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EDITORIAL

Is Nuclear War ‘On the Table’?

Aug. 6 (EIRNS)—On the 75th Anniversary of the nuclear destruction of Hiroshima by U.S. President Harry Truman, with “encouragement” from

the British, the world is not pausing to reflect on the horror of that criminal act as much as it is forced to ponder: Is a nuclear war now an acceptable possibility to some of the madmen in positions of power?

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov spoke on this gruesome anniversary: “Today, we note with great concern the degradation of the international arms control system, denunciation of treaties, disregard of the principles of undiminished security of States, and a significant increase in nuclear risks. There has been an alarming shift in doctrinal military and political policies towards the idea that it is acceptable to employ nuclear weapons as a means of warfare.... We need to eliminate the risk of military confrontation between the nuclear powers and rule out the possibility of a nuclear war. We firmly believe that such a war cannot be won and must never be unleashed. We suggest that all nuclear powers officially confirm their commitment to this tenet.”

Lavrov also noted that in the days preceding the Hiroshima and Nagasaki slaughters, it was generally recognized that the war was over, that Japan had been cut off from its supply lines by the U.S. blockade by sea and the Russian occupation of Korea and northern China, and surrender was imminent. “In that situation,” Lavrov said, “atomic bombings by the United States were in fact a show of force and an operational test of nuclear weapons on civilians.” In the U.S., Scott Ritter and others on *Consortium News* report this same well-known—but usually ignored—fact. The British and their puppet Truman wanted to announce to the world that they were crazy enough to commit genocide out in the open, to force the Soviets—and the rest of the world—to submit to Anglo-American demands.

It is useful to read the words of Lyndon LaRouche, written in 1995 on the 50th Anniversary of that loathsome day in August 1945:

“By April 12, 1945, the day of President Franklin Roosevelt’s untimely death, he, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, and Adm. Chester Nimitz had led the United States and Australia to assured victory in the Pacific Theater. Already, Japan’s Emperor Hirohito was negotiating surrender with President Roosevelt, and other U.S.A. allies, working through Pope Pius

XII's acting secretary for diplomatic affairs, Giovanni Montini (later Pope Paul VI). At the time Roosevelt died, the islands of Japan were already effectively blockaded; Japan's military situation was hopeless. Surrender on the Emperor's proposed terms was virtually assured within a few more months, as the logistical noose tightened sufficiently to end all Japan military leaders' resistance to the Emperor's will. At the time, the best U.S. guess was Autumn 1945, by no later than November.

“There was no need for a military invasion of the islands of Japan. There was no military reason for dropping those nuclear weapons on two cities, Hiroshima and Nagasaki, of a Japan which had been utterly defeated; there was only a British geopolitical motive, which had almost nothing to do with Japan as such.

“As Niccolò Machiavelli's commentaries on the ten books of Livy emphasized to many generations of professional military officers, there is no military justification for a deadly assault on an adversary who is already hopelessly defeated, and cornered; to invade Japan head-on, in such circumstances, would have been a folly fit for the court-martialling of any commander incompetent enough to order it.

“There was one crucial motive for that bombing: Winston Churchill and Company wished those bombs used. Once Churchill's political adversary, President Franklin Roosevelt, was dead and buried, Churchill and his U.S. accomplices had their way with Harry S Truman.”

I encourage you to read the full article “[Hiroshima: Hamlet Bombs Out](#)”.

It is this perverted “British geopolitics” which is now driving the world toward yet another world war, beginning with the U.S. vs. China, and one which would certainly be thermonuclear. Already Presidents Bush and Obama have fully joined the British game, turning the U.S. into the “dumb giant” conducting colonial wars on behalf of their British Lords. The reason for the British Empire hatred of Donald Trump, and for the British intelligence sponsorship of the Russiagate hoax and now the Chinagate hoax, is to prevent Trump from carrying out his sworn commitment to the

American people, to end the “endless wars,” and to be friends with Russia and China.

It is a time to reflect on good and evil itself. You are encouraged to watch the 2012 LaRouchePAC documentary, “Unsurvivable”.

