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EDITORIAL

IPCC Report Release Drives the UN Secretary Power-Mad

Aug. 9 (EIRNS)—The reaction of UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres to the latest report of the UN's climate panel is an outburst against the economies and livelihoods of most of the nations in the world, an attempt to issue orders to these nations, which is no part of the UN's authority and cannot be tolerated. This official, who is elected to seek reconciliation of nations and non-interference in their internal affairs, has instead handed

down the brutal orders of financial elites and governments of a few advanced nations, as mandatory for all the rest, especially the developing nations for whom these orders impose economic backwardness, deaths and population reduction.

“This report must sound a death knell for coal and fossil fuels before they destroy our planet,” ordered Guterres today. “Countries should also end all new fossil fuel exploration and production, and shift fossil fuel subsidies into renewable energy”—thus he demands nuclear power investments be banned as well. “As today’s report makes clear, there is no time for delay and no room for excuses,” pronounces this Secretary General, apparently, of BlackRock, Inc., the Davos billionaires and Prince Charles.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report itself, the rushed work of some 200 climatologists studying other scientists’ studies, makes some astonishing claims. All warming for 2,000 years and more is asserted to have occurred since the World War I period—a “hockey stick curve” already discredited 15 years ago. All this warming is emphatically claimed to be caused by human activity alone with fossil fuels; no natural factor plays any role. Because the warming is associated with higher atmospheric CO₂ levels, it is caused by those levels. And the climate change is “irreversible” and will breach the 1.5° Celsius rise in temperatures above the 1850 level, so long dreaded by the IPCC and all greenies, already by 2030 no matter what nations do. Just three or four years after that, the planet, in Guterres’ rant, will have been “destroyed” unless fossil fuel energy production and industrial use has been eliminated in every country, including the developing nations for which this will mean the end of development hopes and the threat of depopulation.

This report is an attempt by the City of London-Wall Street-Davos forces and certain central bankers to beat down the opposition to a great economic leap backward—especially the opposition of China and India who feel responsible to defend the development needs of many other nations, but also the opposition of economic organizations and local all

over the United States. They have to beat down that opposition to the “great leap backwards” before their COP26 environment summit in Glasgow. And it is far from clear that Wall Street, London and the royals and billionaires have the ability to do it.

The Schiller Institute of Helga Zepp-LaRouche has been holding international conferences with scientists who really know something about energy, physical economy and the climate. Those scientists know that new and improved economic infrastructure is the way to respond to changes in climate and weather. They understand, as Prof. Augustinus Berkhout of Climate Intelligence (CLINTEL) expresses it, that humanity should be preparing for an optimistic future with nuclear power and advanced nuclear technologies, not for depopulation and despair.

Economic development is a right of nations and populations, and the unique way to peace. The Schiller Institute intends to defeat this Davos Green Deal for which the UN’s Guterres tried to drive so arrogantly out of his lane today. It would be a fitting next step to carry forward Lyndon LaRouche’s 50-year battle against the financial oligarchy and for great projects of development.

- Watch [Harley’s Updates](#) with Harley Schlanger on Tuesday, August 10, 2021: Every weekday morning on [The LaRouche Organization](#) website, Harley will give you the strategic briefing you need to start your day.

SCIENCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Climate Intelligence Group Finds the IPCC’s ‘Summary for Policymakers’ Little Convincing

Aug. 9 (EIRNS)—The climate intelligence group CLINTEL put out a statement today, “[New IPCC Report Provides Little Objective Basis for Policymaking](#),” issued over the authorship of Guus Berkhout, President of [CLINTEL](#) and Jim O’Brien, Irish CLINTEL ambassador, Chair of the [Irish](#)

Climate Science Forum (ICSF), which makes the following substantive points:

1. The Summary for Policymakers (SPM) seems to be exaggerating as in previous reports, and so provides little objective basis for policymaking.

2. The SPM seems to be ignoring that only last week IPCC circles admitted that their new AR6 generation of climate models are “overheated” and therefore too alarmist.

