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EDITORIAL

As the Western World Descends into Madness, ‘Create a World Based on Reason’

Dec. 11 (EIRNS)—It is extremely difficult to survey the leading developments in the world today, putting Asia aside for a moment, and not

wonder whether the human race has the moral fitness to survive. The COVID-19 virus, which was essentially contained across Asia through stringent testing, contact tracing, isolation of victims, and excellent public health facilities, is entirely out of control across the rest of the world, with the “holiday season” turning into a lockdown season, and/or a mass spreader season. The central banks of Europe and the U.S. have printed approximately 6 to 7 trillions of dollars, pounds and euros in the past year, almost entirely to buy up increasingly worthless paper from the bankrupt financial institutions, and to prop up the stock markets as the economy tanks. Those same central bankers are planning, and already implementing, a “Green Finance” policy, to cut off credit to productive enterprises internationally, based on the lie of carbon-induced anthropogenic global warming. A famine “of Biblical proportions” is descending on Africa. The United States, the “leader of the free world,” is experiencing a social cataclysm, a failed Presidential election, censorship on a mass scale, and a mobilization for nuclear war—the President’s Special Envoy for Arms Control has declared nuclear war is now winnable, and that the U.S. must rapidly develop and deploy nuclear armed short- and medium-range missiles on the borders of Russia and China. The Secretary of State has unleashed a racist “Yellow Peril” mobilization across the nation to demonize all things Chinese.

It is time for reason to be restored to America and Europe. Starting at 9:00 a.m. New York time on Saturday morning, citizens from around the world will gather (virtually) for two days of deliberation on the crisis of civilization we are living through today, and the measures required for “Creating a World Based on Reason.” The Schiller Institute Conference will hold panels on: restoring the American Republic to its founding principles; establishing a strategic order to prevent World War III; overcoming the world pandemic and famine; and a Beethoven-driven Renaissance of classical culture.

[Register](#) to participate in the conference. All panels will include simultaneous translation into Spanish, German and French, and will be archived on the same webpage immediately after each panel. The policies

and ideas developed over the past 50 years by Lyndon and Helga LaRouche provide the level of thought required to lift our sights to the next 50 years, and the next thousand years.

UNITED STATES POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

Supreme Court Rejects Texas Lawsuit v. Four Swing States

Dec. 11 (EIRNS)—In a short order released by the Supreme Court this afternoon, the Texas case challenging the election results in the states of Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin, with *Amicus* briefs from 17 other states, from President Donald Trump, and a number of members of Congress, was rejected. “Texas has not demonstrated a judicially cognizable interest in the manner in which another state conducts its elections,” the court said, dismissing all other related claims as moot.

YouTube’s Allies in Censorship: Google, Big Tech and Wall Street

Dec. 11 (EIRNS)—Exactly with whom is YouTube in cahoots, in announcing its fascistic ban on any mention of vote fraud in the Nov. 3 Presidential election? After its Dec. 9 announcement that it would remove any and all postings referring to this subject, as a consolation it offered to provide “information panels linking both to Google’s election results feature, which sources election results from The Associated Press, and to the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency’s (CISA) ‘Rumor Control’ page for debunking election integrity misinformation.”

Nota bene: CISA is the outfit that operates out of the Department of Homeland Security, and was run by former Microsoft executive and Never-Trumper [Cristopher Krebs](#), until the President unceremoniously dumped him on Nov. 17. Krebs colluded with Dominion Voting Systems and Smartmatic in issuing a Nov. 12 statement that the Nov. 3 election was “the most secure in American history,” and that “there is no evidence that any voting system deleted or lost votes, changed votes or was in any way compromised.”

As *EIR Daily Alert* documented in its Nov. 19 issue ("Trump Sacks DHS Cybersecurity Head Krebs, Who Colluded with Big Tech To Claim 'No Fraud' "), the Nov. 12 statement was issued by the Elections Infrastructure Government Coordinating Council (GCC), which includes CISA (then run by Krebs) and the Election Infrastructure Sector Coordinating Executive Committees (SCC). As of January of this year, executives from Smartmatic and Dominion Voting Systems, whose "industry" is largely financed by Wall Street private equity and hedge funds, sat on the board of the SCC Executive Committee. One big happy family.

