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EDITORIAL

Defeat Fascism To Achieve a New Paradigm

July 16 (EIRNS)—The United States is quite literally descending into fascism, with the creation of a new federal intelligence agency to engage in

a domestic war on terror, government-directed censorship of speech in the public commons of today (social media), and comparisons between the present moment and the Civil War—in which millions of Americans were engaged in literal military combat against each other. Reversing this descent into authoritarianism requires identifying the threat, of course. But it also requires an affirmative statement of what the mission of the United States *should be*. And perpetual opposition to China and Russia ain't it!

As the American military departs Afghanistan, will American engineers and contractors play a useful role in planning and constructing infrastructure in that nation, as part of a global development policy?

Will feisty American farmers, ranchers, citizens, and energy experts overturn the Green New Deal fraud and demand reliable energy for the future?

The shared enemy of mankind is that oligarchical outlook and financial-intelligence-media power that seeks to destroy productivity through a new “green” religion while creating chaos and the threat of war through color revolutions and intelligence assessments painting the world’s major powers as implacable enemies.

Lyndon LaRouche spend half a century fighting to institute a just world economic system, based on the dignity of each human individual as made in the image of a living God, a system committed to the development of new platforms of infrastructure and productivity, unlocked through advancements in science and technology fostered by long-term investments in such frontier areas as space and nuclear fusion.

Next weekend, on July 24, the Schiller Institute will hold an event addressing the absolute conflict between seeing the future in terms of “green” power sources—which have been promoted with the intent of preventing development—versus major investment in transportation, power, industry, and trade. And on August 14, the LaRouche Legacy Foundation will hold a seminar on the economic work of Lyndon LaRouche, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Nixon’s end of the Bretton Woods system, about which LaRouche achieved notoriety.

From the standpoint of that future orientation, the Great Reset, the push for war with China and Russia, and the drive for fascism within the United States come together as a single goal of a financial oligarchy intent on preventing it.

That oligarchy can be defeated, and a beautiful future can be created, if we make it happen.

- Watch [Harley's Updates](#) with Harley Schlanger on Monday, July 19, 2021: Every weekday morning on [The LaRouche Organization](#) website, Harley will give you the strategic briefing on what you need to know to start your day.

UNITED STATES POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

White House Tells Facebook How To Censor: Does First Amendment Apply?

July 16 (EIRNS)—During a press briefing yesterday, Press Secretary Jen Psaki explained that the White House is coordinating with social media companies to stop “disinformation” about COVID-19. “We’re flagging problematic posts for Facebook that spread disinformation,” she said, matter of factly. The White House is not just making general suggestions—it is pressing for their enforcement.

She said that the White House expects the platforms to “measure and publicly share the impact of misinformation.... This should be provided not just to researchers but to the public.” She also stated that the White House has proposed “a robust enforcement strategy.”

She said that the administration is urging social media platforms to “promote quality information sources” over “low-quality information.”

Pushing for action, she reminded media, “It’s important to take faster action against harmful posts. As you all know, information travels quite quickly on social media platforms sometimes that’s not accurate.” This to

the media that publicized Russiagate, and still cover anything and everything attacking China, especially if it's not true.

Joe Biden, asked on July 16 for comment about Facebook's role in COVID, responded that because the only pandemic is now among the unvaccinated, "they [Facebook] are killing people."

Investigative journalist [Glenn Greenwald](#) went after the government's demands for censorship: "The Biden administration is telling Facebook which posts it regards as 'problematic' so that Facebook can remove them. This is the union of corporate and state power—one of the classic hallmarks of fascism—that the people who spent five years babbling about fascism support."

While there is, indeed, an enormous amount of nonsense posted about COVID-19, one can ask whether banning discussion is even helpful. Given the absolute and complete discrediting of the media and "expertariat" generally, banning the discussion of a certain viewpoint may have the opposite effect! If a viewpoint cannot be publicly expressed on Twitter, then it cannot be met with thoughtful replies that encourage reflection. (Although this is not the norm on Twitter, it does happen.) Some of the claims—such as about figures in the "[Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System](#)," or VAERS—are easily refuted. And the 180-degree turn on the Wuhan virology lab leak—censored when Trump said it and now embraced to create a war with China—hardly gives credibility to the would-be arbiters of truth!