3. “Insanely Scary—and Wrong.” Independent observations had already indicated that CMIP5-models were too sensitive to greenhouse gas increases, probably by a factor of two. The combination of too high climate sensitivity and too high emissions projections resulted in implausibly high temperature forecasts. IPCC scientists themselves are beginning to doubt whether their models can be trusted as a policy instrument. “It’s become clear over the last year or so that we can’t avoid this admission,” Gavin Schmidt, director of NASA’s Goddard Institute for Space Studies, told the journal *Science* of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Schmidt also said, “You end up with numbers for even the near-term that are insanely scary—and wrong.”

4. The SPM graphic of global temperatures over the last 2,000 years inspires little confidence, to put it mildly, since in that it airbrushes out of climate history the Roman and Medieval Warming Periods, when temperatures were similar to or higher than now, and also the Little Ice Age.

5. Global mean sea level projections appear similarly exaggerated. CLINTEL points out that tide gauge data since 1900 would increase sea level by about 10 inches between now and 2100.

6. The alleged increased frequency and intensity of extreme weather events appear to be inconsistent with previous IPCC reports; whereas many current independent observations actually indicate fewer extreme weather events today than in the past.

CLINTEL has consistently argued that, while the climate is changing, partly due to anthropogenic influences, there is no climate crisis, and that climate policy should be based on prudent, cost-effective adaptation rather than unaffordable, ineffective mitigation. The new SPM provides little objective evidence to change those strongly held convictions.

Danish Author Bjorn Lomborg Shows Flood Disasters Diminishing Relative to the Past

Aug. 9 (EIRNS)—The *Wall Street Journal* of Friday, Aug. 6 performs an overdue service to truth and humankind in publishing an “opinion piece” by Danish political scientist Bjorn Lomborg, titled “Climate Change Doesn’t Cause All Disasters.”

Lomborg asserts that warming, annually, causes about 120,000 heat deaths—but prevents nearly 300,000 cold deaths. Or, turning to the recent flooding in Germany and Belgium, which many, including German Chancellor Merkel, blame on climate change; yet a study of more than 10,000 rivers around the world shows that most rivers flood less: What used to be a 50-year flood in the 1960s, happens every 152 years today, mainly due to urbanization, flood control measures, and changes of climate. Some rivers still flood, Lomborg grants, and reporters may flock there, but they don’t mean more global flooding. The Ahr River, where most of the German flood deaths occurred, had a huge flood on July 14, 2021, but fatalities were lower than the deaths in 1814 and 1910. However, Lomborg points out that in Germany, and elsewhere, more people are building settlements on flood plains, leaving the water nowhere else to go.

Blaming deadly floods on climate change instead of taking responsibility for the missed early warnings, for politicians like Mrs. Merkel, who, during her visit to Schuld, a devastated village on the Ahr, said, “We must get faster in the battle against climate change.” Lomborg draws the parallel with the United States, where “climate change” is often blamed for the forest fires in the West caused in fact by poor forest management.

One of the more well-documented effects of climate change has been heat waves. But global warming also reduces cold waves, which kill many more people than heat waves, he writes, citing a new study in *The Lancet*. Globally, studies show that warming causes about 120,000 additional heat deaths but avoids nearly 300,000 cold deaths annually. We need to understand the problems and fix them, but “we can’t rely on apocalyptic stories when crafting policies. We must look at the data,” says Lomborg.

Bjorn Lomborg (56) is the author of a book on this subject, *False Alarm: How Climate Change Panic Costs Us Trillions, Hurts the Poor, and Fails To Fix the Planet*; he is president of the Copenhagen Consensus Center and a visiting professor at the Copenhagen Business School.

Forbes Urges California To Save Diablo Canyon Nuclear Plant, End Newsom’s Crusade

Aug. 9 (EIRNS)—On July 30, California’s Gov. Gavin Newsom proudly passed an Emergency Proclamation Regarding California Electricity. Seeing that California is now experiencing record-breaking heat, putting strains on a steadily shrinking electricity grid, Newsom’s new proclamation vows to—create little to no additional electricity, and in fact, do everything to enhance the problem. Doubling down on “Modernizing our grid” by incorporating distributed energy resources, and “Increasing long-duration energy storage projects,” he also gives lip service to “increasing diversity” of energy sources, “hardening” the grid by burying cables. Finally, having supposedly created much more power, he gives a big boost to electric transport.

