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EDITORIAL**Future-Oriented Diplomacy Works!**

Sept. 4 (EIRNS)—An agreement between the President of Serbia and the Prime Minister of Kosovo, signed Friday at the White House, shows the power that a vision of the future can have in resolving present problems. After decades of tension and fighting following the collapse of the Soviet Union, also involving outside forces, Kosovo declared complete independence from Serbia in 2008, an independence that Serbia has not recognized. A dozen years later, a significant step forward has now been made, one that recognizes the primacy of achieving economic development and infrastructural ties as the basis for improving the lives of people, leading towards a stable political settlement in the future.

The agreement, which includes road and rail development, mutual recognition of degrees and professional certificates, cooperative use of water resources, and freedom of movement between Kosovo, Serbia, Albania, and North Macedonia, is reminiscent of Lyndon LaRouche's program for an Oasis Plan for Southwest Asia: to achieve full economic development, to fight the desert, and to forge bonds of economic cooperation as a path towards achieving political peace.

President Donald Trump explained his approach: "After a violent and tragic history, and years of failed negotiations, my administration proposed a new way of bridging the divide. By focusing on job creation and economic growth, the two countries were able to reach a major breakthrough—something that nobody thought was going to be possible."

National Security Advisor Robert O'Brien praised the approach of temporarily sidestepping the political issue and to start with "the opening up of border crossings; investment by the United States in both Kosovo and Serbia; deals between Kosovo and Serbia on recognizing each other's diplomas and licenses so that a dentist who is trained in Kosovo can perform his practice, or her practice, in Serbia and vice versa."

Ambassador Ric Grenell, the Special Presidential Envoy for Serbia and Kosovo Peace Negotiations, expressed his view: “I think everybody knows that we’ve been stuck politically in this issue for decades, and many times fighting about symbolic things. And what President Trump did from the very beginning is say: Let’s flip it. Let’s figure out how to do economics first. You can’t pay your rent and you can’t buy food with symbolism, but you can when you have a job.... Let’s see if the concentration on economics and job creation can unstick the political stuff.”

Both sides agreed to freeze attempts at recognition or non-recognition of Kosovo for one year while the agreement has time to create mutual understanding.

Sneaked into the agreement was one item that reflects the opposition to harmonious cooperation among nations: a bullet point on ensuring that no 5G technology from “untrusted vendors” is used. This shadow of the British Empire’s efforts to use the United States as a battering ram against the rise of China as an independent superpower in the world points to the need to eradicate the backwards-looking imperial outlook that seeks dominance rather than progress, power over profit.

Enormous and seemingly shocking global-scale changes are required to root out the idea that one’s gain is another’s loss—both among countries or among people—and to set the world on a path towards scientific and cultural progress. The [Schiller Institute conference](#) this weekend will provide as comprehensive a guide to that better world as is possible over two days, four panels, of intense dialogue, and will be a useful roadmap for the summit meeting among the permanent five members of the UN Security Council. Will we task ourselves with the joyous responsibility of bringing about such change?

Economic Development Trumps Conflict During Serb-Kosovo Talks at White House

Sept. 4 (EIRNS)—Serbian President Aleksandar Vučić and Kosovo Prime Minister Avdullah Hoti held talks at the White House to make progress on the multi-decade tensions between them. They came out with an announcement of economic normalization. President Donald Trump expressed the breakthrough this way: “After a violent and tragic history, and years of failed negotiations, my administration proposed a new way of bridging the divide. By focusing on job creation and economic growth, the two countries were able to reach a major breakthrough—something that nobody thought was going to be possible.”

Vučić, in Washington ahead of the talks, had told Serbian national TV that discussion of the recognition of Kosovo had been removed from the official agenda of the talks. “The people from the Trump administration were impartial, they heard us out, and the clause on mutual recognition is no longer in the documents,” Vučić said. For his part Kosovo Prime Minister Avdullah Hoti told reporters in the Kosovo capital of Pristina that he was not going to discuss anything but the recognition and independence of Kosovo.

