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## EDITORIAL

### The Coup Against the Presidency Began in the Injustice to Lyndon LaRouche

Dec. 14 (EIRNS)—Today in Wisconsin the State Supreme Court ruled that there might be merit in three out of the four *fraud* criteria proposed by President Donald Trump's legal team for invalidating categories of mail-in votes in the Nov. 3 election—but that the President had asked to invalidate them too late! It was another ruling corrupted by media and establishment pressure. The President, because he had not raised, until the voting took place, that the Wisconsin government's rules for mail-in voting violated its

own election laws wholesale, had no right to any remedy at all, according to the judges. From the bench they all took absurd recourse to sports fans' lingo—"The whistle has blown!"; "You missed the game!"; "You should have objected before the season started!"—to hide their cowardice or bias.

As these "judgments" occur, and state legislators whose election laws have been violated by industrial-scale mail-ballot fraud hang fire under the same intimidation, President Trump himself can use the power of the American Presidency he holds. He can attack the entire secret-government system of injustice, which has run several coup attempts and then a "color revolution" against him throughout his term because he refused to accept the British geopolitics of empire and war.

The President can take the "[Banquo's ghost](#)" action first proposed by Harley Schlanger in the International Schiller Institute Manhattan Project webcast Nov. 14: Issue pardons to Edward Snowden, who exposed the entire mass surveillance crime of the intelligence agencies for the financial oligarchy; and Julian Assange, who published the infamous DNC e-mails. He has undeniable personal knowledge of who actually took from the DNC those e-mails whose publication showed the DNC fixing the 2016 Democratic primary election for Hillary Clinton against Sen. Bernie Sanders. As Schlanger put it, "This brings us back to Banquo's ghost.... Here's what I would suggest as a flank: President Trump should pardon Edward Snowden and Julian Assange. Bring them back to this country, protect them, defend them; let them tell the story they know, of the corruption that was brought in after 9/11...."

The President has fired Attorney General Barr. He can add London's favorite CIA head Gina Haspel, and name a special prosecutor to begin actually investigating the "Russiagate" hoax which has been used like an invasive British intelligence blight against his Presidency. It is being revved up again today, with yet another cybersecurity company ("FireEye") claiming massive Russian hacking of the U.S. government, and the media egging on Mad Mike Pompeo.

Trump will have the support of both Republican members of Congress, some of whom are calling for these actions, and Democrats and Independents who oppose the post-9/11 surveillance state and endless war. And he will call forth really qualified whistleblowers who know what has been done to the American people's rights.

Many Americans have been represented in those rights by the hundreds who have bravely stood up and given sworn statements of the voting shams they saw, and those they were pushed out of the room so they would not see, but who encountered officials and judges so biased or so scared they would not even listen to their testimony. They do not agree that this injustice will stand.

But they will not act effectively until they understand that this injustice to them, to their President, grew from the unjust vilification and persecution of Lyndon LaRouche 35 years ago. It was at the hands of the same American financial oligarchy and media, longing for an American empire on the British model, guided by the London center of financial empire, and heaping injustice and abuse on that empire's most forceful adversary, LaRouche. Henry Kissinger demanded it; Robert Mueller was at the center of carrying it out; never-Trump Republican William Weld ran multiple prosecutions of LaRouche from his Justice Department perch. It was called, by a respected former U.S. Attorney General at that time, "represented a broader range of deliberate cunning and systematic misconduct over a longer period of time utilizing the power of the federal government than any other prosecution by the U.S. government in my time or to my knowledge."

And yet for 35 years this injustice, deeply destructive to the American practice of government and economy, has stood unresolved, without exoneration of LaRouche and vindication of his ideas or justice against his enemies in the London-Wall Street and intelligence establishment. They have been proven President Trump's enemies and the sponsors of the post-9/11 surveillance state.

The injustice to *this one* was, particularly, an injustice to all. So the injustice to LaRouche is central to what President Trump can and should do to restore justice for all.

