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EDITORIAL

Look to the Stars, Set Earth To Rights

July 11 (EIRNS)—This evening at the White House, NASA gave a special briefing to the President and Vice President to preview the stunning new results from the James Webb Space Telescope. One preview photo was

released, showing a scene of shining lights amidst darkness, from 13 billion years ago. NASA Administrator Bill Nelson, who has been in space, stressed that with this new capability, “We’ll be able to answer questions, we don’t yet even know to ask.”

Though this significance is, unfortunately, likely lost on Joe Biden and Kamala Harris, the televised occasion nevertheless signifies the role of the Presidency in responding to priorities of the public good, and it is our inspiration to act to set things to rights on Earth. More Webb images will be released July 12, including full-color images and spectroscopic data, at a televised broadcast beginning at 10:30 a.m. EDT (14:30 UTC) from NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center, and with the European Space Agency and the Canadian Space Agency. Here is the [countdown](#).

The scientific breakthroughs for the “terrestrial imperative”—for mankind to go into the heavens, as space scientist Krafft Ehricke declared—are one and the same with what is needed to pursue the public good for all humanity here on Earth.

To accomplish this, the failed Western monetarist system must be replaced. In that regard, reality is busting up some of the most drummed-in narratives that stand in the way of people understanding what to do. These narratives are spun by the geopoliticians out of London/Wall Street, bent on perpetuating their deadly political and economic control. For example, they insist you believe that Russian President Putin has caused “unprovoked aggression” in Ukraine, caused the gas crisis, the world food crisis, hyperinflation, and soon, probably—the hyper-deflation!

But these narratives are less and less believable, no matter the brainwashing power of the media. None other than an EU institutional leader is bemoaning this turn of events. EU Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy Josep Borrell, posted a statement on the EU website July 10, reporting on his trip to the Group of 20 ministerial in Indonesia last week, “The global battle of narratives is in full swing and, for now, we are not winning.” He explained that, “The G7 and like-minded countries are united in condemning and sanctioning Russia, and in trying to

hold the regime accountable. But other countries ... the majority of the ‘Global South,’ often take a different perspective.”

Yesterday, even Canada in the Global North, took a “different perspective,” though a one-off action, and issued a temporary waiver on sanctions against Russia, so that a Nord Stream turbine, in Montreal for repairs since May, could be expedited back to Gazprom in Europe. Despite the narrative that Europeans are happy to “freeze for freedom” in Ukraine, the reality of the energy shortages is hitting home. As of today, Nord Stream is shut for a pre-planned, annual maintenance period of 10 days, which underscores that Germany is far short of reserves for next winter, and for even day-to-day gas supplies. The German Association of Cities demands the government take any and all measures to keep the energy utilities in operation, or their cities will shut down.

With different specifics, millions of Americans, centered in the Central states, as well as in California and New England, are on the edge of power cuts, because of years of green, failed energy policies. Today in Texas, the electricity grid fell below the safety margin. ERCOT, the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, late on Sunday, July 10, issued an emergency public message to all Texans to start conserving power, to avoid blackouts. Residents were asked to postpone running major appliances today between 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and large business users to find a way to cut down usage. Texas is on the edge of a summer version of the famous “Texas Freeze,” when the state went black during a freeze in February 2021.

Wind power in Texas today was expected to fall to 10% of its capacity. The state has allowed electricity generation to sink below expected usage. Today’s demand, in a heat wave, is expected to exceed a record 79 GW, which the state cannot meet, and has not planned to do so. Who still believes the worn-out narrative, that the cause of the crisis is, “Russia’s war with Ukraine,” and “climate change,” as reported, for example, in the July 10 *Texas Tribune*?

On the world food crisis, the first to shoot down the Big Lie that it’s Putin’s fault, are the farmers now having to take to the streets in Europe, in

order to defend the right to produce food. Their focus is to force their capitals—Amsterdam, Berlin, Madrid, Rome, The Hague—to stop going along with the 2020 EU Green Deal “Farm to Fork” program, which demanded EU member nations to implement drastic cuts in farming, based on the Killer Green Narrative, that agriculture and people are bad for the Earth. Farm protests with tractors on the highway took place yesterday in several cities in Germany, for example, Leipzig, where German farmers declared support for their Dutch compatriots..

These events point up the readiness for support for establishing a new economic and security system, as called for in the Schiller Institute “[Call for an Ad Hoc Committee for a New Bretton Woods System](#),” which is gaining signatures from every continent.