The U.S. hopes that the talks will foster new economic ties between the two adversaries as a first step to resolving many contentious political issues between them. Serbia considers Kosovo as still part of Serbia while there continues to be an ethnic Serb minority in the northeastern part of Kosovo.

In response to a question about the establishment of political normalization between Serbia and Kosovo, National Security Advisor Robert O’Brien responded that the first step is economic cooperation: “the opening up of border crossings; investment by the United States in both Kosovo and Serbia; deals between Kosovo and Serbia on recognizing each other’s diplomas and licenses so that a dentist who is trained in Kosovo can perform his practice, or her practice, in Serbia and vice versa.”

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Kosovo's quest for recognition in international organizations, and Serbia's actions to prevent its recognition, will both be frozen for one year while economic development and infrastructure linkages grow.

Vučić expressed his views about the breakthrough: “Your [Trump's] commitment to stabilize the region and to bring peace and stability to the region is something that we appreciate a lot. It's something of utmost significance for us. And speaking about economy, of course speaking about politics, we haven't resolved our problems. There are still a lot of differences between us, but this is a huge step forward, and I'm also again profoundly grateful to you and to your people that you successfully got us here.”

In a press conference to discuss the details of the plan, Grenell was asked a question by a reporter on another topic: Grenell's initiative within the Trump Administration to decriminalize homosexuality around the world. (Former Acting Director of National Intelligence Grenell was the U.S.'s first openly gay cabinet member, and one point of the signed agreement was that Serbia and Kosovo would work to decriminalize homosexuality in those countries in which it remains illegal.) Grenell immediately cut off the questioner, asked whether he could even find Kosovo and Serbia on a map, and made a short, impassioned speech about how the media are almost incapable of focusing on important issues, of thinking outside the Beltway, even when the issue is a significant step forward towards peace and stability in the world.

Also included are agreements not to use 5G technology from “untrusted vendors” (gee, I wonder who that might be), to join the mini-Schengen

encompassing Serbia, Albania, and North Macedonia, and for Kosovo to recognize Israel.

STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

NATO Joins the Navalny Show

Sept. 4 (EIRNS)—The North Atlantic Council met this morning at which the German representative briefed the alliance on the alleged poisoning of Russian opposition figure Alexey Navalny. Afterwards, NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg appeared before a handful of reporters to declare: “There is proof beyond doubt that Mr. Navalny was poisoned using a military-grade nerve agent from the Novichok group.”

“NATO Allies agree that Russia now has serious questions it must answer,” Stoltenberg went on. The Russian government must cooperate with the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) in an impartial investigation as well as provide a complete disclosure of its Novichok program. “Those responsible for this attack must be held accountable and brought to justice,” he said.

When asked why NATO should be concerned about an attack that did not occur on NATO territory, Stoltenberg replied that “Because this is a violation of international law and international norms. It’s a use of a chemical weapon. It’s a use of a chemical nerve agent, which is violating the prohibition of any use of chemical weapons.” Beyond that, it was not just an attack on an individual but an attack on democracy as well, he claimed.

As for how NATO will respond, Stoltenberg said that Alliance members are still consulting. “We strongly believe that this is a blatant violation of international law, so it requires an international response,” he said. “But I will not now speculate about exactly what kind of international response.”

China Responds to U.S. Admiral Who Depicted China as a Strategic Threat

Sept. 4 (EIRNS)—Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying blasted Adm. Philip Davidson, commander of U.S. Indo-Pacific Command, yesterday, for the remarks he made at Pearl Harbor the day before, in which he claimed that the Chinese Communist Party is trying to make “Chinese national power is more important than international law.”

“The world has seen so clearly that it is the U.S. that seeks to change the world to one in which its national power is above the international law,” Hua said during the ministry’s regular briefing yesterday. “What the U.S. has done is hypocrisy, hegemony and double standards at full display.” She pointed out that the U.S. accuses China of violating the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea but the U.S. isn’t even party to the treaty, that it is the U.S. which is sanctioning the International Criminal Court, and that it is the U.S. that “wantonly walked away from international treaties and organizations.”

