted plan to fix the election.

It is your responsibility to oversee elections. Read the Constitution. That Constitutional mandate has been upheld at least twice in U.S. history. It takes *courage* to stand up for clean and fair elections. These witnesses were intimidated to stay quiet, but it is your responsibility.

To complaints from a couple of the Republican legislators about why the Trump campaign had not requested a recount of the election within the required 48 hours, Giuliani was blunt: you need forensic examinations of the machines and investigations of the frauds witnessed; a recount of early/mail-in ballots after they have been separated from their ID envelopes is a sham, running the same ballots through the same machines again to come up with the same count—as is happening in Georgia.

When Republican Rep. Beau LeFave asked Giuliani, did you come here to ask us to take the electors back for Trump, Giuliani answered: No! Your responsibility is to go through the material, look at the pattern in other states, spend the time to see for yourself what has happened, and go back into session to consider this. *I* am not asking you to do this. The *Constitution* wants you to do this.

Ellis spoke briefly after that final round of discussion with Giuliani, emphasizing their Constitutional mandate. Take the witnesses testimony and affidavits seriously, she urged. These citizens have sworn under

penalty of perjury that their reports are true. That is a big deal, not something done lightly. You have been told of how Dominion Voting Systems and some election officials have ignored the laws of your state. This is not a discussion about policy or party, it is a question of whether or not fair elections take place. And the Constitution has given that responsibility to *you*.

Russia Is Not Treating Trump Like a Lame-Duck President

Dec. 3 (EIRNS)—[Anatoly Antonov](#), Russia’s Ambassador to Washington, reiterated to a Brookings Institution videoconference audience yesterday the reason why President Vladimir Putin has not extended congratulations to Vice President Joe Biden in the U.S. presidential elections. “Firstly, I am not working in the Kremlin, I am not in close contact with Mr. Putin,” Antonov began. “But, of course, I am aware of the position of the Russian Federation on this issue. We consider that it’s American people who decide themselves who will run this country. We will recognize any choice that your people make.... As I understand, we need to wait [for the end] of some legal procedures in your country, when all official results will be announced. It goes without saying that after this moment or this event, everything will be done in accordance with the state protocol,” he stated.

But Antonov went on to explain that Russia is ready and willing to negotiate a continuation of the New START treaty with President Donald Trump. “We have time. We can get it [extension] very quickly. If anybody can call me now from the State Department or White House, I am ready to come. I am ready to continue such negotiations,” he explained. He continued, “Yes, we are in close contact with [U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Arms Control] Marshall Billingslea who is a key negotiator from the American side.”

Antonov further suggested another channel for prompt negotiations. “I am dreaming to see the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation and the Minister of Defense of the Russian Federation come to Washington in order to restore the 2+2 channel. It is an excellent channel to exchange views on various issues. Everybody can raise any issue of

interest, but at the same time we can restart it and we can find a wider base for potential cooperation between the United States and Russia.”

Thousands of Chinese Researchers Pull Up Stakes under U.S. McCarthyite Harassment

Dec. 3 (EIRNS)—More than 1,000 Chinese researchers have left the United States amid a U.S. crackdown on alleged technology theft, top U.S. security officials said on Dec. 2, and further alleging that Chinese agents had already been targeting the incoming Biden Administration. John Demers, chief of the U.S. Justice Department’s National Security Division, told a discussion hosted by the Aspen Institute think tank that the researchers had left the country while the department launched multiple criminal cases against Chinese operatives for industrial and technological espionage.

A Justice Department official said this was a different group than those mentioned by the State Department in September, when it said the United States had revoked visas for more than 1,000 Chinese nationals under a presidential measure denying entry to students and researchers deemed security risks.

In a similar vein, the U.S. is also restricting visas for those people who are members of the Chinese Communist Party to only a month’s stay at a time, which has also raised protest from the Chinese Foreign Ministry.

COVID-19

CDC’s Redfield Points to the Huge Deficit in Health Investment

Dec. 3 (EIRNS)—Dr. Robert Redfield, the head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), yesterday spoke before the U.S. Chamber of Commerce “Path Forward” series and pointed to the huge deficit in health investment as key to the toll the COVID-19 pandemic is taking in the U.S. He admitted that “I wasn’t prepared to understand how little investment had been made in the core capabilities of public health.... There’s a huge lack of investment, which I hope this pandemic will

change,” he said. Redfield estimated the health crisis has cost the U.S. at least \$8 trillion.