Recognizing the emperor’s new clothes for what they are is James Conca, energy writer for *Forbes*, who provided a reality check on Aug. 2, under the title, “[Drought, Heat and Nuclear—Gavin Newsom’s Elephant in the Room](#).” Newsom is on a “crusade” Conca says, meaning that, as with fated Don Quixote, all reality is filtered through this defective lens. Newsom is determined to do two things: Inaugurate an era of ostensibly endless and free energy; and do away with nuclear, specifically Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Station.

Conca—once in the Sierra Club, Greenpeace and the Environmental Defense Fund—then rolls out the figures to drive home his point: Newsom (like all greenies) never takes into account the “interruptible” aspect of all “renewable” sources—the “capacity factor”—that the numbers they boast are never achieved, providing a mere 30% of the nameplate capacity on average, the “effective” power rating. By Conca’s figuring, the shortfall of 3,000 MW in “effective” power from the planned “interruptibles” is about equal to the power that Diablo Canyon Nuclear Plant provides: 2,280 MW with a 90% capacity factor.

Conca comes to the conclusion that “one obvious short- and long-term solution—California needs to reverse its pressure on PG&E to close Diablo Canyon Nuclear Plant since it produces almost exactly this shortfall.” It is also highly likely that there will continue to be shortfalls of up to 5,000 MW through 2025 and probably well beyond. “Diablo Canyon has been rated safe by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and could run well beyond 2040. Closing it in the face of this crisis is maliciously foolish.”

UNITED STATES POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

9/11 Families Rebuff Biden, Seek Declassified Documents That Implicate Saudis

Aug. 9 (EIRNS)—Nearly 1,800 Americans who lost family members in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks told NBC News’ Courtney Kube and Mike Memoli that they oppose President Joe Biden’s participation in any 9/11 memorial events this year, unless he honors his pledge to declassify U.S. government evidence, which the families believe implicate Saudi officials in supporting the acts of terrorism. The victims’ family members, first responders, and survivors released statements today calling on Biden to absent himself from the 9/11 20th anniversary events in New York, in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, and at the Pentagon, unless he releases the documents.

Biden promised fulsomely to be more transparent and release as much information as possible under intense pressure from the families, but he has

ignored their letters and requests since being elected, NBC News reports. Among the documents the group seeks are supporting evidence found during a widespread FBI investigation into the 9/11 attacks that examined alleged Saudi links, and which was completed in 2016.

The families wrote, “[W]e cannot in good faith, and with veneration to those lost, sick, and injured, welcome the president to our hallowed grounds until he fulfills his commitment. Since the conclusion of the 9/11 Commission in 2004 much investigative evidence has been uncovered implicating Saudi government officials in supporting the attacks. Through multiple administrations, the Department of Justice and the FBI have actively sought to keep this information secret and prevent the American people from learning the full truth about the 9/11 attacks.”

Brett Eagleson, whose father, Bruce, died at the World Trade Center, said he and his co-signers “collectively are at our wits’ end with our own government.... We are frustrated, tired and saddened with the fact that the U.S. government for 20 years has chosen to keep information about the death of our loved ones behind lock and key.” Eagleson is one of a group of victims’ relatives filing a lawsuit accusing Saudi Arabia of being complicit in the attacks. Among the evidence Eagleson cites is the 2017 sworn testimony of former FBI Special Agent Stephen Moore, who was in charge of the Los Angeles Task Force Team for PENTTBOM, the FBI’s investigation of the 9/11 attacks. He reports, “S.A. Moore wrote in his affidavit, ‘Based on evidence we gathered during the course of our investigation, I concluded that diplomatic and intelligence personnel of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia knowingly provided material support to the two 9/11 hijackers and facilitated the 9/11 plot. My colleagues in our investigations share that same conclusion.’ ” The “two 9/11 hijackers” refers to Nawaf al-Hazmi and Khalid al-Mihdhar, the first two hijackers to arrive in the United States, based in southern California, and were largely the subject of the classified “28 pages” chapter of the December 2002 Joint Intelligence Committee report on 9/11, co-chaired by Sen. Bob Graham and Rep. Porter Goss.