“People couldn’t help but wonder if the U.S. in any way behaves like a responsible, normal major country,” she said. “It is widely believed that the U.S. has become the biggest destabilizing element to world peace and stability, and the biggest threat to international order and international rule of law. Ironically, however, policy makers and practitioners in the U.S. are feeling so good about themselves. We hope they can come to their senses as soon as possible.”

U.S. POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

Biden Blathers Trump Is Complicit with Putin in ‘Navalny Poisoning’ Affair

Sept. 4 (EIRNS)—Amongst the various “blame Russia” statements on the Navalny Affair made by Merkel, Boris Johnson, NATO’s Stoltenberg et al., Biden’s statement is as, or more, blatant than all, for its presumptive guilt of Russia and its explicit naming of Putin.

Biden: “Once again, the Kremlin has used a favorite weapon—an agent from the Novichok class of chemicals—in an effort to silence a political opponent. It is the mark of a Russian regime that is so paranoid that it is unwilling to tolerate any criticism or dissent.... [H]is [Trump’s] silence is complicity. As President, I will do what Donald Trump refuses to do: work with our allies and partners to hold the Putin regime accountable for its crimes.”

Further, Biden’s accusation of “complicity” by Trump is completely over the top, and a pretty good marker of his puppet-status for the neo-cons.

Then on Sept. 3, White House Press Secretary Kayleigh McEnany was pressed on the alleged Navalny poisoning, and specifically whether President Donald Trump was going to call out Putin. “We’re deeply troubled by the results released yesterday. Alexei Navalny’s poisoning is completely reprehensible. Russia has used chemical nerve agents in the past, and we’re working with our allies in the international community to hold those in Russia accountable.” Her statement was close to the National Security Council release on Sept. 2, but it was considered insufficient until Trump calls out Putin by name. Note, that on Sept. 3, while campaigning in Pennsylvania, Trump continues to insist that talking and working with Russia is a good thing.

Reinoehl, Suspect in Portland Demonstration Killing, Shot Dead, Apparently Resisting Arrest

Sept. 4 (EIRNS)—Michael Reinoehl, the suspected killer in Portland, Oregon Aug. 29 of Aaron J. Danielson—the young man who was wearing a “Patriot Prayer” hat—was himself killed during an attempted arrest on Thursday evening, Sept. 3. Danielson was said to have tried to spray mace, which in Reinoehl’s fantasy-world was an attempted murder.

Reinoehl was interviewed on Vice News earlier on Sept. 3, where he referred to the shooting of Danielson: “I had no choice. I mean, I had a choice, I could’ve sat there and watched them kill a friend of mine of color. But I wasn’t going to do that.” Reinoehl was a white, lean 48-year-old Antifa activist from the Lacey, WA area, a couple of hours north of

Portland, who was a fixture in the Portland demonstrations, self-deployed as an unofficial “security officer” defending the protest from enemies. (With no little irony, Reinhoehl’s explanation, and evident action, was worse than that of any police officer that he and his cohorts had accused.) Less than two months ago, he had been charged with resisting arrest and for carrying a loaded weapon to the protest—but the charges were dropped.

The comments from fellow protesters upon learning of Reinhoehl’s demise, describe the alternate reality that has set in amongst the protesters. Co-protester Randal McCorkle said: “Nightly, he would break up fights. He wanted change so badly.” Reese Monson, a protest leader: Reinhoehl was trained in de-escalation: “He was excellent at that.” Protest organizer Teal Lindseth: “He was literally a guardian angel. He would protect you no matter what.”

In the past, Reinhoehl has had trouble with the law, e.g., his street racing with his 17-year-old son, going over 100 mph. His June 16, 2020 Facebook entry reads: “100% ANTIFA all the way!” Protesting is “where the fight starts...” To those who protest but refrain from the necessary violence, he says: “Please stand aside and support the ones that are willing to fight. We do not want violence but we will not run from it either! ... Today’s protesters and antifa are my brothers in arms.”

