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EDITORIAL

Roger Stone Spoke Out about Lyndon LaRouche, the Top Adversary of the British Empire, Target of Robert Mueller

July 13 (EIRNS)—An op-ed today from *EIR*'s Washington correspondent [William Jones](#), published by China's CGTN television network, drew the direct line from the British intelligence four-year drive to force President

Donald Trump out of office—in which Roger Stone was a target—back to the same intelligence agencies’ imprisonment and attempted elimination of Lyndon LaRouche. Stone, himself, who said he had directly learned of President Ronald Reagan’s interest in LaRouche’s ideas while managing the Reagan 1980 campaign in New Hampshire, was well aware of the connection. He understood that President Trump has been getting “the LaRouche treatment” from the British and U.S. intelligence agencies—it is now important that the President’s patriotic backers understand it, and that influential people in China understand it also.

Lyndon LaRouche’s “great development project” idea of the Eurasian Land-Bridge in 1989 and Helga Zepp-LaRouche’s work leading to today’s New Silk Road and World Land-Bridge infrastructure platform, are very well known in China. What needs to be understood is that LaRouche was vilified and persecuted “six ways from Sunday” at the initiative of the British Empire and U.S. intelligence agencies, because he designed great-power summit agreements for development, among America and Russia and China and India. In the 1980s he was working directly—and also conducting a back-channel—for a U.S.-Soviet agreement to end the Mutually Assured Destruction nuclear war terror, with a new era of spread of laser-like technologies both in anti-missile defense, and in industrial development of underdeveloped nations.

As Jones wrote in CGTN, “Stone himself has often referred to the classic case of the operations against now-deceased economist and many times presidential candidate Lyndon LaRouche. LaRouche had been instrumental in getting President Reagan to implement what was designated the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI).

“LaRouche – and President Reagan – saw such a proposal as a peace plan that would take the world off the hair-trigger of the Mutual Assured Destruction doctrine. ... President Reagan’s view was the same as LaRouche’s.

“If a defense were to be found against nuclear weapons, the technology would only be developed in cooperation with the Soviet Union. While the

historical record portrays the SDI as a move to give the U.S. a strategic advantage over the Soviets, a recently declassified National Security Directive, NSDD-172, signed by Reagan himself in 1985, clearly indicates that the President was prepared to enter negotiations with the Soviet Union to build a mutual or complementary defense system to protect *both* nations.” (Emphasis in original.)

That’s when Robert Mueller was assigned to prosecute Lyndon LaRouche.

LaRouche’s method was to find the compelling common-interest rationale for a summit negotiation process between apparent great-power adversaries, which was also to the benefit of the rest of the world’s nations. That was at least the strong intention of President Trump, coming into office in 2016, toward both Russia and China. A British-instigated war party has fought to destroy it by a coup against him. Now that summit process *must* get started over the next 60 days, to deal with the huge problems of uncontrolled pandemic, economic breakdown in scores of nations, the clearly growing threat of a nuclear arms race, and nuclear war.

And the turnaround that could come from such a “September surprise” summit process, is also the one way that President Trump could be re-elected. He, and the Presidents of Russia and China, need to understand what their common adversary is, and why over 40 years it tried to destroy the name, the works, the person of Lyndon LaRouche. And, as Jones concludes, why he “should make it a point of exonerating Lyndon LaRouche.”

THE NEW GLOBAL ECONOMIC ORDER

China and Iran Close to Signing Huge Trade and Military Partnership

July 13 (EIRNS)—Iran and China have drafted a broad economic and security partnership that will make possible billions of dollars of Chinese investments in energy and other economic areas, which would undercut the Trump Administration’s attempt to isolate Iran. Such a deal was first

proposed in 2016, when President Xi Jinping met with President Hassan Rouhani, as the *New York Times* reported July 11.

An 18-page agreement details what will be a “vastly expanded” Chinese investments in banking, telecommunications, ports, railroads, and dozens of other projects, in exchange for which China would receive a regular, heavily-discounted supply of Iranian oil over the next 25 years. China imports about 75% of its oil, and is the world’s largest oil importer.

Military cooperation will increase between China and Iran, including training, exercises, weapons development, and intelligence sharing, according to the pending agreement labeled “final version” and dated June 2020. China has not disclosed any terms of the agreement, which has not yet been submitted to Iran’s Parliament, according to the *Times*.