But more essentially, it is absolutely clear that if companies (whose private nature is much ballyhooed by censorship proponents) are taking actions due to pressure from the government, the First Amendment prohibition on limiting speech—which applies to the government—will apply to them as well! This not mere speculation. It comes from Supreme Court decisions:

In a 1973 Supreme Court case, the Court held that Congress "may not induce, encourage, or promote private persons to accomplish what it is constitutionally forbidden to accomplish." An article written by Glenn

Greenwald on Feb. 20—on the occasion of social media CEOs being brought, yet again, to Congress to be scolded—quotes an ACLU Director, Ben Wizner, “For the same reasons that the Constitution prohibits the government from dictating what information we can see and read (outside narrow limits), it also prohibits the government from using its immense authority to coerce private actors into censoring on its behalf.”

The [American Civil Liberties Union](#) had successfully defended the National Rifle Association in a 2018 suit against New York State and Gov. Andrew Cuomo on the basis that threats against business entities that facilitated the actions of the NRA constituted a viewpoint-based attack on the NRA’s freedom of speech.

A 1963 [Supreme Court](#) case took up the state of Rhode Island’s issuing to bookstores lists of books the government considered “objectionable,” with a “request” that they “voluntarily” cease selling the book. The Supreme Court ruled this a violation of the First Amendment, even though the state legislature did not directly pass a law preventing the sale of certain books: “The [Rhode Island] commission deliberately set about to achieve the suppression of publications deemed ‘objectionable,’ and succeeded in its aim.” The threat from the state was clear to the Court: “People do not lightly disregard public officers’ thinly veiled threats to institute criminal proceedings against them if they do not come around.” The Court summed it up: “Their operation was in fact a scheme of state censorship effectuated by extra-legal sanctions; they acted as an agency not to advise but to suppress.”

What is required is either a Supreme Court ruling or new legislation to make clear the limits of government interference in social media discussions, and the limits of the social media companies themselves to censor viewpoints they consider objectionable, but which are not illegal.

Yet Another Intelligence Agency?

July 16 (EIRNS)—The Capitol Police, granted an additional \$2 billion in funding in May, is expanding its mission to “pivot towards an intelligence-based protective agency.” It will be “[opening Regional Field Offices in](#)

California and Florida with additional regions in the near future to investigate threats to Members of Congress.”

The creation of yet another federal law enforcement agency spreading across the country—an agency that may not be subjected to the Freedom of Information Act transparency of Executive branch agencies—provides the Congress with its own private police force.

This is a significant expansion of the “domestic war on terror.” How will such a new, spreading intelligence agency be used against the alleged “insurrectionists” in the United States?

Former President Trump Makes First Public Address at Conservative Political Action Committee

July 16 (EIRNS)—Former President Donald Trump’s July 11 speech at the Conservative Political Action Committee, or CPAC, in Texas included on-target attacks on the Green New Deal and the assault on free speech in the U.S., along with warmongering attacks on China.

“They’re raising your taxes so you can waste this money on the Green New Deal, which is nonsense,” he said. “And we don’t need windmills in Texas and lots of other places. We don’t need windmills. They ought to end that program as quickly as they can.” He pointed out that much of the proposed infrastructure deal doesn’t fund real infrastructure: “Almost none of the money’s going to real infrastructure, which is roads, bridges, etc.... It’s all green new deal stuff. It’s nonsense.”

