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## EDITORIAL

### ‘Blame Not Governments Alone for This. Blame Ourselves in Equal Share.’

May 7 (EIRNS)—On the eve of the May 9 celebration of the 75th anniversary of V-E Day, the Allied victory over fascism in World War II, the call for renewed American cooperation with China and Russia, especially, to prevent war, defeat the global COVID pandemic, and build a New Paradigm of health and development for all peoples, sounds most clearly today from the LaRouche movement.

An excerpt of Helga Zepp-LaRouche’s keynote address to the April 25-26 Schiller Institute conference was posted today in both video and transcript form on CGTN’s English-language web page and their Chinese-language Weibo.com page (China’s version of Twitter), and has already received *over 1 million views*.

In the 2-1/2-minute excerpted remarks, Zepp-LaRouche sharply criticized those who refuse to cooperate with China, but attack the country instead, noting that “the tone toward China became very shrill”:

“The rules-based order of Western democracies ... now seems on the verge of collapse while it claims that Beijing is pursuing ‘a strategy of unrestricted warfare.’ The fact of the matter is that the liberal system of the British Empire has failed with a bang. How could anyone in the so-called ‘advanced

countries,’—and we now see with the coronavirus pandemic how advanced they are—assume for even one minute that the brutal poverty in Africa, Latin America, and some Asian countries, is self-inflicted? If the West had done for the last 70 years what China has been doing in Africa since the 1960s, but especially in the last 10 years, namely building railways, dams, power plants, and industrial parks, then all of Africa would enjoy development, which you see today in South Korea or Singapore, or even better. [But] Africa, as a result of these [British imperial] policies, has virtually no health system, no infrastructure. Half of the population does not have access to fresh water or sanitation or electricity, because the British Empire deliberately suppressed them. If you take into account the overall effect of these policies, you will come up with a figure of millions of people whose life has been shortened by hunger and untreated diseases.”

One of the leading “shrill voices” that Zepp-LaRouche was referring to, is that of Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, who has outdone himself with no less than 90 press interviews in the last month, all slandering China with one lie after another, with the evident goal of preventing President Donald Trump from building the relationship of friendship and cooperation with China—and Russia—which he has repeatedly stated as his policy objective. Pompeo’s latest was to demand that Taiwan be allowed to participate as an observer in the WHO “and in other UN venues”—a provocative violation of the U.S.’s long-standing agreement with China over the “One China” policy.

The same diametrically opposed policy options confront the U.S. on the Russia question. On May 9, the Schiller Institute will host a major internet event to celebrate V-E Day, and rededicate our nation to such a cooperative alliance as we forged with the Soviet Union and others during World War II. Against that we hear, again, the shrill voice of the State Department, which issued a statement *attacking* Russia and the Soviet Union purportedly for imposing “totalitarian regimes” after World War II—a statement co-signed by the Foreign Ministers of a number of Central and Eastern European nations that work most closely with the British Empire. And this was done despite the fact that President Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin had issued a joint statement on April 25, the 75th anniversary of the famous Meeting at the Elbe, which recalled that “The Spirit of the Elbe is an example of how our countries can put aside differences, build trust, and cooperate in pursuit of a greater cause.”

President Trump’s ability to reject the policy of confrontation with which the British Empire has “flooded the zone” around him, was greatly strengthened yesterday when the Department of Justice finally decided to drop the fabricated

charges against Michael Flynn in the Russiagate case. As an AP wire noted glumly: “The move is a stunning reversal for one of the signature cases brought by special counsel Robert Mueller.”

But don’t view this as a spectator would, waiting to see what President Trump will do next. View the situation, instead, through the eyes of Franklin D. Roosevelt who stated, upon being nominated for President in 1932:

“Out of every crisis, every tribulation, every disaster, mankind rises with some share of greater knowledge, of higher decency, of purer purpose. Today we shall have come through a period of loose thinking, descending morals, an era of selfishness, among individual men and women and among nations. Blame not governments alone for this. Blame ourselves in equal share.”

## U.S. POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

### Uncle! The United States Moves To Dismiss Michael Flynn Case

May 7 (EIRNS)—In a terse one sentence motion, the lead prosecutor in the Michael Flynn case, Brandon Van Grack, resigned this afternoon. This was followed, almost immediately, by a motion from the Department of Justice seeking dismissal of charges against Michael Flynn in the case now pending before Judge Emmett Sullivan.

