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## EDITORIAL

### To Reverse the Collapse, Look to the Stars

Feb. 10 (EIRNS)—Helga Zepp-LaRouche presented the following political analysis of the current global crisis in her [weekly strategic webcast](#) sponsored by The LaRouche Organization:

The political situation in the United States is a circus, but let me say something optimistic in the beginning: because you have three Mars missions—one is already in orbit from the U.A.E., another one today from China, and then still another one from the United States on Feb. 18. So that shows you where mankind should be going. But before we come to that, let's look at what needs to be overcome, and one of those situations is exactly the unbelievable situation in the United States. Looking at it from a distance, so to speak, I think it's a very, very dangerous development, because you have a clear effort to declare former President Trump a non-person; you have a trampling on the Constitution. Yesterday, 56 Senators voted for impeachment, which means they don't respect the Constitution, because the Constitution says you can only impeach a sitting President or official, but not a former one. And it is clearly designed to completely confuse the population, brainwash the population.

It will increase the polarization, and the whole thing is phony, because there is now plenty of evidence that the storming of the Capitol was planned long before Jan. 6, probably immediately after the election took place, there were preparations. The FBI now has evidence that there were 200 people, whom they arrested on Jan. 6, who were involved in the preplanning: Some of these people were FBI informants, or had high-level security clearance from the FBI, such as some of the people from the Proud Boys, and also the so-called Oath Keeper head Caldwell. So, this is a sting operation if you ever have seen one, and it is clearly designed to make sure that Trump can never run for office again, so the whole thing is fraudulent.

But you have to see it in the context of other things which are going on in the United States as well: And that is, censorship. What we had seen already beginning against then-President Trump when he gave press conferences, the major TV stations intervened and said, "no, we don't agree with the content of what he is saying," overriding and overruling the President of the United States. Now you have a whole pattern of blogs and websites being banned by the social media. You cannot mention certain words any more. If you say "vote fraud" you are being banned; if you say certain other things which don't fit the official narrative, so it completely

suppresses any kind of open discussion, the First Amendment. And then, you have this very worrisome effort to criminalize the Trump base: Naturally one is against violence of any kind, but when the former CIA station chief for Afghanistan and Pakistan, and Director of the CIA Counter Terrorism Center—a person called Robert Grenier—says one has to use the same methods one used against insurgencies in Afghanistan and Iraq against those domestic terrorists, because they swim in a larger environment of support in the population.

This is really incredible: This should upset any person who loves democracy, for that matter, or freedom. And I think it is creating an atmosphere of real—I think McCarthyism is a mild word for saying it—and it's a very dangerous development. So I can only call on all people to keep free debate, keep open truth-seeking of matters, and—I think it's a very dangerous development, that's all I can say.

Look at this Navalny story, a real concoction. First of all we should remember that Navalny was not very well-known in Russia until recently, until this so-called “poisoning” through the Russian government, was supposedly happening.

As a matter of fact, if you look at his older statements, he is a rightwing person, he called some people, immigrants, “cockroaches” and using a language which we know from Germany from 80 years ago. So he's not exactly a hero or a nice person. There is this video which was published by RT, where one of his top campaign managers, Vladimir Ashurkov, is seen in 2012, where he talks to a member of the British embassy who in reality was an MI6 agent, where Ashurkov asks this British so-called diplomat for \$10-\$20 million a year, because that would enable them to organize mass demonstrations in Russia.

So this is the reality of this operation, and [Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman] Maria Zakharova just said in a press conference, that it is very clear that there are powerful circles behind Navalny from the West, and some of them demonstrated in these street demonstrations, members from the embassies and consulates, from Germany, from Poland and from

Sweden, which is going against any statutes and standards of the diplomatic service. So Russia expelled these individuals; then, in a reciprocal move, these countries expelled Russian diplomats. But then the thing was crowned by an unbelievably provocative event, which just took place in Brussels, in the Polish mission to the EU, with EU participation, but also U.K., U.S., and Canada—they basically discussed with Ashurkov and also another person, Leonid Volkov, who is another person from the Navalny team, they discussed how all these countries should respond together to the jailing of Navalny.

This is a real intelligence operation, and it is aimed to create an environment where you have internal opposition emerging against Putin, and it has the same character as we discussed last week, with the paper of the [Atlantic Council](#) targetting Xi Jinping for regime change.