“They are hard at work to abolish the First Amendment as well,” he warned. “The radical left and big tech’s attack on free speech is unlawful. It’s unconstitutional, and it is completely un-American.” He referred to the lawsuits he filed against Facebook, Twitter, and Google, and said that “The big tech election interference in 2020 was an outrageous assault upon our Republic and upon the American voter.” He singled out Zuckerberg’s funding of voter efforts, the coverup of the Hunter Biden laptop story on the laughable basis that it was Russian disinformation, and the tech companies that “interfered with and undermined the sacred integrity of the

ballot box by censoring any honest discussion of election fraud.” He reported that Bill Barr—who did next to nothing against the outrageous coup against Trump—prevented investigation of vote fraud.

He denounced the coup against him as a “deranged and demented persecution that has been directed at me, my family, and everyone associated with us, everybody.” He demanded to know why Durham never did anything, despite the powerful report from Inspector General Michael Horowitz about the (plainly politically motivated) spying on Trump’s campaign. “If anyone should be losing their jobs, their law licenses,” he told the crowd, “it’s not Rudy Giuliani, it’s Adam Schiff.”

Although he derided Biden’s leaving weapons and other military equipment in Afghanistan, he supported the withdrawal, which he had attempted as President: “But with all of that being said, we should get out. 21 years is enough.”

Mention was also made of his withdrawal from the (anti-China) Trans-Pacific Partnership and renegotiation of NAFTA. He called for law and order in the cities, after remarking on the soaring number of homicides. He continued to speak in favor of voter ID and denounced Biden’s immigration policies and actions.

He spoke of his pressure on the FDA and CDC to speed development of COVID-19 vaccines; “We produced three vaccines to end the pandemic in record time.”

The terrible turn his administration took in 2020 was on full display in his attacks on China. He denounced the WHO as a mouthpiece for China, bragging that he had withdrawn from paying \$500 million a year to that institution, compared to China’s \$39 million. (The vast majority of U.S. payments to the WHO was in the form of a contribution to assist world health, rather than dues.) “China has total absolute control,” over the WHO, he claimed. Repeating British-originated talking points, Trump thundered, “We will hold China accountable for the damage and suffering they have caused, and make them pay trillions of dollars in reparations to us and to

the world.” Regarding U.S.-China trade, he lauded his trade deal and said that if Biden ends tariffs, “China will take over the whole deal.”

Joe Biden Insists for Social Control over U.S. in Philadelphia Speech

July 16 (EIRNS)—Joe Biden made a mockery of the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia on July 13, with his grotesque speech on his version of the word “democracy,” which apparently means “the right to vote for Joe Biden, without being exposed to other viewpoints.”

“No other election has ever been held under such scrutiny and such high standards,” he proclaimed. “The big lie is just that—a big lie.”

He managed to deliver the whopper that “In America, if you lose you accept the results,” with a straight face, as though the response to Trump’s 2016 victory was anything close to “accept[ing] the results”! Trump’s entire administration was one concocted scandal after another, designed to send a message—to him and to the American people—that he would not be allowed to govern.

He demanded the passage of laws related to voting, and for the Department of Justice to use “its authorities to challenge the onslaught of state laws undermining voting rights in old and new ways.” Likening laws—some of which may indeed be wrong, but certainly not uniformly so—to one of the darkest periods of American history, he asserted “The 21st Century Jim Crow assault is real, it’s unrelenting, and we’re going to challenge it vigorously.” What a mockery he makes of true battles against massive injustice!

Presenting what are plainly partisan proposals as a simple defense of freedom, he claimed “Never before have we decided who gets to count, what votes count.” What a silly thing to say. There have always been rules in elections, and both parties have a very clear idea of what sorts of regulations will support their electoral chances. But a benefit to one party over the other does not mean that a regulation is wrong. Take voter identification—which must be accompanied with no-fee state identification documents—as an example.

Biden’s push for fascism came through with his warning of “threats of election subversion, not just abroad—which I spent time with Putin talking about—but from home.” He claimed that in 2022 there will be “a new wave of unprecedented voter suppression and raw and sustained election subversion,” demanding for the need to “work together” to stop “foreign interference in our elections, or the spread of disinformation from within.” And how might the spread of disinformation be stopped? Simple—government-directed censorship.