He went on to warn that the U.S. in the next few months will be facing the most difficult public health crisis in its history. “The reality is December and January and February are going to be rough times. I actually believe they’re going to be the most difficult in the public health history of this nation, largely because of the stress that’s going to be put on our health-care system.” He warned that “the mortality concerns are real. And I do think unfortunately, before we see February, we could be close to 450,000 Americans [who] have died from this virus.”

Redfield stressed, as he and other leading epidemiologists have stated repeatedly in the past, that asymptomatic transmission of the coronavirus means that broad testing of the population, with contact tracing and quarantine and treatment of those who test positive, is the only effective way of controlling the spread of the pandemic—until such time as a vaccine is broadly available. That requires at least 5 million tests per day in the U.S.; the current testing capability is less than one-third that level.

Shortages of Hospitals and Staff Are Reaching the Breaking Point

Dec. 3 (EIRNS)—As if to underscore CDC head Redfield’s shocked comments about the lack of health infrastructure in the U.S.—a reality pointed out for decades by American economist Lyndon LaRouche—many areas of the country are now facing such a flood of hospitalizations that the entire system is dealing with enormous stress. On Dec. 2 there were almost 100,000 COVID patients hospitalized, and various experts are quoted in the media warning that the total could soon double. The previous highs in the spring and summer were about 60,000.

The White House Coronavirus Task Force on Nov. 29 sent a report around to states which sounded the alarm: “We are in a very dangerous place due to the current, extremely high COVID baseline and limited hospital capacity; a further post-Thanksgiving surge will compromise COVID patient care, as well as medical care overall.” State responses, it stated bluntly, “remain inadequate” in “many areas.” It restated a basic

guideline: “It must be made clear that if you are over 65 or have significant health conditions, you should not enter any indoor public spaces where anyone is unmasked due to the immediate risk to your health; you should have groceries and medications delivered,” the report adds. “If you are under 40, you need to assume you became infected during the Thanksgiving period if you gathered beyond your immediate household.”

USA Today quotes Robert Glatter, an emergency room physician at New York City’s Lenox Hill Hospital, saying that the country has reached a “dangerous inflection point.” California Gov. Gavin Newsom said ICU beds could be full in his state by mid-December. He warned that “drastic action,” including tightened stay-at-home orders, could come within days. New Mexico’s 534 intensive care beds were at 101% of capacity on Tuesday, Dec. 1—the highest rate in the nation, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Troy Clark, president and CEO of New Mexico Hospital Association, told *USA Today*: “While there may be physical beds, there is not a nurse, a nurse tech or respiratory therapist to care for those patients.”

COVID-19 Exposed Collapsing Swedish Model

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 3 (EIRNS)—Alarming reports from Sweden about deaths in nursing homes for elderly, and the same recent geometrically rising infection rates as in most other parts of Europe, have put question marks on the Swedish policy to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. The lack of a resolute response in Sweden has been seen as a better model to handle the virus by those in Europe and the U.S. who were opposing the lockdowns, or even doubting the danger of the virus. In reality, this so-called Swedish Model for handling COVID-19 came out of bungled practices of a much wider process of collapse of the Swedish welfare state and its Swedish Model ruling system, including its moral values towards elderly.

On Nov. 27, a total of 6,681 persons had died in Sweden. Nine out of ten of the COVID-19 deaths in Sweden are in the age group 70 years and older. Most of the deaths, 2,800, occurred in nursing homes for the elderly.

On Nov. 24, the Health and Social Care Inspectorate (IVO) reported critical deficiencies in the medical care in nursing homes, after inspecting the medical records of 847 of patients with COVID-19 from 98 of 1,700 nursing homes. IVO found that in all Swedish regions there were cases where the elderly had not received individual evaluations from a doctor, some not even from a nurse. Patients and their relatives had also not been informed or been able to influence the treatment decisions.

Already in the spring many upset health personnel, relatives and professors, reported that elderly in nursing homes were not given hospital treatment or even oxygen, when COVID-19 was suspected. Instead, they were declared to be dying and given only palliative care, regularly including morphine. The leading Professor of Geriatrics Yngve Gustafson of Umeå University, in a May 22 interview with *Aftonbladet* said that in the case of a respiratory disease such as COVID-19, this is killing the patient very fast.

