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EDITORIAL

Bury ‘Russiagate’ for Good, Free Trump for Presidential Summits

July 20 (EIRNS)—A crucial crisis summit of the heads of state and government of the five permanent UN Security Council members seems to be on the agenda for September; President Vladimir Putin of Russia has

been organizing for this summit all year, to deal with the COVID-19 crisis cooperatively, as well as the collapsed state of the world economy.

If this summit or summit process, against the odds, is to achieve setting in motion economic recovery and saving the lives of potentially millions of human beings, the determined enemies of collaboration between President Donald Trump and Putin or China's President Xi Jinping, must finally be shut down. These enemies of cooperation or even relations, led by British intelligence operatives Christopher Steele, Sir Richard Dearlove, Sir Robert Sawers, Sir Andrew Wood and others, have fanatically attacked President Trump with "Russiagate" and otherwise throughout his entire campaign and term in office, to destroy his outlook of working with other great powers to solve problems.

Now they, the enemies of a summit process, can be shut down instead. Christopher Steele is found guilty, in a British court, of publishing deliberate false slanders in his infamous "dossier" on Trump and Russia. The Justice Department has acted to exonerate Gen. Michael Flynn, the President to free Roger Stone after false prosecutions of both. And Roger Stone has publicly identified the person with the absolute and conclusive evidence that Russiagate was a fraud at its origin, the claimed Russian "hacking" of the DNC and Hillary Clinton. That person is William Binney, former Technical Director of World Geopolitical and Military Analysis and Reporting of the U.S. National Security Agency, now known internationally as a whistleblower against illegal mass surveillance of citizens.

William Binney's press conference with other experts, this Thursday, July 23 at 11:00 a.m. EDT, will invite participation from journalists; activists for civil rights; opponents of the "endless wars" which are really British Empire geopolitical policy; defenders of President Trump from the coup attempt against him. Binney will detail how Mike Pompeo, then CIA Director, could have stopped "Russiagate" cold in 2017, but instead blocked and suppressed the evidence that Binney provided him in their Oct. 24, 2017 meeting, after President Trump had told Pompeo to meet with

Binney on the subject. Pompeo proceeded to lead the campaign of escalating attacks on every aspect of American relations with Russia and with China.

The disarray of the “Russiagate” plotters right now means that we can free President Trump to conduct this summit process and make it “a great success” in economic recovery and development for the nations of the world. This is a wide-open opportunity—perhaps the last before a summit takes place—perhaps the last before the Presidential election.

All reading this have 72 hours to bring leading activists and journalists into this press conference. Schiller Institute President Helga Zepp-LaRouche said of it today, “I think we should concentrate on Thursday; I think the whole world can be changed, because if we can get a breakthrough on the question of Russiagate, it will have reverberations in Russia, in China, all over the world. So, let’s really spend all our energy between now and Thursday, to make that an absolute breakthrough event. *EIR* issued its [press release](#) yesterday with details on the press conference.

Correction: In the July 20 *EIR Daily Alert* release “Neither Flynn nor Stone Was Guilty, Because There Was No Russian Hack’: Binney Makes His Case,” the [YouTube](#) address provided for the general public to watch the July 23 internet press conference at 11:00 a.m. EDT with Mr. William Binney should have been <https://youtu.be/-t4m7VZOFMc>.

U.S. POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

Trump Cites Talks with International Leaders on Fighting COVID

July 20 (EIRNS)—President Donald Trump held a press conference today with Mike Pence, Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin, and Congressional GOP leaders Sen. Mitch McConnell and House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, after giving a one-hour interview to Fox News’ Chris Wallace on Saturday (broadcast Sunday). All questions, including all of Wallace’s, were “gotcha” attempts; however, the President described actions

underway, aside from those related to Congressional debates this week on a COVID relief bill number 4.

Trump stressed today that he is talking to leaders around the world about the pandemic's impact, and that he will start leading regular—perhaps daily—updates again as of Tuesday afternoon at 5:00 p.m. EDT. He reported discussions held today with French President Emmanuel Macron and Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi.