## UNITED STATES POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

### Campaign Presses Ahead for Trump To Pardon Assange and Snowden

Dec. 14 (EIRNS)—U.S. Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-FL) has again called for a Presidential pardon for whistleblower Edward Snowden, and said yesterday that President Donald Trump is paying attention to advocates pushing for Snowden's pardon, RT reported. Gaetz tweeted to Glenn Greenwald, who issued his own call for pardoning Snowden: "President Trump is listening to the many of us who are urging him to #Pardon Snowden. It is the right thing to do." While President Trump attacked Snowden as far back as 2014, the President has changed his view in recent months, and said he is open to granting him a pardon. Snowden, a former CIA and NSA contractor, ultimately had to seek asylum in Russia—after Obama's State Department revoked his passport when his plane stopped in Moscow—by the same corrupt intelligence forces that ran the fictitious "Russiagate" hoax against Trump.

Sen. Rand Paul (R-TN) and Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI) have also urged President Trump to pardon Snowden.

Snowden tweeted on Dec. 3, "Mr. President, if you grant only one act of clemency during your time in office, please: free Julian Assange. You alone can save his life. @realDonaldTrump"

WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange is imprisoned in the U.K.'s Belmarsh prison while fighting extradition to the U.S. to face an 18-count indictment for alleged espionage and conspiracy crimes. Assange's life is in danger: In ill health, the prison is awash in COVID infections, and ill and infected inmates are not separated from the general population, reports Assange's partner Stella Moris.

Former President Barack Obama, under whom Biden served, refused requests to pardon Snowden before he left office. Snowden revealed last year that Biden was allegedly threatening countries with “consequences” if they granted him asylum. While trapped in Moscow airport for 40 days, rather than take the easy way out and seek asylum from Russia, he tried to seek asylum from countries allied with the U.S., he told [MSNBC’s “11th Hour”](#) broadcast. “Every time one of these governments got close to opening their doors, the phone would ring in their foreign ministries,” Snowden said. “And on the other end of the line would be a ‘very senior American official.’ It was one of two people: then-Secretary of State John Kerry, or then-Vice President Joe Biden.”

### **Claim Russian Hackers Breached U.S. Treasury and Commerce Departments**

Dec. 14 (EIRNS)—On Dec. 13 the Justice Department reporters for the *Washington Examiner*, Jerry Dunleavy and Tyler Dyke, wrote an article based on “a report” that a “sophisticated hacking group backed by the Russian government had infiltrated the U.S. Treasury Department’s systems and also hacked the Commerce Department and other government agencies.”

That the FBI is investigating the attacks is reported, but not for *how long* the FBI may have been thus investigating without making this known. The FBI is supposed to be looking at the “Russian” hacking group APT29, also known as “Cozy Bear” as a potential perpetrator, the article continues. The Department of Homeland Security’s Cybersecurity unit is also involved. Thus mere weeks after Christopher Krebs, who headed this DHS unit until fired by President Donald Trump, assured the nation that no hacker or fraudster had laid a finger on the “perfect, most secure election in history,” the media report “Russian” hacking of multiple government departments going on “since the spring” (*Washington Post*).

The Infrastructure Security Agency confirmed the incident, but did not suggest who was behind it, the *Examiner* wrote—but, as a result of the hack, the National Security Agency reportedly held a meeting at the White

House on Dec. 13. The DHS Cyber Security and Infrastructure Security Agency confirmed the incident in a statement.

Also on Dec. 13, Sputnik International reporter Ilya Tshkanov wrote, “The alleged hack comes following reports last week that FireEye, a major U.S. cyber security firm, had been attacked by a ‘nation with top-tier offensive capabilities,’ which reportedly removed its internal hacking tools.” The California-based FireEye provides hardware, software and services to hundreds of thousands of corporate and government clients. It also investigated the “Orion” software of another cyber firm, SolarWinds, and said that it was hacked.

Thus the anonymous source in the U.S. media for this “Russian hack,” like that for the infamous “DNC e-mails” affair of “Russiagate,” seems to be a cybersecurity company—then CrowdStrike, now FireEye.

