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EDITORIAL

The Fight for Truth in the American Elections Is for the World

Jan. 4 (EIRNS)—Not many media outside imperial London would be arrogant enough—even after what they believe to be their successful coup against President Donald Trump—to publish a lengthy editorial entitled, “[An Overhaul of U.S. Democracy](#)”; with a kicker that the United States cannot be allowed a 2024 presidential election under the present Constitutional system of the republic. Abolition of all the inconvenient American Constitutional practices was published as *orders* to be carried out

through a “high-level commission,” to be created by low-level Joe Biden in “one of his first acts.”

This was done by the *Washington Post Sunday* on Jan. 3 with a follow-up editorial the next day on the same subject. The *Post* for decades has been a newspaper voice and leak sheet of the U.S. and British intelligence services; now, under increasingly interventionist ownership of world’s richest man Jeffrey Bezos, it is also speaking for the intersection of giant IT companies like Amazon with the military-industrial complex in the post-9/11 “surveillance state.” It demanded:

Eliminate Article II, Sections 1 and 2 of the Constitution, where the role of state legislatures and electors is specified. Eliminate Article I, Section 4 and the 12th Amendment to the Constitution, to abolish the role of the Congress in the election of the President. Change the 1887 Electoral Count Act to further ensure that Congress has no role in certifying electoral votes. Don’t allow the House of Representatives to decide a tied or multi-candidate electoral result for President. In fact, “eliminate the threat of third-party spoilers” to the two-party duopoly entirely. Eliminate “partisan” state elected officials from administering elections; again, Article I, Section 4 of the Constitution must go.

And more: Eliminate the role of states and counties in registering voters and keeping registration rolls, by mandating “universal registration” and possibly mandatory voting. Keep “better organized” polling places open “more often, and longer” than others; thus eliminate equal due-process under law in elections. Above all, expand mail-in voting to make it as near universal as possible. “Republicans” must not be allowed from here on, to scale back the huge mail-in voting of 2020. All this, “and there is much that a democracy commission could consider.”

With these editorials the *Post* directly attacked those organizing through and beyond Jan. 21 for the restoration of truth and Constitutional practice in elections.

But this warning is to the world as a whole. The City of London and Wall Street, with their interlinked intelligence services, will not again allow

any nationalist republican leader to become a head of state, as in 2016. Not another FDR or JFK in America, nor another Jaurès or de Gaulle in France; nor a Moro or Salvini in Italy; for that matter, with Dominion Systems counting the votes, not another Duterte in the Philippines. “National election commissions” will make sure elections are conducted in such corrupt and colonialist ways that only candidates selected for backing by the City and Wall Street can win.

Above all, no other Lyndon LaRouche, nor one of the real LaRouche’s supporters, is to be allowed so much as a few delegates or electors, or to become “spoilers” as they did around the United States in the 1980s. The real issue is Alexander Hamilton’s American System of economics, its adoption in many nations in Europe and Asia. LaRouche’s fundamentally advanced Hamilton’s core idea that human creative discovery is the driver of economies, and more progress requires more people, better skilled and more creative human beings, great development projects across continents.

That is available to any and all nations, whose citizens wake up in sufficient numbers in this crisis and take responsibility for a better future. It is what those who just spoke their demands through the *Washington Post*, are determined never to allow a President like Donald Trump even to *consider*. Only the “Great Reset” to economic austerity and zero-carbon primitivism can be allowed, or so they believe.

But in fact, citizens’ openness to LaRouche’s ideas and movement are growing as they haven’t since his very public persecution and imprisonment in the 1980s. We fight for his exoneration now to unleash that process like a Renaissance. We call for Presidential pardons for Julian Assange and Edward Snowden now, to throw over the surveillance state game for which the *Washington Post* thinks it is appointed a judge and referee. And we organize for a summit of great powers where Hamilton’s and LaRouche’s American System becomes a new international system of credit for development.

UNITED STATES POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC**A Small Victory for Assange, but a Presidential Pardon Is Still Urgent**

Jan. 4 (EIRNS)—British Judge Vanessa Baraitser today rejected the extradition request of the U.S. government for WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, and ruled that it would be oppressive to extradite him to the United States where he might commit suicide in prison, [Kevin Gosztola](#), managing editor of Shadowproof website, reported on Twitter and Jaclyn Diaz on NPR today. Judge Baraitser set a bail hearing for Wednesday, Jan. 6, and Assange’s supporters welcomed a victory; but the judge otherwise accepted the U.S. Justice Departments indictment charges against Assange lock, stock and barrel, and even implied he could be charged under the British Official Secrets Act as well. All involved understand that a pardon by President Donald Trump is the only way to end the physical and mental depression of Assange’s health under indefinite imprisonment, which caused Baraitser’s surprise denial of extradition.

