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EDITORIAL

What Could Have Happened in Geneva, and What Must Happen in the World

June 17 (EIRNS)—That even the relatively uneventful meeting between Presidents Biden and Putin in Geneva can accurately be hailed as a step

forward, speaks to the absolutely terrible situation the world is in. Hu Xijin, the editor-in-chief of *Global Times*, expressed it in a tweet: “The meeting itself sends a strong signal. Both want to end the worst period of U.S.-Russian relations post-Cold War. At the very least, achieve low-level stability in their bilateral ties and avoid new uncontrollable conflicts. And this is probably the only product of the meeting.”

Our aspirations must be so much greater!

How can our efforts benefit from the powerful positive example of China (and Chinese-Russian collaboration) and in breaking through the censorial thought-control that has come to increasingly dominate both the legacy media and the social media of the trans-Atlantic world?

The Shenzhou-12 rocket has brought three astronauts to the Chinese Space Station’s core module, Tianhe, in a happy step in China’s continued development of its space capacity—as the International Space Station reaches the end of its life. It appears that great dreams cannot be derailed by such petty (and short-sighted) actions as banning Chinese purchase of certain microchips or the 2011 Wolf Amendment banning NASA from collaborating with China on manned space projects.

As Biden—and the press hyenas—harass Vladimir Putin about his grave assault on freedom, recent shocking revelations in the United States provide a potential flank to blast the burgeoning attempts at truly dictatorial control over media, communication, and thought.

Those revelations center on evidence of the involvement of the FBI and other federal agencies in the events of Jan. 6. Not only were plans to storm the Capitol well known to intelligence—which could have increased security to counter them—but the plans appear to have been *promoted* by these federal agents! Revolver News has revealed, through analysis of charging documents, the existence of at least 20 unindicted co-conspirators—likely FBI or other agents or sources—intimately involved in the events of Jan. 6.

Put this in historical context. Just a few months earlier, a dozen people were accused of plotting to kidnap Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer—among the purported plotters were no fewer than five federal agents or sources, who, far from passively infiltrating a plot in process, actively advanced it! This is in keeping with the FBI's *modus operandi*, put into overdrive with the beginning of the Global War on Terror, of participating in (through undercover agents and sources) and driving supposedly heinous acts of terrorism deftly and heroically foiled by the upstanding men and women of the FBI itself.

Helga Zepp-LaRouche warned on Jan. 9 that the storming of the Capitol had to be seen in this context, writing: “There is every reason to believe that the assault on the Capitol is a direct continuation of the 9/11 attacks, the real masterminds of which have never really been named. Lyndon LaRouche had presciently predicted this terrorist act nine months earlier, on Jan. 3, 2001, by predicting that the Bush Administration, which would take office three weeks later, would stage a ‘Reichstag Fire’ incident due to its inability to deal with the coming financial meltdown, as a pretext to implement dictatorial measures. This is exactly what happened with the introduction of the ‘Patriot Act’.... In the same fashion, the riot at the Capitol is intended to provide the pretext to eliminate any dissent towards the policies of the neoliberal establishment....

“The alarm bells must ring for all people who hold dear the constitutional state, freedom of expression, and civil rights. What this is about is total dictatorship over opinion and the elimination of any opposition to the policies of the transatlantic financial elite,” Zepp-LaRouche warned. “We are in acute danger of a new fascism!”

The revelations around the events of Jan. 6 can be a powerful tool for exploding the press for dictatorial control over thought, and exposing the hungry minds of those in the trans-Atlantic to the much larger, and better world that exists beyond the bounds of “approved” discourse, in the domain of fruitful encounters with the truly amazing developments already taking place, and possible, around the world. Victories far greater for humanity

than a civil discussion between the presidents of the two most powerfully nuclear armed nations lie in store!

- Watch [Harley's Updates](#) with Harley Schlanger on Friday, June 18, 2021: Every weekday morning on [The LaRouche Organization](#) website, Harley will give you the strategic briefing on what you need to know to start your day.

LEADING NEWS

How Many of the January 6 Unindicted Co-Conspirators Worked for the FBI?

June 17 (EIRNS)—[Revolver News](#) published an astonishing article June 15, raising evidence pointing to the Jan. 6 storming of the Capitol having been planned and organized by people working for the FBI, in a way similar to the foiled “kidnapping plot” against Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer the previous summer. Considering the self-described “shock and awe” prosecutorial campaign waged against participants in the events of that day, enormous suspicion is warranted about the many—at least 20—unindicted co-conspirators listed in the charging documents against those arrested for storming the Capitol, whose actions were at least as deserving of prosecution as those currently held without bail in solitary confinement—and often were more provocative. (This is purely by means of comparison, and not meant to universally endorse the prosecutions that have taken place.)

