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EDITORIAL

What Is To Become of Our Republic?

Jan. 18 (EIRNS)—With the American republic in its most aggravated state of social division in many decades and in both a viral pandemic and underlying economic decline, the Schiller Institute held an event on the holiday honoring Dr. King, entitled “A More Perfect Union through the Coincidence of Opposites: Martin Luther King and the Presidency.” Its purpose was defined by Americans having “not understood how to use

Martin Luther King” to bring about unity and justice in such crises, but rather wanting to handle every problem by some form of aggression. The more than 3 hour-long webcast succeeded in showing that both Americans of very different political persuasions, and leaders from other nations, can agree that the 2020 Presidential election was a corrupt one; “big tech” censorship is impermissible and unconstitutional; and on some measures that must be taken. But more fundamental problems of economic development and healthcare have to be solved, and the level of thinking of Americans raised very much, to do it.

At the conclusion of the meeting Schiller Institute President Helga Zepp-LaRouche observed that the problem facing Americans is “not to fix one thing; but to have a cultural renaissance and by that strength, fix the republic”—and to “keep it” according to Ben Franklin’s so-famous counsel. Moderator Dennis Speed had opened the event with a video showing Marian Anderson’s beautiful voice and soul promising such a “more perfect union” when singing “America” to 75,000 rapt listeners at the Lincoln Memorial in 1939, and the National Anthem at inaugurations of Presidents Dwight Eisenhower and John Kennedy and the 1963 March on Washington. A very arresting interlude was the story, presented interviews from TV shows and LaRouche movement conferences, of how Oklahoma NAACP leader Rev. Wade Watts used his wits and his love to “convert” *his* opposite, once Oklahoma Klan Grand Dragon John Clary.

Helga LaRouche had begun the event noting that 25,000 troops will be guarding the inauguration and the capital city during the week: “That is one-and-a-half divisions, half as many as the entire German army.” She asked the question prompted by recent remarks of certain leading U.S. generals: Are U.S. officers now starting to look at Americans as insurgents to be suppressed, and the troops’ deployment as if it were in Afghanistan? She immediately fingered the deeper cause: “There are massive efforts to impose a ‘Green Deal’ on the United States and Europe, and to pull Russia and China into it. You can only impose this with a huge drop in living standards. With only ‘green’ energy, you are reducing the energy flux-

density of the productive process. No industrial economy can be maintained.”

U.S. deindustrialization—now actually in process for 50 years and threatened with a “Green Deal” adoption of primitive energy and agriculture—does in fact underlie the increasing distemper of Americans. But Zepp-LaRouche added the Internet games such as “Q” leading people away from reality, and the tech billionaires’ move to then block leaders from even communicating with the people. But it was striking that both she, and an “outside observer”—Argentine attorney Juan Francisco Soto, part of an international commission investigating the 2020 election—proposed economic development as one crucial solution. Helga LaRouche said the United States could immediately start cooperating with other major nations to help build modern health systems in every country against the pandemic; impose Glass-Steagall to break up Wall Street banks; national banking to reindustrialize and to industrialize underdeveloped nations. Soto urged a “pan-American congress of railroads,” “corridors of development from Alaska to Tierra del Fuego.” He spoke of a “new chapter of Americans for the New Silk Road,” so that “the Darien Gap can unite us!”

The “Truth in Elections” panel section of the event demonstrated both the potential of unity in stamping out pervasive dishonesty in U.S. elections, and the difficulty in breaking through on this. As Helga LaRouche commented here, “Trying to do something *about* a beautiful idea, means being emotionally secure for a real battle, and continuing to develop one’s mind.”

Very diverse panelists clearly showed how the 2020 ballot-counting process was corrupt, unfair and invited fraud—conclusions which now cannot be stated on social or national media! It was clear that veteran election expert Steven Freeman and the Election Integrity Forum, which has brought state frauds to court since the 2002 national election and fought on behalf of John Kerry in 2004, are just as certain of, in his words, “thousands of instances suggesting fraud” in the 2020 Presidential, as are the state legislators, officials and activists from Pennsylvania and Georgia

on the panel who support President Trump. So is Mr. Soto, the Argentine investigator. But blocked out and blacked out—including in Europe, Freeman said in answer to Helga LaRouche’s question—what can be done.