The directive recommending doctors not meet their patients physically came from the National Board of Health and Welfare out of concern that the doctors could spread the virus to the elderly. This decision was part of a policy of long-term neglect of the elderly in health care and in the Swedish culture. In this situation, in reality it became a policy of triage as the main concern was to keep down the pressure on the healthcare system. To this day the strategy to “keep down the curve” (i.e., to keep COVID-19 hospitalizations below the capacity of hospitals), dominates the Swedish strategy to combat the COVID-19.

In spite of the devastating criticism from IVO, and the public and professional uproar over the deaths of the elderly, now the virus is back in the Swedish nursing homes killing the oldest patients. Again, hospitals’ health personnel report anonymously that infected patients routinely share hospital rooms with uninfected, severely ill patients. There were media reports on Nov. 26 about a new inquiry after two patients died after becoming infected at the University Hospital in Malmö.

Cuba Defies Blockade and Sanctions To Successfully Combat COVID-19

Dec. 3 (EIRNS)—In a mid-November visit to Cuba, Swiss physician and Professor Franco Cavalli, president of the [MediCubaEuropa](#) Swiss-based charity, documented the island’s extraordinary success in combatting the coronavirus—despite a COVID-triggered economic crisis, a decades-long U.S. economic blockade, and more recent sanctions imposed by madman U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo. Pompeo, in fact, has publicly declared he intends to completely destroy Cuba’s economy.

As reported by Argentina’s [Agencia Paco Urondo](#) on Dec. 1, Dr. Cavalli, an oncologist and former head of the International Coalition Against Cancer, pointed out that Cuba has used its unique biomedical capabilities to do what “advanced” sector countries have failed to do. Over the past ten months, this island country of 12 million people has had 8,233 confirmed COVID cases and only 134 deaths, using its excellent free, community-based public health system and extensive testing to keep the virus at bay. Thanks to decades of investment in biomedical research, today the city of Havana has 32 biomedical research and development centers and specialized medical institutes which make up its BioCubaFarma scientific pole—with three Chinese affiliates—employing 20,000 people. Also over decades, Cuban doctors have deployed abroad to developing nations to use their scientific expertise to treat Ebola, cholera, HIV-AIDS and other infectious diseases—most recently including COVID—in Africa, Latin America and Asia—with excellent results. Pompeo has also viciously attacked the Cuban doctors’ lifesaving deployments.

The island’s successful containment of the COVID pandemic speaks for itself. With a population of 12 million people, the rate of deaths per 100,000 inhabitants is 1.18. Compare this to 21.92 for the Dominican Republic, 19.68 for Germany; 55.53 for Switzerland and 144.73 for Belgium. The country is also in the process of developing its Soberana-1 COVID vaccine—for which Phase 3 trials will begin by the end of the year—to have it ready to deploy by March and begin mass vaccination by the middle of 2021. The Pan American Health Organization expects that

the Cuban vaccine, which doesn't require extreme refrigeration, can be deployed to many developing sector nations at a very reasonable price.

THE NEW GLOBAL ECONOMIC ORDER

At This 'Turning Point in History,' China and U.S. Must Have 'Shared Vision,' Urges Ambassador Cui Tiankai

Dec. 3 (EIRNS)—Chinese Ambassador to the United States Cui Tiankai was a keynote speaker together with Harvard Professor Graham Allison at a conference sponsored by the Institute for China-America Studies today. Cui underlined this period as “a turning point in history” due to the pandemic and the economic crisis. “But the pandemic was simply accelerating a change already in motion,” he observed. (“Opening Remarks by Ambassador Cui Tiankai At the Annual Conference of the Institute of China-U.S. Studies,” <http://www.china-embassy.org/eng/>)

The pandemic, he said, also posed the question of “what a post-pandemic world would look like and what kind of global governance we need in such a world? It is clear such a post-pandemic world would not be stable and global governance would not be effective without sound and stable relations between China and the U.S.” Far from being a failure, as China's opponents have characterized the policy of “engagement with China,” it has been a success for China and the U.S., and also the world. “We need a shared vision for the future and make the right choice,” Cui said.