U.S. POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

Pompeo’s Campaign for Total Telecom Break with China

Aug. 6 (EIRNS)—In an Aug. 5 press statement, U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo presented a psychotic five-point program to totally cut all Chinese communication systems in or with the U.S., and more. His program, called Clean Path, was posed as if he had some sort of authority to implement it, although he generally does not. It should be read as a declaration of economic warfare leading to military confrontation, if Pompeo were allowed to carry it out.

“In April, I announced our team’s Clean Path initiative to keep Americans’ data safe from untrusted vendors. Today, I’m pleased to announce the expansion of the Clean Network with the launch of five new lines of effort:

“First, Clean Carrier. We are working to ensure that untrusted Chinese telecom companies don’t provide international telecommunications services between the United States and foreign destinations. I join Attorney General Barr, Secretary Esper, and Acting Secretary Wolf in urging the FCC to revoke and terminate the authorizations of China Telecom and three other companies providing services to and from the United States.

“Second, we call Clean Store. We want to see untrusted Chinese apps removed from U.S. app stores. President Trump has mentioned impending action on TikTok, and for good reason. With parent companies based in China, apps like TikTok, WeChat, and others are significant threats to the personal data of American citizens, not to mention tools for CCP content censorship.

“Third, Clean Apps. We’re working to prevent Huawei and other untrusted vendors from pre-installing or making available for download the most popular U.S. apps. We don’t want companies to be complicit in Huawei’s human rights abuses or the CCP’s surveillance apparatus.

“Fourth, Clean Cloud. We’re protecting Americans’ most sensitive personal information and our businesses’ most valuable intellectual property—including COVID vaccine research—from being accessed on cloud-based systems run by companies such as Alibaba, Baidu, China Mobile, China Telecom, and Tencent. The State Department will work closely with Commerce and other agencies to limit the ability of Chinese cloud service providers to collect, to store, and to process vast amounts of data and sensitive information here in the United States.

“Fifth and finally, Clean Cable. We’re working to ensure that the CCP can’t compromise information carried by the undersea cables that connect our country and others to the global internet. Huawei Marine significantly underbids other companies on multiple procurements to connect Asia, the Pacific, Africa, and Europe using Chinese state-backed underseas technology. We can’t allow that to continue. We call on all freedom-loving nations and companies to join the Clean Network.”

A *Global Times* editorial today responded in part: “[Pompeo’s] ambition is astonishing. After Pompeo announced the initiative at a press conference, most analysts believe it lacks substance. Pompeo neither specified the legal basis nor gave details on how to implement it.

Pompeo and his likes are the geopolitical madmen of the 21st century who try to transform people’s minds, reset global attention and reverse the direction of world development. They would never allow China’s peaceful rise.”

Pro-Growth Democrat Rep. Lacy Clay Defeated by BLM Anarchist

Aug. 6 (EIRNS)—Rep. Lacy Clay, who has served his district in Missouri for ten terms, and together with his father, represented the district since 1969, was defeated in the primary election Tuesday, Aug. 4 by a radical

Black Lives Matter activist, Cori Bush. Bush is a member of the “Justice Democrats” taking on mainstream Democrats like Clay all over the country. Like Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Bush is a Bernie Sanders supporter, backs the Green New Deal, defunding the police, etc.

Clay, a leader in the Congressional Black Caucus, has been a supporter of the LaRouchePAC campaigns for Glass-Steagall. His father signed for LaRouche’s exoneration in 1990. Lacy introduced a “National Infrastructure Corps Act of 2006” based on FDR’s Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) in 2004. These are some of the pro-development and anti-Wall Street Democrats being targeted by the anarchists supporting the insurrection on the streets of America.

Hook Gets the Hook—from Bad to Worse

Aug. 6 (EIRNS)—The State Department announced today that Brian Hook, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo’s Special Representative for Iran and Senior Advisor is resigning. Pompeo said in a statement that Hook “has been my point person on Iran for over two years and he has achieved historic results countering the Iranian regime.” Today’s announcement comes just as the U.S. is heading into a showdown at the UN Security Council on the arms embargo sanction on Iran.

No reason has been given for Hook’s departure, but much of the news coverage states that the administration’s “maximum pressure” policy against Iran has not yielded any success on forcing Iran to concede to new negotiations on its nuclear program.