Freeman’s organization has basic and simple answers which amount to running ballot-casting and ballot-counting in America as it is run in “most democracies in the world”—transparently at each step. Pennsylvania committeewoman and Trump elector Leah Hoopes urged people, besides working with the Schiller Institute, to get involved in local elections, work for unity and civil discourse, hold state legislators responsible (as the Constitution says they are), and “keep moving forward.” Pennsylvania State Rep. Russ Diamond said “It is never too late to right a wrong,” either in that state or in the U.S. Supreme Court.

Zepp-LaRouche wanted to see Americans like them reach out and invite elected officials and experts from other countries, like Mr. Soto, “to at least look and think, what can be done?”

Most important, though, is this. The Schiller Institute has held meeting after conference after event since October, attacking the growing crisis around the election and then the protests and impeachment; each event has broadened out in both the now-numerous activists and officials involved, and the ideas presented to get truth and justice.

This one was also the deepest. Dennis Speed came back finally to the Guard troops massing in the capital, and the memorial of Martin Luther King standing there among them on the Mall, perhaps in dialogue with Abraham Lincoln: What is to become of our republic?

UNITED STATES POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

***Washington Post* Timeline Shows How Baldly It Lied on Jan. 8, and Shades Impeachment Charge**

Jan. 18 (EIRNS)—A detailed timeline of the events leading to the Jan. 6 mass break-in at the Capitol, published in the *Washington Post* on Sunday, Jan. 17 and involving the work of 20 reporters, ended up serving to

demonstrate how completely the paper fabricated its “reporting” on Jan. 8, alleging that President Donald Trump had countermanded the Pentagon’s use of the National Guard to protect the Capitol until the riot was underway. It also showed how detached that riot initially was from the combined rallies against election corruption at the Ellipse and the President’s speech to the rallies.

- The timeline, detailed from Dec. 19 through Jan. 6, appears to establish that the *only* approval for National Guard troops to be deployed in Washington on Jan. 5-6, was in fact given by President Trump on Jan. 3. This meeting, with Defense Secretary Chris Miller and Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Mark Milley, resulted in the Guard’s deployment for traffic control at street blockages, the only thing requested.

- D.C. officials beyond the mayor—Police Chief Richard Contee III, D.C. Attorney General Karl Racine, D.C. Homeland Security Director Christopher Rodriguez—did not want federal troop deployments in Washington again, after they had been deployed in June 2020. Thus the much-claimed “differential treatment” of mostly white Trump supporters compared to diverse BLM demonstrators was what was sought by D.C. officials.

- Capitol Police officials and Congressional Sergeants-at-Arms resisted elevating security at the Capitol over a period of weeks, right up until the afternoon of Jan. 6. Even that morning, a grand total of 1,400 Capitol Police reported for duty and were the entire protection, as those coming off the night shift were sent home—not the practice in past such situations.

- Some 45 minutes before President Trump *arrived* at the Ellipse rally, a crowd of about 300 “protesters” were at the reflecting pool on the west side of the Capitol some 20 blocks away.

- While Trump was speaking and before he suggested “walking down to the Capitol,” “a D.C. police camera captures what looks like a wall of people suddenly arriving about a block west of the Capitol.” At this time the rally of many tens of thousands of people at the Ellipse was listening to the President. It actually comprised multiple rallies of Tea Party Patriots,

Women for America, and other groups, all of whom had notified the Park Service on Jan. 5 that their rallies were going to be larger than initially planned.

- Within a few minutes the “wall of people” at the Capitol had picked up barriers and was pushing them into Capitol Police lines, “breaking into restricted Capitol grounds.”

- More than 20 minutes later, the President told the still-peaceful rally 20 blocks west, “We’re going to the Capitol.”

Twitter Does Not Permit Discussing ‘Perfect’ 2020 Election on Social Media

Jan. 18 (EIRNS)—Twitter announced the following as its “social integrity policy,” making use of the case of Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-GA), described as a right-wing figure in Congress.

In removing Taylor Greene’s tweets about the Georgia elections, Twitter said: “The company will label or remove false or misleading information intended to undermine public confidence in an election or other civic process. This includes but is not limited to: disputed claims that could undermine faith in the process itself, such as unverified information about election rigging, ballot tampering, vote tallying, or certification of election results; and misleading claims about the results or outcome of a civic process [a trial in which a leading figure is framed up, perhaps?—ed.] which call for or could lead to interference with the implementation of the results of the process” (perhaps Julian Assange’s indefinite jailing?).

The 2020 election is already considered illegitimate by tens of millions of Americans, and that number will only grow over the next years. That is obviously greatly feared by the military- intelligence complex which can pressure the social media billionaires (like Twitter CEO Jack Dorsey, currently practicing social integrity from a villa in French Polynesia) to clamp down.