- Watch [Harley’s Updates](#) with Harley Schlanger on Tuesday July 12, 2022: Every weekday morning on The LaRouche Organization, Schlanger will give you the strategic briefing you need to start your day.

COLLAPSING WESTERN SYSTEM

Canadian Government Will Allow Return of Pipeline Turbine to Gazprom

July 11 (EIRNS)—Reuters reported July 10 that Canadian Minister of Natural Resources Jonathan Wilkinson announced the Siemens-built turbine, which was shipped to Siemens in Montreal for reconditioning in May, would be returned to Gazprom. He said the government is issuing a “time-limited and revocable permit” to exempt the return of turbines from its Russian sanctions, to support “Europe’s ability to access reliable and affordable energy as they continue to transition away from Russian oil and gas.” (In other words, as they panic and ration natural gas.) Russia had said only on July 8 that the flow of gas to Europe, now cut by 60% on the Nord Stream 1 pipeline, would be restored when and if it got back the repaired turbine. That pipeline shuts down today for the annual 10 days of maintenance. Wilkinson said, “Absent a necessary supply of natural gas,

the German economy will suffer very significant hardship and Germans themselves will be at risk of being unable to heat their homes as winter approaches.”

To palliate NATO and Ukraine, which have demanded that Canada keep the turbine and are driving a Ukrainian diaspora campaign in Canada to block its return, Ottawa’s [Foreign Affairs Minister Mélanie Joly](#) announced on July 9 a new wave of anti-industrial sanctions against Russia: “These new sanctions will apply to land and pipeline transport and the manufacturing of metals and of transport, computer, electronic and electrical equipment, as well as of machinery. Once the measures are in effect, Canadian businesses will have 60 days to conclude contracts with targeted industries and services.”

With the Ten-Day Shutdown of Nord Stream 1, Tension Rises in Germany

July 11 (EIRNS)—The shutdown of the Nord Stream 1 gas pipeline for 10 days of maintenance starting today has thrown the German political, business, and media world into fibrillations. Gas reservoirs are low, at about 60% full. If Russia decides not to reactivate Nord Stream 1 after the 10-day maintenance period, it will be impossible to fill reserves to the planned 80% in October and 90% in November.

On one side, Green fanatics, such as Federal Network Agency (Bundesnetzagentur) President Klaus Müller, insist, with psywar-like statements, on “saving energy” and rationing. On the other side, Siemens Canada which was effecting the maintenance and repair, has announced that they will refit the pipeline with the turbines, whose return Canada has now unblocked, as fast as possible. That would solve the technical problem adduced by Gazprom for the original reduction of gas flows by 60%, but it is also a political signal. The turbines were blocked by sanctions, which now de facto are ad hoc lifted.

And although Müller, Energy Minister Robert Habeck (Greens) et al. insist that the three still-operating nuclear plants will shut down at year-end as planned, some elements are demanding a public debate, for instance by

ARD first channel TV. The Tüv-Sud certification agency declared that the three operating plants, as well as the three that were deactivated last year, could be reactivated, even at high cost, because their operating licenses have not expired.

In the midst of this, the German Association of Cities (Deutsche Städtetag), has demanded that the government financially and legally support municipal utilities, because utilities cannot pass on their high costs along to customers, and therefore they are facing bankruptcy.

The German Association of Cities is therefore calling for better protection for municipal energy suppliers. The Berlin government must place municipal utilities “under the umbrella of protection for the economy,” said Association of Cities President Markus Lewe, speaking to the newspapers of the Funke media group. “And we need guarantees and loans for affected utilities, as well as an insolvency moratorium to suspend the obligation to file for insolvency.... Municipal utilities supply millions of households, businesses and local industry. Local transport, municipal hospitals, waste collection and swimming pools depend on them,” stressed Lewe (CDU), who is the Mayor of Münster. “Security of supply must not be jeopardized.”

Fed Could Present Unintentional Christmas Gift, a Deflationary Collapse

July 11 (EIRNS)—World commodity prices have begun to fall, sharply in some cases of which metals and food commodities are the most prominent. Examples given by Markets Insider July 9 are the copper price, which has dropped by more than 20% from May; corn, which has fallen by about 30% in price since May; soybeans, down about 15%; and wheat, down about 35%. Energy and wholesale electricity prices are the definite exception due to the NATO war and sanctions on Russia and the “green strategy of tension” being waged by U.S. and European governments against their own populations to compel them to stop using fossil fuels, produce less food, use less energy. But for commodities otherwise, the same sanctions’ destruction of liquidity and demand in their markets has set off a

deflationary process. A serious recession, which was just this spring being confidently viewed by business economists as possible in “late 2023 or 2024,” is now hitting “global NATO,” and much worse is spreading in the developing sector.