Revolver News poses three questions: (1) Leading up to and including Jan. 6, to what extent were the three primary “militia groups” (Oath Keepers, Proud Boys, Three Percenters) infiltrated by agents or informants of federal agencies? (2) How many federal agents or informants were present at the Capitol during the siege, and how active a role did they play? (3) Among the unindicted co-conspirators referenced in charging documents related to Jan. 6, how many worked for the federal government?

Thinking back to the Global War on Terror, there were many cases (if not a majority of cases) of dangerous plots “foiled” by the FBI or similar agencies revealed to be, essentially, entrapment operations. FBI agents or human sources encouraged their marks—not infrequently individuals with mental problems—to pursue plans to attack, bomb, murder, etc. Weapons, planning, encouragement supplied by the FBI motivated their victims to take actions that then justified their arrest and the opportunity for the FBI to brag about another job well done keeping America safe.

More recently, look back to the ostensible plot to kidnap Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. Among the 14 individuals who allegedly plotted the “kidnapping”—and the planned overthrow of the state government—at least 5 are known to have been undercover agents or federal informants. During one van ride to scope out Whitmer’s vacation house, fully three of the five people in the van had a relationship to the federal government! What’s more, following the arrest of those plotters who weren’t federal agents or informants, the then-director of the Detroit FBI Field Office, Steven D’Antuono, was given a promotion announced by FBI Director Christopher Wray: to be the head of the Washington Field Office.

The alleged mastermind of the Whitmer plot, Adam Fox, had been kicked out of his girlfriend’s house and was living temporarily in the basement of the vacuum-cleaner store owned by his friend and employer. It was from this storage space, accompanied by his two dogs, that the sinister Fox supposedly hatched a plan to shake Michigan, that would require the purchase of thousands of dollars in explosives and other supplies.

As a matter of fact, the plot was not initially designed to kidnap Whitmer; it was, according to the Justice Department’s indictment, to “storm the Capitol building” in Lansing, Michigan!

All told, FBI operatives played numerous important leadership roles in the plot:

- The “explosives expert,” from whom the plotters were to purchase bombs, was an FBI agent.

- The head of transportation for the militia outfit was an FBI agent.
- The head of security for the militia was an FBI informant.
- At least two FBI informants were active participants in the initial meeting to plan the storming of the Capitol in Lansing.

To summarize the precedent of Michigan, Revolver News writes: “Just months prior to the U.S. Capitol Siege on Jan. 6, the FBI thwarted a similar plot involving a siege at the Michigan State Capitol, whose plotters belong to one of the three main militia groups associated with Jan. 6. The FBI was able to thwart this on the basis of an astonishing infiltration rate of said groups involving undercover operatives and informants who had been working in such capacity, just in one tiny Michigan network, for more than seven months.”

“If the government foiled the Michigan Plot, why didn’t they step in to stop the so-called siege on Jan. 6?” Revolver asks.

Looking into the charging documents related to Jan. 6, there are numerous examples of unindicted co-conspirators reserving and paying for hotel rooms, encouraging illegal actions, participating in the storming of the Capitol, and even directing the activities of activist networks.

How many among “PERSON ONE” through “PERSON TWENTY” and people referred to only as “an individual” are more than they seem? Will Director Wray be asked: “How many of the unindicted co-conspirators in Jan. 6 cases are now, or have been, undercover agents or confidential informants”?

STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

Ryabkov Affirms That Strategic Stability Talks Will Begin Soon

June 17 (EIRNS)—Russia’s Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Ryabkov, in an interview with *Kommersant* newspaper published on June 16, said strategic talks with the U.S. will begin soon, reported TASS. “We will now have to determine these dates. However, everything points to the fact that

it's an issue of weeks and not months," he said. He also affirmed, as per the agreement at the summit, that the two countries' ambassadors will return to their posts, and said that Russia's Ambassador Anatoly Antonov would return to Washington by the end of the month.

