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## EDITORIAL

### **‘Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor, Your Huddled Masses...’**

April 5 (EIRNS)—There is an old Spanish proverb, widely attributed to Renaissance giant Miguel de Cervantes, which goes like this: “When you see your neighbor’s beard being shaved, it’s time to put yours to soak.” It is an appropriate comment, albeit from the standpoint of a peasant, regarding the interconnected nature of processes that determine causality in the world.

Leading American epidemiologist Dr. Michael Osterholm, of the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy at the University of Minnesota, stated over the weekend that Americans should judge where we stand in the fight against the pandemic by looking at the world picture: “We’re in a category 5 hurricane status with regard to the rest of the world. We’ll see in the next two weeks the highest number of cases reported globally, since the beginning of the pandemic. In terms of the United States, we’re just at the beginning of the surge.”

According to a conservative estimate issued by the IMF on the eve of their annual spring meeting, the pandemic has already led to a 20% plunge in average income in the developing sector. World Bank President David Malpass reported that the pandemic has driven 100 million people into extreme poverty worldwide, while a full quarter-billion suffer acute hunger. But these are all serious understatements of the problem.

EIR has shown that the underlying physical economic collapse created by 50 years of disastrous free trade economic policies, a collapse that the pandemic has merely brought to the surface, has produced a real unemployment rate of about 45% worldwide. And now Biden’s global Green New Deal would dramatically worsen all of that.

There is a crying need to quickly provide 1.5 billion new productive jobs across the planet—jobs building the needed great infrastructure projects and related industries long-specified by Lyndon LaRouche. America’s problems will only be solved by returning to the principles on which our Constitutional republic was founded: the Good of others, both in economics and statecraft.

That same economic collapse of the entire trans-Atlantic sector is the driving force behind the war provocations originating in the British Empire and their American sidekicks, a danger which in recent weeks has made Ukraine into a most dangerous flashpoint for superpower confrontation.

In light of these considerations, Helga Zepp-LaRouche today addressed the underlying principles required to solve the ongoing global breakdown

crisis, principles exemplified in the work of the international Committee for the Coincidence of Opposites which she founded.

“Let me just restate it for the record: The Committee for the Coincidence is not social work. It is a *method of thinking*: It’s not a prescription, it’s not even a health approach or a food approach. It’s a method of thinking. Because the very idea of Nicholas of Cusa of the coincidence of opposites came out of a long and deep theological discussion. The gist of it is that to achieve a level of unity, you have to jump behind the wall of coincidence—it’s not even the coincidence of opposites, it’s behind the wall of coincidence of opposites. You have to make a mental exercise, you have to train your mind to think hypothesis, to think change, to think something new, to think a higher unity.

“It’s also a way of developing compassion for the whole world. You have to have a certain amount of thinking like, of God, but as a *vis creativa*, the *imago viva Dei*. It’s not an ‘image of God,’ it’s the ‘*living* image of God,’ and it is the idea of a power which is supposed to be inside your soul, in your heart. And the whole idea—it’s not a static concept. How do you get the coincidence of opposites? Through change! And that change is something which is a process of perfection, in which the different elements work with each other in a contrapuntal, fugal way. Think about a fugue: How a great fugue develops, where one element lawfully leads to another, and the whole thing is moving toward a higher plane. It’s a method of thinking!

“And since most people are either nominalist, or positivists, or empiricists, or—you can make this list longer—most people do not think properly! The whole method of Lyndon LaRouche was to absolutely get people away from sense-certainty, get away from all of these flaws of thinking...

“And I’m deeply convinced, if we do not make people better people, you can forget it. The whole idea is getting people to think of mankind as a whole, the universe as a whole... Lyn was perfect in that! He would go to any country in the world, and he would get people from all walks of life

together, and they wouldn't even think that they were politically opposed, because they would listen to Lyn, because he would speak, in such a way that they all were completely mesmerized by the wisdom Lyn expressed.”

## COVID-19 AND FAMINE

### **Dr. Osterholm Demonstrates That Coronavirus Is a Global ‘Category 5 Hurricane Status’**

April 5 (EIRNS)—Speaking on Fox News Sunday and Meet the Press April 4, epidemiologist Michael Osterholm PhD, MPH, an adviser to President Biden on the COVID-19 pandemic, made the obvious point in terms of the global nature of the coronavirus pandemic and warned that people had better pay attention. Overall, he said, “we’re in a category 5 hurricane status with regard to the rest of the world. We’ll see in the next two weeks the highest number of cases reported globally, since the beginning of the pandemic. As for the United States, we’re just at the beginning of the surge.” Osterholm, who runs the University of Minnesota’s Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy (CIDRAP), said he agreed with the remarks made last week by Dr. Rochelle Walensky, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), to the effect that the situation in the United States was not at all under control—she reported she felt a sense of “impending doom”—and stating that Americans weren’t being realistic about the spike in new cases nationwide. Moreover, Osterholm warned, that spike was being driven by the COVID variant B.1.1.7, the British strain.