The *Washington Examiner* reported Nov. 18 that beginning on Nov. 3, CISA launched a "Rumor Control" page—the one YouTube directs people to in its statement— whose purpose is to debunk "disinformation" about election results, including any messaging coming from the White House. Krebs had also tweeted several messages urging the public not to share "baseless claims about voting machines, even if they're made by the President." At the time, the *Examiner* quoted one anonymous source who said that CISA completely ignored the Trump campaign's court filings on voting irregularities.

U.S. Incentivizes Morocco's Normalization with Israel

Dec. 11 (EIRNS)—President Donald Trump announced the latest normalization agreement between an Arab country and Israel, this time involving Morocco, with much fanfare yesterday. Whatever else the agreement includes, it appears that the U.S. offered a couple of appetizers to sweeten the deal for Rabat. One of these was recognition of Morocco's claim to the former Spanish colony of Western Sahara, a claim which has been contested for decades by groups within the Western Sahara. Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman James Inhofe, who is already on the opposite side of the fence with Trump on the defense authorization bill, went ballistic over the recognition. "The President has been poorly advised by his team; he could have made this deal without trading the rights of a voiceless people," he said. The Popular Front for the Liberation of Saguia

el-Hamra and Río de Oro, or Polisario Front, the armed insurgency which opposed Rabat's claim on the Western Sahara since 1979 (after Spain withdrew in 1976), denounced Trump in a statement, for giving something to Morocco that wasn't his to give.

Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Mikhail Bogdanov reminded the U.S. that in fact there are UN resolutions dealing with the Western Sahara and international efforts to resolve the conflict. "This is a violation of international law. There are relevant resolutions, there is a UN mission for holding a referendum in Western Sahara," Bogdanov told reporters today, reported Sputnik. "Everything that Americans currently do is a unilateral decision that goes beyond international law and decisions of the United Nations Security Council's resolution, which Americans themselves supported."

The second appetizer, as with the United Arab Emirates and its normalization deal with Israel, appears to be an arms sale to Morocco. Three unnamed sources told Reuters that the Trump Administration is negotiating the sale of four Sea Guardian drones to Morocco, though it's not clear if munitions for the drones are part of the deal. The sources, however, did not say whether or not the deal was related to the normalization agreement but many people will make that connection in any case.

Washington Awash in Rumors That Pentagon Might Pull Military Support from CIA

Dec. 11 (EIRNS)—In the space of about 12 hours, rumors that the Defense Department was reviewing whether to continue detailing special forces personnel to the CIA's Special Activities Center for counter-terrorism missions, turned into a decision that Acting Secretary of Defense Christopher Miller had notified the CIA that it was planning to end most such support by Jan. 5. On Wednesday night (Dec. 9), Defense One website reported that the ostensible purpose of the review was to determine whether such special forces personnel might better be employed against Russia and China as outlined in the 2018 National Defense Strategy. The review was

claimed to be the brainchild of Ezra Cohen-Watnick, acting in the capacity of Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, who got the job in the wake of the Nov. 3 election and subsequent firing of Secretary of Defense Mark Esper. Some of the “normal suspects” are complaining about the utility of what they see as an effort to curtail the Defense Department’s counterterrorism support to the agency, Defense One reports. It could also be that President Donald Trump wants to end both the official “endless wars,” and also the CIA illegal covert wars.

By the morning of Dec. 10, ABC News was reporting that the Pentagon has told the Central Intelligence Agency that it plans to end the majority of the military support it provides to the agency’s counterterrorism missions by Jan. 5, citing an unnamed former senior intelligence officer. Miller sent a letter to CIA Director Gina Haspel outlining the decision, according to the former official, who characterized the action as both surprising and unprecedented.

No official statements have been made regarding military support to the CIA, but in any case, the same news media that are trying to suppress all the evidence of election fraud have also concluded that whatever changes Trump might make can be reversed by Joe Biden immediately after he’s sworn in as President.