Now, needless to say, that if from one nuclear power, and the EU, they are running regime change operations against the other two major nuclear powers, this is really very, very dangerous. I think it's completely disgusting.

On the Green New Deal —.The financial system is hopelessly bankrupt. The central banks have pumped money, trillions and trillions into the system since 2008, when you already had a systemic crisis, and it is very clear this cannot be maintained forever. So in one sense, this idea to pump another \$30 trillion into the system for green investments, which will ruin the economy! If you go to these low energy flux-density levels, you cannot maintain a modern industrial power, and it really is a last-ditch effort to bail out the banks, to bail out the speculators. The economy is collapsing. You have massive layoffs in all major industries, Thyssen, MAN, and various others, but also many small and medium industries are going bankrupt.

We should really fight against it.

We will be bringing out tomorrow, [Executive Intelligence Review](#) will publish a Special Report on the Green New Deal, on the Great Reset, and I can only encourage our viewers to get this report, because this is designed

to explain to people what will be the effect of such a policy and what can be done against it.

So I think this idea that the future of mankind is the colonization of space, and that the best thing which could happen is that all countries work together. The way to overcome geopolitical conflict on Earth is to start to really reach for the stars, to colonize the Moon and Mars, and prepare for future interstellar travel of mankind as one.

I mean, if you look at mankind from space, you see that our little, blue planet is very small, it's very fragile, and the universe is incredibly big. We have not discovered the first secrets yet—there's so much to discover, in 2 trillion galaxies, which we know for sure to exist. So it's really time to overcome what I call the infancy of mankind, where people squabble over territory. If we go for space science, we can completely transform everything which is called a “resource,” and conflicts now which seem to be so big, will completely vanish once we reach the next phase, the next era of human civilization. So I think this is a good reason for optimism.

## UNITED STATES POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

### **Impeachment—the Exciting News From Today**

Feb. 10 (EIRNS)—Today the Democrats ranted for some portion of their allotted 16 hours. Nothing was said. No one was watching.

### **Louisiana Republican Party Censures Senator Cassidy for Impeachment Vote**

Feb. 10 (EIRNS)—Louisiana's Sen. Bill Cassidy was the only new Republican Senator yesterday voting for an impeachment trial, joining the five Senators Collins, Murkowski, Romney, Sasse and Toomey who had already voted on Jan. 27 that there is no problem in holding an unconstitutional impeachment trial against now-private citizen Donald Trump when Sen. Rand Paul called the question. Cassidy claimed with a straight face that he switched his vote on the ridiculous grounds that the

opening statements by the House Democrats were “well-grounded in the Constitution and precedent.”

His Republican base back home was not impressed. “The Republican Party of Louisiana is profoundly disappointed by Senator Bill Cassidy’s vote on the constitutionality of the impeachment trial now underway against former President, now private citizen, Donald J. Trump,” the party said in a statement. “We feel that an impeachment trial of a private citizen is not only an unconstitutional act, but also an attack on the very foundation of American democracy, which will have far reaching and unforeseen consequences for our republic.”

## STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

### NATO Coming Closer to Russia on the Black Sea

Feb. 10 (EIRNS)—NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg vowed again yesterday, that NATO’s promise of 2008 that Ukraine would become a member of the Alliance would eventually be realized though he couldn’t say when. In a joint press conference with Ukrainian Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal, Stoltenberg suggested Kiev should continue reforming its military to bring up to NATO standards in any case because even without membership in the Alliance, this is good for Ukraine.

In response to questions, both Stoltenberg and Shmyhal stressed the importance of NATO’s operations on the Black Sea to counter an allegedly aggressive Russia. Shmyhal reported that Ukraine will begin construction of two new naval bases, one of the Black Sea and one on the Sea of Azov. He declared that these bases will be built “as part of our cooperation with Britain, with the U.K., that are also helping us financially so this program is being launched.” Stoltenberg said that the Black Sea is “of strategic importance” for the Alliance, for NATO members Turkey, Bulgaria and Romania, and for NATO partners Ukraine and Georgia. “At the same time, we have seen a significant Russian buildup in the Black Sea, not least with the illegal annexation of Crimea, and also with more naval presence in the year,” he said. Stoltenberg further stated Ukrainian participation with two

U.S. Navy destroyers, the *USS Donald Cook* and the *USS Porter*, in recent exercises with the Ukrainian Navy and increased NATO air policing in the region. “So, NATO has increased its military presence in the Black Sea region, because we recognize the great strategic importance of this region for all NATO allies but also of course for our close partner, Ukraine,” he said.

