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EDITORIAL

London and Washington Policies ‘Are in Confrontation with Common Interests of the Human Race, Including American People’

June 10 (EIRNS)—President Joe Biden began his week-long trip to Europe, which will culminate in Geneva on June 16 in a summit with Russian

President Vladimir Putin, with a predictable and threatening diatribe against Russia. His remarks were no doubt music to the ears of the British Establishment, who are intently orchestrating a geopolitical showdown between the United States and Russia, and between the United States and China. As the London *Guardian* merrily headlined a June 8 op-ed: “Joe Biden’s Mission at the G7 Summit: To Recruit Allies for the Next Cold War.”

But will it all work according to London’s plan? Not likely. Reality has a nasty way of overturning the best-laid of utopian schemes.

A lead editorial in China’s semi-official *Global Times* on June 9 pointed out that the Establishment’s policy of geopolitical confrontation is “nothing but a bluff,” albeit a dangerous one, because it “cannot address the real problem of the U.S. and the West,” which is the economic breakdown crisis besetting the entire trans-Atlantic region. “If the U.S. is to compete with China strategically,” the editorial argued, “the fundamental way is to greatly revive its own economy.” But for the political elites in Washington, the editorial concluded, “Far from being in a confrontation with China, they are in a confrontation with the times and with the common interests of the human race, including the American people.”

That is an accurate characterization. The common interests of the human race and of the American people, interests urgently demanded by the times, lie in a global alliance among all nations around a crash program to defeat the COVID pandemic. That requires defeating the coronavirus itself—through worldwide mass vaccination, testing and requisite public measures. But it also demands defeating that which turned a mere virus into a full-force pandemic: the collapse of the physical economy, and in particular the health systems, living standards, and related economic infrastructure over the last 50 years.

A global mobilization in that direction—of organizing a world health system with modern capabilities in every nation in the world, as Schiller Institute President Helga Zepp-LaRouche has repeatedly called for—immediately brings into focus, and places on center stage, the urgent need

for the full set international financial and economic policies that Lyndon LaRouche specified in his famous, June 8, 2014 [Four Laws](#).

Remarks delivered by [Lyndon LaRouche](#) 20 years ago, during an Oct. 2, 2001 videoconference discussion with the Peruvian Society of Economist Engineers, serves to summarize today's strategic stakes as well:

“So, you must bring in a system of cooperation on which you can launch a large-scale development project, in which countries which produce more high technology, will produce it and sell it, on credit, to countries which, like the interior of China, which need this supply of technology. Or, India. And that market—and the United States opportunity to participate in that market—is the best hope for the United States.

“So, if we don't cooperate; if we can't cooperate—at a time that Russia is willing to cooperate, that China is willing to cooperate, that India wishes to cooperate, that Europe wishes to cooperate—if we don't cooperate, we are insane! And therefore, if we are insane, then, what we're going to have is the price of insanity, which is a New Dark Age. That's the way it is: When humanity does not have the sense, when empires have not had the sense, to stop being insane, they have, generally, destroyed themselves, like the Roman Empire, and others before.

“And, we're at the point, where ... this planet can not go in the direction it's now going. We can not continue this system, which is about to disintegrate, nor can we have a conflict of the type which is threatened by the Middle East conflict, or by the ways in which some people are trying to approach this terrorism question: We can not have that. Because this planet will not survive under those conditions.

“And therefore, I think that's the way you have to look at it. There is no solution, except a global solution.”

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STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

Biden Lands in the U.K., and Promptly Threatens Russia ... Again

June 10 (EIRNS)—Immediately upon arrival in the United Kingdom on June 9, U.S. President Joe Biden delivered a speech threatening Russia in very similar terms as those he had made in his June 5 *Washington Post* op-ed, and in the White House's [Executive Order](#) of April 15. "I'm headed to the G7, then to the NATO ministerial and then to meet with Mr. Putin to let him know what I want him to know," Biden said at RAF Mildenhall in Suffolk, England—home to an American refueling wing. "We are not seeking conflict with Russia, we want a stable predictable relationship," Biden stated. "I've been clear, the United States will respond in a robust and meaningful way when the Russian government engages in harmful activities. We've already demonstrated that. I'm going to communicate that there are consequences for violating the sovereignty of democracies in the United States and Europe and elsewhere."