Baraitser said that she believed that Julian Assange would likely be imprisoned at a U.S. supermax prison, with Special Administrative Measures. According to Gosztola’s article, Baraitser stated, “ ‘I am satisfied that, in these harsh conditions, Mr. Assange’s mental health would deteriorate, causing him to commit suicide with the ‘single-minded determination’ of his autism spectrum disorder” (only recently diagnosed in prison). Baraitser then declared, “I find that the mental condition of Mr. Assange is such that it would be oppressive to extradite him to the United States of America.” She pointed to a suicide attempt by Chelsea Manning in the Alexandria, Virginia Detention Center where Assange would be held before and during trial.

Australian Associated Press quoted Kristinn Hrafnsson, editor-in-chief of WikiLeaks from his press statement, saying, “It is a day with a win for Julian Assange, but we have to be cautious, it’s not necessarily a win for journalism.... I am concerned that instantly upon giving her decision, the U.S. lawyers indicated they would appeal, but they should not.... Let’s be cautious in our victory celebration. As Stella said, the fight will not be over

until Julian can go home and be with her and the boys,” he said, referring to Assange’s fiancée Stella Moris and the couple’s young sons.

Assange’s partner Stella Moris, at an impromptu rally, called on President Donald Trump: “Mr. President, tear down these prison walls. Let our little boys have their father. Free Julian, free the press, free us all.”

The U.S. government, Gosztola reported, will submit an appeal with the High Court of Justice, and Assange will have an opportunity to apply for bail from Belmarsh prison, where he has been imprisoned without any sentence since April 2019. Assange was charged there with 17 counts of violating the U.S. Espionage Act, and 1 count of conspiracy to commit a computer intrusion that contains elements of an Espionage Act offense. Then a superseding indictment in 2020 contained new general allegations that targeted Assange’s speeches at conferences and the role he allegedly played helping whistleblower Edward Snowden leave Hong Kong. While press organizations worldwide condemned the charges against Assange, arguing that he was carrying out simply common journalistic practices, Baraitser accepted all U.S. government charges.

Many prominent supporters, members of Congress from Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-FL) and Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) to Rep. Tulsi Gabbard (D-HI), many organizations, including The LaRouche Organization have called for Assange’s pardon by President Trump. One of those supporters, Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador, announced today, “I’m going to ask the foreign minister to ask the U.K. government about the possibility that Mr. Assange go free and that Mexico offer him political asylum.” He called the denial of extradition “a triumph of justice,” but said “Assange is a journalist” and deserves his freedom.

COLLAPSING WESTERN FINANCIAL SYSTEM

Wall Street Has Got Treasury Secretary-Designate Janet Yellen

Jan. 4 (EIRNS)—An indication of the process by which Joe Biden came to name former Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen as his would-be Treasury

Secretary, is the large amount of money Yellen has been paid “for speeches” over the past two years. The payments have come entirely from Wall Street banks and investment firms, and have totaled \$7.3 million—similar to the process by which Hillary Clinton was “prepared” during 2015 and 2016 for the Democratic nomination which the DNC took from Sen. Bernie Sanders for her, and the Presidency that she failed to win.

Certainly after Yellen’s years as Fed chair, with nine major press conferences and four days of Congressional testimony each year, plus numerous interviews both during and after her term, what Yellen has to say about bank regulation and monetary policy was already quite well known to the Wall Street banks going into 2020. Yet, Citigroup, Goldman Sachs, City National Bank, UBS, Citadel Investors, Barclays, Crédit Suisse—and Google—paid her an average of \$125,000 for each of 57 personal appearances or Zoom speeches. Citadel, where her predecessor as Fed chair, Ben Bernanke, is a senior advisor, was responsible for an astonishing \$800,000 for just three of those presentations, according to research by [Zero Hedge](#).

The banksters’ clear purpose, betting on a Democratic return to the White House, was to have Yellen in their pockets, owing them for becoming rather notably wealthy rather quickly in her 70s. But don’t worry, she would be checked on—her Deputy Treasury Secretary, should she get into that Cabinet position, will be Wally Adeyemo, CEO Larry Fink’s interim chief of staff from BlackRock, Inc. And heading Biden’s National Economic Council would be Brian Deese, who was “Global Head of Sustainable Investing” at BlackRock.