While repeating “It came from China—they could have stopped it” about the coronavirus pandemic, Trump said, “I have been speaking with leaders all over the world, and in the last couple of weeks in particular.... But this is a worldwide problem.”

He said his resumed briefings would focus on two items: therapeutics and vaccines.

During the highly combative interview with Fox's Wallace, the President noted that the recent Supreme Court decision on DACA residents in the United States (Deferred Action on Childhood Arrivals) “greatly expanded the presidential powers, and I intend to use them.” He spoke of a comprehensive health insurance plan coming from the White House, and a comprehensive immigration plan, in the next few weeks.

Trump informed Wallace that three states—Minnesota, Michigan, and Nevada—are not permitting him to hold campaign rallies, indoor or outdoor, while allowing Black Lives Matter demonstrations. He also reminded Wallace, on the most-covered question of whether he would accept the result of an election marred by mail-in ballot voting, that it was Hillary Clinton who refused to accept the 2016 result—to which the Fox host had to agree. Neither went into the vast array of intelligence agency, FBI, State Department and other agents who had been recruited in advance by British intelligence not to allow Trump to act as President.

Soros Brings Regime Change to the U.S. with \$220 Million ‘Donation’

July 20 (EIRNS)—In an unusually public display of his intentions, George Soros announced on July 13 that he was donating the incredible sum of

\$220 million to the fight “towards racial justice” in America. A sum so big, donated in such a public fashion, is a clear signal that the “regime-change option” or “color revolution” for the United States is “on.”

In an announcement posted on his Open Society Foundation, the Soros network stated that \$150 million would be given directly to the Black Lives Matter front (over a five-year period), in order to “create and now sustain the momentum” mobilized in late May with the killing of George Floyd. As everyone will remember—and can still witness in Portland, Oregon—that “momentum” saw the widespread violence directed at state institutions, and the spread of mob violence focused on the take-down of statues, starting with Confederates but widening to icons, under the guise of eliminating “systemic racism.”

“We recognize that the struggle to dismantle systemic racism is an ongoing one,” OSI President Patrick Gaspard said in the release. “It [racism] has existed from the dawn of the republic to the present day, and is embedded in every level of government and in our penal and justice systems. But the power-surge of people who have taken to the streets to demand that this nation do better—people of all ages, from all backgrounds, and in every corner of this country—gives hope to us all.”

So the master of regime change is determined to keep the “momentum” of the mindless mobs continuing as they expand their destruction of institutions going back to “the dawn of the republic.” The recipe: First, tear down—figuratively and literally—the self-image of the citizenry in their own history, individuals, and institutions, then replace with one more amenable to Empire. A citizenry with no history of revolution against Empire, especially.

The distribution of the remaining \$70 million essentially seeks to rebuild the self-imagery of the broken population as docile serfs led by popular opinion. Continuing with the cover theme of “ending racism,” the rest of the Soros Foundation money will go to (as yet unspecified) “Investments in a set of cities as they re-imagine public safety,” and “toward nurturing the civic engagement of young people [responding to]

this extraordinary political moment in the history of our country.” The general themes that run through the announcement are “ending racism,” police and penal reform (returning the felons to the streets in the middle of a revolution), ending voter suppression and ending the “war on drugs.” Recipients include Black Voters Matter, Circle for Justice Innovations, Repairers of the Breach, and the Equal Justice Initiative.

STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

Russia To Retaliate against British Sanctions

July 20 (EIRNS)—In an interview with BBC, Russia’s Ambassador to the United Kingdom Andrei Kelin said Russia will retaliate against sanctions imposed on Russia under the so-called Magnitsky Act. The video of the interview is posted on the [Russian embassy](#) website,

“Believe me, as for Magnitsky we will find the way to punish those who are making this type of sanctions. Because sanctions are illegal. There is only one body who can impose sanctions, and this is the United Nations,” Kelin told the Andrew Marr Show on Sunday, July 19, recalling that the U.K. is a permanent member of the UN Security Council, TASS reported yesterday.