Flynn previously pled guilty to making false statements in an interview at the White House on January 24, 2017, which, recently released FBI documents demonstrate, was a set-up up to get Flynn fired as President Donald Trump’s national security advisor, and prosecuted. Most legal observers believe that Judge Sullivan has no choice but to dismiss the case since the DOJ says it isn’t going to prosecute it. Sullivan, however, has shown himself to be biased against Flynn, so it is not out of the question that he will dismiss the case, but under some form of protest.

The Resist movement has, as of this writing, already begun to go crazy. Democratic National Committee, and National Endowment for Democracy hack Donna Brazile, responding on Fox, argued that this was a grievous wrong done by a corrupt Attorney General which Judge Sullivan, hopefully would right. President Trump described the prosecution as a “scam,” created by the Obama Administration, and declared Michael Flynn a national hero.

The DOJ motion comes amid a cascade of exculpatory evidence, never disclosed to Flynn or his defense, indicating that Flynn was deliberately set up

and walked into a perjury trap by the FBI, that the original 302 recording his White House interview has gone missing and subsequent 302s about this interview were edited by Peter Strzok and Lisa Page, and that many other aspects of Flynn’s prosecution were amiss. More of these documents are on their way to Flynn’s Attorney, Sidney Powell, who has truly cut a path for all lawyers interested in doing justice through this case.

The DOJ motion begins, appropriately: “The United States of America hereby moves to dismiss with prejudice the criminal information filed against Michael T. Flynn pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 48(a). The Government has determined, pursuant to the Principles of Federal Prosecution and based on an extensive review and careful consideration of the circumstances, that continued prosecution would not serve the interests of justice....

“The Government has concluded that the interview of Mr. Flynn was untethered to, and unjustified by, the FBI’s counterintelligence investigation into Mr. Flynn”—a no longer justified predicated investigation that the FBI had, in the Bureau’s own words, prepared to close because it had yielded “an absence of any derogatory information. The Government is not persuaded that the January 24, 2017 interview was conducted with a legitimate investigative basis and therefore does not believe Mr. Flynn’s statements were material, even if untrue. Moreover, we do not believe that the Government can prove either the relevant false statements or their materiality beyond a reasonable doubt.” The DOJ memo goes on to discuss the FBI setup of Flynn, placing responsibility solely with FBI Director Comey, Andrew McCabe, Strzok, Page, Bill Priestap, and other FBI leaders, while exonerating, for the most part, Deputy Attorney General Yates, John Brennan, and James Clapper for the specific set-up involved in the White House interview. Stay tuned. A whole lot more is about to be revealed.

### **Chinese Media Target Wall Street and Pompeo for ‘Blame-Game’ Attacks**

May 7 (EIRNS)—On May 5, *China Daily* published an editorial headlined “Pompeo’s Clown Show Spotlights U.S. Administration’s Mistakes,” which lunged right at Wall Street: “The seemingly unstoppable rise in the number of infections and deaths in the U.S. is simply exposing the folly of the administration’s initial don’t-panic-Wall-Street approach and the desperation of its subsequent blame-anyone-else practices. It is the U.S. people that are paying for these actions, and the more the administration looks to blame others, the heavier the cost will be, because it is only when all countries work together that the pandemic can be fully tamed.”

Another *China Daily* editorial on May 7—“It’s Time U.S. Focused on the Struggle against a Real Enemy—the Virus”—also slammed the blame game, but urged a return to cooperative policies between the U.S. and China. “The rapport that seemed to have developed between the two countries during their trade talks is now just a distant memory. Despite the positive outcome of those discussions and the constructive interaction that the negotiations incubated, it is Washington’s dirty politics of always blaming China that has discouraged the world’s two largest economies from standing shoulder to shoulder to fight the contagion, even though it is a common enemy. Yet it does not have to be this way. It is the U.S. that has chosen to lock horns with China at this critical time, and there is no reason why the two sides cannot cooperate and collaborate should Washington make the decision to step back from its confrontational stance they could make the pandemic an opportunity to consolidate the mutually beneficial partnership between the two countries rather than letting it become the means to hammer a nail in the coffin of bilateral relations.”