Cui expressed optimism that the U.S.-China relationship could be significantly improved, even during the remaining days of the Trump Administration. He lambasted those who attempted “to sow distrust,” which he characterized as “irresponsible.” “We should build a new type of international relations for a shared future,” he said. “We should reject outdated mindsets and open up a new pathways.”

Allison was more pessimistic, and while he admitted that he hoped the U.S. would remain “the top dog,” he realized that what he considered endemic rivalry between the two should not lead to conflict. He also gave

guarded support to President Xi's call for a new form of major power relations. "Why does Xi call for a new form of international relations?" Allison asked. "Because he knows that following the old form will turn out badly."

In responding to the perennial questions of "common values" touted by those who want an "alliance of democracies" aimed against China (and Russia), Cui stated wryly, "Perhaps our opponents want us to change our DNA.... When people talk about 'values,' I have a feeling that they are most concerned about advancing their material values. But if these values don't take account of other civilizations' values, these values cannot be considered 'universal.' "

"We do have common values," Cui continued. "Values like peace, development, democracy, freedom as these are enshrined in the UN Charter. If you want to build on these values, we are ready to cooperate."

Cui expressed guarded optimism about a Biden Administration, pointing to the many hours that then Vice President Biden had spent with President Xi, and his statement at that time about the danger of "unintended consequences" in dealing with the more sensitive issues with China, such as Taiwan. At the same time, Cui underlined that China was continuing to work with the Trump Administration in order to restore some form of stability in the relationship.

Prime Ministers of China and Russia Emphasize Cooperation at 25th Regular Meeting

Dec. 3 (EIRNS)—The Prime Ministers of China and Russia held their 25th regular meeting on Dec. 2 and reviewed the increasingly strong ties between the two countries. Xinhua reported that Chinese Premier Li Keqiang "expressed to Russia China's willingness to share development opportunities, expand two-way opening-up, and enhance mutually beneficial cooperation to strive for more achievements in various aspects of bilateral cooperation.... He hailed the two countries' cooperation amid COVID-19, as well as the sustained and high-level development of bilateral ties led by the two countries' leaders."

Xinhua quotes Li saying: “China is willing to work with Russia in drawing on the past achievements and experience of cooperation to inject new impetus into the sustained and sound development of the China-Russia comprehensive strategic partnership of coordination for a new era.” Li also said the good ties between China and Russia are beneficial to the world. Xinhua continued: “The premier said China is ready to increasingly align the Belt and Road Initiative with Russia’s development strategies and strive for breakthroughs in trade, energy, agriculture, and other areas of cooperation. He added that China would also accelerate cooperation in areas such as joint manufacturing, peaceful utilization of nuclear resources, the digital economy, and medium and small-sized enterprises.”

Russian Prime Minister Mishustin in turn congratulated China on the successful landing of Chang’e-5 spacecraft on the near side of the Moon and said Russia is willing to accelerate space cooperation between the two countries.

The offices of both Prime Minister [Li Keqiang](#) and Prime Minister [Mikhail Mishustin](#) have posted reports and transcripts.

COLLAPSING WESTERN FINANCIAL SYSTEM

European Union Disintegration Intensifying

Dec. 3 (EIRNS)—The cohesion of the 27 countries in the European Union is no longer working. Poland and Hungary have vetoed the European Commission’s budget of €1.2 trillion plus the pandemic-related extra budget of €750 billion. The Commission is now considering to no longer insist on unanimity but to activate a clause in the EU treaties on “enhanced cooperation” that would allow nine member governments to go ahead with a draft budget, without having to wait for all the other governments to agree.

This is part of a global trend being pushed by the British Empire to impose a “dictatorship of the majority” under conditions of systemic breakdown, as the only way to control the institutions. There are similar

moves afoot to eliminate the veto power of the five permanent members of the UN Security Council in favor of “greater democracy.” And likewise the campaign to get rid of the “antiquated” Electoral College in the United States, in favor of a “direct democracy” more to London’s liking.

The Commission also faces opposition from Europe’s east and southeast, where five governments (Poland, Czechia, Slovakia, Hungary, Bulgaria) have so far not agreed to the new energy/climate package because it lacks a clear go-ahead for nuclear power and natural gas projects as options to reduce carbon dioxide emissions.

On the draft budget as such, Austria, Finland and the Netherlands have not vetoed it as a whole, but insist that more of the €750 billion extra budget be financed by repayable loans, instead of support handed out without conditions.

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