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EDITORIAL

A Great Task for Real Infrastructure, To Build Modern Healthcare Systems in Every Nation

May 17 (EIRNS)—The great building task for the industrialized and industrializing nations is clear. Building modern hospital and well-staffed healthcare systems in every nation on Earth will meet such an urgent need to preserve human life—one that cannot be met by any other attack on the pandemic—that it alone deserves the name of an infrastructure platform for

the further progress of the human race. And only an agreement among the most technologically advanced and economically developed nations can launch such a global mission, which is no less ambitious than a Moon-Mars mission and necessarily involves the same beneficial effects of technological breakthroughs.

If this task is taken up, as proposed by the Schiller Institute and Committee for the Coincidence of Opposites, 10 MW of new power will be needed to supply every set of hospitals with 1,000 beds, provide a lot of fresh water to them, heat and light the housing for their staff—hundreds of gigawatts of new power, and widely distributed throughout the developing nations in particular. World food production will effectively have to double since “food is health,” to quote Committee leader Dr. Joycelyn Elders. Approximations of Tennessee Valley Authority-scale development projects will evolve from the projects undertaken for the best of disease monitoring, testing and above all modern treatment capacities.

A new nuclear technology platform is waiting to be put in factory production to supply this huge project: small modular nuclear reactors. NuScale, the only company with a prototype approved by regulators thus far, is being offered the cooperation in production it needs by the Canadian firm Prodigy Clean Energy, while other Canadian companies and provinces develop their own small modular reactor (SMR) projects. Prodigy intends to build SMR marine power stations in shipyards. The Danish company Seaborg Technologies plans to fit ships with small nuclear reactors, to send power to countries across the developing sector, and believes it can start providing that power by 2025, according to Neutron Bytes blog May 14. This is a 100 MW molten salt-cooled reactor. NuScale’s target for 60 MW operating reactor modules is 2026. Russia is already capable of producing small floating nuclear reactors.

All the other target dates can be brought forward as soon as the technologically leading nations—China, the United States, Russia in particular—agree to jointly generate credit for the modern health systems to care for pandemic victims.

Standing against this mission for humanity is the new Malthusianism which wants to sacrifice human life to “the planet” and a myth that human science and technology are impotent and destructive. As made clear already in 2019 in an article in the medical journal *The Lancet* by the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, 5 billion people who don’t have modern healthcare can’t have it because “if we do it in a model that has been developed in rich countries, it will break the climate—and we can’t afford that.”

Nor are we, say the Green New Dealers, permitted to double world food production to cope with widespread food insecurity and famine—and food is health. According to the investors’ group FAIRR, “The oil in the ground was being mispriced. It doesn’t have value. It’s obsolete, and therefore it’s stranded. The same is going to happen for agriculture and animal agriculture.”

The same Green New Dealers nonetheless think we should scour the Earth for vast, now unknown supplies of rare and strategic minerals and metals, in order to build billions of completely unneeded electric vehicles over the next three years—and they call their charging stations “infrastructure”!

Scrapping the Green New Deal, we can build a real new infrastructure platform for the world’s people and the economies of nations, as the Schiller Institute proposes in its statement, “[Global Health Security Requires Medical Infrastructure in Every Country—Major Industrial Nations Must Collaborate Now!](#)” to the May 21 Global Health Conference in Rome.

- Watch [Harley’s Updates](#) with Harley Schlanger on Tuesday, May 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.

UNITED STATES POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

U.S. Sitting on Sidelines and Giving Israel a Free Hand

May 17 (EIRNS)—As could have been expected, the United Nations Security Council meeting came to no agreement on acting to stop the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians, since the Biden Administration continues to give Israel unqualified support and a free hand to decide when it wants to end the conflict. This is confirmed by U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Linda Thomas-Greenfield who said on May 16 that the U.S. is prepared to offer its good offices when both sides are ready to talk, and repeating the empty words, that the United States has worked “tirelessly through diplomatic channels.”