Reinhoehl was shot by a fugitive task force led by the U.S. Marshals Service, that included the Lakewood Police Department and the Pierce County Sheriff’s Department. He had exited an apartment and gotten into a vehicle. According to Thurston County Sheriff’s Office’s Lt. Ray Brady, “As they attempted to apprehend him, there was gunfire.” Four officers fired their weapons. A neighbor says there was first an exchange of gunfire, then a man was walking, backwards, toward a white pickup truck, apparently holding a gun, as officers fired.

Chinese Ambassador Urges Revival of the Spirit of U.S.-China World War II Brotherhood

Sept. 4 (EIRNS)—In a video posted on his Twitter account yesterday, Chinese Ambassador to Washington Cui Tiankai urges the need “to

recapture the spirit of cooperation from World War II.” “At that time China and the U.S. fought shoulder-to-shoulder during World War II,” he said, leaving “an indelible mark in the shared history of our two countries,” pointing out that that the Flying Tigers, Gen. Claire Chennault and Gen. Joseph Stilwell have since become household names in China.

“I have received letters from some members of the Doolittle Raid. In the letters, they recalled with deep gratitude that when they made crash landings in China after raiding Tokyo in World War II, the Chinese people put themselves in harm’s way to rescue them and made huge sacrifices for it. This part of history will not be forgotten,” he said.

“Looking back at history is for a right perspective of the future. Just as President Abraham Lincoln said, ‘The best way to predict the future is to create it.’ At this moment, China and the United States need to recapture the spirit of cooperation from World War II, and join hands to confront our common enemies in the new era: COVID-19, economic recession, climate change and other global challenges.

“Let’s work together to realize the vision enshrined in the UN Charter: ‘to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war... and to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,’ ” the Chinese ambassador concluded.

SCIENCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Argentine Satellite Is SpaceX’s Launch of 100th Rocket

Sept. 4 (EIRNS)—When the Argentine SAOCOM-1B satellite was launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida on Aug. 30, it marked the 100th rocket launch for SpaceX and the first time in 50 years that a satellite was sent into polar orbit from Florida, a location well-suited for equatorial orbits.

Russia’s Sputnik V Vaccine Study Published in *Lancet*

Sept. 4 (EIRNS)—The British medical journal *Lancet* published today the Russian Phase 1 and 2 studies on their [Sputnik V](#) COVID-19 vaccine,

showing that 100% of the 76 volunteers developed antibodies at the appropriate levels. The side-effects were mild fevers and headaches. By Russian law, the medical data must first be submitted to the government for examination and registration, prior to publication. When the registration occurred last month, there was a massive uproar in the West over the lack of publication in a medical journal, but everything has proceeded exactly according to the proper procedure in Russia.

The horror was actually over the action of a government to deploy the vaccine, on a voluntary basis to medical workers and teachers - thus, making a command decision about a public health emergency. Otherwise, top national leaders were given access to the vaccine. Phase 3 trials begin, with a planned 40,000 participants, on Saturday, Sept. 5.

What Did Trump Really Say about 'Herd Immunity,' Rather than What the Media Said He Said

Sept. 4 (EIRNS)—President Donald Trump is widely reported in the media to have endorsed herd immunity: “Once you get to a certain number—we use the word ‘herd,’ right? Once you get to a certain number it’s going to go away, so you know it doesn’t have to be.” However, those two lines were fraudulently taken out of their context.

Host Laura Ingraham interviewed the President on “The Ingraham Angle” on Aug. 31, in which she asked about a problem with people who already don’t like flu vaccines, possibly reacting negatively to Trump’s push for COVID vaccines. Trump then referred to herd immunity being developed from vaccines, even though some won’t take any vaccine: “Once you get to a certain number—we use the word ‘herd,’ right? Once you get to a certain number it’s going to go away, so you know it doesn’t have to be. But yeah, a lot of people are not going to want to do it, a lot of people don’t want to do the flu vaccine. You know I never had the flu, but I never had a shot!” The media have omitted the question on vaccines put to Trump, along with the third sentence, which refers back to the vaccine matter.

Dr. Deborah Birx, the White House’s coronavirus task force coordinator, used a similar construction on Sept. 2: “Neither I, nor anybody in the administration, is willing to sacrifice American lives for herd immunity. We’ll get to herd immunity through a vaccine and that’s the right way to do it.” Trump seems to be discussing “herd immunity from vaccines” in a manner similar to Dr. Birx, making the point that he thinks we’ll get enough vaccination to work, even if anti-vaccine people don’t participate.