Dr. Osterholm elaborated: “We are the only country in the world right now experiencing this increasing number of cases due to this variant, and at the same time opening up, not closing down. The two basically are going to collide, and we are going to see substantially increased numbers of cases.” He especially warned that the variant is now hitting children much harder than previous strains. “It infects kids very readily.” More broadly, he pointed to reports of surging cases around the country, especially in the Upper Midwest where “they’re just beginning to start the fourth surge.” Look at what happened on April 3 in Michigan where there were a record

number of 8,400 cases in one day. “That should have been a wakeup call to everyone.” It’s also the case, he pointed out, that there are more people between the ages of 30 and 50 who are being hospitalized and seen in ICUs.

Other states with similar reports of increased cases include Ohio, Minnesota, Nebraska and Pennsylvania. Dr. Bruce Vanderhoff, head of Ohio’s Health Department, warned that “Ohio remains in a race against a virus that is now more contagious and right back on our heels.”

### **Brazil’s P.1 COVID Variant Ravaging All of South America, as Desperation Prevails**

April 5 (EIRNS)—The rate at which Brazil’s P.1 or “Manaus” variant has spread to the rest of South America has rightly earned it the term “superspreader.” As the *Washington Post* reports today, the fear now is that P.1 could become the dominant variant in all of South America, given the fact that all but two countries on the continent border Brazil and that there is fluid two-way traffic across those borders. With good reason, several countries have either closed their borders with Brazil or are about to. But keeping the virus out of their countries is another matter.

The rapidity with which the variant has spread into nations whose healthcare systems border on collapse and whose economies have suffered severe declines because of the pandemic, is a cause of despair among healthcare professionals in those nations. As Venezuelan infectious disease specialist Julio Castro put it, “it’s spreading. It’s impossible to stop.” In Peru, 40% of all cases are being attributed to P.1, although in some parts of Lima, the capital, it’s 70%. In Uruguay, it’s 30%. In Paraguay, half of the cases at the border with Brazil are due to P.1.

The situation in Paraguay is so dire that the head of the country’s Infectious Disease Society, Elena Candia Florentin, told the *Post* that “Paraguay has little chance of stopping the spread of the P.1 variant,” because it has nothing with which to combat it. “With the medical system collapsed, medications and supplies chronically depleted, early detection deficient, contact tracing nonexistent, waiting patients begging for

treatment on social media, insufficient vaccinations for health workers, and uncertainty over when general and vulnerable populations will be vaccinated, the outlook in Paraguay is dark,” she said. In Paraguay, as in most other countries, expanding poverty, mistrust, and generalized “COVID exhaustion,” make stricter public health measures an unlikely option.

Vaccines are the obvious solution, but lack of accessibility and slowness of distribution have greatly hindered vaccination efforts in most countries, with the exception of Chile.

The region is one of the hardest hit in the world, but has administered only 6% of the world’s vaccines. The UN’s COVAX mechanism is kicking in, but very slowly, and in most cases, every country is left to its own devices. There is no regional bloc, as in the case of Africa, capable of negotiating for a group of countries.

## STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

### **Wang Yi Delivers a Clear Message to His U.S. Interlocutors**

April 5 (EIRNS)—Speaking to the press with regard to the large number of meetings he had held with many of the ASEAN foreign ministers in the southern province of Fujian, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi was also asked if the China-U.S. relationship had also been a topic of discussion. He answered in the affirmative and proceeded to elaborate on China’s position on the matter. He said that the ministers agreed that China’s development and growth was a historical necessity and conformed to the expectations and the long-term interests of all countries in the region. At the same time they felt that the U.S. and China should have more dialogue and cooperation in the region, and fulfill the obligations of major powers.