Meanwhile Secretary of State Antony Blinken held separate phone calls on yesterday with Egyptian Foreign Minister Sameh Shoukry, Saudi Foreign Minister Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud, Qatari Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al-Thani. Blinken also discussed with Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud bolstering Saudi defenses, as well as the Yemen crisis. Biden spoke, for the first time since becoming President, with Palestine President Mahmoud Abbas, whose spokesman said he had received an “important” phone call from the U.S. President.

Turkey is moving to convene a special meeting of the UN General Assembly to debate the Israeli Palestinian conflict, which requires the signature of half the GA members. It is hoped such a meeting could be held this week.

Netanyahu held a telephone call with Biden on May 15, whom he “thanked for the support of the United States for our right to defend ourselves,” according to Reuters. Speaking on a televised address on May 16, Netanyahu said the operations against Hamas will “take some time,” and that Israel enjoyed serious support, above all from the United States. “We are still in the midst of this operation, it is still not over and this operation will continue as long as necessary,” he said.

Over 200 Palestinians, 58 of them children, have died, and over 1,300 have been wounded; by contrast 10 Israelis were killed, including 2 children; 50 others were seriously injured. Israel acknowledged it had caused 42 “unintentional” Palestinian deaths in its bombing buildings near a hospital last night.

Liz Cheney’s Opposition to Trump Aimed To Keep American Troops Dying in Afghan War

May 17 (EIRNS)—Glenn Greenwald, in a May 14 article, “[Liz Cheney Lied About Her Role in Spreading the Discredited CIA ‘Russian Bounty’ Story](#)” on his website, presents the evidence that Rep. Liz Cheney (R-WY), the new Congressional darling of liberals from the media, has been lying in interviews, denying that she pushed the “Russian bounties” story to make sure President Donald Trump did not succeed last year in ending U.S. troop deployments to the war in Afghanistan, America’s longest war. In a May 11 interview with Bret Baier on Fox News, Cheney heatedly denied ever having pushed the story that Russia paid Taliban fighters a bounty to kill American soldiers, now abandoned by the U.S. intelligence agencies but still flogged by Congressional neo-cons like Sen. Robert Menendez and Rep. Adam Schiff. And of course, Dick Cheney’s loyal warmonger daughter has been promoting the narrative that her determination to drive Donald Trump out of politics arises from constitutional concerns and his election “big lie.”

But Greenwald marshals the quotes from Cheney herself which prove the opposite, including this one from June 27, 2020, which is on her website: “[After today’s briefing with senior White House officials, we remain concerned about Russian activity in Afghanistan](#), including reports that they have targeted U.S. forces. It has been clear for some time that Russia does not wish us well in Afghanistan. We believe it is important to vigorously pursue any information related to Russia or any other country targeting our forces. Congress has no more important obligation than providing for the security of our nation and ensuring our forces have the

resources they need.” Rep. Mac Thornberry (R-TX) was the other part of “we” in the statement.

That same day, the *New York Times* had published the first lying article about the “Russian bounties,” not naming its sources. They may have been in the House Armed Services Committee—the way Dick Cheney would habitually leak a lie to the media and then “adopt it” from them.

Greenwald makes clear that the issue is not that Liz Cheney lied, which would hardly be news. Rather, he says, it was the Afghan War she was fighting for, just like her father. “Cheney played the key role in forming an alliance with pro-war Democrats on the House Armed Services Committee to repeatedly defeat the bipartisan anti-war minority (led by Ro Khanna (D-CA), Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI) and Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-FL)) to prevent any meaningful changes promised by Trump during the 2016 campaign to put an end to the U.S. posture of Endless War. As I reported about the House Armed Services Committee hearing last July, the CIA tale was repeatedly cited by Cheney and her allies to justify ongoing U.S. troop presence in Afghanistan.”

Biden Adopting Subsidies for Existing Nuclear Plants, Not To Build Any

May 17 (EIRNS)—The Biden White House according to multiple media reports has told lawmakers it supports taxpayer subsidies to keep existing nuclear facilities from closing, adding “production tax credits” into the so-called “American Rescue Plan” in order to get West Virginia Democrat Sen. Joe Manchin’s vote for it. These are really “electricity generation tax credits” and wind and solar installations already get them.