The Kremlin has stated its intent to try to stop the free-fall in U.S.-Russian relations, and that President Putin would not be first in raising the issue of sanctions. Biden, however, seems pre-programmed to once again deliver the threats, all under the watchful eye of Secretary of State Tony Blinken, who will participate in the summit.

Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Ryabkov on June 9 expanded on the Russian approach to the summit: "I assume further deterioration [of relations with the U.S.]. We will exert maximum effort in order to prevent this, because the risks are serious, and crisis management in our relations remains on the agenda.... Speaking about a new equation of security, naturally, we include new technological factors, as well. ... We have an impressive themed agenda with the U.S., and we will work on it. It is important for us to be heard, because there are certain problems with this,

too, which are probably connected to the difference in priorities,” the diplomat said.

“We also have multiple priorities, dictated by the multipolar world. The world does not revolve around the U.S. We will reduce the risks of conflicts and confrontation. We expect reciprocal movement,” Ryabkov concluded.

***Global Times* Editorial Expects Failure of ‘Geopolitical Feast’ in Europe with Biden’s Trip**

June 10 (EIRNS)—The editorial, “[Biden To Gain Little from ‘Geopolitical Feast’ in Europe](#),” in yesterday’s *Global Times* of China, forecasts that the Washington establishment’s efforts to use President Biden’s trip to rope Europe into confrontation with China and Russia will not succeed. The editorial accurately asserts that the driving force of that confrontation is the economic demise of the West itself.

The editorial begins by taking note of a June 8 op-ed in London’s *Guardian* headlined “[Joe Biden’s Mission at the G7 Summit: To Recruit Allies for the Next Cold War](#).”

Global Times continues: “However, all this is nothing but a bluff, because the ‘unity’ Washington is fostering cannot address the real problem of the U.S. and the West. That is, major Western countries including the U.S. are seeing constantly declining competitiveness. When the G7 was established, its GDP accounted for 80% of the global GDP, but has dropped to 40%. This is the real concern for the U.S. and Europe....”

“If the U.S. is to compete with China strategically the fundamental way is to greatly revive its own economy,” the editors assert. But that is exactly where the fatal problem lies. The geopolitical confrontation with China and Russia “cannot solve U.S. core anxiety, nor lock the loyalty of Europe. China will continue to rise, and the U.S. advantage over China will further shrink.”

In fact, *Global Times* concludes, the political elites in Washington, “Far from being in a confrontation with China, they are in a confrontation with

the times and with the common interests of the human race, including the American people. They make themselves exhausted and get half the results with double the effort.”

Biden Tries To Wrap His Ill-Begotten Crusade in an FDR Mantle

June 10 (EIRNS)—After his bilateral meeting with British Prime Minister Boris Johnson in Cornwall, at which the two of them signed a document that they billed as a new “Atlantic Charter,” in their attempt to launch a virtual new Cold War against FDR’s wartime allies, Russia and China, President Joe Biden delivered remarks trying to portray his visit as an FDR “remake.” Biden began by expressing condolences to the Royal Family over the death of Prince Philip, that grand representative of pure Malthusian genocidal policies. He then went on to reaffirm the so-called “special relationship” with the British Empire, which FDR never recognized.

In August 1941, when FDR proposed the “Atlantic Charter” to Churchill in their Newfoundland meeting, one of its purposes was to force Churchill to accept certain principles for the postwar period, the most important of which was to end empires, including the British. His agreement would be the precondition for Churchill receiving U.S. aid, and Churchill had to sign, even though he disagreed with some of the tenets of the document. The original Atlantic Charter calls for “the fullest collaboration between all nations in the economic field.” It also says that the parties will endeavor “to further the enjoyment by all states, great or small, victor or vanquished, of access on equal terms to the trade and raw materials of the world which are needed for their economic prosperity.”