### **Roger Stone Rips Mueller’s Lying Witch Hunt Against Him**

May 7 (EIRNS)—California LaRouche PAC organizers who caught last night’s interview of political advisor, Trump supporter and friend of the Schiller Institute Roger Stone on the “Coast to Coast AM” late night radio show, report that Stone took no prisoners in describing his frame-up and “kangaroo court” trial by Special Counsel Robert Mueller, as part of Mueller’s drive to take down President Donald Trump. Host George Noory and call-ins were very supportive of Stone’s fight.

“I’ve been the target of a political prosecution,” Stone told Noory, “and I am the last victim of the Mueller witch hunt.... The real reason I was prosecuted” was because I refused to lie and “roll over on Donald Trump.”

Stone detailed how prosecutors “offered him a ‘deal’ in July of 2019, in which he would potentially serve no jail time if he would reveal what transpired in his phone calls with then-candidate Donald Trump in 2016. Stone turned this down, and in February 2020, he was sentenced to over three years in prison,” Coast-to-Coast AM’s website reports in its summary of the interview. “Stone plans to write a book about his experiences because ‘the average citizen needs to know that in the blink of an eye you can lose all your constitutional freedoms’ and be infringed upon and manipulated by the U.S. government.”

Stone is currently scheduled to turn himself in to serve his sentence in around two weeks—unless his case, too, is overturned on grounds of its

violations of law and justice, as the Department of Justice's just overturned Mueller's blatantly illegal prosecution of Gen. Michael Flynn.

## COLLAPSING WESTERN FINANCIAL SYSTEM

### Potential Consequences of German Court Ruling

May 7 (EIRNS)—Reactions in Germany, France and Italy show that the groundbreaking implications of the German Constitutional Court ruling on the ECB and the European Court of Justice (see briefings of May 6 and 7) have not gone unnoticed.

@sb In Germany Udo di Fabio, former member of the Federal Constitutional Court of Germany, said in an interview dated May 5 with *Capital* magazine: “The ECB judgment is making legal history. For the first time, the Federal Constitutional Court has determined that an act of Union law does not apply in Germany. The Federal Constitutional Court accuses the CJEU [European Court of Justice] of exceeding its mandate with its decision on the ECB's bond purchase program at the end of 2018.”

Whereas immediate serious consequences for the ECB are not to be expected, they may come into play in the future, Di Fabio said, hinting that for instance, the German Court ruling may compel the German government to go against the ECB's bond purchasing policy and insist on its termination. The German ruling provides a model also for the other EU member countries, in that sense the “unity” of Europe which has so far been practiced may suffer, he said, calling for a “clearly defined exit program” to end countries' participation the ECB purchasing approach. For the time being, the German Bundesbank is prevented from taking part in the ECB program, as a consequence of the court ruling, Di Fabio assessed.

- In France, Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire said that the ruling “does not help stability” and that “European Treaties guarantee the independence of the ECB.” Banque de France Governor François Villeroy de Galhau stated that “criticizing ECB independence and its concern for price stability, the two pillars of the central bank, seems to me not only unnecessary but also dangerous.”

- In Italy, Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte criticized the ruling, whereas Lega opposition leader Matteo Salvini called for re-founding the EU on new principles and for regaining national monetary sovereignty in an interview with Sky TG24 yesterday: “Not accidentally, those who are better reacting in Europe and losing less jobs are countries that can issue more liquidity, more money into

the economic system and into citizens' pockets... It is clear that we must re-think the entire European system, including the right to issue currency, because jobs, welfare and healthcare come before European criteria and economic constraints...

“We should also reflect on whether money is in the service of man or whether man is at the service of money. In recent years, European rules told us that man is at the service of money and money must be issued with a dropper. I believe that in an emergency such as this one, we should turn the issue around, not because of sovereignty but because of common sense. If it is necessary to print money so people can eat, we should print money.”

And Italy's former Economy Minister Giulio Tremonti blasted the ECB policy and said that with the German court ruling, the ECB QE policy is dead, in an interview with *Il Sole 24 Ore*. The Karlsruhe Court “ruling reflects the letter as well as the spirit of both the German Constitution and the German people. On the merits, it is a controversial ruling and says that the ECB is not making prohibited monetization of debt, but it does illegal economic policy. But these questions are moot. The essential point is that at both the ECB and the Fed there have been economic Picassos, who replaced solids with liquids, replaced capital with debt, set rates below zero, chased after inflation like an (unattainable) friend, and replaced reality with magic. And this whole apparatus, which turned from a necessary exception to an ongoing practice, goes against the German idea of good governance.”