In comment to a question on whether Russia would target individuals who are involved in the Magnitsky Act, the ambassador replied: “I haven’t said that; this is you who have said that. But probably it’s a good idea.”

The Ambassador laughed at Marr’s suggestion that Russia was working to secretly seek the removal of Britain as a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council, if Scotland left the U.K..

“Interesting idea, very frankly,” Kelin joked. “First, I don’t believe that Scotland will withdraw from the United Kingdom, because as I understand, for Scotland it will be very uneasy to live being separate from the U.K.. Second, it is just a guess that Britain will lose its permanent seat in the Security Council,” Kelin said, explaining that Russia did not lose its seat after the Soviet Union collapsed.

COLLAPSING WESTERN FINANCIAL SYSTEM

Germany's Leading Steel Producer in Deep Trouble

July 20 (EIRNS)—Germany's leading steel producer, Thyssen-Krupp, reported a net loss of up to €1 billion, caused mainly by the depression in the automobile sector, the biggest client of the company. With 32,000 workers put on short-time work and a bridging loan of €1 billion from the state-owned Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau, Thyssen-Krupp is muddling through at the moment. Losses will likely increase in the near future, because Thyssen-Krupp sold its most profitable branch, the production of elevators for industry, for office buildings, and for larger residential complexes, for €17.2 billion. If the payment does not come as planned at the end of July, the steel producer will be in deep trouble, since the revenue from the sale was to be used to compensate for deficits in other loss-making branches.

Financial Action in China against Speculative Wave if Glass-Steagall Goes

July 20 (EIRNS)—The July 17 issue of *Week in China* independent publication covered the now-widespread report, originally run in *Caixin Global Intelligence*, that China Construction Bank and China Industrial and Commercial Bank will be given permission to buy investment banks, starting to break down China's "Glass-Steagall-type" regulations on commercial banks. *Week in China* reported that brokerages and investment banks in China are extremely small in comparison to the big commercial banks and insurance companies. It conjectures that the anticipation of a wave of mergers and acquisitions among these firms, with commercial banks buying them and becoming "universal banks," is behind the current boom on the Shanghai stock exchange. When this sort of speculative boom last happened in 2015, it led to problems of financial bankruptcies and also to capital flight, which required that capital controls be re-imposed, followed by fairly strict rules favoring infrastructure (Belt and Road Initiative and similar) investments abroad and cracking down on real estate and entertainment business speculations in other countries, etc.

Now, Chinese regulators are moving to take over and nationalize some financial companies that are overleveraged and/or threatened with insolvency, presumably to remove them as dangerous targets for bank or insurance company takeovers. Banking and securities regulators in China took over nine financial firms of various types in one day July 17, the *Wall Street Journal* reported. Four insurance companies, two trust firms, and three securities companies, with an approximate total of \$145 billion in assets, were nationalized. The *Journal* suggests that the firms, in addition to being in danger of insolvency, were mostly, or all, connected in some way to the “Tomorrow Group” of Canadian-Chinese billionaire Xiao Jianhua, which included the \$100 billion-asset Baoshang Bank, nationalized last November.

Insolvency Tsunami Feared in Germany

July 20 (EIRNS)—In an assessment that is based on the uncertainty about a continuation of the state support programs for industry and service sector ventures, the German Euler Hermes credit insurance group expects a cumulative increase of corporate insolvencies by at least 35% for the years 2020-2021. “If the respective state support measures are ended too early, the increase might be even 5 to 10% higher,” said Maxime Lemerle, insolvency analyst of Euler Hermes, ntv reports. The assessment may be a bit gloomy, but comes as an appropriate corrective to the sunny future prognoses of the German government and its economic advisors.

U.S. Economy Turns Further Down

July 20 (EIRNS)—Some 17,000 Delta employees, clearly worried they’ll not fly much longer, have accepted buyouts as the march of job losses in airlines, aerospace, oil, commercial real estate companies goes on. CBL Tangible Assets, “worth” about \$5.1 billion, is declaring bankruptcy today, the largest U.S. commercial real estate bankruptcy so far. And another oil-exposed major regional bank reported a loss due to loan-loss provisions; Regions Financial Corporation, a \$130 billion-assets commercial bank headquartered in Birmingham, Alabama, lost \$1.1 billion in the second quarter.