Hook is being replaced by raging neocon Elliott Abrams, who has been and will also continue to be in charge of the Venezuela regime-change policy, which so far has also failed miserably. Abrams infamously pleaded guilty to lying to Congress in 1991 and subsequently was pardoned by then-President George H.W. Bush.

STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

Possibility of Nuclear War Must Be Ruled Out, Says Lavrov on Anniversary of Hiroshima Bombing

Aug. 6 (EIRNS)—Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, in a message to participants in a ceremony marking the 75th anniversary of the Hiroshima atomic bombing, stressed that the possibility of nuclear war must be ruled out. According to Lavrov, “as a nuclear-weapon state, Russia recognizes its responsibility for international security, and global and regional stability. We are aware of the impact that the use of nuclear weapons may have.” He continued that “Our country pursues a policy of peace and non-confrontation in international affairs.

“Today, we note with great concern the degradation of the international arms control system, denunciation of treaties, disregard of the principles of undiminished security of states, and a significant increase in nuclear risks. There has been an alarming shift in doctrinal military and political policies towards the idea that it is acceptable to employ nuclear weapons as a means of warfare.

“We need to eliminate the risk of military confrontation between the nuclear powers and rule out the possibility of a nuclear war. We firmly believe that such a war cannot be won and must never be unleashed. We suggest that all nuclear powers officially confirm their commitment to this tenet.”

As for what Russia wants to discuss with the U.S. in arms control talks, Lavrov listed “the deployment of a global missile defense system by the United States, development of high-precision non-nuclear strategic offensive arms, weaponization of outer space and cyberspace, and the United States’ refusal to ratify the CTBT [Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty].”

The full statement is posted to the [Foreign Ministry](#) website.

Lavrov Appeals for Impartial Analysis of How World War II Ended

Aug. 6 (EIRNS)—Just as Russian President Vladimir Putin has appealed for a re-evaluation of the causes of World War II, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov is appealing for a similar re-evaluation of how the war ended. In a message to participants in a ceremony in Japan on the 75th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, Lavrov said that “an impartial analysis of what happened in August 1945 confirms that the world’s leading capitals could not but realize that World War II was really coming to an end.” According to him, “the Soviet offensive in the Far East, as part of the agreements between the Allies, not only liberated China and Korea, but also took away Japan’s motivation to continue military operations. In that situation, atomic bombings by the United States were in fact a show of force and an operational test of nuclear weapons on civilians. The United States was the first and only country to use this type of weapons of mass destruction,” Lavrov stressed.

Former UN Weapons Inspector Scott Ritter, in a column in RT on the same topic, quotes both then-Secretary of State James Byrnes and then-Secretary of War Henry Stimson to the effect that the purpose of the bombing was not to end the war against Japan, but to intimidate the Soviet Union. Byrnes, Ritter writes, believed that “Russia might be more manageable” in a post-war reality shaped not by the theoretical possibility of an atomic bomb, but the demonstrated destructive capacity of the new weapon.

Even today, Ritter goes on, the United States continues to develop new nuclear warheads, not on the basis of deterrence but on the basis of “usability,” such as the low-yield W76-2 warhead deployed on U.S. Navy Ohio-class ballistic missile submarines. Ritter also notes that the U.S. Air Force just this week tested a Minuteman III ICBM with three warheads, despite the fact that the entire fleet of 400 missiles had been reduced to one warhead each, in order to comply with warhead limits in the New START treaty. “Intimidation, not deterrence, was, is and always will be the driving force behind America’s nuclear arsenal,” he concludes. “Like any

schoolyard bully, the concern isn't if the U.S. will use these weapons, but when.”

Veteran Australian anti-war activist John Pilger, similarly wrote, in an Aug. 3 article in *Consortium News* entitled “Another Hiroshima Is Coming—Unless We Stop It Now,” to include similar quotes from Stimson and from Gen. Leslie Groves, the head of the Manhattan Project, that Russia was always the real target.

British Military Historian Affirms Pompeo Taking the World to War

Aug. 6 (EIRNS)—Brian Cloughley, a British military historian with books on the Pakistan army and international terrorism, published a piece in the Strategic Culture Foundation website today warning that Pompeo's effort to demonize and isolate China is leading the world to war.