What do the rest of us get from her? As an *EIR* Economics author wrote in an internal staff report on Nov. 27, 2020: “Reflecting Yellen’s thinking is the report she co-authored just Oct. 8 with UN Special Envoy for Climate Action and Finance Mark Carney, former Governor of the Bank of England, on behalf of the Group of Thirty Organization, titled “Mainstreaming the Transition to a Net-Zero Economy.” The Group of Thirty is constituted of leading bankers and central bankers....

“In the G30 press release for her report, Yellen insisted, ‘Reaching the net zero requires a whole economy transition, and the mainstreaming of sustainable finance. As the report shows, credible climate policies and committed pathways to net zero will crowd in private investment and ensure that private financial markets pull forward adjustments from the future.’ She backed this up in an interview with Reuters on Oct. 8, where she called for a “carbon tax” on an increasing scale that would force out fossil fuels.”

European ‘Green Recovery’ in 2021 Likely Means Pink Slips for Germany’s Labor Market

Jan. 4 (EIRNS)—There have been numerous fake forecasts for Germany and Europe in 2021, as ostensibly becoming a year of strong post-pandemic recovery. For the labor market, however, it is almost certain that absent a crash program for the real economy, as opposed to merely a crash in both the real economy and fantasy-world of finance, several hundred thousand jobs will be eliminated, for instance, in Germany.

The impending wave of insolvencies among productive Mittelstand companies will send up to several hundred thousand workers home, with not much perspective of finding any other work, given that for the Green Deal, other qualifications are required. Automobile companies, and especially the supply industries, will be hit hard by the abrupt shift to e-mobility: A survey carried out for the German government in January 2020 already warned against the loss of half of the automobile industry’s 800,000 jobs over the next years with production of combustion engines phased out in favor of new e-motors. Most of these latter may even be produced by German automakers like Daimler in China, with no jobs included for Germans in Germany.

The year-end forecast by Gabriel Felbermayr, President of the Kiel Institute for the World Economy, that Germany will lose 600,000 jobs during 2021, is even a rather rosy glance into the future, which is more likely to experience many more jobs killed.

COVID-19

India Approves Two COVID-19 Vaccines

Jan. 4 (EIRNS)—On Jan. 3 India gave emergency authorization for two COVID-19 vaccines, those of AstraZeneca of England and Bharat Biotech of India. Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted: “It would make every Indian proud that the two vaccines that have been given emergency use approval are made in India!” He called it a “decisive turning point to strengthen a spirited fight.” India’s Serum Institute is producing 1 billion doses of AstraZeneca’s vaccine, which they call Covishield. The Pune-based facility, the world’s largest vaccine production facility, has already produced 50-75 million doses for immediate distribution, and plans to reach 500 million doses by July.

India’s plan is to first vaccinate healthcare workers, first responders and front-line personnel such as police, and those who are vulnerable due to age or pre-existing conditions. This involves 300 million people and is to be completed by August.

Both vaccines are given in two doses and both can be stored in normal refrigerators. AstraZeneca’s vaccine has shown an efficacy of around 70%. Bharat Biotech’s vaccine, called COVAXIN, has been shown to be safe, but it is not known whether enough data exist to estimate its efficacy level. The Health Ministry’s statement emphasized that COVAXIN’s permission was granted in the “public interest as an abundant precaution in clinical trial mode, especially in the context of infection by mutant strains.”

Russia’s Sputnik V Vaccine for Ukraine?

Jan. 4 (EIRNS)—On Jan. 1 a Ukrainian pharmaceutical company applied to the Ministry of Health for registering and producing Sputnik V, the coronavirus vaccine made by Russia’s Gamaleya Institute. Biolik, a pharmaceutical firm in Kharkiv, said that they have “sufficient production capacity” and “qualified personnel” to make vaccines for Ukraine. On Jan. 2, Kirill Dmitriev, the head of the Russian Direct Investment Fund (RDIF) that developed Sputnik V, said on Rossiya-1 TV: “Of course, we are ready

to fully transfer our technologies for the production of [the Sputnik V vaccine] in Ukraine.... We ... are even ready to begin clinical trials of the joint AstraZeneca-Sputnik V vaccine in Ukraine. We are ready to cooperate with Ukraine in every possible way.” In Ukraine, Viktor Medvedchuk, chairman of Opposition Platform–For Life wrote: “If the authorities refuse or obstruct the legal procedure for registering Sputnik V in Ukraine, this will indicate their criminal intent to deprive Ukrainian citizens of the right to receive medical protection against the coronavirus....”