But the Biden-Johnson new “Atlantic Charter” stands in stark contrast to the principles of FDR’s true one. The new “Charter” resolves “to defend the principles, values, and institutions of democracy and open societies, which drive our own national strength and our alliances. We must ensure,” it reads, “that democracies—starting with our own—can deliver on solving critical challenges of our time.” The new Charter “intends to strengthen the institutions, laws, and norms that sustain international cooperation, to adapt

them to meet the new challenges of the 21st century, and guard against those that would undermine them.”

The new Charter “opposes interference through disinformation or other malign influences, including in elections,” and reaffirms “our commitment to debt transparency, sustainability and sound governance of debt relief.” The two parties to the Charter also “resolved to harness and protect our innovative edge in science and technology to support our shared security and deliver jobs at home” and “to promote the development and deployment of new standards and technologies to support democratic values.” The Charter signers, Biden and Johnson, also pledge to build a “rules-based global economy for the 21st century” with “financial stability and transparency and high labor and environmental standards.” It also pledges that the two will work together to “tackle the climate crisis, protect biodiversity, and sustain nature,” prioritizing them in “all our international action.” And lastly they will collaborate to “strengthen health systems and advance our health protections.”

If FDR is looking down on this travesty, he would surely roll his eyes, and repeat what he had insisted to Winston Churchill: “It can’t be done, obviously by 18th-century methods.”

Putin’s Sober Assessment of Ukraine and NATO

June 10 (EIRNS)—In an interview “Moscow. Kremlin. Putin” broadcast on Rossiya-1 TV, Russian President [Vladimir Putin](#) stated yesterday that he did not rule out that Ukraine would make a drive to join NATO, reported Sputnik International. He observed that many Russian commentators were dismissive of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky’s efforts to join NATO: “They say this is idle talk, this will not happen. But I have a different opinion.... There are formal limitations, but there are no guarantees that Ukraine will not become a NATO member state,” Putin insisted. “We must keep this in mind, and we must appropriately structure our security relations with our partners and close neighbors and with those who control foreign policy from the outside.”

Putin also responded to a survey in which a majority of Ukrainians expressed opposition to NATO membership, saying their attitude reflects a certain realism and unwillingness to place themselves in the crosshairs of a potential conflict. “According to the latest data released, at least 50% of Ukraine’s residents do not want their country to join NATO, and these are smart people. I do not say this ironically, I do not want to say others are silly. But those who do not want it understand that they do not want to find themselves on the firing line, they do not want to become political currency or food for powder,” the President remarked.

Putin also used the interview to mock the recent Ukrainian legislation which calls Russians a “non-indigenous people” of Ukraine, reported TASS. “It is an obvious fact that the people who joined the Russian state with these territories were calling themselves Russians. Therefore, to speak about Russians as a non-indigenous people is not simply incorrect, but funny and stupid,” Putin said. “This does not correspond to history at all.”

Speaking about his own attitude to the Ukrainian bill “on indigenous peoples,” Putin recalled that people who lived in modern Ukraine in the 17th century “considered themselves and called themselves Russians and Orthodox Christians.” Putin told Rossiya-1 that he couldn’t fully explain all the history involved in a short TV interview. “By the way, you’ve suggested a good idea: to speak about it in more substance and detail. Maybe I should prepare a dedicated article, as I did in regards to the beginning of World War II. I will think about it,” he said, referring to his June 2020 groundbreaking strategic feature, [“75th Anniversary of the Great Victory: Shared Responsibility to History and Our Future.”](#)

U.S. Senate Addressed by the Self-Declared ‘Head of State’ of Belarus, Who Demands More Sanctions

June 10 (EIRNS)—Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, the West’s chosen, but unelected, “head of state” in Belarus, addressed the U.S. Senate on June 9. She called for the U.S. to “expand sanctions against President Lukashenko’s accomplices who finance his rule, including enterprises such as Belaruskali and the Mozyr Oil refinery.” (Belaruskali is one of the

world's largest producers of potash fertilizer. Of note, Belarus is one of the world's leading producers of heavy machinery, including the famous Minsk Tractor Works.)