But a study published in April by [Potomac Economics](#) for the Department of Energy forecasts the economics of nuclear plant operation are going to continue to deteriorate leading to reliable, well-run power plants continuing to shut down. The report studied the largest electricity market in the United States, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland (PJM), which serves 65 million customers in 13 states and whose utilities operated 31 nuclear plants. It found that the cheapness of natural gas turbine

generation and the subsidies to wind and solar—which do not bear any of the cost of the natural gas turbines which back them up, means that “we find it unlikely that any of the nuclear resources in PJM are covering their costs.”

THE NEW GLOBAL ECONOMIC ORDER

South Africa’s Foreign Ministry Posts ‘China’s Shared Future for Mankind’ Op-Ed

May 17 (EIRNS)—An extensive op-ed from March 29 for the Independent Online (IOL) website, highlighting the benefits to Africa from its recent relationship with China was posted on March 30 on South Africa’s website for the Department for International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO), the country’s foreign ministry. The op-ed is by DIRCO’s Deputy Director-General for Asia and the Middle East Anil Sooklal, who holds the rank of ambassador. Ambassador Sooklal is also South Africa’s Sherpa to the BRICS, the G20, and IBSA (India-Brazil-South Africa), and the IORA (Indian Ocean Rim Association for Regional Cooperation). His column is headlined “[China’s Shared Future for Mankind](#).”

Striking a very non-combative but distinctly pro-China tone from the start, Ambassador Sooklal begins with the story of China’s “idea of a community with a shared future for mankind,” from their first appearance on the world scene in 2013, with the launch of the Belt and Road Initiative, writing, “The concept, or what is now considered as a vision, calls for the fostering of international relations based on mutual respect, fairness, justice and win-win cooperation, and the building of a community with a shared future for mankind.”

China recognizes that this vision of “shared future” runs across the grain of the existing unipolar order, the ambassador says, and they have not chosen confrontation, but rather doubled down on the multi-polar vision. “While there is greater convergence among countries and regions, there is also a worrying trend towards increasing political divergence in the international community. This does not augur well for the promotion of

global peace, security, economic growth and development, and hence for China, working with the major players and other countries has become all the more important towards sustaining economic globalization, maintaining the system of global governance and ultimately promoting a community of shared future, based on equal opportunity and access to economic wealth, development and growth.”

The foreign ministry’s posting of the ambassador’s op-ed contributes to South Africa’s internal discussions and orientation as it struggles to emerge from the pandemic. Watching from their cockpit at the “top” of the African Global South, its decision and direction will have a major effect on the entire Sub-Saharan third of the huge continent. In the month since it was written, the explosion of the Mozambique terror has shaken the region, and in the days following, South Africa announced that it would order COVID-19 vaccines from China and Russia.

The appearance of Sooklal’s article on the foreign ministry website is an indication of the internal fight currently raging, and also an indication of which way many would like to see it go.

Egypt Is Further Widening Suez Canal

May 17 (EIRNS)—Work has begun to widen the twin lanes of the Suez Canal through the deployment of dredgers. The state-owned Suez Canal Authority (SCA) announced last week that it was planning to extend a second canal lane that opened in 2015 by 10 km, to make it 82 km long, and would widen and deepen a single-lane stretch at the southern end of the canal.

This follows directives from Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi “to immediately start implementing the proposed development plan and put in place a timetable for completion as soon as possible,” the SCA said on May 15. The work will be carried out by the largest dredger in the Middle East, the *Mohab Mamish*, which arrived in Egypt last month. This is to prevent another accident like this year’s grounding of the 440-meter *Ever Given* container ship from March 23-29.