Calling essentially for a war against his political opponents, Biden said, “Peddlers of lies are threatening the entire foundation of our country.... I swore an oath to you, to God, to preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution. That’s an oath that forms a sacred trust to defend America against all threats, both foreign and domestic.” And what is the magnitude of these domestic threats? “We’re facing the most significant test of our democracy since the Civil War. That’s not hyperbole, since the Civil War. The Confederates back then never breached the Capitol as insurrectionists did on January 6.”

If the United States were truly facing the greatest threat since the Civil War—during which *habeas corpus* was suspended and millions of Americans were physically fighting each other in deadly combat—would any means of rising to that existential challenge be too extreme?

COVID AND FAMINE

CGTN Publishes Helga Zepp-LaRouche Opinion Piece on ‘COVID Resilience Rankings’

July 16 (EIRNS)—A commentary from [Helga Zepp-LaRouche](#), responding to “COVID Resilience Rankings” determined by Bloomberg, was published by CGTN today. Zepp-LaRouche lambasts the Bloomberg report, which gave the U.S. higher marks than China, in which she states, “Essentially this ranking is a demonstration of the thesis, that one can prove anything with statistics, as long as you define how the statistics are constructed. While most of the nominal facts of the listed rankings appear

to be factual, the accompanying article in the section ‘Containment Formula’ belies the overall purpose and bias hidden behind the statistics. Here the worry is expressed, that the ‘underperformance of some of the world’s most prominent democracies’ as compared with ‘authoritarian countries like China’ has raised questions about the ability of democratic societies to cope with pandemics.”

Zepp-LaRouche continues: “The reality shows a quite different story. In Wuhan, China, it demonstrated that the prioritization of society’s well-being over individual liberty was very successful. The Chinese approach after the containment in Hubei Province to test, isolate, quarantine, continues to spot cases to the present day and has resulted in only 4,636 deaths to date. In the U.S., on the other hand, more than 600,000 people lost their lives with many people suffering from long-term COVID debilitating effects.”

NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER

Flurry of Diplomatic Activity Around SCO Foreign Ministers’ Meeting Takes Up Belt and Road Projects

July 16 (EIRNS)—There continued to be a flurry of diplomatic activity around the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) ministerial and SCO Afghanistan Contact Group, which met July 13-14 in Dushanbe, Tajikistan. Before heading to Dushanbe, on July 12-13, Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister [Wang Yi](#) stopped in Ashgabat to meet with Turkmenistan President Gurbanguly Berdymukhamedov and other officials. China’s Foreign Ministry reported that during the meeting Wang Yi said, “the two countries should sign as soon as possible documents on the alignment of the China-proposed Belt and Road Initiative with Turkmenistan’s development strategy to revive the Great Silk Road,” and “formulate a five-year plan for all-round cooperation.” This included China’s “cooperation with Turkmenistan across the whole industrial chain of oil and gas.”

On July 15-16, after the SCO conferences, Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan travelled to Uzbekistan, to meet with President Shavkat

Mirziyoyev. The two leaders discussed cooperation in fighting COVID-19. Their [“Joint Declaration on the Establishment of Strategic Partnership between The Republic of Uzbekistan and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan”](#) emphasized: “The leaders stressed the importance of regional integration and connectivity as a cornerstone of economic development and progress. In this regard, they welcomed the exchange of high-level visits in the areas of trade, railways, transport and aviation.

“The two leaders reiterated their support for the Termez-Mazar-i-Sharif-Kabul-Peshawar railway project as an important initiative to create a rail link from Central Asia to the Arabian Sea through Afghanistan and the Pakistani seaports of Karachi, Gwadar and Bin Qasim....

“The two leaders also recognized the immense potential of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor for the benefit of the entire Central Asian region and beyond entailing greater connectivity and trade linkages through a network of transport, fiber optic cable, energy pipelines, and investment opportunities in its SEZs [Special Economic Zones].”