### **Iraq and Afghanistan Drawdown Plans Confirmed by U.S. Military Officials**

Dec. 14 (EIRNS)—Military spokesmen for U.S. commands in both Iraq and Afghanistan confirmed plans for the drawdown of U.S. troops from both countries according to the statement issued by Acting Secretary of Defense Christopher Miller on Nov. 17.

Col. Wayne Marotto, the U.S. military spokesman in Baghdad, told Iraqi Kurdish news service Rudaw on Dec. 12 that the American military is reducing its footprint in Iraq. “The ISF are doing better and as a result the Iraqis are doing better. The U.S. portion of the coalition is able to reduce its presence,” he said. “The ISF have made positive strides in professionalism, in their ability to operate independently to keep pressure on Daesh (ISIS),” he declared. Marotto reiterated that the United States would be drawing down its Coalition troops to 2,500 by Jan. 15, noting that they have already “departed a number of Iraqi facilities,” in an effort to reduce their “footprint” in Iraq.

At the same time, Marotto insisted that America would maintain its support of its “partners” in Syria and Iraq. “Approximately \$1.3 billion

worth of supplies and equipment is planned to be divested over the next 18 months for the Peshmerga,” funded by the U.S. Department of Defense and overseen by the U.S. military, he said.

Similarly in Afghanistan, Gen. Scott Miller, the U.S. commander in Kabul, said that the number of American troops in that country will be down to 2,500 by Jan. 15. “I have been ordered to reduce the U.S. military presence to 2,500; a part of this is in line with the U.S.-Taliban agreement; we downsize our troops in accordance with the conditions,” he told Afghan Ariana News. “Important for the Afghan people to understand is that we have discussed this with the Afghan security forces.”

“I have talked to Taliban about this, violence is too high; Taliban’s violence needs to come down,” Miller continued. “We have had many discussions about this; we have reaffirmed a historic opportunity in the ongoing peace process.”

## SCIENCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

### **Space Council Shows Expansive, Successful Artemis Moon-Mars Project ... But, Where Is Congress?**

Dec. 14 (EIRNS)—The United States Space Council met Dec. 9, chaired by Vice President Mike Pence, and introduced 18 astronauts selected to go to the Moon under NASA’s Artemis mission, which will settle human beings on the Moon to develop its surface and prepare it as a launching base for travel to Mars. NASA Administrator James Bridenstine, in presenting the new “Artemis Cadre” of astronauts, said of President Donald Trump’s Administration: “This has been a game-changing administration as it relates to space.” Trump has, in fact, been the first U.S. President in decades seriously to commit the nation to human exploration of the Solar System, and to set goals for Moon landing, a lunar settlement, and crewed launches to Mars. Pence cited the President’s pronouncement in his January 2017 inaugural address, “We stand at the birth of a new millennium, ready to unlock the mysteries of space.”

To quote an article on the meeting by Kesha Rogers on LaRouchePAC, “The Artemis program outlined under the direction of President Trump is not limited to returning humans to the Moon by 2024. It also calls for establishing a permanent base of operation on the Moon by 2028, preparing the way for human exploration on Mars. A Moon-Mars colonization program was a vision and a mission of American statesman and economist Lyndon LaRouche, first outlined in conjunction with his Strategic Defense Initiative back in the late ’70s and early ’80s. LaRouche’s vision for this mission was further explored in his 1988 Presidential campaign broadcast, ‘The Woman on Mars.’”

The new astronauts, nine men and nine women from 17 different states, obviously will be rallying leaders of public support for Artemis in those states, and perhaps even inspire their members in the new Congress to go beyond the old in funding the mission’s 2024 goal.

It was also announced that SpaceX, with a version of its Starliner rocket tested spectacularly last week, will compete for the contract to build the human lunar lander. This has been the “missing piece” of Artemis thus far in that it has essentially not been funded by Congress at all. SpaceX may again come to the rescue.