Under the title: “Washington's Campaign Against China Could Lead to War,” Cloughley writes: “There is a campaign of denigration being waged by Washington against Beijing ..., ‘Communist China and the Free World's Future,’ was a venomous diatribe aimed at persuading the world community to combine against the P.R.C.” He notes, however, that such “rudeness and abuse directed against a country's leader are more likely to have the effect of binding citizens together in a nationalistic fashion than uniting them in opposition to the leader whom the foreigners want them to overthrow. And the word ‘overthrow’ is not used lightly, because Pompeo is encouraging the people of China to rise up and renounce their government and do just that. He declared that ‘we must also engage and empower the Chinese people, a dynamic and freedom loving people who are completely distinct from the Chinese Communist Party.’ This is flagrant encouragement of revolution.”

Cloughley writes that the Pentagon is using its electronic warfare assets, warplanes and ships to “show the Chinese Communist Party (in Pompeo's words) that it is preparing to take ultimate action against Chinese forces, and there is little doubt that this surge of provocation is having a complementary effect to Pompeo's diatribes, in that it is binding the people

of China together, rather than encouraging them to overthrow their government that has lifted hundreds of millions of people out of poverty.”

U.S.-Kurdish Oil Deal Aims To Keep U.S. Forces in Syria

Aug. 6 (EIRNS)—Last week, during testimony to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo revealed that an American company, which he did not name at the time, had signed a contract with the Kurdish-dominated administration of eastern Syria, for the rehabilitation of oil fields now occupied by U.S. troops. “The deal took a little longer, senator, than we had hoped and we’re now in implementation. It can be very powerful,” Pompeo told Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC). The Syrian government of Bashar al-Assad immediately denounced the deal as a violation of Syrian sovereignty and a theft of resources. The governments of Russia, Iran and Turkey have also denounced the deal as well.

Unnamed current and former Trump Administration officials basically confirmed to *Foreign Policy* that the U.S. is taking the oil for the Kurds, in order to deny the revenues to Damascus. It also gives insight into the machinations behind the effort to keep U.S. troops in Syria despite President Donald Trump’s stated intention to pull them out. “I think DOD and State can now make the argument to Trump that we have to stay and make sure the oil flows or the U.S. company will lose all their investment,” a former senior Trump Administration official told *Foreign Policy*. “So it’s a gift for those who want us to stay in Syria.”

The U.S. company has since been identified as Delta Crescent Energy of Delaware. According to an Aug. 5 CNN report, it was formed a year ago for the express purpose of seeking that contract. Its principals include: James Cain, a former U.S. ambassador to Denmark during the George W. Bush Administration, who wrote an op-ed in late 2018 opposing Trump’s intent to withdraw U.S. troops from Syria; James Reese, a retired Delta Force Army officer who used to run his own private security firm; and John Dorrier, a veteran oil executive with years of experience in the Middle East.

Before the war, Syria was only producing about 385,000 barrels per day of oil, a small fraction of the production capacity of its neighbors, and production is estimated to be down to about 24,000 barrels per day, now. Yet that small amount of oil has become the key asset in the fight over who will control eastern Syria, the Syrian government which had requested Russian backing, or the U.S.-backed (Kurdish-based) Syrian Democratic Forces. “The intent here is to deny the Assad regime any benefits from legal energy production in the region,” a source familiar with the contract told CNN. This will not only have a severe impact on an economy already devastated by economic sanctions and nine years of war, but will also accelerate the process of separating the Kurdish region from the rest of the country, as the deal reportedly prohibits the Kurds from any oil dealings with Damascus. Otherwise, according to a recent Pentagon report, “Damascus would be more likely to make financial concessions to Russia—which is pressing for access to the eastern Syria oil fields—in exchange for a political deal for the Kurdish-led administration in northeastern Syria with the Syrian regime.” This is something that the deal is intended to prevent.

THE NEW GLOBAL ECONOMIC ORDER

Chinese Foreign Minister Refutes Pompeo’s Lies, Urges Cooperation

Aug. 6 (EIRNS)—[Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi](#) gave a wide-ranging interview to Xinhua News Service on U.S.-China relations, yesterday. From the outset, he refuted Secretary of State Mike Pompeo’s claim in his July 23 Nixon Library speech that the past 40 years in U.S.-China relations have been a failure. “The assertion that U.S. policy of engagement with China has failed is just a rehash of the Cold War mentality. It turns a blind eye to all that has been achieved in China-U.S. relations over the past decades, shows ignorance of the historical process and lack of respect for the Chinese and American peoples. This is a political virus which is understandably questioned and rebuked by people in the United States and the international community....