COLLAPSING WESTERN FINANCIAL SYSTEM

Trump Administration Establishes a Banking Rule Worth Paying Attention To

Jan. 18 (EIRNS)—With just a week remaining in President Donald Trump’s administration, his Office of the Controller of the Currency (within the U.S. Treasury) promulgated a “Fair Access to Financial Services” rule on Jan. 13 which has angered Wall Street and, no doubt, annoyed Windsor Castle and the Old Lady of Threadneedle Street. The rule, if enforced, would appear to rule “green finance” out of order in the United States banking system, in spite of the Network of Central Banks and Supervisors for Greening of the Financial System which the Federal Reserve just joined after four years of being scared out of it by the President.

The rule prohibits banks—although not using this term—from “redlining” companies or funds because they invest either in energy technologies, in agriculture or ranching, or in arms and armaments. No bank, under the rule, may decide or threaten not to lend to or invest in a group or class of companies or funds, as for example, coal and oil and engineering companies have been threatened out of fossil fuel power projects in African and South Asian countries under Mark Carney’s sundry central bank committees and “taxonomies.” Rather, the bank must provide the OCC with criteria and data supporting each case of “redlining” of each single company, and show that those criteria are financial, not climate, social or “governance.”

Wall Street is very unhappy at this OCC action, as evidenced in the complaints in three consecutive days’ lead stories, Jan. 14-16, on the website of *American Banker* the ABA’s publication. Wall Street’s TV channel, CNBC, reported Jan. 14 that the rule “is not just opposed by the largest banks, but faced widespread opposition from legal scholars and environmental, social and governance experts.” Right up to Prince Charles, no doubt. If the Federal Reserve and the biggest Wall Street banks cannot coerce oil and coal companies into building big wind farms instead, farmer

cooperatives into swearing off fertilizers and pesticides, ranchers into cutting their livestock herds, Joe Biden's rejoining the Paris Climate Accord might be a hollow gesture.

CNBC tried to reassure by quoting one "expert," that "one way or another, this rule is not long for this world" under a Biden Administration. But it shows the adversary Trump remains to the Green Deal, and should be paid attention to and fought for.

What the rule does, in effect, is what China and Russia and India do to make sure that their companies in the above sectors get credit—the difference being, that those countries make official statements welcoming the "zero-carbon" targets of the Paris Climate Accord while placing them decades off into the future. They are all involved in offering nuclear and clean-coal technologies to developing nations. Those are still first among the nations with which the United States can collaborate in nuclear development, space exploration, and in fact a new Bretton Woods credit system for such development.

The IMF Gives Modi the Lie on Indian Farm Laws

Jan. 18 (EIRNS)—The International Monetary Fund believes the farm bills passed by the Indian government are "a significant step forward for agricultural reforms," Gerry Rice, Director of Communications at IMF, responded to a question from Press Trust of India at his news conference in Washington on Jan. 14. "I would say, we believe the farm bills do have the potential to represent a significant step forward for agricultural reforms in India. The measures will enable farmers to directly contract with sellers, allow farmers to retain a greater share of the surplus by reducing the role of middle men, enhance efficiency and support rural growth. So again, we believe they can represent a significant step forward. However, it is crucial that the social safety net adequately protects those who might be adversely impacted during the transition to this new system."

Adversely impacted? Who might that be? Hasn't Prime Minister Narendra Modi made clear these laws are beneficial for all farmers? Apparently the IMF knows better.

Rakesh Tikait, spokesperson for the opposition Bharatiya Kisan Union, countered on Jan. 17, “If a few hundred thousand farmers are camping at the borders of Delhi, why is the government not repealing the farm laws? I think the agitation will continue.... Protesting farmers will not return to their homes till the new farm laws are repealed.” Tikait further stated that more than 550 farmers’ unions of the nation have joined the movement.

Russian Foreign Minister Lavrov Warns of Evils of U.S. Technological Empires

Jan. 18 (EIRNS)—Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov gave his annual press conference on the results of Russian diplomacy over the past year, today. The Foreign Minister said that big tech’s decision to censor the U.S. President “comes from evil,” reported RIA Novosti, according to Iran’s FARS News Agency today: “Recent events, including those in the United States, [pertain] to a situation when half a dozen people who have created their technological empires do not even want to know what rights they have in their countries. They themselves define their rights on the basis of so-called corporate norms and they don’t care a bit about the constitutions of their nations. We have clearly seen this in the United States, and this, of course, causes serious concern.” Lavrov asserted that such a tendency “comes from evil,” and accused U.S. authorities of failing to deliver on their obligations to provide American citizens with free access to information. If the United States fails in its battle against censorship, it would have very serious ramifications for the entire world, he stated.