The Chinese investments in Iran are said by the *Times* to total \$400 billion over 25 years. The expansion of military assistance, training, and intelligence-sharing will be viewed with alarm in Washington, the *Times* writes, declaring that U.S. warships “already tangle regularly with Iranian forces in the crowded waters of the Persian Gulf.” China also offered to build the infrastructure for a 5G telecommunications network, and to offer Iran use of the new Chinese BeiDou Navigation Satellite System. They also write that China’s broad investment program in Iran “ appears to signal Beijing’s growing impatience with the Trump Administration after its abandonment of the [2015 Iran] nuclear agreement. China has repeatedly called on the administration to preserve the deal, which it was a party to, and has sharply denounced the American use of unilateral sanctions.”

The proposed partnership between China and Iran has sparked a “fierce debate” within Iran, the *New York Times* says. Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, who traveled to Beijing in October 2019 to negotiate it, faced hostile questioning from the Iranian Parliament last week. But interestingly, all the opposition mentioned in the article is identical to Western media’s lies about the Chinese “debt trap” in Africa and Asia, and Beijing’s port grabs “allowing China’s rapidly growing navy to expand its reach.”

South Africa COVID-19 Ventilator Production Directed by Space Scientists

July 13 (EIRNS)—It were as if Donald Trump had put NASA in charge of the U.S. technical response to the virus.

In early April, as domestic cases in South Africa were just crossing 1,000 and the lockdown was fully in force, the administration put the South African Radio Astronomy Observatory (SARAO)—the people who built the MeerKAT, the nation’s first radio telescope—in charge of managing “the national effort required for the local design, development, production and procurement of respiratory ventilators” for the COVID-19 response. Now that effort has begun to produce.

“Next month will see the first batch of non-invasive ventilators arrive in our hospitals,” reported the Johannesburg-based *Mail & Guardian* on June 26, “with a roll out of 20,000 in the pipeline.” The design is uniquely non-invasive, the oxygen being delivered to the patient through a traditional nasal cannula, more like a CPAP machine—continuous positive airway pressure, used for millions to counter sleep apnea—and not requiring invasive “tracheal intubation.”

Not only has the specialized “intubation” procedure recently come under medical question as a response to the virus, but also the SARAO device does not require any specialization to administer, being usable under a wider variety of circumstances. The design is also more successful.

“The [SARAO-designed ventilators] are already in use in some hospitals and, according to Premier of the Western Cape, Alan Winde, doctors at Tygerberg Hospital have notched up some promising results. Of the six COVID-19 patients initially placed on ventilators at the hospital, all died. High-flow nasal oxygen was administered to seven other patients rather than putting them on ventilators—six came through. Since then ... 70% have recovered.”

“ ‘This therapy will become a critical part of our healthcare response, creating an alternative for ventilation. Under the correct supervision, we

believe it can also be administered in general wards, which will minimize the need for critical care beds,' said Winde.”

Lavrov and Pompeo Discuss P5 Summit

July 13 (EIRNS)—State Department spokeswoman Morgan Ortagus stated today: “Secretary of State Michael R. Pompeo spoke today with Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov. Secretary Pompeo and Foreign Minister Lavrov discussed convening P5 leaders in the near future to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations. The Secretary and Foreign Minister also discussed issues of mutual concern, including Afghanistan. The Secretary raised the issue of election security.”

Similarly, the Russian Foreign Ministry press release, pointing out the call was made at the initiative of the U.S., said: “The officials had a detailed discussion of the preparations for the meeting of the leaders of the five permanent members of the UN Security Council proposed by Russia. They exchanged opinions on providing strategic stability in the context of the forthcoming meetings of the Russian-U.S. working groups on military and political subjects. ... They touched on other current issues on the international agenda and issues of bilateral relations.”

STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

U.S.-U.K.-Europe Security Meetings Address Relations with China, Russia

July 13 (EIRNS)—Robert O’Brien, President Trump’s national security adviser, and Matthew Pottinger, the deputy national security adviser, traveled to Paris on Monday for a three-day trip to meet with European officials on China and other foreign policy issues, according to *Politico*. The meetings were to draw in security and foreign policy officials from the United Kingdom, France, Germany, and Italy, and overlap a European foreign ministers meeting Monday. From the U.S. side, discussion on China, including on Huawei, was to be presented by Pottinger. After the individual meetings today, O’Brien and Pottinger will meet in a group with the European officials on July 14-15.