COLLAPSING WESTERN FINANCIAL SYSTEM

Bundestag President Schäuble Mangles Hamilton To Insist on EU Debt Police

May 17 (EIRNS)—A column “[Are We Risking a Debt Pandemic](#),” by Bundestag President and a former Finance Minister Wolfgang Schäuble on April 16 for *Project Syndicate*, and reprinted in Italian by *Il Sole 24 Ore* May 14, is creating shock waves in Italy. Schäuble warns of a “debt pandemic” and calls for supranational financial police measures to force EU member states to go back to fiscal discipline in the post-pandemic phase. In doing so, Schäuble misquotes Alexander Hamilton’s work.

While accurately warning that the European Central Bank (ECB) monetary policy is threatening a wave of inflation, Schäuble wrongly concludes that the way to avoid it is for member states to cut their national debt, so as to make the ECB asset purchases superfluous.

“When the money supply multiplies like that, without corresponding adequate growth in the volume of goods and services, an increase in the inflation expectations of businesses and households is inevitable.” Thus, “every country must work on itself and strive to maintain budgetary discipline. But one thing is clear: Left to their own devices, members of a confederation of states like the Eurozone are too easily tempted to incur debts at the expense of the community. Balanced budgets are almost unattainable in high-debt countries without external pressure.”

Schäuble then warns Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi, reminding him that in past conversations, Draghi, then ECB President, had shared Schäuble’s concerns and should now hopefully act accordingly.

However, the EU should implement a scheme “to take political control of the debt problem,” by adopting a proposal from the German Council of Economic Experts: the European Redemption Pact, an initiative “modeled on Alexander Hamilton’s historic sinking fund, established in 1792 for the then-infant U.S.” The fund forced the 13 U.S. states “to deposit good collateral, practice budgetary discipline, and reduce their debts. ... That external constraint on fiscal policy—and not the mutualization of individual

states' debts, which is occasionally recommended for the EU—was the crux of the oft-cited 'Hamiltonian moment.' ” (What a shame Hamilton didn't understand that—he strove mightily for a full year against Jefferson and Madison to win the federal assumption of state debts.)

Schäuble's longing for punishing “debt sinner” states is inferior only to his travesty of history. First, the EU is not, despite what he says, “a confederation of states.” That fact makes his entire argument null and void. EU member states cannot be treated as members of a confederation unless they are deprived of any and all sovereignty. Hamilton's U.S. was a nation with a united people with a common culture, a common history and a common fight for independence, whereas a “European people” does not exist. The EU is formed by peoples with different national cultures, history and languages. A European confederation is not uniting those peoples but is indeed dividing them, making a government of the people, by the people and for the people impossible.

Secondly, it is not possible to isolate a secondary element of Hamilton's national credit system from all other elements, including a National Bank with the mandate of supporting national credit (debt), an emphasis on manufactures and a protectionist trade policy.

However, a merit of Schäuble is that by making his hardline proposals public, he puts wind in the sails of national anti-EU forces.

Biden and EU Discuss Ending Trump Tariffs on Steel and Aluminum

May 17 (EIRNS)—According to Bloomberg News, talks are underway between the Biden Administration and the European Union on revoking U.S. tariffs on metals and European retaliatory tariffs to them on Harley Davidson motorcycles and Levi jeans. The metals tariffs were the first imposed by President Donald Trump. Trump in March 2018 imposed a 25% tariff on steel and a 10% tariff on aluminum imports, worldwide. Currently, South Korea, Argentina, Australia, and Brazil have gotten permanent exemptions. The tariffs on Canada and Mexico were lifted with the signing of the U.S.A.-Canada-Mexico Treaty Agreement in 2019.

Even the Biden Administration, in the persons of Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondi and U.S. Trade Representative Katherine Tai, admits that these metals tariffs saved employment and stabilized the steel industry. “With respect to tariffs, there is a place for tariffs. The [Section] 232 tariffs on steel and aluminum have in fact helped save American jobs in the steel and aluminum industries,” Raimondi said. These tariffs, being indiscriminate and not directed as punitive measures simply against one country, China, were the closest Trump came to the “Hamiltonian” use of protective tariffs which he claimed to be basing his policy on. Steel capacity utilization in the United States rose from 72% to 79% under their impact, until early 2020.