TASS quoted him as saying: “Let’s hope that American society will not let its elites use blatant censorship, flagrant infringement of the constitution and international commitments in its struggle against one another. This is a problem of American society, though. If it fails to cope with this problem, we all should be ready to face the consequences of such a failure of the American state, and these consequences would be very serious for the global arena.”

Lavrov continued that “everyone understands that, and this is the reason why Europe is drafting some sort of documents on how to begin dialogue

after Joe Biden's inauguration in a bid to anticipate all possible scenarios of further developments.... But I would recommend focusing on how the United States ended up in a situation which risks undermining America's statehood, if private corporations cannot be dealt with in such a way as to integrate themselves back into government mechanisms and the national constitution at the end of the day.”

On arms control, Lavrov said that Russia anticipates the Biden Administration will make concrete proposals on the extension of the New START Treaty: “The most important and, probably, top priority area is the absolutely abnormal situation in the sphere of arms control. We have heard about the Biden Administration's plans to resume dialogue with us on these topics, including plans to try to agree to the extension of the New START before its expiration on February 5. We will be waiting for concrete proposals. Our position is well-known and it is still in force.”

The media also asked him about Russia's detention of Alexey Navalny who returned to Russia on Jan. 17. He was arrested at the airport in Moscow for having violated the conditions of his suspended sentence in a criminal case. Lavrov remarked: “We saw how they latched onto yesterday's news of Navalny's return to Russia.... They are glad because it seems that this makes Western politicians think that in this way, they can distract from the deepest crisis that the liberal model of development finds itself in.”

The transcription of Foreign Minister Lavrov's strong opening remarks is now posted to the [Foreign Ministry website](#).

COVID-19

More Contagious COVID-19 Strain Could Dominate in U.S. by March

Jan. 18 (EIRNS)—A more contagious strain of the novel coronavirus first found in the United Kingdom last year could become the dominant strain in the United States by March, a new study by the U.S. [Centers for Disease](#)

Control and Prevention claims, CNBC's Noah Higgins-Dunn reported Jan. 15.

The CDC stated that “In the United Kingdom, a new variant called B.1.1.7 has emerged with an unusually large number of mutations. This variant spreads more easily and quickly than other variants. Currently, there is no evidence that it causes more severe illness or increased risk of death.” However, because of ability to spread more rapidly, researchers warned that increased spread could put more pressure on U.S. hospitals and require greater public health measures to minimize the spread. Researchers said that the fast spread of the new variants might require more people to be vaccinated to achieve herd immunity. Enhanced surveillance of the mutating viruses, combined with greater compliance with public health measures, like wearing masks, hand-washing, and physical distancing, could slow the spread of this B.1.1.7 variant. These measures will be more effective if implemented sooner; as of Jan. 15, when the report was issued, 76 U.S. cases had been found.

STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

Chatham House Recalibrates British Empire's Policy to Biden

Jan. 18 (EIRNS)—While others are focusing on the gender make-up of the incoming Biden Administration appointees, the imperialists at the British Empire's Royal Institute for International Affairs/Chatham House have been looking at how they can—in the post-Trump, post- Brexit era—resume their presumed rightful place as master rulers of the universe. That would be the significance of a new Chatham House report issued Jan. 11.

In “Global Britain, Global Broker: A Blueprint for the U.K.'s Future International Role,” Chatham House Director Sir Robin Niblett, CMG, is implicitly arguing that Britain no longer has to do an “Asian pivot,” as was stated in Nov. 22, 2020, in the report “A Very British Tilt: Towards a New U.K. Strategy in the Indo-Pacific Region” by the Policy Exchange. That report sought for the Empire to shift to an Indo-Pacific (anti-China) centered diplomacy—even to dispatching the *HMS Queen Elizabeth*

aircraft carrier to the Indo-Pacific. The operation to oust U.S. President Donald Trump having succeeded, however, means that it can focus on other things. In his introductory page, Niblett writes that “rather than reincarnate itself as a miniature great power, he [Sir Robin] argues that the country has the chance to remain internationally influential if it serves as the broker of solutions to global challenges” in areas such as climate change, “international peace and security,” and “global tax transparency.” To accomplish these goals, “the U.K. will need to invest in and leverage its unique combination of diplomatic reach, diverse security capabilities and prominence in international development.”