COVID-19 AND FAMINE

U.S. COVID-19 Infections, Hospitalizations, and Deaths Grow at Breakneck Speed

Dec. 11 (EIRNS)—Data newly released from the Department of Health and Human Services shows at least 200 hospitals were at full capacity last week, CNN reported Dec. 10. Coronavirus patients occupied 46% of ICU beds, up from 37% in the first week of November. Hospitalizations reached a record high of 107,248 on Dec. 10, according to the COVID Tracking Project.

Indication of the incredible spread of COVID-19: on Sept 7, there were 25,906 cases of new COVID-19 infections among Americans, and it was

thought the trend was heading downward; on Dec. 10, there were 217,729 new cases of COVID-19, an increase of 8.4 times since Sept. 7. Whatever caused the explosion in new infections is likewise causing the huge strain on the country's highly inadequate healthcare delivery capacity. Whereas new developments in treatment have lowered the mortality rate, even so, just from Dec. 3-9, some 16,850 Americans died of COVID-19

By the end of next week, America will cross the 300,000 mark in COVID deaths.

STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

U.S. Arms Control Envoy Displays Lunacy of Neocons' Strategic Policy against Russia and China

Dec. 11 (EIRNS)—On Dec. 8, the National Institute for Public Policy published a speech delivered by Special Presidential Envoy for Arms Control [Marshall Billingslea](#) on Nov. 17 to a symposium entitled “Arms Control and the New START Treaty,” in which he portrayed both Russia and China as predatory powers intent on imposing their will on the world, using nuclear weapons if necessary, and uses this lie to justify the U.S. preparing for nuclear war. Russia is “not to be trusted” at all on arms control matters, he said, and China is a dictatorship of the Chinese Communist Party rapidly building up its nuclear arsenal and unleashing the coronavirus pandemic upon the world, while building concentration camps for its own people and hiding it all behind a giant “wall of secrecy.”

On Russia, Billingslea claimed that Moscow has increased its dependence on nuclear weapons and has “adopted a highly provocative nuclear doctrine that embraces early escalation and use of nuclear weapons—a strategy called ‘escalate to win.’ ” He claimed further that Russia is building up an arsenal of thousands of weapons that are unconstrained by New START. “Russia continues to behave as though there’s some sort of distinction between the use of strategic versus tactical nuclear weapons,” he ranted. “This likely is because their war plans for invading NATO territory contemplate scenarios where they would employ

a battlefield [nuclear] strike, believing NATO would capitulate, rather than retaliate.”

Billingslea reported that in view of the new strategic weapons that Russia is developing, including the Poseidon nuclear submarine drone and the nuclear powered cruise missile called “Skyfall” by NATO, that he has advised President Donald Trump against reaffirming with Russian President Vladimir Putin the Reagan-Gorbachev statement that nuclear war is unwinnable and should not even be fought “when we know that Putin thinks that a nuclear war can be won, and his people are constantly wargaming and planning on how to fight one.” These and other lies that Billingslea attributes to the Russians ostensibly show that “They cannot be trusted when it comes to arms control.”

All of this and more is the lead up for what Billingslea is really advocating: a rapid buildup of U.S. medium- and short-range nuclear capabilities, which had been forbidden under the INF Treaty, abrogated by the U.S. Instead of giving in to Putin’s “arms control gambit,” Billingslea insisted, “we need to accelerate development of the Ground Launched Cruise Missile (GLCM) for the Marine Corps, and the Army’s Mid-Range capabilities. We need to field multiple deployable batteries by 2023 at the latest, work on rotational concepts with both NATO and with individual allies, and make sure that the GLCM is designed to be exportable so that we can provide it to allies for their own fielding.” These new capabilities are to be aimed at both China and Russia.

When it came to China, Billingslea was especially lurid. “The world saw the Chinese Communist Party’s true colors at the outset of the coronavirus pandemic. As the world sought answers about the novel virus, the Chinese government hid behind a Great Wall of Secrecy. More than 1.2 million men, women, and children are dead as a result,” he claimed. “Now, when it comes to their nuclear buildup, the CCP is hiding behind the same Wall of Secrecy.”