Biden Assumes Russia Feels 'Squeezed' by China

June 17 (EIRNS)—In comments yesterday to reporters before departing aboard Air Force One to return to Washington, President [Joe Biden](#) made the geopolitical assertion that Russia, President Putin, is likely feeling “squeezed” by China right now. Completely ignoring the fact that Russia is a great power, which maintains a strong, cooperative, and strategic relationship with China, Biden asserted that Russia is in a “very, very difficult spot right now. They are being squeezed by China. They want desperately to remain a major power. ... They desperately want to be relevant.” But the problem is, he said in his earlier [press conference](#), “You got a multi-thousand-mile border with China. China is moving ahead, hell-bent on election, as they say, seeking to be the most powerful economy in the world and the largest and the most powerful military in the world. You're in a situation where your economy is struggling, you need to move it in a more aggressive way, in terms of growing it.” So, from Putin's standpoint, “I don't think he's looking for a Cold War with the United States.”

China's semi-official [Global Times](#) responded to Biden with some choice editorial words today, accusing him of humiliating the Russian people and treating one of the world's most important powers “as an idiot.” Biden argued that Russia doesn't “want to be known, as some critics have pointed ... the ‘Upper Volta with nuclear weapons.’ It matters. And I found it matters to almost every world leader—no matter where they're from—how they're perceived, their standing in the world. It matters to them. It matters to them in terms of their support at home as well.”

Then Biden projected, “I'm of the view that, in the last three to five years, the world has reached a fundamental inflection point about what it's going to look like 10 years from now. ... And so each of the countries in—

around the world, particularly those who had real power at one time or still do, are wondering: How do I maintain and sustain our leadership in the world? That's what the United States is going through right now. How do we sustain us being the leading, the most powerful, and most democratic country in the world?"

***Global Times* Editorializes, It's the U.S., Not China 'Squeezing' Russia**

June 17 (EIRNS)—In a strongly-worded editorial today, China's semi-official *Global Times* minced no words in denouncing Joe Biden's assertion to reporters yesterday that Vladimir Putin feels "squeezed" by a China that Biden says is seeking world dominance while Russia struggles to remain "relevant." Biden might have been embarrassed to make such remarks in front of Putin, because the Russian President would have immediately refuted them. But, *Global Times* warns, such a "baseless provocation" is a "humiliation of the Russian people, treating one of the most powerful countries in the world as an idiot." Who is really squeezing Russia strategically? the editorial asks. It's not China but the U.S. which has "caused waves of harm to Russia," and Biden just wants to pass the blame to China. This, it affirms, is "serious political autism."

One need only look at the brutal treatment of Russia by the U.S. and its Western allies after the fall of the Soviet Union to understand real strategic squeezing, *Global Times* charges.

NATO expanded eastward, to incorporate former Warsaw Pact states and then the three Baltic states. "Russia's strategic space was almost dug up by NATO.... There has rarely been such a vicious unilateral pressure between major powers in history." Some Westerners thought that Russia had been fully restrained through this treatment, but when the West wanted to cut off Ukraine, "the umbilical cord to Russia," Moscow fought back. *GT* recounts the enormous harm done to Russia's economy by the array of U.S./U.K./EU sanctions, weakening its economy and its currency, fostering capital flight, attacking its energy sector.

Yes, the editorial adds, there is a long border between Russia and China, but it is a peaceful one, where there is important bilateral trade—worth \$100 billion, compared with \$20 billion with the U.S. “Russia and China are strategic cooperative partners and their mutual trust has a solid political foundation.” *Global Times* lists all the areas of bilateral cooperation, in space, nuclear energy, high tech and trade; it is completely false to say China is squeezing Russia, therefore. It’s fine for the U.S. and Russia to meet face-to-face to manage their differences, but “the China-Russia comprehensive strategic partnership has gone through tests and become an irreplaceable common strategic resource of the two countries.” On the one hand, Putin recognized the constructiveness of the meeting with Biden, but on the other, he also said he had no illusions about relations with the U.S.: “There are no illusions and there cannot be any.”

Chinese Foreign Ministry Welcomes Putin-Biden Confirmation That Nuclear War Cannot Be Won

June 17 (EIRNS)—Asked to comment by RIA Novosti today on the strategic stability statement issued by Presidents Joe Biden and Vladimir Putin at yesterday’s Geneva summit, intended to lessen the danger of conflict and nuclear war, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman [Zhao Lijian](#) replied that China welcomes the agreement reached between the two heads of state for a dialogue on this crucial issue. “As countries with the largest nuclear arsenals, Russia and the U.S. should follow relevant UN instruments and international consensus, fulfill their special and primary responsibilities in nuclear disarmament, and further substantially slash their nuclear stockpile in a verifiable, irreversible and legally-binding way to create conditions for the ultimate comprehensive and complete nuclear disarmament.” This, he said, “is the most effective way to uphold global strategic stability and promote international peace and security.”