Whereas support for exiting the euro monetary straitjacket is growing stronger, what is lacking is a strategic plan of what to do with the physical economy, as former Italian government official Michele Geraci stressed at the international Schiller Institute conference April 25.

### **International Warnings to Not End Pandemic Lockdown Too Soon**

May 7 (EIRNS)—The Presidents of China and Russia both issued warnings about the danger of ending coronavirus lockdowns too early, in both their own countries and internationally. President Xi Jinping, who speaks with the authority of having decisively contained the spread of COVID-19 in China, told a meeting of the Politburo of the CPC Central Committee that was called to assess the battle against the pandemic, that China had to maintain high vigilance against a return of the coronavirus. “The epidemic prevention and control measures in Hubei should not be relaxed,” Xi said, according to Xinhua. He also declared that “the spread of the virus overseas has not been effectively curbed yet.”

Similarly, Russian President Vladimir Putin met May 6 with government officials on the status of the fight against the coronavirus, and stressed: “I would like to emphasize that we cannot skip ahead. Any negligence or haste can lead to a breakdown or a backlash. The cost of even a minor mistake is the safety, life and health of our people. This is why our colleagues from the government and the regional governors bear extremely high responsibility for each adopted decision. We can never forget this.”

### **Pan American Health Organization Warns Not To Relax Restrictions Too Soon, Points Out Haiti in Grave Danger**

May 7 (EIRNS)—In a May 5 briefing to media, Dr. Carissa Etienne, Director of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) advised the nations of the Americas against relaxing social distancing and other restrictions too soon, as this “could accelerate the spread of the virus and open the door for a dramatic upsurge or for spread to adjacent areas.”

Dr. Etienne pointed out that in the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Brazil, Chile, Peru and Ecuador, the number of cases is doubling every few days. Given this reality, she called on those nations to “implement the full range of public health measures available.”

PAHO is both the specialized health agency of the Inter- American System, and also serves as Americas Regional Office in the World Health Organization (WHO).

Dr. Etienne also warned that the region’s poorest nation, Haiti, will soon be hit by “a perfect storm approaching,” in which vast poverty, a crumbling healthcare system, lack of basic sanitation infrastructure, and decent housing have combined to ensure that the population is highly vulnerable to disease. While Haiti officially has only 101 confirmed COVID-19 cases, only 600 of its 11 million people have been tested! Worse, Etienne said, “there’s a real risk that food insecurity will quickly result in famine.” A May 4 AFP wire appropriately titled its coverage “For Haitians, Die of Hunger Today or Coronavirus Tomorrow?” The price of rice, a basic staple in the Haitian diet, has doubled since 2019, and inflation has soared since March. UN sources warn that 40% of Haitians will need emergency humanitarian assistance in 2020, and an estimated 3 million will face “severe food insecurity.”

Medical equipment, PPEs, masks, acute hospital beds and ICU units, etc. are in short supply. The May 5 *Miami Herald* reported also that Haitians who are convinced the coronavirus is a hoax have prevented the setting up COVID

hospital facilities, and threatened to burn them down and attack healthcare workers.

An added factor in transmission is that 17,000 Haitians have recently returned from the Dominican Republic where there is community transmission, and 9,095 cases. PAHO warns that the number of returning Haitians is expected to reach 55,000 in two weeks. But *Listin Diario* reports that dozens of Haitians gather daily in the northern region on the border with the Dominican Republic, trying to get back there to find food, medicine and other products scarce in Haiti. The *Miami Herald* says “health experts” in Haiti estimate a death toll of 20,000 with 432,000 infected, but others have estimated a death rate as high as 800,000.

## STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

### Pompeo Steps Up Taiwan Provocation to Disrupt U.S.-Chinese Relations

May 7 (EIRNS)—“Today I want to call upon all nations, including those in Europe, to support Taiwan’s participation as an observer at the World Health Assembly and in other relevant United Nations venues,” Mike Pompeo pronounced in his opening statement to yesterday’s State Department press briefing. He further insisted that WHO Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus (a regular Pompeo punching-bag) should use his powers and invite Taiwan to attend.

The Taiwanese local government, with State Department backing, has been demanding for two months that it be allowed to participate as an independent delegation in the May 18-19 annual assembly of the World Health Organization. Such blatant efforts to support the current Taiwanese leadership’s drive for independence threaten to rip up U.S.-China relations, by violating U.S. commitments to uphold the principle of a single, sovereign China—the One-China policy.