This was followed by another rant, this one alleging how China is rapidly building up its nuclear arsenal. “Chairman Xi Jinping says he

expects the PLA to become a ‘first tier’ military force, on par with Russia and the United States. The rapidity and composition of their buildup—coupled with their economic predations and grotesque human rights violations—suggests he may have even grander ambitions,” he went on. “This cannot continue. With every missile launched—with each truckload of rock excavated from Lop Nur—with every new building constructed at their warhead and missile production complexes—with each sinister insinuation in state media—the CCP brings the world closer to an unprecedented nuclear arms race.” China has a small fraction of the nuclear weapons held by the U.S. and Russia.

Moscow Responds to Billingslea MADness

Dec. 11 (EIRNS)—Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman [Maria Zakharova](#) took note of the remarks on Russia made by Special Presidential Envoy for Arms Control Marshall Billingslea which were published by the National Institute for Public Policy on Dec. 8. “The U.S. refusal to accept the Russian proposal (on reaffirming the Reagan-Gorbachev statement on nuclear war) seems hardly surprising against the background of Washington’s line of reducing the nuclear threshold and its active implementation of military programs highlighting the dangerous and absurd U.S. intention to wage a nuclear war and to win in nuclear conflicts. The references to a reluctance to believe in Russia’s sincerity look like a miserable attempt to justify, to at least some extent, the U.S. administration’s unconstructive line in matters of international security and stability, which has, in effect, become its trademark,” she said in a Dec. 10 statement issued by the Foreign Ministry.

“We can see quite clearly a striving to undermine, to the maximum extent, the foundation for possible subsequent de-escalation efforts by Moscow and Washington to find a mutually acceptable solution to problems that have accumulated in the strategic sphere,” Zakharova continued. “It appears that this is the precise aim of Mr. Billingslea’s statement on the need to develop and deploy ground-based medium-range and shorter-range U.S. missiles to counter Russia and China. These

obviously destabilizing public statements don't even conceal the fact that they aim to reduce opportunities for preventing new missile crises." She stressed that Russia continues to stand by the proposals it has made, including that to extend New START by five years without any preconditions.

Russian Ambassador Antonov Dubs Latest U.S. Sanctions 'Beneath Criticism'

Dec. 11 (EIRNS)—On Dec. 10 the U.S. Treasury Department announced new sanctions based on the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act, targeting Chechen chief Ramzan Kadyrov, Chechnya's Deputy Prime Minister Vakhit Usmayev, Kadyrov's advisor Daniil Martynov, and Russia's former envoy for the Middle East and North Africa Ziyad Sabsabi among others, and including some companies.

Russian Ambassador to Washington Anatoly Antonov treated the new sanctions with the disgust they deserve. In response to a media question posted to the embassy Facebook page, the ambassador stated: "The actions of the U.S. administration are just another and detrimental move against Russia which will deepen the crisis in bilateral relations. The allegations that Russian officials are responsible for human rights violations are groundless and beneath criticism.

"With these destructive measures the administration is seemingly trying to distract public attention from comprehensive systemic problems inside the United States. The sphere of human rights is one of them.

"Russia has been tirelessly calling upon refusal of any illegitimate unilateral sanctions and returning to normal inter-state relations. It means engaging in equal and respectful dialogue. We received no answers to our proposals."

THE NEW GLOBAL ECONOMIC ORDER

‘Socialism with Chinese Characteristics’ Is Driver for Railway Development

Dec. 11 (EIRNS)—In a guest commentary for CGTN, [Keith Lamb](#), a University of Oxford graduate with a Masters in Science in Chinese Studies, writes that not only does China already today have 38,000 km of high-speed rail (HSR)—a larger high-speed rail grid than the rest of the world combined—it also plans to expand that grid to 200,000 km by 2035. The development of public infrastructure has been a priority since the first reforms under Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping, Lamb writes.