Wang Yi then went on: “If there is a dialogue, China’s door is open at any time, but the dialogue should be conducted on an equal basis and with mutual respect. China does not recognize that there is a superior country in the world. And if it does not accept things in the world, does only one

country have the final say? If you want to cooperate, China welcomes it, but cooperation needs to take into account each other's concerns and achieve two-way reciprocity. It cannot unilaterally raise conditions and pull out lists. If there is competition, China will not evade it, but competition should be fair and just and abide by market rules, instead of stumbling or using power to deprive others of their legitimate right to development. If there is still a confrontation, China will deal with it calmly and face it fearlessly. We resolutely resist gross interference in China's internal affairs, and even more resolutely oppose illegal unilateral sanctions imposed on the basis of lies and false information. China cannot compromise because we adhere to the basic norms of international relations; China cannot retreat because there are many developing and small and medium-sized countries behind us; of course, China has the right to fight back because we must defend national sovereignty and national dignity.”

### **Russia Warns ‘Anglo-Saxon’ Military Not To Deploy Short-Range Missiles in Europe**

April 5 (EIRNS)—In a statement today, [Russian Foreign Ministry](#) spokeswoman Maria Zakharova sharply warned that provocative plans by the U.S. and the U.K. to jointly deploy short- and medium-range land-based missiles—weapons previously prohibited by the now-defunct Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) Treaty—will make it increasingly difficult “to prevent possible serious escalation [and] definitely reducing the area of a political and diplomatic solution to the post-INF problem and for preventing a serious escalation in the missile sphere.”

As the Pentagon has openly stated, she said, the U.S. has been working on developing a broad range of such weapons, including hypersonic missile systems, to be deployed in the Asia-Pacific and in Europe. The purpose of those deployed in Europe will be to render air defense systems ineffective and—in the Pentagon's own words—“to punch a hole in the anti-access and area denial systems in conditions of a conflict with Russia.” The United Kingdom's military has joined in these “openly hostile and destabilizing statements,” Zakharova went on, cautioning “we have taken note of the

Anglo-Saxon military commanders' focus on targeting purely defensive systems that are protecting Russia from potential armed attacks.”

As the spokeswoman observed, these developments are taking place “in the absence of clear signals on this topic” from the Biden administration and from the U.S.’s NATO allies. Moreover, there has thus far been no “constructive response to the Russian initiatives based on a practical proposal to settle the sides’ concerns by adopting mutual moratoriums on the deployment of land-based intermediate- and shorter-range missiles and coordinating mutual measures to verify compliance with them.” Under these conditions, she concluded, “we will continue to closely monitor the practical measures by the United States and its allies in Europe and the Asia-Pacific region for creating an arsenal of land-based intermediate-and shorter-range missiles, especially taking into account the intentions announced by Great Britain.” Russia is not closing the door to dialogue, she insisted, but cautioned, “it cannot be ruled out in these circumstances that Russia will have to shift the focus increasingly more towards taking military-technical response measures against these emerging missile threats.”

### **Assured of Western Support, Ukraine Nurtures Russian Enemy Image**

April 5 (EIRNS)—Military from at least five NATO member-states will take part in the Ukrainian-British exercises Cossack Mace 2021. The relevant statement was posted on Facebook by the public relations service of the Operational Command East with the Armed Forces of Ukraine (AFU) on April 3, Ukraine’s Unian news agency reports. According to the scenario, the multinational brigade’s headquarters and units are involved in repelling a large-scale offensive by the armed forces of the conditional aggressor state. In particular, defense actions will be worked out, followed by an offensive to restore the borders and territorial integrity of the country that has been attacked by a hostile neighboring state.

Also in the course of 2021, Ukraine will host the Ukrainian-U.S. exercises Rapid Trident 2021 and Sea Breeze 2021, the Ukrainian-British

exercise Warrior Watcher 2021, the Ukrainian-Romanian exercises Riverine 2021, and the Ukrainian-Polish drills Three Swords 2021 and Silver Sabre 2021.

The European Union’s foreign policy chief [Josep Borrell](#) pledged the EU’s “unwavering support” for Ukraine in the face of alleged threatening behavior by Russia. Following a phone call yesterday with Ukraine’s Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba, Borrell tweeted: “Talked to Ukraine Foreign Minister @DmytroKuleba. Following with severe concern the Russian military activity surrounding Ukraine. Unwavering EU support for Ukraine sovereignty & territorial integrity.”

This NATO/EU support for Ukraine may be encouraging the regime in Kiev to consider itself to be more powerful than it actually is. “In recent years, the Armed Forces of Ukraine have become a real shield of Europe, and our country is a contributor to Euro-Atlantic security,” declared Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of Ukraine Col.-Gen. Ruslan Khomchak, also speaking on the anniversary of the April 4, 1949 founding of NATO, reported Ukraine’s 112 channel. “We are effectively using the mechanisms and instruments of cooperation available to partner states, which deepened with our country receiving the status of an enhanced opportunities partner [of NATO]. Apart from Ukraine, Australia, Georgia, Jordan, Finland and Sweden have this status,” he said.