In addition to the exercises with Ukraine, the U.S. Navy’s 6th Fleet announced in a Feb. 10 press release that the *Donald Cook* and *Porter*, along with a P-8A patrol aircraft participated in another exercise in the Black Sea with two Turkish navy frigates. “The U.S. Navy ships and aircraft joined the Turkish maritime forces in an integrated surface, air, subsurface warfare exercise, the release said. “These maneuvers enhanced the tactical proficiency of the ships and aircraft through precision command and control and communication.”

Separately, the U.S. Naval Institute News reported that the U.S. Army is concentrating much of its effort in the upcoming European Defender exercise on the Balkans and the Black Sea. U.S. Army Europe commander Gen. Christopher Cavoli told an online forum of the Association of the United States Army that particular attention will be paid to Romania, which is developing a Multinational Division for deployment, and Bulgaria, now receiving American advanced air and missile defense systems.

### **Israeli Military Intelligence Does Not Believe Iran Has Decided To Build a Bomb**

Feb. 10 (EIRNS)—Israeli Military Intelligence assesses that, as the Iranians have been insisting, Tehran has not made a decision to pursue the development and deployment of nuclear weapons. The *Times of Israel* reported yesterday that the assessment is part of the Israel Defense Forces’ annual intelligence assessment, and though *ToI* doesn’t say so, it provides a striking contrast to the harsh rhetoric that has been coming from top Israeli officials in recent days about the alleged existential threat stemming from Iran’s nuclear program.” The Israeli military assesses that Iran is still roughly two years away from being able to create a working, deliverable

nuclear weapon—roughly the same time frame it estimated last year—despite the Islamic Republic’s stockpiling and enrichment,” *ToI* reported. “Critically, this two-year estimate would require Iran to decide to press ahead full-steam with creating a nuclear weapon, in violation of not only the 2015 nuclear accord but also the nuclear non-proliferation treaty of which it is a signatory. As of this month, the IDF does not believe that Tehran has made such a decision and instead hopes to reenter negotiations with the United States regarding a return to the JCPOA by both countries.”

At about the same time that the Israeli military assessment was becoming public, Iranian Intelligence Minister Mahmoud Alavi was speaking on Iranian TV issuing a warning as to what would make Tehran decide that it needed to build nuclear weapons. “I will tell you—if a cat is cornered, it may show a kind of a behavior that a cat that is free would not,” Alavi said, reported Sputnik International. “Our nuclear program is peaceful and the fatwa issued by the Supreme Leader has forbidden nuclear weapons, but if they push Iran in that direction, it would be the fault of those who pushed, not Iran’s,” he said. The minister went on to emphasize that under the “current circumstances,” Iran has “no plans” to pursue nuclear weapons.

### **Saudi Officials Finally Depositioned over Support to 9/11 Terrorists**

Feb. 10 (EIRNS)—A deposition of 16 Saudi officials began this morning in the case brought by the families of victims of the 9/11 attack. The depositions are on Zoom (despite objections from some of the families who insisted on face-to-face depositions) due to the pandemic, and all of them will be sealed, but they did name the 16 Saudis being questioned. Mike Kelly of the Bergen County, New Jersey *Record*, who has followed the case closely, reported that the two Saudis, Omar al-Bayoumi and Fahad al-Thumairy, who helped two of the terrorists, Khalid al-Mihdhar and Nawaf al-Hazmi, get housing and flight training in California, are on the list. Al-Mihdhar and al-Hazmi were known to the CIA as terrorist-linked, and had followed them through a meeting in Malaysia with others who were planning the attack, and then to Los Angeles, where, supposedly, they

stopped tracing their movements because the CIA is not supposed to work within the U.S., but (also supposedly) did not notify the FBI.