Space writer Mark Whittington wrote in *The Hill*, NASA is observing the tests of the SpaceX Starship with keen interest. A version of the Starship is in the running for the Human Landing System, the 21st-century Moon lander that could carry members of the Artemis Cadre to the lunar surface. The full Starship/Superheavy stack could, with refueling in Earth orbit, take a hundred tons of people and cargo to the Moon or Mars.”

Finally, Rogers’ article highlights, from the meeting, “reported developments in the energy sector involving space nuclear power. In July, NASA hosted the first DOE and NASA executive committee meeting at the Kennedy Space Center. NASA and DOE established three joint working groups. The first focuses on power infrastructure for the proposed Artemis lunar space camp. The second focuses on developing nuclear power and propulsion systems for future Moon and Mars missions, as well as robotic

deep space exploration. The third group will focus on pursuing space science and innovation interest, including weather issues and planetary defense from near Earth objects.”

## COVID-19 AND FAMINE

### First 2.9 Million Doses of Pfizer Vaccine Being Delivered to States

Dec. 14 (EIRNS)—Today the top three officials of Operation Warp Speed, HHS Secretary Alex Azar, Dr. Moncef Slaoui, and Army Gen. Gustave Perna, reported in an update that the first 2.9 million doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine against COVID-19 have gone out to the states which will then distribute them to hospitals and other providers according to their allocation plans, plus another 2.9 million doses that will be used for second shots, in what Azar characterized as a “medical miracle.” Shipments began going out to 636 sites Monday morning, with 145 of them to be completed before the end of the day, Dec. 14, with 425 more on Dec. 15 and the remaining 66 to be completed on Dec. 16. Dr. Slaoui and General Perna both stressed that as more vaccines are approved, first from Moderna and then in January from Johnson & Johnson and AstraZeneca, they will be folded into the process as well. Slaoui reported that arrangements have already been made for purchases of 100 million doses from Moderna for the first quarter of 2021 and 100 million more for the second quarter. “This is why we are confident that we will have enough doses to vaccinate the entire U.S. population,” Slaoui said.

The officials reiterated that they are confident the United States can immunize all those in the priority groups (totaling over 100 million people) who want the vaccine, for free, during the first quarter of 2021.

General Perna described what amounts to the implementation under Operation Warp Speed (OWS) of a military-style mission orientation to produce and distribute the vaccines—not only on the part of Pfizer, but also McKesson, which was responsible for producing much of the ancillary supplies for the vaccines; and also FedEx and UPS which are shipping the vaccines from Pfizer’s production plant in Michigan to the 636 delivery

sites across the country from Maine to Guam. He described a cadence of steps of the first 145 shipments of packing on Dec. 12 to relocation on Dec. 13 and deliveries on Monday, Dec. 14, further stating that the rest of the shipments will follow the same cadence through Dec. 16. That cadence will continue through the week with another 581 follow-on shipments to begin on Dec. 17.

Perna observed that the same cadence will be applied when the Moderna vaccine is approved, which may happen as early as Dec. 17. Six million doses of the Moderna vaccines are expected to be shipped to 3,285 sites as soon as it's approved. On top of all this, OWS is also providing states with future forecasts of shipping to aid their own planning.

This mobilization occurs as the number of Americans hospitalized due to COVID-19 has reached 108,000, more than one-sixth of all the general-purpose hospital beds in the nation. This is the highest level of hospitalization in the epidemic thus far, and it appears that the number will continue to rise.

## THE NEW GLOBAL ECONOMIC ORDER

### London Targets Chinese Belt and Road Lending Capability

Dec. 14 (EIRNS)—For the last 20 years—especially since the Chinese stepped onto the world stage with the Belt and Road Initiative in 2013—British financiers have been trying to break the wall of “secrecy” surrounding Chinese lending policies and details of individual Chinese loans. They need this, they say, in order to properly assess the creditworthiness of a client state, and properly price (“market”) their bonds. In the larger (geopolitical) terms, these data are also used to probe for vulnerabilities of Chinese lending institutions, and ways their influence might be undermined.