COVID-19

South Africa Overwhelmed by Coronavirus, Struggles To Respond

July 20 (EIRNS)—According to published figures, the two leading countries for SARS-CoV-2 pandemic in Africa are South Africa, where infection dwarfs even its leading contender, Egypt. Whether hard-hit or not, every African country is reaching the limits of its healthcare capacities, even on what might be called a good day.

In South Africa, President Cyril Ramaphosa has—while not officially reinstating the lockdown—now reversed course and rescinded many “freedoms” (like the opening of liquor stores and cancellation of the curfew), which had begun to be eased at the end of May. In a 40-minute address to the nation, July 19, he called the novel coronavirus “the gravest crisis in the history of our democracy.” Of the 4,000 South Africans who have died of the infection, 25% have died in the last week alone! Peak infection is now expected (depending on location) anywhere between July and September.

“We are not helpless in this time,” Ramaphosa encouraged. In addition to providing mitigating measures such as masks, the nation has mobilized its domestic productive capabilities in response. The auto and steel industries have worked to produce thousands of ventilators, with delivery expected in the next weeks and months. Domestically produced PPEs have been flowing since the early days of the lockdown.

One thing that can’t be manufactured is doctors and nurses, the current shortage of whom he put at 12,000. Medical students have volunteered across the country in record numbers, but there are limits to what they can (especially as hospitals keep getting overrun by the COVID patients). The country has created thousands of “field hospitals” in converted factories or abandoned buildings. The latest plea, for oxygen, from Gauteng Province, has been met in the last week by local donors, who have responded by renting and then donating 70 “concentrators,” which make oxygen from room air.

The national Water Research Commission has begun phasing in what is intended to become a nationwide program to map the virus through the study of wastewater and non-sewer run-off. As the commission explained in May, “for a developing country like South Africa understanding the fate of the virus in water is of significance as many of our communities in rural, dense and informal settlements are highly vulnerable. Intermittent water supply, environments with limited or no drainage infrastructure as well as inadequate and improper non-sewered sanitation systems places these communities at increased exposure to risk from the virus. ... The COVID-19 surveillance data from wastewater and sanitation systems could provide South Africa with the requisite knowledge on viral prevalence and infectivity to manage the risk effectively.”

In Kenya—the other Sub-Saharan nation with good reporting on this—the nation is fast approaching its limits, and is struggling to stay one step ahead. Like many others, the nation began phased re-opening last month—a physical and political necessity—despite it being in the middle of their “winter” in the Southern Hemisphere. Having set a goal of 300 beds per county—a goal achieved by only 12 of the more than 100 counties—efforts are still being made in that area. President Uhuru Kenyatta commissioned an order for 500 hospital beds from “local innovators.”

Meanwhile, the Nairobi Metropolitan Services has announced a plan to build 24—19 new and 5 refurbished—“urgent care”-type facilities in the nation’s poorest, most congested areas. The units are to be built in the next three months, as part of a “100 Days” mobilization in the nation’s capital. Part of the mobilization includes drilling 93 “boreholes” to increase water access for the poor.

Separately, the country has just announced the arrival of a new Integrated Molecular Imaging Center, the first of its kind in eastern/central Africa. This IMI unit (for cancer detection, not related to COVID) will be built at the Kenya University Hospital, and is expected to open in nine months.

Epidemiologist Michael Osterholm Urges, U.S. Must Change Its Response to COVID-19

Meet the Press host Chuck Todd asked Dr. Osterholm to comment on the debate about reopening schools: “Dr. Osterholm, this debate about reopening schools, let’s go data driven here. What is the best data to follow on these decision makings, whether you’re opening a campus like [Howard University President Dr. Wayne Frederick], or an elementary school?”