So Bloomberg may be premature in claiming this revocation of tariffs will be announced this week. Biden and EU Commission President Ursula von der Leyen presumably intend to have a common plan to attack China’s steel and aluminum exports selectively, before they undo these general tariffs. In the same statement Raimondo said, “The fact is, China’s actions are uncompetitive, coercive, underhanded. They’ve proven they’ll do whatever it takes. And so I plan to use all the tools in my toolbox as aggressively as possible to protect American workers and businesses from unfair Chinese practices.”

GREEN NEW DEAL

Germany’s Greens ‘Preach Water but Drink Wine’

May 17 (EIRNS)—A survey of the marketing analysts of the PULS agency among people in Germany who bought a new car in 2020, finds that supporters of the German Greens are ahead of supporters of the other parties when it comes to buying SUVs. Every sixth supporter of the Greens responded that they had bought an SUV—the type of car which has been made the special enemy-image of ecologists and Greens because of its high gasoline consumption!

The PULS survey confirms what the Federal Environment Agency (UBA) has also reported: As the *FAZ* Sunday edition, *Frankfurter*

Allgemeine Sonntagszeitung, reported May 16, the UBA has found in a survey that especially the strata of people disproportionately using up resources are those “among whom positive views on the environment are widespread, along with awareness that a restricted use of resources is necessary”—especially for others.

This point, that proportionally higher income earners can be found among the Greens and their supporters, has also been made by Sahra Wagenknecht, former chairwoman of the Linke party’s Bundestag group, who is still an influential voice in the German political left. In her new book, *The Self-Righteous (Die Selbsgerechten)*, she charges the Greens with being an anti-industrial lifestyle party, which is full of hypocrisy and in any case disinterested in living conditions of the poorer population. They are therefore in the tradition of those whom the Bible already charged with “preaching water but drinking wine.”

‘Green’ Agriculture Finance Tells Farmers Your Food Is Worth Zero

May 17 (EIRNS)—A May 2 article, “[As Extreme Weather Batters America’s Farm Country, Costing Billions, Banks Ignore the Financial Risks of Climate Change](#),” for Inside Climate News agency gives further evidence of the genocidal intent of the global Greens toward America’s (and the world’s) agriculture and food producers. Underneath the headline heralding an all-court press on small, rural bankers, is the revelation of how the detailed (invisible hand) “market” forces are being mobilized to cause global famine and starvation.

Topped with a picture of cattle being herded through a flooded field (“under water”), is a discussion including “threats” to agri-finance such as: 2019 saw a record amount of “unplanted acres” in the United States (because of flooding), double the worst it’s been anytime in the last 10 years.

Among those quoted in the piece is one Maria Lettini, executive director of the FAIRR Initiative, claiming to represent investors’ funds with “more than \$38 trillion in assets.” FAIRR is the Farm Animal Investment Risk and Return Company. Lettini likened the cattle industry of today to the oil

industry of yesterday: soon to be worthless. Addressing the topic of “transitional” risks facing agriculture, Lettini said, “Think about what happened to fossil fuel companies, with the whole movement to keep oil in the ground. The oil in the ground was being mispriced. It doesn’t have value. It’s obsolete, and therefore it’s stranded.” In case she be misunderstood, she added, “The same is going to happen for agriculture and animal agriculture.”

As CEO of FAIRR Initiative since its founding in 2016, Lettini has been priming the market for collapse the way George Soros “invested” in Asian currencies in the 1990s. FAIRR Initiative is a project of one Jeremy Coller, a British bottom-feeder of the likes of Carl Icahn or Wilbur Ross.

In addition to the anticipation of a carbon tax on meat producers which they imagine could straddle producers with \$12 billion in excess charges annually, FAIRR has also been busy extorting huge climate cash payments from fast-food companies, which it does by stirring up “stakeholder pressure” at corporate meetings.