Also on the list is the Saudi Embassy official, Musaed Ahmed al-Jarrah, who reportedly supervised Bayoumi and Thumairy in their meetings with al-Mihdhar and al-Hazmi. Kelly wrote: “As this columnist reported exclusively last September, when al-Mihdhar and al-Hazmi made their way to New Jersey—along with the 9/11 plot ringleader, Mohamed Atta, who flew to New Jersey from Florida—al-Jarrah made a special trip to a Jersey City mosque to deliver a \$1 million donation from the Saudi government. Lawyers for the 9/11 victims want to question al-Jarrah on whether he met with al-Mihdhar, al-Hazmi and possibly Atta during the trip to New Jersey. They consider such a meeting—if it took place—to be the equivalent of a criminal conspiracy.”

Kelly also reports that the Jamal Khashoggi, the *Washington Post* journalist and Saudi Muslim Brotherhood asset who was planning to run a color revolution in Saudi Arabia before they dismembered him in the Saudi consulate in Istanbul, Turkey, had a year earlier met with a former FBI agent who was assisting lawyers for the 9/11 victims. “Khashoggi reportedly agreed to help the victims’ lawyers. But it’s not clear how much he could help—or whether his meeting with the former FBI agent contributed to his slaying,” Kelly wrote.

## THE NEW GLOBAL ECONOMIC ORDER

### U.A.E. Proclaims Its ‘Hope’ Mars Mission Is a ‘Collaborative Project for the Entire Human Race’

Feb. 10 (EIRNS)—The homepage of the United Arab Emirates’ Space Agency’s website succinctly answers the question, “[Why Are We Exploring Mars?](#)”:

“The red planet has captured human imagination for centuries. Now, we are at a junction where we know a great deal about the planet, and we have the vision and technology to explore further. Mars is an obvious target for exploration for many reasons. From our pursuit to find extraterrestrial life

to someday expand human civilization to other planets, Mars serves as a long-term and collaborative project for the entire human race.”

In a fascinating interview with [Space.com](https://www.space.com) on Feb. 8, the day before Hope’s orbital insertion, U.A.E. Space Agency chair and Minister for Advanced Sciences Sarah al-Amiri described how Hope was designed for its mission as “the very first holistic weather satellite of Mars,” mapping the dynamics of Mars’ weather system throughout the entire day, in every region of Mars, over the course of an entire Martian year, through the combination of its three key instruments, shifting its orbit (from closer in to farther out), and monitoring Mars’s lower and upper atmosphere, and the interactions between them.

“Our objectives from the get-go,” she emphasized, “are to ensure that Hope’s science is complementary to other missions and [therefore] usable to various science groups, and also new in nature so that it can continue the vast exploration efforts by different nations about Mars.”

Hope is a product of national determination and international cooperation which exemplifies how other developing countries and regions can also leapfrog into being space-faring nations. The U.A.E. is a young nation—founded only 50 years ago—but its founder, Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al-Nahyan, recognized that “money is meaningless if not mobilized for the good of man,” the country’s oil wealth “valueless without national human resources qualified for and capable of building up the country” through science and industry. It was that understanding that led far-sighted leaders of the U.A.E. to invite physical economist Lyndon LaRouche to deliver the keynote address to a two-day regional symposium on “[The Role of Oil and Gas in World Politics](#),” at the U.A.E.’s Zayed Centre in June 2002, and to develop both nuclear power and space programs.

Space Agency chair al-Amiri argues that the purpose of U.A.E.’s space program is that of “stimulating a lot of change within the U.A.E.’s economy that today more than ever should have a solid foundation in science. The best way to do that, from what we have been experimenting with as a nation, has been an exploration mission to space.”

To develop its Earth-orbit satellite program in the 2000s, the U.A.E. turned to South Korea to jointly design and build its first two satellites, then launched from Kazakhstan. Its Space Agency was founded in 2014, and the goal of sending a probe to Mars by 2021, the 50th anniversary of the nation's founding, adopted quickly thereafter. By 2018, the U.A.E. space team was able to design and build a satellite itself. To meet the tougher technical challenges of building a spacecraft for another planet, the U.A.E. Space Agency partnered with three U.S. universities: the University of Colorado's Laboratory for Atmospheric and Space Physics in Boulder, Arizona State University, and the Space Sciences Lab at the University of California, Berkeley campus. Hope was then launched to Mars on a Japanese rocket from the Tanegashima Space Center!