“During President Nixon’s visit to China in 1972, Chinese Premier Zhou Enlai said that China and the U.S. needed to be clear about our differences and find common ground, so as to reach a new starting point in bilateral ties. President Nixon responded that our two countries have great differences, and what brings us together is that we have common interests which transcend those differences. The Shanghai Communiqué issued by the two countries encapsulated their consensus to respect each other and seek common ground while setting aside differences....

“Both countries have benefited immensely from the relationship....

“China and the U.S. now account for over one-third of global economic output and over 50% of global growth. Bilateral trade volume has increased by over 250 times since the early days of diplomatic ties and takes up one-fifth of the global total. Two-way investment has jumped from almost zero to nearly \$240 billion, and annual two-way visits by the two peoples have reached five million. The two countries shoulder important responsibilities for almost all global issues concerning world peace and development. No one can deny these facts....

“Statistics show that China-U.S. business ties support 2.6 million American jobs. Trade with China helps each American family save \$850 every year. Over 70,000 American businesses have made investments in China with a total sales volume of \$700 billion. Among them, 97% are making a profit. Even with the trade friction and COVID-19, the vast majority of American companies in China still want to stay and are doubling down on investment in China.

“If China-U.S. cooperation were unfair and not reciprocal, how could it have continued for several decades? How could China-U.S. ties have come such a long way?”

Wang also rejected any attempt to turn the dispute between the U.S. and China into a “new Cold War.” “The Cold War, which inflicted great sufferings to the world, should not be allowed to repeat itself. Peace and development is what all countries aspire to. Anyone who tries to start a new Cold War in the 21st century will be on the wrong side of history and will

only be remembered as the one who has upended international cooperation.”

He then replied one-by-one to questions on all the issues raised by the China-hawks' attempt to blackball China, including their attacks on Huawei, their interference in Hong Kong affairs, their attacks on the Communist Party of China (who, a Harvard study says, has the support of 93% of the population), the forced shutdown of the Houston Consulate, the claims that China was trying to become a “hegemon,” the South China Sea disputes, and Pompeo’s “new alliance of democracies.” He referred to Pompeo’s attempts to mobilize countries against China as an attempt to build a new “iron curtain.” And, of course, the Foreign Minister’s concerted efforts over the last few weeks to continually explain China’s position on the matters raised by Pompeo and his ilk are aimed, on the one hand, at the reasonable elements in the U.S. establishment who could work to change this policy, but are also directed to world opinion, since Pompeo is bending over backwards to recruit other nations to his anti-Communist crusade. There can be no “iron curtain” if no other countries are on board in building such.

In conclusion, Wang Yi outlined four conditions he felt were needed to repair the U.S.-China relationship. Firstly, “steer clear of red lines and avoid confrontation”; secondly, “keep the channels open for candid dialogue”; thirdly, “reject decoupling and uphold cooperation”; and fourthly, “abandon the zero-sum mentality and stand up to shared responsibilities.”

U.S.-China Trade Talks To Continue on Aug. 15

Aug. 6 (EIRNS)—In spite of the growing tension between the U.S. and China because of Mike Pompeo’s continual provocations, the two sides will meet on Aug. 15, in a pre-planned six-month review from the signing of the deal, to discuss the continuation of the trade negotiations. In spite of the fact that China has not been able to comply completely with the original Phase 1 agreements because of the disruption of the COVID-19 pandemic, the two sides will continue discussion and follow-up. China is still far

behind the pace of purchases of farm products, the purchases this year lying far below last year's, and they have only succeeded in purchasing 5% of the energy products that the Phase 1 agreement called for within this year.

The discussions occur, however, when most other U.S.-China formats have been pretty much closed down in the intense anti-China environment created by the U.S. China hawks. It is hoped that the trade discussion will also be able to move into other issues beyond the Phase 1 trade deal negotiations. The participants in the videoconference will be the lead negotiators, U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer and Chinese Vice Premier Liu He.