Sure enough, Viktor Liashko, Ukraine’s Deputy Health Minister–Chief Sanitary Doctor, was quick to declare the basis on which he would oppose Biolik’s application: Ukraine would only go for vaccines “by the countries with a tough regulatory policy.” Medvedchuk promptly attacked Liashko’s sophistry as having “nothing to do with health, nor with the interests of Ukrainian citizens.”

In December, President Volodymyr Zelensky had tried to pressure his Western partners to allow Ukraine access to their vaccines, telling them, in a *New York Times* interview, that his population is watching Russians next door get vaccinations, making it increasingly difficult to explain to them why they are getting nothing. The World Bank proceeded to make a \$300 million loan to Ukraine for vaccines, but, so far, it has led to no progress in getting Western vaccines in the next few months. Last week, Zelensky contracted with China to get 1.9 million doses of the Sinovac Biotech formula, with the first 700,000 doses to be delivered in February. Also, Ukraine is amongst the over 90 poorer countries that the World Health Organization will provide some vaccines. Under their COVAX program, Ukraine will get 8 million doses, supposedly before April 1. So, as things stand, Ukraine’s 37 million people will get enough vaccines for almost 5 million people in February and March. The other 32 million can see if Liashko can be brought to his senses.

STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

USS Nimitz Ordered To Remain in Central Command Region

Jan. 4 (EIRNS)—The aircraft carrier *USS Nimitz* is now making a U-turn to head back to waters near Iran. After announcing on Dec. 31 that he had ordered the *Nimitz* to return home, Acting Defense Secretary Chris Miller issued a statement last night announcing that he had changed his mind.

“Due to the recent threats issued by Iranian leaders against President Trump and other U.S. government officials, I have ordered the *USS Nimitz* to halt its routine redeployment,” he said. “The *USS Nimitz* will now remain on station in the U.S. Central Command area of operations. No one should doubt the resolve of the United States of America.”

The *New York Times* reports that it is unclear what specific Iranian threat prompted Miller to change his mind. The rhetoric from Tehran has certainly intensified in recent days and there’s evidence of increased alert postures of some Iranian military units, but those could be, as the *Times* reports at the end, defensive rather than offensive alerts.

THE NEW GLOBAL ECONOMIC ORDER

Wang Yi’s New Year Visit to Africa Celebrates 30 Years of Africa-China Partnership

Jan. 4 (EIRNS)—The traditional Africa visit as “first trip” of the New Year by a senior Chinese official, began today as Foreign Minister Wang Yi was welcomed in the embattled country of Nigeria. This year marks the 30th year, starting in 1991, that China has chosen Africa for this “most-favored nation” honor. In addition to Nigeria, Wang will also visit the Democratic Republic of Congo, Botswana, Tanzania and Seychelles between now and Jan. 9.

Wang’s visit comes as many nations on the continent are struggling with the re-emerging COVID-19 virus, which has already contributed to an emergence of famine conditions in places, and brought even the sturdier countries to the brink of collapse. In response, Nigerian Speaker of the

House of Representatives Femi Gbajabiamila convened a Conference of Speakers and Heads of African Parliaments (CoSAP), so-far involving seven nations on Aug. 19-20, 2020,, in an effort to set the groundwork for debt forgiveness on the entire continent, a movement which, if China got behind it, could take on major significance. On Dec. 10, Gbajabiamila presented his proposals for a Debt Cancellation Campaign Initiative to a virtual conference which reportedly included representatives from the United Nations, World Bank and European Union, among others, explaining to them that, “if all your money is going toward servicing debt, then how are we serious about this [recovery] agenda?”

For possibly the first time, Wang’s visits made headlines in an American publication, *Newsweek*, which took notice of the 30-year history of good relations between China and African nations, and—although *Newsweek* felt duty-bound to mention that China is where COVID-19 “was first detected”—it otherwise stated that China has made a “speedy recovery” that puts them ahead of Western nations in regard to helping Africa.

SCIENCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

NASA Has Goals for Nuclear Propulsion and Lunar Nuclear Power This Decade

Jan. 4 (EIRNS)—Coverage in OilPrice.com of the Trump Administration’s Space Policy Directive 6 of Dec. 14 (already reported in the Briefing) makes clear that NASA has set goals well within this decade for demonstrations of both nuclear fission for rocket propulsion, and nuclear power sources for lunar exploration and settlement. These NASA programs, if not sabotaged in Congress or by another administration, will pace the development of advanced fission reactors and even fusion demonstration reactors for economic development on Earth.

“NASA’s near-term priority will be to mature and demonstrate a fission surface power system on the Moon in the late 2020s, in collaboration with the Department of Energy and industry,” the website reports. Space Policy

Directive 6 itself sets the objective to ““demonstrate a fission power system on the surface of the Moon that is scalable to a power range of 40 kilowatt-electric (kWe) and higher to support a sustained lunar presence and exploration of Mars.” Earlier, in November, “Department of Energy said that NASA plans to build ... a nuclear power plant on the Moon by 2026.... The plan will involve the construction of a 10-kW class fission surface power system to be used for demonstrative purposes. The plant is to be manufactured and assembled on Earth and then shipped to the Moon on a launch vehicle. This vehicle will take the plant to Moon orbit, from where a lander will take it to the surface of the satellite. The demonstration will continue for one year, and if successful, it could open the door to other missions on both the Moon and Mars.”

As for nuclear thermal propulsion “NTP offers virtually unlimited energy density and specific impulse roughly double that of the highest-performing traditional chemical systems, according to NASA.” The Agency’s priority will be to demonstrate space nuclear power propulsion (SNPP) of a rocket by the second half of the decade.

The critical third element embraced by the Directive is to “develop uranium fuel processing capabilities that enable fuel production that is suitable to lunar and planetary surfaces and in-space power, nuclear electric propulsion (NEP), and nuclear thermal propulsion (NTP) applications.”

OilPrice.com reports that the Directive motivated these crash efforts, in part, as necessary to win a “space race” with China, an indication of the respect with which NASA views the rapid progress of the Chinese space program.

Another ‘Hidden Figure,’ African American Astrophysicist Created First Space Telescope

Jan. 4 (EIRNS)—Not Hubble or Webb, but Carruthers. What appears to have been the first telescope operated in space to examine the composition of interstellar space was created by George R. Carruthers, patented in 1969 and set up and used on the first Moon-based laboratory by astronaut John Young in 1972. Dr. Carruthers died the day after Christmas 2020 in

Washington, D.C. at 81; he had been among the few African-American astrophysicists working at NASA in the 1960s.

Dr. Carruthers was the principal investigator, with Dr. Thornton Page working with him, who developed an “Image Converter for Detecting Electromagnetic Radiation Especially in Short Wave Lengths.” His obituary published Jan. 3 in the *Washington Post* describes it as “a specialized ultraviolet telescope ... that could observe radiation and other properties in space,” amplifying its images through electronically controlled lenses, prism and mirror, and converting photons to electrons to record them on film. With a 1970 version of it, launched on an unmanned rocket, the presence of hydrogen molecules throughout “empty” space was determined for the first time. The Carruthers telescope on Apollo 16 was also trained on the Earth’s atmosphere from the Moon. “It was spectacularly successful, imaging the Earth’s outermost atmosphere in its entirety in the far ultraviolet range of the spectrum,” said the National Air and Space Museum’s astronomy historian David DeVorkin. “It also surveyed myriad clouds of gas, stars and galaxies in deep space.”

The use of this telescope essentially began the deep-space study of star formation, with hundreds of precise images of stars and galaxies—as well as the images of Earth’s atmosphere—taken on that Apollo 16 mission alone.

Amazingly, this telescope was small enough to be carried to the lunar surface in the tight confines of the Apollo 16 lunar lander and set up on a four-foot tripod by astronaut Young, and simple enough for Young and Charles Duke to operate it with their bulky protective gloves. That telescope is still on the Moon; Carruthers designed (and largely built, as a skilled machinist) a series of other telescopes for Shuttle flights and satellites. “His telescopes were physically small, yet extremely powerful,” said DeVorkin.

In addition, Dr. Carruthers created the still-operating high school apprentice program at the Naval Research Laboratory where he worked;

“gave,” according to a colleague, “beautiful lectures”; and earned a number of quite belated scientific honors during the second decade of this century.

- Watch **Harley's Updates** with Harley Schlanger on Tuesday, January 5, 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.