The media were still at it on Sept. 3, when they confronted White House spokeswoman Kayleigh McEnany, to which she said that the ongoing “herd immunity so-called theory was something made up in the fanciful minds of the media. That was never something that was ever considered here at the White House.” The episode does pose the more interesting question: Is a vaccine possible for herd immunity against the media?

***Washington Post* Flap on ‘Herd Immunity’**

Sept. 4 (EIRNS)—On Sept. 1, Dr. Scott Atlas—a Hoover Institution creep and recent addition to the White House coronavirus task force—was forced to issue a blanket denial, to the allegations in the *Washington Post* contending that he was on the verge of winning President Donald Trump over to a “herd immunity” approach to the COVID crisis. His statement read: “There is no policy of the President or this administration of achieving herd immunity. There never has been any such policy recommended to the President or to anyone else from me.”

It may be troubling that Atlas has joined the White House team, as he had been a mouthpiece on Fox News for such as the following: “These people getting the infection is not really a problem, and in fact..., when you isolate everyone, including all the healthy people, you’re prolonging the problem because you’re preventing population immunity. Low-risk groups getting the infection is not a problem.” If he’s won any fights in the task force, it is his promotion of such policies as opening the schools without delay. However, the *Post*’s reporting was a deliberate fallacy of composition. It was constructed by using previous (pre-White House) Atlas

comments and then claiming that some Trump quotes can be understood as in the same ballpark as Atlas's.

The *Post* overreach on Aug. 31 has resulted in strong anti-“herd immunity” positions—such as pointing out that “herd immunity” is to be achieved not from the spread of infection but from effective vaccines—from the White House team on Sept. 1, 2, and 3. Trump may have wanted to hear arguments from the neo-con opposition—reminiscent of his position on allowing John Bolton in—but, it is clear from the blanket nature of the denial, contrary to the *Post*, that Atlas presently doesn't have the upper-hand amongst the White House team or with Trump.

Swiss Complete Crucial Ceneri Tunnel

Sept. 4 (EIRNS)—The 15.4 km Mount Ceneri tunnel will be officially opened with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Sept. 4. Full service will be available beginning in April 2021.

The inauguration of the Ceneri is the final step in an engineering adventure that started 30 years ago and is intended to make freight transport much easier and to make the roads significantly safer by replacing trucks with trains.

The Alpine rail link project to upgrade connections between northern and southern Europe—including the Lötschberg, Gotthard and Ceneri tunnels—is a good example of how the Swiss political system can get things done.

Delays in the construction of extensions of the Swiss tunnel system in Germany and Italy will not make the full route complete before 2030, if not later—due in particular to the refusal of Germany to accelerate the long-discussed construction of a four-track route along the valley of the Rhine River which would be connected to Switzerland, along a path much easier to traverse than the Alps!

THE NEW GLOBAL ECONOMIC ORDER

Classic Rural Electrification Act Film Sheds Light on Infrastructure Platforms

Sept. 4 (EIRNS)—This 1940 film by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, “[Power and the Land](#),” presents an encouraging history of the Rural Electrification Administration’s success in bringing electricity to American farms, 90% of which lacked it at the time President Franklin D. Roosevelt created it in a 1935 Executive Order. The improvements in physical life—from the ease of getting water, keeping agricultural products fresh, having hot water for hygiene and washing, and having an electric range and oven without the smoke and toil of a wood-fed iron stove—are complemented with improvements in mental life. With less time in physical labor, children and adults alike have more time for reading, better lighting causes less eye strain, bright electric lights don’t require cleaning and refilling like kerosene lanterns. Footage of before-and-after approaches to several farm tasks demonstrate just how profound an impact is created by electrification. All people deserve the best tools humanity can make. And plentiful, affordable electricity is one of the greatest tools! The film is now posted as a video on YouTube.

- Watch the [Morning Briefing with Harley Schlanger](#) on Monday, September 7: 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](#).