The Administrations of George W. Bush, Barack Obama and Donald Trump also declined to declassify supporting documents. The Trump Administration invoked the state secrets privilege in 2019 to justify keeping the documents classified.

Several U.S. Senators are now pressing for increased transparency of U.S. government investigations into 9/11, also citing Saudi ties, Joseph Clark of the *Washington Times* reported Aug. 5, in an article titled, “Senators Press for 9/11 Transparency, Declassification of Saudi Links.” U.S. Senators Robert Menendez (D-NJ) and Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) introduced “The September 11 Transparency Act of 2021,” which requires a full declassification review of the 9/11 investigation, and justifications for any decisions to keep details secret in the future. Republicans John Cornyn (TX) and Chuck Grassley (IA) have also signed on to the Senate legislation.

NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER

Nigeria Commits \$11 Billion to ‘Coastal Lagos-Calabar’ Rail Line Connecting Country’s Ports

Aug. 9 (EIRNS)—Nigeria has given the green light for construction of the 1,200 km “Coastal Lagos-Calabar” standard gauge rail (SGR) line which would connect all six of its southern port cities, from Lagos in the west, to Calabar in the east. At a meeting of their Federal Executive Committee on Aug. 6, members voted to allocate \$11.7 billion for the project, giving it a six-year deadline for completion, in 2027.

In announcing the project—one which has generated many “false positive” rumors over the years—Information and Culture Minister Lai Mohammed said, “This is a very old project,” which administration of President Muhammadu Buhari inherited. “Under the former administration, an approval was given, but nothing was done, but today, the council has given approval to commence the Lagos-Calabar Coastal route.”

The Coastal line would connect six major ports of the nation, and provide the east-west anchor for north-south SGR lines (some segments

which are already built/under construction) which would form a “square” grid of lines connecting all four “corners” of the nation. The Lagos-Calabar line would have 12 stops and several spurs to regional population centers. In addition to rail, Nigerian visionaries have previously discussed creating whole new port cities, as well as enlarging and deepening existing ports.

The difficulty all these years has, of course, been financing. While China has both financed and built several segments of SGR in Nigeria, they have recently pulled back their financing of large projects, although they are still building lines there. Three years ago, the American firm Ameri Metro announced with great bravado that it had \$10 billion to invest in Nigeria rail, only to disappear just as quickly as several others. With today’s announcement, Nigeria has realized it must shoulder the load—despite heavy pandemic losses—knowing its citizens will benefit.

While it is not announced who would build the project, the green-lighting, which is circulating widely in Nigerian press, has been found in only one other national press—China’s Xinhua wrote an article on Aug. 6.

STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

U.K. Wanted NATO Countries To Stay in Afghanistan, Calls U.S. Withdrawal ‘Rotten Deal’

Aug. 9 (EIRNS)—Great Britain’s Defense Secretary Ben Wallace made clear that if it was up to Her Majesty’s government the United States and NATO would be in Afghanistan forever. In an interview in Sunday’s *Daily Mail*, Wallace revealed that after America made a deal with the Taliban in February 2020, the British government tried to rope in other NATO countries to stay in Afghanistan, but got no takers.

Wallace claimed that “nearly all of” NATO’s member states “were not interested” in Britain’s call to stay on. “We tried a number of like-minded nations. Some said they were keen, but their parliaments weren’t. It became apparent pretty quickly that without the United States as the framework nation it had been, these options were closed off.” Brushing away crocodile

tears, he said he was “saddened ... about all the blood and treasure that had been spent, that this was how it was ending [in Afghanistan].”

As for the U.K. putting its own forces in, that “was not viable” because “we [Britain] would have had to take ourselves out of a lot of other places around the world.”

Wallace also called the agreement between then-U.S. President Donald Trump and the Taliban last year, that stipulated the withdrawal of American and NATO troops from Afghanistan within 14 months, a “rotten deal.” Again the crocodile: “It saddens me that the deal picked apart a lot of what had been achieved in Afghanistan over 20 years. We’ll probably be back in 10 or 20 years. But acting now is not possible. The damage was done with the deal,” the Defense Secretary argued. (All those drugs going to waste.)