Tsikhanouskaya received 10% of the vote in the Aug. 9, 2020 elections, though she claims she really got 60-70%. Within 24 hours of “winning,” she sought self-exile, and has been operating since then out of Vilnius, Lithuania. More recently she has been on a tour of various Western capitals as the real head of state, not unlike Washington's self-proclaimed head of state of Venezuela, Juan Guaidó.

RT quoted Russia's Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova commenting on Tsikhanouskaya's lobbying for sanctions on her fellow Belarusians: “Belarusians work at these enterprises! How can one ask to target people, their own citizens, who have been creating a domestic product for years, decades?!”

COLLAPSING WESTERN FINANCIAL SYSTEM

Green Transition Is the Mother of All Bailouts

June 10 (EIRNS)—A report by the Geneva-based Institut Rousseau, Les Ami de la Terre France, and Reclaim France says a rapid energy transition out of fossil fuels could rock the financial system, and goes on to call for a “carbon bad bank” to bail out the system, in a report “[Fossil Assets: The New Subprimes? How Funding the Climate Crisis Can Lead to a Financial Crisis.](#)” A rapid depreciation of CO2 assets would resemble the depreciation of the subprime assets in 2008 and bankrupt European large banks, their report says.

The 11 largest banks in the European Union, including BNP Paribas SA, Deutsche Bank AG, and UniCredit SpA, have €532 billion (\$648 billion) in investments and loans financing everything from extraction to transportation of fossil fuels, equivalent to 95% of their total common equity tier 1 capital (CET1), according to the report. A sudden drop in value of these “fossil-fuel assets” would deplete the banks' capacity to

absorb losses and might even leave them vulnerable to bankruptcy, the researchers said.

“The devaluation of fossil assets held by banks, following the inevitable ecological transition, could produce significant turbulence or even generate a new financial crisis,” according to the report. “The loss in value, whatever the speed, could put banks in a situation of bankruptcy.”

The potential for so-called stranded assets “mirrors the subprime mortgage crisis,” according to the report. If fossil-fuel assets were to lose 80% of their value, as happened to the price of mortgage bonds securitizing low-quality homes during the last financial crisis, France’s Crédit Agricole SA and Société Générale SA wouldn’t have sufficient equity to cover their losses, and the equity of Germany’s Deutsche Bank AG and Commerzbank AG would be almost exhausted, the report says.

Fossil-fuel assets are equivalent to 131% of Crédit Agricole’s CET1 capital, 109% of Deutsche Bank’s, and 68% of Spain’s Banco Santander SA’s, write the authors. And, “These fossil assets represent only the tip of a gigantic iceberg,” when it comes to banks’ potential exposure to shift risk from other industries.

However, rather than calling for a reversal of the insane policy of exiting all fossil-fuel production, the report calls for “strong regulation,” which includes creating a fossil-fuel bad bank to take stranded assets off the banks’ balance sheets.

El Salvador Adopts Bitcoin As Legal Tender; Has Bukele Walked into a Trap?

June 10 (EIRNS)—The Legislative Assembly of El Salvador voted early June 9 to pass the Bitcoin Law, with 62 votes in favor (56 of whom were from President Nayib Bukele’s New Ideas Party) out of the 84-person Assembly. The new law makes bitcoin legal tender in the country, along with the U.S. dollar, and it must now be accepted by all financial institutions and businesses in the country.

Bukele argues that the use of bitcoin will facilitate sending remittances from Salvadorans working abroad (about one-third of the population is currently in the United States and sends back some \$6 billion in remittances every year). That is 22% of El Salvador's GDP. Bukele is trying to put alternatives in place should the Biden administration and Wall Street impose sanctions on his government including blocking remittances, which is a very real possibility. That would obliterate the Salvadoran economy within weeks, and Bukele knows it.

Bukele has also argued that bitcoin will bring investment and jobs into El Salvador. That is false. Bitcoin is a wildly fluctuating speculative financial instrument, with no actual production behind it.