On Dec. 8, the *Financial Times* published a piece heralding, “China Curtails Overseas Lending in Face of Geopolitical Backlash,” wherein the empire celebrates in victorious fashion that lending by the Chinese ExIm

bank has dropped “from a peak of \$75 billion in 2016 to just \$4 billion” in 2019. At least they think so, based on forensic work done by the Boston University Global Development Center.

On Dec. 10, Sir Alex Vines, OBE, wrote an article, “China’s Southern Africa Debt Deals Reveal a Wider Plan,” for the Royal Institute for International Affairs/Chatham House, where he has been is Africa Program director in 2002, and since last year is now also Managing Director of Ethics, Risk & Resilience. Not having much to say about the actual “plan,” Sir Alex is very detailed in his analysis of the Zambian debt, which includes Africa’s first “pandemic bankruptcy,” defaulting on a \$42.5 million Eurobond coupon. He considers Angola, Mozambique or the Southern African Development Community in general, any of which he feels is potentially next on the default block.

Despite his ranting, all Sir Alex is ultimately able to say is that “China already signaled its intention in 2020 to provide debt forgiveness to African countries with zero-interest loans under the existing Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) commitments,” further fretting that, “China is also preparing for the next FOCAC summit scheduled for Dakar in 2021 and wants this to be a showcase about post-COVID-19 recovery and to show China is the preferred Africa partner.”

On Dec. 9, the U.S. Treasury added its weight to the anti-China effort, issuing sanctions against Wan Kouk Koi, aka “Broken Tooth,” a Hong Kong native and notorious underworld figure, with additional ties to the Chinese government, who already served 14 years in prison. Since his release, Wan has expanded his underworld activities in areas of growth led by the BRI, establishing the World Hongmen History and Culture Association—cover for a casino and cryptocurrency network—in Cambodia in 2018. In its sanctions of Wan, however, the U.S. Treasury charged he is a member of the Communist Party of China’s People’s Political Consultative Conference, attempts to tie the Belt and Road Initiative as such to criminal activity, stating: “The Chinese enterprises behind the BRI projects have several things in common: their leadership

has links to criminal networks or actors involved in illicit activities in other parts of Southeast Asia, as well as China,” being further “engaged in casinos and cryptocurrencies.” China Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying countered that Wan is not a CPPCC member, and referred to the Treasury statement as “some people in the U.S. are fabricating lies and unscrupulously attacking and smearing China. It’s just despicable.”

### **Afghanistan Breaks Being Landlocked with Rail Link to Iran**

Dec. 14 (EIRNS)—With a short 78 km cross-border link to Iran’s standard gauge rail network at Khaf, landlocked Afghanistan is now potentially linked to the world through the developing Iranian Arabia Sea port of Chabahar. Both Afghanistan’s President Mohammad Ashraf Ghani and Iran’s President Hassan Rouhani were present for the virtual event, at which an Iranian train full of agricultural goods rolled into the Afghan town of Rozanak, about 15 km inside the western border. The line is expected to soon reach Herat, Afghanistan’s third largest city.

## **COLLAPSING WESTERN FINANCIAL SYSTEM**

### **Indian Government Seems Anxious To Negotiate with Farmers**

Dec. 14 (EIRNS)—Leaders of literally millions of Indian farmers were on a daylong hunger strike Dec. 14, the 19th day of their mass protests against cartel-type pricing and purchasing laws just passed. Their colleagues and backers demonstrated all over India to roll back the new farm laws, as Defense Minister Rajnath Singh pledged that the government would never take any “retrograde step” against the agriculture sector.

As farmers from several states in northern India intensified their mass movement, particularly at the road entrances to Delhi, Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar said the government is engaging with them to decide on the next date of talks, which deadlocked after five rounds. “The meeting will definitely happen. We are engaging with farmers,” Tomar told PTI.

There were meetings in the capital Dec. 14 to discuss the future course of action, with separate groups meeting Tomar and Rajnath Singh. Tomar said the government is ready for discussion anytime, and farmer leaders have to “decide and convey” when they are ready for the next meeting. He is leading the negotiations with 40 farmer unions, along with Food Minister Piyush Goyal and Minister of State for Commerce and Industries Som Parkash.