On the same day, Wallace was seconded by Gen. Richard Barrons, former head of Britain’s Joint Forces Command, who told the BBC that withdrawal from Afghanistan was “a strategic mistake”: It gave the wrong message to “the West’s allies in the Gulf and Africa and Asia” and would be seen as letting them down. This General Blimp said the pullout suggests “we don’t have the stomach to see these things through and we would rather leave than ensure that a humanitarian or political crisis doesn’t occur.”

Taliban Captures More Provincial Capitals in Afghanistan

Aug. 9 (EIRNS)—Reports from inside Afghanistan this morning are that the Taliban has now captured five provincial capitals in the last three days. The three latest are Kunduz and Sar-e-Pul, capitals of Kunduz and Sar-e-Pul provinces, and Taloqan, the capital of Takhar province, all in northern Afghanistan. In southern and southwestern Afghanistan, Herat, Lashkar Gah and Kandahar are all reported to still be under siege though Afghan security forces in Herat are reported to be having a modicum of success in fighting off the Taliban. According to an overnight report in the *New York Times*, U.S. air strikes, though intensified over the last few days, are still less than what the U.S. military would have done under similar

circumstances a few years ago, such as in 2015 and 2016 when U.S.-led assaults defeated Taliban efforts to take and hold Kunduz.

Provincial leaders are blaming the government for the failure to successfully defend their provinces. Some lawmakers from Sar-e-Pul said the government's inattention led to the fall of the city and the loss of dozens of large pieces of military equipment to the Taliban. "The inefficient officials in Sar-e-Pul made the situation worse and provided the grounds for collapse. I believe that Sar-e-Pul collapsed due to a deal," said Sayed Hayatullah Alemi, an MP from Sar-e-Pul, reported TOLONews. Government buildings, including the governor's compound, in Kunduz have all reportedly fallen to the Taliban and fighting has intensified on the streets. "The security agencies, especially the Defense Ministry, paid no attention and did not provide support," said Nilofar Jalali Kofi, an MP from Kunduz.

Both the Taliban and officials in Kabul are reporting that at least 20 civilians were killed in the fighting in the last 48 hours. Health officials in Lashkar Gah said many of the civilians killed were caught in the fighting. "Most of them were killed or wounded in the crossfire," said Sher Mohammad Shakir, head of the public health directorate of Helmand.

The Deputy Speaker of the Afghan Senate Mohammad Alam Izedyar blamed the United States, saying that Washington's policy to recognize the Taliban and the Afghan government at the same time has led to the current crisis in Afghanistan, citing the fact that the signing of the Doha agreement and the Kabul-Washington security pact occurred on the same day.

He also vowed that resistance to the Taliban will continue regardless of how much territory they capture. "Even if the Taliban captures Afghanistan militarily, it will not mean sovereignty, it will not mean stability. The war will continue. Resistance will continue," Izedyar said.

COVID AND FAMINE

Top Epidemiologist Insists, 'Get Everyone Vaccinated' To Stop Most Contagious Virus

Aug. 9 (EIRNS)—Epidemiologist [Dr. Larry Brilliant](#), part of the 1970s' WHO campaign to eradicate smallpox, told CNBC that when we first dealt with the COVID-19 pandemic, we weren't dealing with a virus that had "a three-and-a-half-day incubation period and every case led to eight more, with exponential growth." The delta variant "is maybe the most contagious virus that we've ever seen in living memory."

The "good news," he said, is that the mRNA vaccines and the one by Johnson & Johnson are holding up, and have 95% efficacy if you define efficacy as "keeping us safe, keeping us out of the hospital, keeping us alive." However, he said, when it comes to vaccines' efficacy of preventing individuals from getting the disease and from transmitting the disease, and the delta variant "depresses those two ends of the efficacy chain ... not so good news on infectiousness and spread."

There is a small possibility that a "super variant" could emerge that vaccines don't affect, Brilliant went on. Such a variant is hard to predict. "It's such a catastrophic event should it occur, we have to do everything possible to prevent it," the epidemiologist stressed. "And that means get everyone vaccinated—not just in your neighborhood, not just in your family, not just in your country but all over the world."