“Today, we can see that the Russian Federation has been dragging (...) battalion tactical groups to the east of our country, to eastern borders of Ukraine—posing it as preparation for West 2021 strategic drills. [Troops come from] Bryansk, Voronezh oblasts, and the temporary occupied Republic of Crimea. They are holding drills there,” Khomchak said, though as has been previously reported there seems to be little evidence of this Russian maneuvering beyond the Ukrainian statements.

## **NATO Attempts To Rally Europe Against Russia and China**

April 5 (EIRNS)—With the Biden Administration in the White House now, a new wave of NATO propaganda against China and Russia can be observed. The latest case is a piece in *Defense News*, a U.S.-based

international website, which criticizes the Europeans for having a “too narrow” view of China and Russia, missing the strategic shifts which the journal says are underway.

The growing Sino-Russian defense relationship implies further difficulties for the alliance, and although a formal Sino-Russian defense alliance may not be in the cards for now, the two nations are “toying with the idea,” the journal warns. Apart from multiple joint military exercises and intensified defense-industrial cooperation, Chinese digital capabilities will enhance Russia’s ability to produce military platforms and provide both nations with better weapons systems to confront America’s allies. And having strong Chinese support, Russia may become “more assertive in its military activities in Europe,” the journal claims.

The security implication of China’s Belt and Road Initiative, its Polar Silk Road, and its Digital Silk Road all have negative consequences for Europe beyond NATO’s borders, the journal insists, implications ranging from Chinese efforts to limit freedom of the seas, malign cyber behavior, creating digital dependencies or growing anti-satellite capabilities. Regarding the Belt and Road Initiative, investments and debt traps create coerced political influence. Along the Polar Silk Road, investments in resources and science are laying the groundwork for greater future Chinese involvement.

Aggressive Chinese sovereign claims in the South and East China Seas and on Taiwan could lead to unwanted conflict between the United States and China. Should this happen, Europe would be far from immune. A Sino-American war would probably not be regionally contained, as were America’s previous Asian wars in Korea and Vietnam. At a minimum, Europe would find itself in a costly economic confrontation with China. NATO’s mutual defense clause, Article 5, could be triggered. And the United States would probably need to pivot significant military assets to Asia, leaving Europe “more vulnerable to Russian adventurism,” *Defense News* claims.

## COLLAPSING WESTERN FINANCIAL SYSTEM

### Even the IMF and World Bank Warn About Economic Breakdown in Underdeveloped Nations

April 5 (EIRNS)—An article in yesterday's Sunday *Washington Post* headlined "With Stimulus Cash and Jobs Spike, U.S. Emerges as Main Engine for Global Economic Recovery" begins by reviewing the wonderful economic recovery that is supposedly underway in the U.S., thanks to the huge increase in government spending combined by super-low interest rates. It says that "the U.S. economy is gathering so much steam that its gains will not stay at home," and that the U.S. is about to replace China as the engine of world economic growth.

This is all false. But the article then turns to reports being issued by the IMF and the World Bank, as their annual spring meetings get started today, April 5. Kristalina Georgieva, managing director of the International Monetary Fund, warned in a speech last week that by the end of 2021 emerging economies will have suffered a 20% loss in per-capita income, largely because of the impact of the pandemic. *EIR* has shown that the collapse of the informal economy as the pandemic has raged is having a particularly disastrous impact on developing countries' economies where the informal sector is dominant. The *Post* article reports that this year, 120 developing countries are scheduled to repay \$1.1 trillion in debt. But 72 of those countries may not be able to pay those bills without sacrificing spending on vaccinations or economic relief. Interest rates are rising in emerging sector countries such as Brazil, Turkey and Russia, which will make the debt crisis even worse for them.

World Bank President David Malpass last week rang the alarm that the pandemic has pushed more than 100 million people into "extreme poverty," with one-quarter billion suffering "acute hunger." Achim Steiner, administrator of the United Nations Development Program, told reporters last week: "We are facing an increasingly severe situation. It is far from over. It is, in many parts of the world, getting worse."

## Africa Teeters on the Brink of Utter Collapse

April 5 (EIRNS)—Africa is teetering on the brink of complete collapse, as evidenced by the conjunction of physical, financial/economic, terror, and political crises—any of which could individually undermine development programs, but which together could throw the entire continent over the edge to lawlessness, even threatening the very existence of nation-states. The UN’s latest World Economic Situation and Prospects reports African countries “are experiencing an unprecedented economic downturn with major adverse impacts on development.”