Bukele was sold the bitcoin package by Jack Mallers, the under-30 CEO of the bitcoin firm Strike, who has traveled extensively to El Salvador and has been given the bitcoin inside track in that country by Bukele. Mallers argues that the mass issuance of U.S. dollars by the Federal Reserve has created inflation and chaos on world markets, which is certainly true. But rather than proposing real physical-economic development, such as what China's Belt and Road Initiative would bring to the region, Mallers argues like a hard-core Friedmanite or Mont Pelerin ideologue, that the only thing that matters is issuing money in fixed, predictable amounts. "Fixing money will fix the world," Mallers stated at a recent Bitcoin Miami 2021 conference where he and Bukele announced El Salvador's new law. "You can fix the world by fixing the money."

Jack Mallers comes by such deadly ideas honestly, as the saying goes. His grandfather Bill Mallers helped found the Chicago Board of Exchange (CBOE) in 1973, as well as the National Futures Association; and then in 1984 he co-founded First American Discount Corp., one of the largest futures brokerages in Chicago, with his son Bill, Jr., Jack's father. Financial speculation is the only family tradition grandson Jack knows. Last Father's Day, he posted a picture of himself with his father and grandfather, with the caption: "From the creation of the CBOE to helping make the world a better place with Bitcoin. Like grandfather, like father, like son."

And then there's the drug angle. According to a podcast with Jack on the [What Bitcoin Did](#) site, his whole family is "investing heavily in the cannabis industry."

COVID-19 AND FAMINE

China Constructs Mobile COVID-Testing Labs in 10 Hours, Capable of 2 Million Tests a Day

June 10 (EIRNS)—The Chinese take their public health pretty seriously. When the coronavirus pops up in a locale, certainly there is quarantining, and then tracing all the contacts. But mass testing in a few days, whether of a confined neighborhood or of a metropolis of millions, is par for the course.

Recently, Guangzhou, a city of 18 million, found their first case of the highly contagious Delta variant two weeks ago. Prior to that, they had been averaging about 2 new cases/day of the regular strain, and zero cases on May 24. But on May 26, there was a "spike" of 14 cases, and the public health authorities sprang into action. From May 26 to June 7, about 29 million tests were conducted, in which 119 people were found to be infected, 7 of whom were asymptomatic. Medical authorities are confident that they can surround and finish off the invading enemy virus.

Their mass testing capacity—over 2 million tests per day—was achieved with the aid of two new, quick-to-assemble mobile testing labs, each capable of a million tests per day. A "[Huo-Yan Air Lab](#)" can be flown in, transported on a truck, and erected/inflated in 10 hours, demonstrated in a time-lapse video. The P2-level lab has an automated nucleic acid extraction robot.

Developed by BGI and Etopia, it has already been exported to a dozen countries, including Saudi Arabia, Ethiopia, Togo, Benin, Gabon, and Kazakhstan. BGI first used an inflatable structure for fighting the Ebola outbreak in West Africa in 2014. "*Huo-Yan*" means "fire-eye," which refers to the power of the legendary Monkey King Sun Wukong to detect

evil hidden beneath covers—or, in this case, the presence of the coronavirus.

A spray is being developed to “concretize” the laboratory walls, should it be desired to make the temporary structure more permanent. The same team is working on an inflatable COVID hospital ward design. Meeting and beating a crisis can be an inspiration.

SCIENCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Second ‘Dialogue on Climate’ Webinar in Italy

June 10 (EIRNS)—The second “Dialogue on Climate” webinar took place in Italy yesterday, with Professors Franco Battaglia and Franco Prodi as speakers. Professor Battaglia teaches physics and chemistry at Modena University, while Professor Prodi, brother of Italy’s former prime minister, teaches Physics of the Atmosphere at the University of Bologna.

Professor Battaglia demonstrated in a conclusive way that the forecasts of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) have been wrong. “Nobody can deny that human activity has produced CO₂, but it is not the cause of climate change,” he said. We are at the end phase of a mini-glacial era, and global warming has already occurred in the past, when there was no anthropogenic CO₂ production.