“Ambassador O’Brien looks forward to conducting in-depth meetings in Paris this week with his counterparts from France, U.K., Germany, and Italy to address a range of national security challenges including China, 5G, Russia, Afghanistan, Middle East/North Africa, and COVID response and recovery,” said National Security Council spokesman John Ullyot.

O’Brien had an op-ed published in the *Washington Post* this morning, “Trump Will Continue To Punish China for Its Horrifying Anti-Uighur Campaign,” continuing the worst name-calling and blame-escalation of which Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and the Caesars of the Senate have been capable. The op-ed was characterized by this line: “According to recent reports by the Associated Press and the Jamestown Foundation, the CCP is using forced birth control...” etc. These, apparently, are the intelligence sources available to the National Security Adviser. He otherwise claimed that the 1950s’ Great Leap Forward, the Cultural Revolution, Tiananmen Square, and the Hong Kong security law are a chain of linked and closely related events.

U.S. POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

Defense Department Deploying Medical Teams to Texas To Help Deal with COVID-19 Pandemic

July 13 (EIRNS)—U.S. Northern Command announced on July 12 that “as part of the ongoing whole-of-nation response to COVID-19, U.S. Northern Command has assigned approximately 580 Department of Defense medical personnel in support of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the State of Texas.” So far, according to a report from Texas Public Radio, 50 members of a group of 85, deployed from Fort Carson, Colorado and consisting mostly of nurses and respiratory specialists, have already embedded with staff at four hospitals in San Antonio, with the rest expected to arrive today.

“An additional five, 85-person UAMTFs (Urban Augmentation Medical Task Forces), along with a 44-person Acute Care Team and four, 7-person Rapid Rural Response Teams from the U.S. Navy, were also activated at

the behest of Texas to support statewide efforts,” Northcom said. One of those teams is headed to Houston, according to Col. Martin O’Donnell of U.S. Army North Public Affairs. Which hospitals they’ll be going to has not yet been identified, but Lori Upton, vice president for the Southeast Texas Regional Advisory Council’s disaster preparedness and response, told the *Houston Chronicle* that the hope is to open anywhere from 20 to 50 beds for COVID-19 patients. “It’s not going to solve the problem, but it will start alleviating some of the crunch.”

O’Donnell also said that federal assessment teams had been sent to Dallas, Houston, Austin, San Antonio, McAllen, and Laredo to determine the areas of greatest need—and how best to augment the trauma and emergency healthcare systems in each region.

As of Sunday, July 12, the *Chronicle* reported, there were 10,410 patients hospitalized for lab-confirmed COVID-19, an increase of more than 300 from a record-high on Saturday, and about 11,700 beds available. About 970 were available for the most critical cases across Texas. Texas’s two senators, John Cornyn and Ted Cruz, along with the state’s Congressional representatives from the Rio Grande Valley, have asked the federal government to create emergency pop-up hospitals to deal with rising COVID-19 rates in Texas.

COVID Response Appears To Bring Isolation Deaths; Drug Overdoses Have Surged

July 13 (EIRNS)—An apparent side-effect of the “shutdown” responses to the COVID-19 pandemic is a big rise in drug overdose deaths, according to a Federal overdose tracking program. President Donald Trump and others had claimed that this was happening; he may have gotten briefed on this tracking. He has cited it as a reason to allow economic activity to rise despite increased COVID-19 risk.

There has been a sharp rise in fatal drug overdoses nationally since March, according to a long survey article in the *Washington Post* of July 1.

“Nationwide, federal and local officials are reporting alarming spikes in drug overdoses—a hidden epidemic within the coronavirus pandemic,” the authors wrote. “Emerging evidence suggests that the continued isolation, economic devastation and also disruptions to the drug trade in recent months, are fueling the surge.” The data come from a Federal initiative called the Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program, a real-time tracking system. The data show the spike continuing to accelerate now, more than three months after it started. Compared to 2019, they showed an 18% rise in March, a 29% rise in April and a 42% jump in May; the surge is reported still accelerating in June, though without complete figures. If the rise were to average out at 40% for much of the rest of the year, that would indicate close to 100,000 fatal drug overdoses in 2020, after they had finally begun to decline slightly to below 70,000 in 2018 and 2019.