Zhao also stressed that both sides “reaffirmed the principle that a nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought.” China, he said, “has been prompting the five nuclear weapon states to reaffirm this principle so as to reduce the risk of nuclear war and safeguard global strategic stability.”

China has also always supported international efforts at nuclear arms control, “and will continue to hold discussions on a broad range of issues bearing on strategic stability with relevant parties within such frameworks as the cooperation mechanism of the five nuclear weapon states, Conference on Disarmament, and the UNGA First Committee. We also stand ready to have bilateral dialogue with relevant sides with mutual respect and on an equal footing.”

***The Economist* Casts Putin-Biden Summit as Just British Geopolitics; Don't Forget the China Threat**

June 17 (EIRNS)—As one might expect from the City of London, a June 16 article in *The Economist* presents the Putin-Biden summit purely in British geopolitical terms, calling it a return to “traditional great power diplomacy,” but posing conflict and confrontation as a preferable way to deal with Putin, while quickly zeroing in on the China “threat.” It asserts that a “form of détente” with Russia is necessary for Biden, so he “can focus on a more pressing contest with China,” but affirms that Putin also needs a form of détente with America, “so he can focus on the more urgent business of repressing dissent and rebuilding his empire.” For *The Economist*, Putin is the leader of a kleptocratic regime “dominated by violent security services ... [one] that cares more about wealth than ideology, and is preoccupied with its own survival rather than a global contest with America let alone the interests of the Russian people.” It “thrives on disorder,” having invaded neighboring countries, “poisoned its opponents, and waged cyber- and information warfare against the West.”

Even the small agreements to come out of the summit—a new round of nuclear talks and returning respective ambassadors to their posts—caused a sigh of relief, the *Economist* explains, saying this was a “measure of how difficult relations have become since Russia annexed Crimea and launched a war in Ukraine in 2014.”

The danger the *Economist* perceives, however, is that “Mr. Biden’s tough-sounding rhetoric will be a substitute for tough action rather than a precursor of it.” It runs through the laundry list of Putin’s alleged crimes,

claiming that when Putin beat “Russia’s Ukrainian war drums,” massing troops on Ukraine’s eastern border, this got Biden’s attention and he suggested a summit; he also gave Putin another “win” by waiving sanctions on one of the Nord Stream 2 firms. While Biden may see Russia as a distraction, the *Economist* adds, Putin sees America as an “existential threat.” It quotes Dmitri Trenin of the Carnegie Moscow Center, who predicts that, were Putin to meet all of Biden’s demands, his regime would collapse. But, for the moment “Mr. Putin’s gambit appears to have paid off.” The things that were agreed to in the summit “lend a veneer of legitimacy to a rogue regime that is prepared to sacrifice lives to protect its wealth and power.” Appropriately, the article ends by quoting neocon Russia-hater Fiona Hill, formerly of the National Security Council, who has warned that Putin’s kleptocracy is one of the biggest security threats for Western governments along with cyber attacks. “We have to show that we are prepared to hold the line with action, not just words. Otherwise, we are simply inviting Russia to move in,” she is quoted as saying.

SCIENCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Chinese Astronauts Reach Space Station in Record Time

June 17 (EIRNS)—The three Chinese astronauts entered the Tianhe space station core module after a record-time trip of only 6.5 hours. They will be conducting nine scientific projects during the time of their three-month stay: a study of gamma rays as well as several biological experiments, including a study on the possible mutation of tumors, and a study of how zero-gravity affects the development of bacteria.

COLLAPSING WESTERN FINANCIAL SYSTEM

Fed Chairman Powell Decides Inflation Won’t Be a Problem—Maybe

June 17 (EIRNS)—Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell appears to be having some difficulty in figuring out whether spiking inflation will continue to be a problem and whether it will be necessary to taper the Fed’s

\$120 billion purchase of Treasury and mortgage bonds for the foreseeable future. Following the two-day meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee, Powell had to give a press conference after the FOMC said it will have to make two rate hikes in 2023, sooner than anticipated, from the current level of near zero. The Fed also said it expected inflation to rise to 3-4% this year, higher than earlier forecasts, the *Washington Post* reported this afternoon. Markets got jumpy as a result.