But China has also developed maglev, Lamb continues: “In September, the Chinese Academy of Engineering announced that two new maglev lines, carrying passengers at 600 km/h, will be built between 2025 and 2030. The 164 km Shanghai-Hangzhou maglev line will link up with the existing Shanghai to Pudong airport maglev and turn the journey into a 15-minute commute. The 110 km Guangzhou-Shenzhen line will eventually be connected to Hong Kong’s Kowloon Station. At present, there are nine lines being planned which will, in total, stretch over 1,000 km. Lines will be built in Yunnan, Shanxi, Xinjiang, Sichuan, and Chongqing.”

In a very perceptive, and unfortunately unusual, observation, Lamb said: “There are questions as to whether HSR and of course maglev is economical, as not all lines in China make a profit. However, the building of HSR and future maglev lines provides an economic multiplier effect beyond the calculations of short-term profiteering. If China had wanted to maximize profits for business then it wouldn’t have invested in rail. Instead, people would have been forced into the inconvenience of car ownership which would have led to quick profits at the expense of society and the environment.

“In fact, rail provided at a reasonable rate leads to an incalculable economic boost to a country. For example, rail changes the patterns of urban development, encourages tourism, and promotes regional growth. As

such, while China's HSR won't lead to excessive short-term profits, it does work for the greater good of all in society," Lamb writes.

COLLAPSING WESTERN FINANCIAL SYSTEM

ECB Injects €500 Billions More and Makes Bailouts More Perpetual

Dec. 11 (EIRNS)—The Governing Council of the European Central Bank issued a set of measures to increase and extend the perpetual systemic bailout, ensuring the psychopaths on the financial markets that their cocaine parties are paid for over the next two years:

1. It kept interest rates unchanged.
2. It increased by €500 billion the Pandemic Emergency Purchase Program (PEPP), up to €1.85 trillion this year (compare this with the peanuts promised for the "recovery" to start coming mid-2021).
3. It extended long-term refinancing loans (TRLT III) by 12 months, to June 2022 and raised the upper borrowing limit for banks, from 50 to 55% of their eligible loans (collateral).
4. Accordingly, it extended to June 2022 the "easing" of collateral quality for TRLT refinancing.
5. It will implement four "Pandemic Emergency" refinancing operations (PELTROs) in 2021.
6. The old Asset Purchase Program (APP) will continue at the pace of €20 billion a month "as long as necessary."
7. It will continue to reinvest principal of assets at maturity purchased under the APP program "as long as necessary."
8. The repo facility for central banks and all temporary swap and repo lines with non-euro area central banks will be extended until March 2022.
9. Regular lending operations as fixed-rate tender procedures with full allotment at the prevailing conditions will be continued "as long as necessary."

EU Council Reaches Agreement on Budget and CO2

Dec. 11 (EIRNS)—The EU Council of heads of state and government, meeting in Brussels, reached an agreement on the EU budget thanks to a compromise on the “state of right” clause. Such a clause will be valid only for future payments and can be activated only after a ruling by the European Court of Justice. This is seen as a concession to Hungary and Poland. The agreement allows the Next Generation EU fund, a financing tool for the Green Reset, to start on January 1st as planned.

The day before, the Italian Parliament had voted in favor of the ESM treaty reform, which officially turns the ESM into a bank bailout fund (“backstop”). Former Greek Finance Minister Yanis Varoufakis commented that “Italy and others” have accepted “crumbs” in exchange of “perennial slavery.” “The ESM without conditions is a trick inspired by Merkel. Sure, you will get billions of new loans without conditions. But next year, Brussels will notice that your debt/GDP rate has skyrocketed and will demand a giant and catastrophic austerity *a posteriori*.”

The EU Council also extended sanctions over Crimea against Russia, and decided to cut EU greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by the end of the decade compared with 1990 levels, going beyond the earlier-agreed-upon target of cuts by 40%. The Brits, still a member of the EU until the end of this year, even campaigned for 68% cuts. The summit also mandated the EU Commission to work out a carbon tax at the bloc’s borders for countries that do not regulate CO2 emissions as strictly as the EU does. The EU wants to spend a larger part of its €1.8 trillion budget this fiscal term until 2027 for these plans.