“Social distancing has also sequestered people, leaving them to take drugs alone and making it less likely that someone else will be there to call 911 or to administer ... naloxone” the authors concludes. Naloxone, which goes under the brand name Narcan, is used to counter overdoses, until emergency medical teams can intervene. Many anecdotes are used to fill out the long article, but the tracking figures are as close to full and national as the Federal tracking program can get.

COLLAPSING WESTERN FINANCIAL SYSTEM

UN Survey Shows 3 Billion without Reliable Nutrition, More Than 200 Million in Acute Food Emergency

July 13 (EIRNS)—The latest world survey shows hunger increasing from COVID-19 impact, on top of five years of a worsening situation. Heads of a panel of UN agencies released their report at a virtual summit today, also addressed by UN General Assembly President Tijjani Muhammad Bande, UN Ambassador from Nigeria, and UN Secretary General António Guterres, who spoke of his plan for a world “Food Systems Summit” in 2021. Up until 2014, some progress was made in the world picture of hunger, but since then it has worsened every year.

“I said 2020 would be worse than World War II” for a food emergency, said David Beasley, Executive Director of the World Food Program (WFP), who stressed that he gave this forewarning, “even before” the locust outbreak in Africa and South Asia, and the pandemic.

Details are given in “[The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2020](#),” issued by the FAO, WFP, WHO, UNICEF, and IFAD (International Fund for Agricultural Development). The report, which these agencies issue annually and which is also known as SOFI, is available in English and other UN languages.

In brief, as Beasley put it, in the last four to five years, there have been some 777 million people in chronic hunger, which number in 2019 has risen to 821 million, and is now rising much more. He expressed special concern for those thrown into “acute” food insecurity, who are “marching toward the brink.” He thinks that this category “before COVID-19,” was 80 million a few years ago, then reached up to 130 million, and by the end of this year could be 270 million people. In other words, a “scale up by 130-140 million.”

The new survey reports that overall, 3 billion people do not have reliable means to get a nutritious diet. Of that number, 2 billion people do not have safe access to food. And of that, an estimated 144 million children are stunted, and 47 million are suffering wasting.

Beasley called on everyone to “come together” and prevent the crisis now worsening. It is “not a time to retreat on coordination.” He said that, “there is enough wealth in the world to feed every single person in the world.” We have to “prevent a catastrophe in the history of mankind.” The WFP is handling the logistics for emergency food, and humanitarian aid connected to COVID-19, and other purposes as well. He said that “the WFP is the backbone for the humanitarian world.” They are operating in 138 nations in the last few weeks. They are pre-positioning food in certain regions, and have appealed for \$2 billion in order to do that. In 2019, the WFP raised and spent \$8.4 billion, and in 2020, \$10 billion and more.

Most of the three hours of presentations addressed the dimensions of the hunger crisis, with little on the systemic causes—the decades of casino economics, the cartel domination of much of food and farming, and overall the British Empire financial model, now crashing. This was pushed into the background. In fact, Gilbert Hounbo, president of the International Fund for Agriculture (IFAD), asserted that the chronic lack of food is not a global agriculture production problem, because there is enough output to feed 10 billion people. In other words, he discounted that “the system,” itself, internationally, must be changed. Many speakers chose to stay in the safe zone of denouncing waste of food, and other real but secondary issues.

The two Food and Agriculture Organization spokesmen came closest to addressing the necessity for a new system that supports farmers and productivity, and which can supply food for all. FAO Director General Qu Dongyu said that we “need an honest design for national development.” Qu’s past experience is in the successful anti-poverty program of his native China. Qu said that, development action should come from nations and their farmers, and there must be cooperation to reverse the “chain of decline.” Otherwise there is no way out. FAO Chief Economist Maximo Torero Cullen pointed to the crisis of farmers in many highly productive regions now getting lower prices, because of the drop in demand for their output during the pandemic. They face ruin. “We can’t allow these regions to fail, given that they are huge suppliers to the world.”