Over July 15-16 Uzbekistan President Mirziyoyev hosted the “Central and South Asia: Regional Interconnectedness. Challenges and Opportunities” with Prime Minister Khan and Afghanistan President Ashraf Ghani, as well as Foreign Ministers Sergey Lavrov, Wang Yi, and the other participants in the SCO Foreign Ministers’ Council, representatives of the U.S., Israel, Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, the United Kingdom, Japan, EU and UN.

Meantime, Afghani researcher Ahmad Bilal Khalil wrote in [“Afghanistan the Shanghai Cooperation Organization,”](#) in the July 14 issue of *The Diplomat* that Afghanistan’s development lies with the nations that comprise the SCO, for which he advocated Afghanistan having full membership. Khalil explained, “Afghanistan ... has close economic and trade ties with most of the SCO member states.... According to the Afghan Statistical Yearbook, in 2017-18, more than 87% of Afghanistan’s total imports were from SCO countries; and more than 57% of Afghanistan’s total exports were destined to SCO member states.”

GREEN NEW DEAL

African Energy Chamber Seeks Boycott of Western Institutions Targetting Africa's Fossil Fuels for Green Colonialism

July 16 (EIRNS)—The African Energy Chamber (AEC), representing African firms engaged in developing Africa's fossil fuels, issued a July 13 call for "African countries to boycott [Western] companies that boycott African oil and gas," in response to the Western companies, financial institutions, and political organizations calling for disinvestment from Africa's fossil fuels to meet "net zero emissions" imposed by the Malthusian lobby.

The statement, "[If you Boycott Africa's Oil & Gas Sector, Africa Will Boycott You](#)," says that the policies, which are represented in actuality by the British Empire's Great Reset, will cause suffering, and stunt Africa's ability to "lift millions out of poverty and ensure that underdeveloped African nations have a chance at economic growth and progress."

The AEC posts a link to its call for an Africa-wide boycott on its homepage, accompanied by two photos: on the right showing mindless, chanting white protesters brandishing anti-fossil fuel signs; on the left showing African children, with pencils and writing tablets, doing their homework at night by kerosene lamps. The call states:

"With the international community pushing for a rapid decrease in carbon emissions due to climate change ... the international community moves to boycott investments in the African energy sector, [as] African people and African development stand to suffer. The role of oil in Africa's energy and economic future is apparent, and consequently, should be defended as Western elites move to disrupt African progress. The role of oil in Africa's energy and economic future is apparent, and consequently, should be defended as Western elites move to disrupt African progress.

"Despite oil's potential to lift millions out of poverty and ensure underdeveloped African nations have a chance at economic growth and success, there has been an increasing trend by the international investment community to boycott African energy projects. For many years ... Western

counterparts ... have pandered to a radical anti-energy agenda that has ... insisted on ending oil and gas investments and development ... prov[ing] disastrous for the African continent and its people.”

The Chamber very accurately the enemy: “With the end of investment in African oil and gas declared by the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, BlackRock, the Royal Bank of Scotland, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and [Development] and the [OECD’s] International Energy Agency, Africa will not be able to alleviate energy poverty. What’s more, organizations such as GreenPeace and Friends of the Earth continue to cause major project disruptions in Africa, directly impacting any opportunity for sectoral and economic growth.”

The call states that if the goal is to transition to renewables, “a healthy oil and gas industry is a good and cost-effective way to get there.” Countries including as Nigeria, Algeria, Libya, Mozambique, Egypt, Algeria, Angola, and Senegal have important oil and natural gas reserves.

AEC puts its foot down, saying, “financial institutions that discriminate against Africa’s oil and gas industry in the name of climate change are wrong and desperately need to change both their mindsets and actions.”

STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

Kerry Ends Three-Day Visit to Moscow

July 16 (EIRNS)—President Joe Biden’s Special Envoy for Climate Change John Kerry finished a three-day visit to Moscow. The visit was concluded with a [joint statement](#) committing Russia and U.S. to the implementation of the Paris Accord and to cooperation on global climate change, written by Kerry and Russian Special Presidential Representative for Climate Ruslan Edelgeriyev.