A veteran of NASA Mars missions, now based at Northern Arizona University who worked on the design of one of Hope's instruments, Christopher Edwards, told the *Wall Street Journal* that the Hope mission "is like nothing I've ever experienced in the spacecraft program so far. There's a huge training aspect to it and a huge collaborative aspect that is like nothing else."

### **López Obrador Invites Argentine President as 'Special Guest' for Bicentennial of Mexican Independence**

Feb. 10 (EIRNS)—Reflecting the strategic alliance and strong working relationship between them, Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador (AMLO) has invited Argentine President Alberto Fernández to attend the Feb. 24 celebration of the bicentennial of Mexican Independence as a "special guest and distinguished speaker, by virtue of the strong ties of friendship and collaboration between our two countries as well as the common historic aspects of our nations' fight for independence." *Página 12* reported today. Officials of the Mexican embassy in Buenos Aires delivered AMLO's invitation to Fernández, and according to Mexican media, he is the only foreign leader invited to attend and speak. He will remain in Mexico until Feb. 26.

Feb. 24 is the anniversary of the promulgation of the Plan de Iguala, by which Mexico declared its independence from Spain, and the celebration of that date will take place in Iguala, in the state of Guerrero. Feb. 24 is also Mexican Flag Day. Throughout 2021, Mexico will hold a total of 15 different commemorations of both its independence from Spain, as well as, according to several media, “500 years of indigenous resistance,” and “seven centuries of the history of Mexico-Tenochtitlan.” Tenochtitlán was the capital of the bloody Aztec empire—today Mexico City— built in 1325 and destroyed by the Spanish in 1521. The event in Iguala will be the second of these 15 planned events.

Recall that in November 2019, when he was President-elect, Fernández traveled to Mexico as his first overseas trip after winning the presidential election that month. The two nations are close allies and coordinate on a number of fronts. Last November, Mexico and Argentina jointly announced the founding of the Latin American and Caribbean Space Agency (ALCE) which began to operate this year. A year earlier, after the November 2019 coup against Bolivian President Evo Morales, the two leaders worked together—Fernández still as President-elect— to save Morales’s life, ensuring that he first got to Mexico where he was granted asylum, and then later to Argentina where he was offered refugee status. Morales remained there until November 2020. Fernández and López also coordinate through the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), of which Mexico serves as president Pro-tempore for the second year in a row. In January of this year, a Mexican delegation led by Health Undersecretary Hugo López-Gatell, who is responsible for Mexico’s coronavirus response, traveled to Buenos Aires to discuss protocols and results of the Sputnik V vaccine’s use in Argentina. Following this visit, Mexico ordered 24 million doses of the Russian vaccine, *Forbes México* reported.

### **Huawei Brings Suit Against the FCC Ruling That U.S. Firms Can’t Buy Its Products**

Feb. 10 (EIRNS)—Huawei Technologies filed a lawsuit Feb. 8 in the U.S. Court of Appeals Fifth District (TX, LA, MS) disputing its designation as a

“national security threat” by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The ruling under the Trump Administration blocked American telecommunications operators from accessing a multibillion-dollar federal fund, set up for IT companies, to buy Huawei-made telecom gear. Huawei said the FCC’s ruling in December exceeded its authority and was “arbitrary, capricious, and an abuse of discretion, and not supported by substantial evidence.”

Huawei filed its lawsuit hours before Huawei’s founder, Ren Zhengfei, told journalists in China that he hoped the Biden administration would be more open to policies “that are in the interests of U.S. companies,” adding that he would welcome a phone call from the new President. “We still hope to be able to buy a lot of U.S. components, parts and machinery so that U.S. companies can also develop with the Chinese economy,” he said on Feb. 9.

President Biden’s nominee for Commerce Secretary, Gina Raimondo, vowed to protect the U.S. against Chinese technology threats but declined to promise to maintain the Commerce Department’s blacklisting of Huawei, pending a review, *The Hill* reported.

Huawei also challenged a U.S. law that barred the company from doing business with American contractors, but a federal judge in Texas threw it out last year. A separate challenge against the FCC filed in 2019, which also disputes the designation of Huawei as a security threat, is continuing.

## SCIENCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

### WHO Investigation of COVID-19 Origin Defies the ‘Blame China’ Game

Feb. 10 (EIRNS)—The WHO team of investigators in China gave a status report on their investigation into the origin of COVID-19 at their press conference on Feb. 9. According to *Global Times*, the long-awaited investigation shot down the all too easy answers.

Tests on bats and pangolins (a kind of anteater) found that the infections present are simply not close enough to the SARS-CoV-2 infection. Hence,

if mutations from these made their way to humans, there would have to be some yet unknown intermediary animal in such a transmission from, e.g., bat to humans. Antibody testing was done of 11,000 samples from pigs, cows, goats, chickens and ducks; and 12,000 swab tests of wild animals were done. All tests were negative. No link has yet been found. The team reported that, after their field studies in China, “we need to conduct more surveys of certain animals that could be reservoirs of the virus, and bats, not only in China.” One member, Peter Daszak, told *Global Times*: “There was a virus from Thailand close to the SARS-CoV-2, and also Japan and Cambodia....” Hence, the WHO team would next be following up on those.

The leader of the WHO team, Peter Ben Embarek, confirmed as credible China’s suspicion that imported frozen food might have been a conveyer of the virus. He himself is a food safety scientist. Evidently, the virus survives a long time, and can travel great distances, at low temperatures. One path now is to examine the trail of some of the frozen food suppliers to the Wuhan seafood market. Embarek said: “It’s important to make sure we are not geopolitically bound, as the virus passing from animals to the Huanan market could take a long path involving movement across borders and travels before reaching the Huanan market.”

The first case in Wuhan had an onset date of December 8, 2019, but had no link to the Huanan seafood market; and it is not known how the market became infected. Transmissions occurred in Wuhan outside of the market itself.

The team was highly impressed with the security at the Wuhan Institute of Virology and discounted it as a source for the virus. In fact, the only conclusive finding at this point was that the lab was not a source. Despite Pompeo’s notable rantings, no swab test has been conducted on the former Secretary of State.

The Biden team immediately took umbrage to the findings, putting the lie to their vaunted claim that they ‘follow the science.’ The State Department spokesman Ned Price made clear that the U.S. won’t accept WHO’s findings. Rather, “We will work with our partners, and also draw

on information collected and analyzed by our own intelligence community ... rather than rush to conclusions that may be motivated by anything other than science.” Apparently, it means, our intelligence community can improve upon the WHO test results. On the WHO’s continuing mission outside of China to Southeast Asia to gather evidence, Price continued: “I don’t think there is any reasonable person who would argue that the coronavirus originated elsewhere.” Translation: If you follow the evidence, you are not reasonable. Finally, the White House’s inimitable Jen Psaki asserted that it is “imperative” for the U.S. to have its own team there “to make sure we have eyes and ears on the ground....” Translation: We demand what is not needed and won’t happen, as a way of never having to say “We’re sorry.” So, “follow the science” has become “produce the results that we need or it doesn’t qualify as science.” ’

### **Tianwen-1 Is in Mars Orbit**

Feb. 10 (EIRNS)—China’s Tianwen-1 orbiter fired its engine at 6:52 a.m. EST (11:52 UTC) today to slow down, and get pulled into Mars’ orbit, joining the United Arab Emirates’ Hope, which arrived yesterday. Unlike any of the first Mars missions ever sent by other countries, China’s Tianwen-1 consists of not just an orbiter, but also a lander and rover.

It is a very high-risk approach, but since one can only launch to Mars every 26 months, it will save a lot of time to combine two steps. Over the next two to three months, the orbiter will be photographing the red planet to allow the scientists and engineers to choose a landing spot which is both interesting and safe. The rover will be deployed in May or June and spend three months studying Mars, looking especially for underground water.

Speculation has already started as to which nation will deploy the first sample return mission—the U.S. or China—which is an important step ahead of manned missions.

Happily, NASA Associate Administrator for Science Missions Thomas Zurbuchen sent a message by Twitter this morning: “Congratulations to China for the Tianwen-1 mission successfully entering Mars orbit today.

There is much to discover about the mysteries of Mars and we look forward to your contributions!”

- Watch **Harley's Updates** with Harley Schlanger on Thursday, February 11, 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.