Yes, “there is a lot of uncertainty,” Powell intoned. “Is there a risk that inflation will be higher than we think?” he asked. “Yes, but we do not expect that though. That is not our base case, and in that we’re joined by many other forecasters,” Bloomberg reported him as saying. He expressed confidence that, as soon as bottlenecks from the reopening economy are worked out and fiscal stimulus fades, price pressures will fade away. In the unlikely event that inflation does persist, the Fed, he promised, will be ready to jump in with its “tools.”

The Hill reports Powell’s remarks that the U.S. is on track for a strong rebound from the COVID-19 pandemic, even though there are a few inflationary “speed bumps” on the path to full recovery. He insisted that the plan for the time being is to keep the baseline interest rate range at 0 to 0.25% and to continue making the \$120 billion monthly purchases. “There is still a big group of unemployed people, and we’re not going to forget about them. We’re going to do everything we can to get people back into work and give them the chance to work. But there’s every reason to think that we’ll be in a labor market with very attractive numbers, with low unemployment, high participation, and rising wages across the spectrum.” Dream on.

UNITED STATES POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

Louisiana District Judge Temporarily Halts Biden’s Ban on Oil and Gas Leasing on Federal Lands

June 17 (EIRNS)—Judge Terry Doughty of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Louisiana on June 15 granted a preliminary injunction

to Louisiana Attorney General Jeff Landry, to temporarily halt the ban on oil and gas leasing on federal lands which President Joe Biden put into effect on Jan. 27 through an Executive Order. Landry is leading a 13-state coalition that filed a lawsuit against the U.S. Department of the Interior in March. Judge Doughty isn't making any determination as to the legality of the case, but issued the injunction while the court case proceeds. However, according to the *Washington Post* June 15, Doughty contends that the administration can't ban oil and gas leasing without Congressional approval, and that the fossil fuel-producing states involved in the lawsuit have demonstrated "a substantial threat of irreparable injury."

The 13-state lawsuit reflects the anger felt by many, especially in western states, at the Biden administration's green policies, which make productive activity a 'climate crime'. Landry described the injunction as a victory "not only for the rule of law, but also for the thousands of workers who produce affordable energy for Americans." He charged that Biden overstepped his authority in trying to shut down the oil and gas leases on federal lands, charging that his EO "abandons middle-class jobs, cripples our economy and hits everyday Americans where it hurts the most—their pocketbooks." He also said it attacks Louisiana's coast by reducing the revenue and royalties used for coastal restoration and hurricane protection.

One of the claims made by Landry and the other states is that the ban will make the U.S. reliant on foreign powers and will also lead to increased energy prices and job losses, as has also occurred with the cancellation of the XL Pipeline. Interior Department officials say they will abide by the court ruling but offered no details as to when the ban will be lifted. According to *The Federalist*, the American Petroleum Institute issued a statement urging the White House to move "expeditiously" to implement the court order. "Millions and possibly billions of dollars are at stake," it warned. The other states involved in the lawsuit are Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah, and West Virginia. Wyoming filed a separate suit opposing the ban on oil and gas leasing.

COVID-19 AND FAMINE

Vanessa Beeley Tars Caesar Sanction on Syria as War Crimes of Economic Terrorism and Genocide

June 17 (EIRNS)—In her June 13 speech, “[Sanctions on Syria: A Silent Death and Killing Hope](#),” to the International Manifesto Group, Vanessa Beeley, a British investigative journalist and activist who has lived in Syria for many years, charged that the barbaric Caesar sanctions imposed on Syria by the United States constitute war crimes. “The act of withholding means of sustaining life to innocent civilians in order to coerce an entire nation into submission to foreign agendas in the region must surely qualify as economic terrorism,” she charged. “I would argue that sanctions, when used as a brutal and vindictive component of a neo-colonialist hybrid war strategy, are arguably more devastating than a military war.”

And, she warned, “when they are imposed by global super-force nations against target nations like Syria, in conjunction with a proxy war that has been fomented and sustained by the same nations, it becomes as much a weapon of mass destruction as the terrorist/mercenary armies these U.S.-aligned nations have unleashed upon the Syrian people.” Beeley provided a devastating picture of how every single sector of Syria’s economy—fuel/oil, industry, healthcare, and electricity and transport have been decimated by the sanctions and by U.S.-allied jihadists. The U.S. coalition, she charged, “is effectively following a policy of collective extermination of the Syrian people by military and economic means.”