Corporate Bankruptcies Are Pointing to a Banking Crisis

July 13 (EIRNS)—The biggest U.S.-based banks will be reporting their revenues and earnings for the second quarter next week, with great attention directed to the additional loan loss provisions they make. In the first quarter the “Big Six” set aside only about \$30 billion in new loan loss reserves; but that reflected really only a part of one month of economic collapse, mainly in the oil sector. Since then, as one Bloomberg News story on July 12 reported of the pace of bankruptcies of U.S.-based companies, there have been 110 such bankruptcies. Moreover, 35 of those firms had

listed assets of \$1 billion or more, 8 of them with assets of \$6 billion or greater when they failed.

If the major banks lose the same portion of their assets they did in 2008, those losses will be in the range of \$400 billion; yet, their loan-loss reserves have been increased only by that \$30 billion going into the coming week's reports.

Despite the Federal Reserve having pumped up their liquidity and deposits by about 15%, and dramatically inflated all the stock and bond markets and given the banks much higher underwriting fees, etc., if they don't or can't provide enough reserves, there can be bank failures, particularly among the larger regional banks, such as Capital One, which have already hit serious problems with derivatives losses.

SCIENCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

U.K. Now Among the Countries Pursuing Small Nuclear Reactors

July 13 (EIRNS)—The U.K. has announced £40 million in funding to develop the next generation of nuclear energy technology, with £30 million of the total going to support three small modular reactor (SMR) projects. The government said the £30 million will speed up the development of three small module reactor projects in the U.K. and “drive them closer towards supplying low-carbon energy to the nation.” The remaining £10 million will be invested in smaller research, design, and manufacturing projects.

The government said the funding will ensure that SMR technology is more attractive to private sector investors, “supercharging” the development of the industry and creating supply chains for future SMR developments. The successful SMR projects, awarded £10 million funding each, are Tokamak Energy in Oxfordshire; Westinghouse in Lancashire and U-Battery in Cheshire.

Tokamak Energy is developing a compact spherical tokamak, called the ST40, the only project working on nuclear fusion. Westinghouse is

developing a lead-cooled fast fission reactor, and U-Battery is working on a small high-temperature gas-cooled fission reactor.

OTHER

Bill Gates Leads Monied Greenies into 'Macro Grid Initiative'

July 13 (EIRNS)—An international who's who of billionaire green investors are attempting to turn President Donald Trump's COVID-19 recovery into the equivalent of hot air. Led by Bill Gates, his Breakthrough Energy has just initiated the Macro Grid Initiative (MGI), a project to link U.S. cities ("consumers") with rural heartlands ("producers" of most of the wind and solar power in the U.S.) with a network of long-distance transmission lines. The MGI was announced June 17, about two weeks after Trump put his administration to focus on infrastructure projects as part of the COVID-19 recovery effort.

This MGI project is not exactly new; a smaller version had been championed by T. Boone Pickens in 2007 (before being abandoned in 2012), aimed at the Oklahoma/Texas region. To achieve their re-heated green vision, Macro Grid would have to change both state and federal laws, since it aims to ship power long distances, traversing state lines, but also "grid" boundaries, designed to be isolated systems, as a safety factor. Currently defined, the North American (continental U.S. and Canada, minus Yukon) electric grid is divided into eight sectors, which share very little power across their boundaries. (Readers may remember the collapse of the Ohio grid in 2003, which could have brought down the entire country were it not for these protections.)

In addition to Bill Gates, Breakthrough Energy board members and investors (all billionaires) include: die-hard Greenies Michael Bloomberg and Jeff Bezos; hedge funders John Doerr, Vinod Khosla, Ray Dalio (Bridgewater), Julien Robertson (Tiger Fund), and David Rubenstein (Carlyle Group); Briton Richard Branson and Chris Hohn (The Children's Investment Fund hedge fund); Saudi Prince Alwaleed bin Talal, and more.

Gates led in the formation of the U.S.-based but internationally represented Breakthrough Energy 2016, itself an outgrowth of two (non-Gates) organizations, the American Council on Renewable Energy (ACORE) and Americans for a Clean Energy Grid (ACEG), both formed in the early 2000s. The entire list of “patient, risk-tolerant” Malthusians is worth viewing on its [website](#).

- Watch the [**Morning Briefing with Harley Schlanger**](#) on Tuesday July 14: Every weekday morning Harley will brief you on what you need to know to start your day. Subscribe to the LaRouchePAC YouTube channel and hit the notifications button to be notified when Harley’s briefings are posted. Or you can listen to the audio file on [SoundCloud](#).