Writing an enthusiastic “thumbs up” of this outlook for the like-minded imperialists at the Atlantic Council Jan. 14, Ben Judah points to two opportunities that the new Global Britain will have to do just that (command from the rear). These are two summits that will be held in the U.K.: the Group of 7 gathering in June, and the rescheduled UN Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow in November. In addition, should Biden do as he’s (been told) promised, the additional Summit for Democracy (for “like thinking” NATO members) will also be a prime opportunity, whether in America, the U.K. or Europe.

Anyone that knows history—that Perfidious Albion has no permanent allies, only interests—would see through Niblett’s words, that “the U.K. should invest in becoming a global broker, leveraging its unique assets to link together liberal democracies at a time of strategic insecurity and engage alongside them with other countries that are willing to address shared international challenges constructively.”

‘Q’ and Military Intelligence

Jan. 18 (EIRNS)—Retired Army Maj. Gen. Paul Vallely is one of a number of retired military officers who are declared supporters of Donald Trump who appear to also play a major role in promoting the theories espoused by QAnon. According to journalist Robert Guffey, writing in *Salon* last September, Vallely had this to say during an appearance on Mike Filip’s “AmeriCanuck Internet Radio of Canada” talk show in October 2019:

“QAnon is tied to information that comes out of a group called ‘The Army of Northern Virginia.’ This is a group of military intelligence specialists, of over 800 people that advise the president. The president does not have a lot of confidence in the CIA or even the DIA much anymore. So he relies on real operators, who are mostly special-operations type of people. This is where ‘Q’ picks up some of his information.” Vallely repeated this line in at last two interviews in October and November 2019.

Guffey reports that a QAnon video posted on YouTube, entitled “Out of Shadows,” quotes from the infamous paper “From PSYOP to MindWar” by former Army psychological warfare officer and well-known Satanist Michael Aquino which “was about psychological operations against populations, including the American domestic population, using Satanist techniques and tools.” What the video doesn’t point out is Vallely, whom these networks regard as “America’s General,” commissioned the paper.

Vallely hasn’t slowed down since the October-November 2019 interviews. As recently as Jan. 8, two days after the breach of the U.S. Capitol, he claimed in an interview with internet radio host Joe Messina that the same intelligence network he described in those earlier interviews, had “infiltrated antifa with people that are part of our secret force; we know exactly what they are, what they’re doing, whatever city they’re in. At some point in time they’ll be arrested and indicted.” He further claimed that nearly 200 indictments were about to be unsealed against leading figures of the so-called Deep State, including former CIA Director John Brennan, former Director of National Intelligence James Clapper and dozens of members of Congress whom he didn’t name.

SCIENCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Congress Has Left Artemis’s 2024 Moon Target in the Lurch

Jan. 18 (EIRNS)—President Donald Trump on Jan. 12 issued his “Executive Order on Promoting Small Modular Reactors for National Defense and Space Exploration.” Two weeks earlier Congress passed a Fiscal 2021 government budget; that budget provided NASA with just \$850

million to develop a lunar lander for the Artemis Moon/Mars mission, after Administrator James Bridenstine had made clear that in its third full year, Artemis needed \$3.3 billion for this core of the Moon mission.

The *Washington Post* (Jan. 12) and *New York Times* (Jan. 13) were quick to gloat and assert that Artemis's goal of "landing the first woman and next man on the Moon in 2024" was now dead. Bridenstine, who is resigning Jan. 21, would say only that it "will make it that much more difficult to keep to the objective." Joe Biden and key Congressional Democrats have said for a year that they opposed the 2024 target and wanted NASA to aim for 2028, as if scientific crash programs could be put into low gear and still achieve breakthroughs.

The *Post* claimed that now the Artemis Moon mission is still on solid ground because of the Artemis Accords signed in 2020 by Bridenstine with seven other space agencies, which will expect it to progress fast. This may not be true. However, Artemis does likely remain a solid program though the Artemis Accords may not be the real driver. That, now, is the Chinese space program and its developing capabilities, should it choose to launch a human crew to the Moon during this decade. Former NASA Administrator Michael Griffin pointed to this driver already in 2018.

The Biden Administration, despite its disdain for Project Artemis as President Trump boldly defined it to revive and restore NASA, may realize this imperative to compete with—and in fact, to cooperate with—China, as well as the nations already in the Artemis Accord.

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