Osterholm replied: “Well, I can tell you right now that schools across this country do not have the resources to open this fall with the personnel, the protection such that they need. We have surely sent money to the school districts from the federal government, but it’s far, far too little. It’s inadequate. And it’s not arriving in time. And so I think that we’re going to have some real challenges. There are legitimate concerns in any community right now where you have a hotspot. How can you even begin to think about physically opening schools? Distance learning surely can be something you can consider. Still, we have concerns about the protection of teachers. ... We do know that students transmit more than we once thought that they did. And so we have to address that. At the same time, we know that we have to educate our kids. This is really critical, particularly that younger age group, K-8, distance learning just does not work.”

He recognized that “So I think we have to, first of all, drive down the decision-making to the local school district level. They’re the experts. They know what they can do. Those teachers want to go to work. Those school districts want to have school. And we just have to make sure we get them the resources to do that and know that there isn’t going to be a simple answer. ... The wrong answers are driving it down from the national level, saying, ‘This is what you must do,’ and not providing the resources that these school districts need. They need it now desperately.”

THE NEW GLOBAL ECONOMIC ORDER

Post to Pro-Trump Chat Site Calls To Exonerate LaRouche

July 20 (EIRNS)—An individual who goes by “[nothingberg](#)” posted to the chat website “<https://thedonald.win>” a linked list of LaRouche articles and exposés about British intelligence, the international financial oligarchy, etc. The headline that “nothingberg” posted to the page is hyperlinked to LaRouchePAC’s page for the [exoneration of Lyndon LaRouche](#). Nothingberg’s headline is “What SpyGate Did To Trump, The Spooks Did to Lyndon LaRouche (1922-2019) in the 1980s for his Executive Intelligence Review (EIR) Research into the Deepstate THEN—railroading and smear campaigns. Please sign a petition to Have President Trump Exonerate Lyndon LaRouche.”

SCIENCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The U.A.E. Successfully Launched Al Amal (Hope) Probe to Mars

July 20 (EIRNS)—The United Arab Emirates has successfully launched the Al Amal (“[Hope](#)”) probe to Mars, the U.A.E. mission announced today, and said that communication has already been established with the Hope Probe. “Launch process complete: The Hope Probe has successfully separated from the launch vehicle,” the mission said on its official Twitter account, which broadcast the launch live. Hope was launched from the space center on the Japanese island of Tanegashima Sunday at 21:58 UTC (06:58 Monday, in Japan, and 01:58 Monday, U.A.E. time), using a Mitsubishi H-IIA booster.

“Two-way communication established. The ground segment has received and communicated the first signals with the Hope Probe,” the mission stated on Twitter shortly after the launch. The launch had been scheduled for July 14, but was postponed twice because of bad weather.

NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine released this statement: “On behalf of NASA, I congratulate our friends in the United Arab Emirates (U.A.E.) on the launch of the Emirates Mars Mission, Hope. Today marks

the beginning of the U.A.E.'s journey to Mars with the ultimate goal of human habitation of the Red Planet.”

The Hope Probe is expected to reach Mars in February 2021—when the Emirates will be celebrating their 50th anniversary—and begin to study the Martian atmosphere, collecting data for as it orbits for two years, with a possible extension of the mission until 2025.

Where the Arab World's First Mars Adventure May Have Been Conceived

July 20 (EIRNS)—The American astronauts of the last NASA Moon mission, Apollo 17, visited the United Arab Emirates following that 1972 mission, in 1976, in a visit with then-Sheikh Mohammed bin-Zayed arranged by the Egyptian NASA scientist Farouk el-Baz. The visit is recounted on the “U.A.E. in Space” page of the Emirates daily *National*, with a picture of Sheikh Zayed studying a model of the Space Shuttle which the astronauts had presented to him. The nation's space agency's director, Mohammed al Ahababi, is quoted, “The U.A.E. space program has its roots in the time of Sheikh Zayed.”

- Watch the [**Morning Briefing with Harley Schlanger**](#) on Tuesday July 21: Every weekday morning Harley will brief you on what you need to know to start your day. Subscribe to the LaRouchePAC YouTube channel and hit the notifications button to be notified when Harley's briefings are posted. Or you can listen to the audio file on [SoundCloud](#).