“To use the epidemic to get Taiwan added to the World Health Assembly isn’t to be truly concerned about public health issues, but out of a political plot to create two Chinas or one China, one Taiwan,” China’s Taiwan Affairs Office responded.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying countered both yesterday and today against the gamut of assaults on China coming from the State Department and others in Washington. Her message was that China views the new coronavirus as “the common enemy of mankind,” the war against which

“China and the U.S. should be comrades in arms rather than enemies.” But China will not tolerate being bullied, she warned.

Hua made clear China will “fully oppose” Pompeo and his British overlords in their push for “Westerners” to be allowed to carry out onsite “independent” investigations of the coronavirus pandemic inside China, because the Chinese are incompetent and cannot be trusted. This is not scientific research, she said. “They want to put China in the dock and hold China accountable and claim compensation.... China is firmly opposed to that.” Does Pompeo not know that “the Wuhan P4 laboratory was born out of cooperation between the Chinese and French governments ... that its first batch of lab users were trained at P4 labs in France and the U.S.?”

### **Parsing Pompeo’s Palaver**

May 7 (EIRNS)—Yesterday’s media encounters by the hyperactive Secretary of State (over 90 interviews in the last month) exposed a new side of the polymath otherwise known as Michael Richard Pompeo. Wikipedia describes him as “an American politician, diplomat, businessman, and attorney who, since April 2018, has served as 70th United States Secretary of State. He is a former United States Army officer and was Director of the Central Intelligence Agency from January 2017 until April 2018.”

They forgot “grammarian.” Questioned at his weekly press briefing how he could claim that there was “enormous evidence” that the coronavirus came out of the Wuhan Institute of Virology, while he also admitted “we don’t have certainty,” Professor Pompeo retorted: “I’m not sure what it is about the grammar that you can’t get. We don’t have certainty, and there is significant evidence that this came from the laboratory, those statements can both be true.”

Pompeo tried a new line of defense of his “enormous evidence” charge this morning. Reminded by a reporter that even Arkansas Sen. Tom Cotton admits there probably will never be more than circumstantial evidence for the lab claim, Pompeo replied that “one man’s direct is another man’s circumstantial.”

### **Trump Sends Nuclear Policy Nominee To U.S. Senate**

May 7 (EIRNS)—On May 1, the White House announced that President Donald Trump had nominated Marshall Billingslea to be Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security. This is the official position he will hold, if confirmed by the Senate, while leading negotiations for the U.S. on a future arms control arrangement as special presidential envoy for arms control. Billingslea’s history of involvement in the torture program as a Pentagon official

during the G.W. Bush Administration is likely to be raised by Senate Democrats during the confirmation process. “This is not who should be put in charge of our nuclear diplomacy,” Sen. Robert Menendez (D-NJ) said in response to Billingslea’s appointment.

The other, perhaps even bigger problem with the administration’s arms control plans is the intention to include China in a three-way arms control arrangement, which China has repeatedly rejected. *Arms Control Today* reports in its May issue that Christopher Ford, Assistant Secretary of State for International Security and Nonproliferation, in an April 6 paper on “next generation arms control,” asserted that the next stage of arms control must continue to control Russia’s deployed strategic weapons currently limited by New START, and address new Russian strategic delivery systems and Russia’s large and growing arsenal of nonstrategic weapons. Ford also said that a future agreement must “rein in” China’s “destabilizing nuclear buildup.”

According to *Arms Control Today*, Ford did not explain how the administration plans to convince Russia to agree to discuss its new generation weapons systems that don’t fall within the language of the New START strategic offensive arms reduction treaty, nor how it plans to convince China to participate in a trilateral arms control discussion for the first time. China has repeatedly stated that it has no interest in participating in multilateral arms talks and has not yet responded to a 2019 U.S. offer for a bilateral dialogue on strategic security. Ford also did not address the future of New START, which will expire in February 2021 unless Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin agree to extend it by up to five years.

- Watch the Morning Briefing with Harley Schlanger on Friday, May 8: <https://larouhepac.com/media-content-types/morning-briefing-harley-schlanger> Every weekday morning Harley will brief you on what you need to know to start your day. Subscribe to the LaRouche PAC 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 <https://soundcloud.com/larouche-pac>.