Solar and wind energy will never be able to replace other energy sources, which today represent 80% of energy production. The insanity of so-called renewables can be shown in Italy, where €100 billion have been invested for solar panel parks that produce 2.6 GW of power, whereas a single nuclear power plant would produce 3 GW and cost one-tenth as much. Battaglia revealed that when he was advisor to then-Environment Minister Altero Matteoli, the latter asked him whether he should sign the 1997 Kyoto Protocol to force advanced countries to limit greenhouse gases. Don’t sign it, Battaglia told him. Nobel Prize laureate in physics Carlo Rubbia said the same thing, Matteoli confessed—but eventually he signed.

Professor Prodi gave a detailed explanation of how the formation of clouds affects the climate. It is a complex, articulated system, but the IPCC focuses only on some aspects, neglecting other very influential factors.

During the Q&A period, Sen. Carlo Giovanardi asked why scientists who argue against the IPCC are excluded from public debate? Moderator Prof. Alberto Prestininzi responded that “there is a direction. When economic leaders get together ... if the EU decides that €1 trillion should go to decarbonization.” Prof. Renato Ricci, honorary chairman of the Italian Physics Society, commented that “big finance” is behind the so-called climate emergency.

Claudio Celani from *EIR* intervened in support of Professor Ricci, explaining that the climate emergency is a pretext to create a new financial bubble to save the bankrupt financial system. The origin of climate activism and environmentalism is neo-Malthusianism, and responding to Senator Giovanardi, Celani said that politicians have responsibility for having accepted a decades-long slide into the current regime.

Celani’s remarks were backed by Prof. Mario Giaccio, an economist, who said that he agrees about the role of neo-Malthusianism and went into a description on how liquidity has moved into energy assets, creating the bubble. However, he concluded with the pessimism that you cannot do anything against it, because “they” are too strong!

Professor Prodi intervened saying that media have ostracized him for his “climate denial” views, and the situation in the scientific community is “more rotten than you think,” almost as rotten as the financial system.

China Will Double Natural Gas Storage

June 10 (EIRNS)—It will be quite some time before China eliminates the use of fossil fuels in its energy mix, as attested by the ongoing construction of huge storage tanks for natural gas in Jiangsu province. China National Offshore Oil Corp., one of the country’s biggest oil and gas producers, is building six giant liquefied natural gas storage tanks, proving that China has become one of the few countries that can design and build such large

tanks. The six tanks, each with a volume of 270,000 cubic meters, will be installed in Yancheng, eastern Jiangsu province. It is part of a \$955.5 million project that, together with four smaller storage tanks that have already been commissioned, will have a storage capacity of 6 million tons of LNG a year. Scheduled to start operation in late 2023, it will be the nation's largest LNG storage base.

Six million tons of LNG is equivalent to 8.5 billion m³ of natural gas in its gaseous state, enough to supply Jiangsu province's 84.7 million residents with gas for 28 months, ensuring a stable supply of clean natural gas to one of the country's most economically developed areas, the Yangtze River Delta, and even the whole of eastern China.

UNITED STATES POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

Surprise: Trump Never Ordered the Clearing of Lafayette Park Last Year

June 10 (EIRNS)—Readers will recall the mountains of vitriol and invective heaped on President Donald Trump last year for ordering the vicious clearing of Lafayette Park in front of the White House, just so that he could go have a photo op of himself holding a Bible in front of St. John's Episcopal Church, which rioters had attacked and damaged. The media coverage helped catapult Black Lives Matter into international prominence, including the establishment of Black Lives Matter Plaza nearby, emblazoned with 50-foot-high yellow letters painted on the street.

Except, it turns out, it never happened. Trump had nothing to do with the clearing of Lafayette Park. A report released yesterday by the Interior Department's inspector general concluded that the protesters were cleared by U.S. Park Police on June 1, 2020, so that a contractor could begin installing new fencing. Park Police officials had already planned to clear the area and "had begun implementing the operational plan several hours before they knew of a potential Presidential visit to the park," Inspector General Mark Lee Greenblatt said in a statement accompanying the report.

Conclusion: White lies matter.