U.S. Ambassador Branstad Visits Mayor of Shanghai Ahead of Third Annual Import Expo

Aug. 6 (EIRNS)—Ambassador Terry Branstad traveled to Shanghai on today and held a meeting with Shanghai Mayor Gong Zheng. Shanghai is preparing for the third China International Import Expo (CIIE), and there is an expectation that many U.S. companies will be attending.

The meeting has sparked a lot of speculation about a possible warming of U.S.-China ties, coming a day after Foreign Minister Wang Yi laid out four principles for moving forward in the relationship and expressed a willingness to restart dialogue mechanisms at any level in his exclusive interview with Xinhua (see accompany slug). Giving recognition to Shanghai's progress in recent years, Branstad said he expects to promote bilateral exchanges and cooperation, and overcome the influence brought by the COVID-19. He expressed the hope that the CIIE would be a great success.

SCIENCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Islamabad Approves Major Railway Upgrade Project under China-Pakistan Economic Corridor

Aug. 6 (EIRNS)—Pakistan's Executive Committee of the National Economic Council yesterday approved upgrading Pakistan Railways'

existing Mainline-1 (ML-1) and establishing a dry port near Havelian at a rationalized cost of \$6.8 billion on a cost-sharing basis between the governments of China and Pakistan, Pakistani media reported. “The execution of the project shall be in three packages and in order to avoid commitment charges, the loan amount for each package will be separately contracted,” the council said.

This is the costliest project to date as part of the multibillion-dollar China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) agreement, in which Beijing has pledged over \$60 billion for infrastructure projects in Pakistan, central to China’s international Belt and Road Initiative.

Under the project, Pakistan’s existing 2,655 km railway tracks will be upgraded to allow trains to double their current speed, moving up to 165 kph, while the line capacity will increase from 34 to over 150 trains each way per day, Reuters reported.

Who Will Help Rebuild Beirut?

Aug. 6 (EIRNS)—The Beirut explosion is a catastrophe with damage in the billions, some claim as much as \$15 billion. While rescue teams and emergency aid have come from all over the world, from Europe to Australia, the big question is how the country could be expected to rebuild itself, when already under a massive financial and economic crisis. Some \$11 billion was pledged to Lebanon at a 2018 creditors conference in Paris, but on condition of reforms. French President Emmanuel Macron visited Lebanon yesterday, but France since was the country that was demanding reforms as a precondition for economic aid, it is unclear what will happen. Associated Press reported that Beirut residents vented their rage on the political class during Macron’s speech, and he apparently took advantage of their anger to insist “that he wouldn’t give ‘blank checks to a system that no longer has the trust of its people,’ ” and “called on them to create a ‘new political order.’ ”

The death toll has reached 157, as homeless figures range between 250-300,000; four major hospitals were destroyed, leaving the health system unable to deal with the 5,000 people injured, many very seriously.

The political fallout is expected to be great, which no doubt led to the decision by the UN-backed tribunal to postpone the judgments in the trial of four people charged with involvement in the 2005 assassination of former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafic Hariri, until Aug. 18. The verdicts were to be read out Aug. 7 in a Netherlands courtroom.

UN deputy spokesman Farhan Haq said it was too early to say if the UN will issue an international appeal to help rebuild Beirut.

The patriarch of the Lebanese Maronites Bechara Boutros al-Rahi urged called for emergency assistance from the UN and the international community, stressing that countries must avoid political considerations and that the situation is beyond politics and disagreements.

Most Young Staff and Attendees at Georgia Overnight Camp Test COVID Infected

Aug. 6 (EIRNS)—There were 258 staff and trainees at a Georgia camp from June 17-27; 363 campers and 3 senior staff joined them from June 21-27. They all tried to adhere to the relevant Georgia Executive Order, which included bringing a COVID-19 negative certificate no more than 12 days old, and cloth masks mandatory for the staff, but not for the campers. Their activities included vigorous singing and cheering; there was no way to have fulltime enforcement of social distancing.

On June 23, a teenage staff member left the camp and reported a positive test result for SARS-CoV-2 on June 24. Camp officials began sending campers home the next day and closed the camp on June 27.

Out of the 344 people for whom test results were available, 260 tested positive, with some of the highest rates for children between the ages of 6 and 10, and the admitted range among the staff 56%.

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