On the terror front, from Guinea to Somalia, jihadist terror is expanding, with the continent’s two most populous nations—Nigeria and Ethiopia—both in the spotlight. ISIS in its various forms has expanded from a nexus in Burkina Faso, its supply lines reportedly shifting from east (Arabian Sea, Somalia) to the west (Gulf of Guinea, through Togo/Benin), with related piracy and drug interdictions of record proportions now occurring in the area. Beginning in January, after the *Financial Times* provocatively questioned its viability as a nation-state, Nigeria has been under siege, with growing “kidnapping for ransom” cases, and entire cities left powerless from attacks on infrastructure.

Hunger/starvation: The list of World Food Program assistance targets continues to grow, severe enough that Somalia was forced to issue its own plea for food in the last week. “The food insecurity situation is now extremely concerning with potentially disastrous consequences,” Somalia’s Minister for Humanitarian Affairs and Disaster Management, Khadija Diriye, said in a statement. In a list that keeps growing, Angola—which has otherwise been the number one recipient of China aid in the last ten years—has now appeared on the WFP’s “hunger” list.

Financial: The privatized electric power distributor Kenya Power has just defaulted on its multibillion Kenya shilling bill to KenGen, the nation’s power producer. Kenya Power has been hit by lack of payment by consumers, and has been forced to take loans on the international markets. Separately, the Kenya government just accepted a loan from the IMF.

## UNITED STATES POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

**Biden Continuing Trump, Pompeo's China Policy, Say Chinese Media**

April 5 (EIRNS)—An April 2 editorial in *Global Times* takes up the issue of Hong Kong and concludes that “The current U.S. administration has apparently continued the Hong Kong policy from the Trump administration. It reiterated that the administration will maintain the sanctions imposed by Trump toward Hong Kong.” The editorial does not think the West has the ability to enforce its will in Hong Kong, however, and more broadly states that the developing sector as a whole is not favorable to the attacks on China:

“The confrontation of the U.S. and the West with China has reached a stalemate. Countries including the U.S. and the UK seem to be waning in force, and, China has shown a mounting leverage in governing Hong Kong and has a set of legal rules to follow. There are identical signs on a larger picture. In terms of Xinjiang, the regional situation has been stabilized and Washington's sanctioning measures have largely hit the brick wall. The political mobilization of the U.S. and the West can only work in their small circles but they cannot sway developing countries, including many Islamic countries.”

A *China Daily* editorial on April 3 also states: “When it comes to the United States' relationship with China, the Biden administration is repeating the folly of his predecessor. The words and deeds of U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken are the best evidence of this.... His overall attitude about Hong Kong is similar to that of his predecessor Mike Pompeo last year, as are his tweets.... The aim of the new White House team is clear: To use Hong Kong as a political tool to ‘contain’ China and to intervene in China's domestic affairs.” The only difference with Blinken and Pompeo is that “politicians in the Biden administration are more adept at hiding themselves under the fig leaf of ‘human rights’ or ‘democracy.’ ”

## SCIENCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

### Perseverance Successfully Dropped Ingenuity Helicopter to Mars Surface, Set To Fly Next Week

April 5 (EIRNS)—NASA proudly announced late April 3, the Perseverance Mars rover successfully dropped the small helicopter Ingenuity four inches down to the surface of Mars where it will remain until April 11 when it should to take its first flight. The 4 lb., solar-powered helicopter had been attached to Perseverance’s “belly,” where it was kept warm by the rover’s nuclear-powered system, Space.com reported. Now that it is detached from Perseverance, the helicopter’s internal battery is powering its heater, to keep it warm through the frigid Martian nights. Bob Balaram, NASA’s chief engineer for the Mars Helicopter project, explained that the heater will protect key components “such as the battery and some of the sensitive electronics from harm at very cold temperatures.”

Ingenuity is designed to test technologies for future flying vehicles on other planets; it carries two cameras to document its flights, which the Perseverance rover will also observe. The data from its first flight will reach NASA on April 12. Controlled flight on Mars is quite a different challenge from doing it on Earth, not least because the Martian atmosphere, through which the rotors spin, is 1% the density of Earth’s. Provided all goes well, Ingenuity will then perform longer flights over Jezero Crater (where Perseverance landed) over the next 31 Martian days (sols). Space.com reports that each flight should reach no higher than 16.5 feet, and over a 90-meter flight range.

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