“[Edelgeriyev and Kerry] are committed to the robust implementation of the Paris Agreement and its temperature goals, including through significant efforts in this decade and the global pursuit of net-zero emissions,” says the statement, published on the State Department website.

It states that the two envoys “will cooperate on climate-related issues in the Arctic.” And, Moscow and Washington “intend to work together bilaterally on a range of climate-related issues.”

Considering Kerry’s political career, and his former position as Secretary of State, one wonders whether some of the time, including his discussion with Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, was spent on discussions of issues besides climate change...

European Parliament’s Latest Insane Anti-Russia Demand

July 16 (EIRNS)—The European Parliament Committee on Foreign Affairs has made yet another insane anti-Russian demand. They have issued a nauseating statement, “[Kremlin Politics: MEPs Call for EU Strategy To Promote Democracy in Russia](#)” calling on the European Union to be prepared to withhold recognition of the parliamentary elections to the Russian State Duma, scheduled for Sept. 17-19, if they are seen to violate international law. The document was approved by 56 votes in favor, 9 against and 5 abstentions. It will now be submitted to the whole European Parliament, but fortunately EP resolutions are only recommendations and not binding.

“Members conclude by saying that the EU must be prepared to withhold recognition of the Russian parliament, if the 2021 parliamentary elections are considered to have been conducted in violation of democratic principles and international law,” the document said.

The assessment “distinguishes” between the Russian people and “Vladimir Putin’s regime,” which they call a “stagnating authoritarian kleptocracy led by a president-for-life surrounded by a circle of oligarchs....

“MEPs stress, however, that Russia can have a democratic future, and that the Council must adopt an EU strategy for a future democratic Russia, encompassing incentives and conditions to strengthen democratic domestic tendencies,” wrote rapporteur Andrius Kubilius (Lithuania) of the neocon European People’s Party group.

They should do more about the lack of democracy in the EU.

Sounding like American neocons, they call on the EU to establish an alliance with the U.S. and other like-minded nations “to counterbalance the efforts of Russia and China to weaken democracy worldwide and destabilize the European political order” and should “foresee sanctions, policies to counter illicit financial flows, and support for human rights activists.”

This is the fifth such statements from this committee, which is stacked with anti-Russian and anti-Chinese ideologues.

COLLAPSING WESTERN FINANCIAL SYSTEM

Escalation Between Brussels and Warsaw Makes Polesxit Realistic

July 16 (EIRNS)—An escalation in the legal battle between Brussels and Warsaw has put “Polesxit”—Poland exit from the European Union—on the agenda. A dispute between Poland and the European Court of Justice over Poland’s “disciplinary chamber”—a newly established body to oversee Supreme Court judges—has taken a step forward. The Polish Constitutional Court has declared the European Court of Justice ruling regarding the disciplinary chamber null and void, on the basis that it violates the Polish Constitution. Parallel to this, the EU Commission has started a disciplinary procedure against Poland and Hungary for alleged anti-LGBT legislations.

Poland and Hungary are threatened with losing promised money from the (meager) Recovery Fund. “It must be clear that proper implementation of the national recovery plans requires that member states have in place management, control and judicial supervisory systems that can guarantee the proper use of EU funds and the protection of the financial interests of the EU,” said EU Commission’s chief spokesman Eric Mamer, when asked about Poland.

“We’re on the road to a legal Polesxit,” said Polish Commission for Human Rights Adam Bodnar.

SCIENCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Stockholm Webinar on Xinjiang: ‘The Wonderful Land’ and Gateway to the Belt and Road

July 16 (EIRNS)—The [Belt and Road Institute in Sweden](#) held a webinar on Wednesday, July 14, to address the questions about the Chinese province of Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, which the Chinese call “the wonderful land.” Moderator and Vice Chairman Stephen Brawer pointed to the strategic position of Xinjiang, as the westernmost province in China making it into the gateway to the West and the hub of most of the land-based logistics and transport between some of the most productive provinces of China, and Europe, South Asia and West Asia and Africa.