There is no chance this will immediately affect runaway consumer-price inflation, because the monster sanctions have given the trans-Atlantic countries and many developing nations extreme shortages and breakdowns in physical-economic production and distribution.

But the Federal Reserve, which launched the inflation wave first in commodities markets with its money-printing blitz beginning in late 2019, has now helped trigger a reversal, and what could become a rapid oscillation of waves of inflation and deflation as dollar exchange rate spreads widen and the physical economies of the trans-Atlantic break down.

Long-term national commodity trade deals, now being actively promoted by President Putin’s Russia, can provide a price-stability alternative to this. Russia on July 6 inaugurated its first “national [not world-market—ed.] commodity index,” called the NAMEX wheat index, defined as the price of a metric ton of wheat delivered for shipping at the port of Novorossiysk on the Black Sea. Now, According to the *Business Standard* in Bangladesh, it has offered to sell 200,000 metric tons (“2 lakh”) of wheat to Bangladesh at a price, based on that index, which appears to be equivalent to roughly \$500/metric ton (the S&P world market price is currently given as \$605/metric ton). Other “national commodity indices” are to follow, reported the Central Bank of the Russian Federation on July 6.

Indian Farmers Prepare for Action Again

July 11 (EIRNS)—There are signs that Indian farmers, who were first to stage a sustained—and apparently successful—national protest against the cartelization of agriculture, in 2021, are ready to join in what has now become an international wave of farmers’ protests against inflation and restrictions on their ability to farm. Several Indian English-language

publications and websites, including [The Federal](#), are reporting that the Indian Farmers Union (Bharatiya Kisan Union, BKU) is getting ready to come out on tractors again after a year in which their producer prices have skyrocketed and BKU says the Modi government has been trying to sabotage the Minimum Support Price agreed as a result of the last farmers' strike.

While a protest demonstration (without tractors) has already been underway for three days in Haryana State, BKU national spokesman Rakesh Tikait, the son of BKU founder Mahendra Singh Tikait, said on July 10, "Yes, I did ask (farmers) to keep their tractors ready, since one doesn't know where one needs to go now. However, a tractor is needed on the fields ... or any other place.... The movement will go on. Farmers' expenses are going up. Unemployment is getting worse. The government doesn't want to address these issues."

STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

Gerhard Schröder Reiterates: Talk to Russia, Negotiate Ukraine Resolution

July 11 (EIRNS)—Despite continued attacks by anti-Russian witch hunters, former German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder (SPD) has kept his personal channel to Russian President Vladimir Putin open. As he told *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*, he opposes the present government's reluctance to talk to Russia: "Why are they focussing on the delivery of weapons [to Ukraine]? I do not believe in a military solution. The war can only be ended by negotiations. The fate of the soldiers and the Ukrainian civil population can only be eased by diplomatic negotiations."

Schröder said that he concludes from his meeting with President Putin in Moscow in March, that Russia is interested in a diplomatic solution. "How such a solution may look like, can, however, only be clarified in talks," Schröder said, insisting that everything should be done by all sides "to prevent another escalation of the conflict."

Kiev Defense Minister Dreams about a Million Man Army, and a Southern Offensive

July 11 (EIRNS)—The Kiev regime is fantasizing about launching an offensive by which they would retake the Kherson region in the south. The reality is that, despite the propaganda portraying Russia's special military operation as suffering one defeat after another, the Ukrainian armed forces have not once showed any ability to seize the initiative on the battlefield, much less mount a counter-offensive.

Oleksii Reznikov, the regime's Defense Minister, claimed in an interview with the *Sunday Times* of London that Ukraine is massing a million-man army for the fantasized offensive. "We understand that, politically, it's very necessary for our country. The President has given the order to the supreme military chief to draw up plans. After that the general staff are doing their homework and say to achieve this goal we need XYZ," he said. "This is my job. I'm writing letters to counterparts in partner countries, the generals talk about why we need this kind of weaponry and then we get the political decisions."

Reznikov said he was satisfied with the support Ukraine was receiving from NATO partners but not the pace of deliveries. "We need more, quickly, to save the lives of our soldiers. Each day we're waiting for howitzers, we can lose a hundred soldiers."

"We're people of the free world and with a real sense of justice and liberty. We have approximately 700,000 in the armed forces and when you add the national guard, police, border guard, we are around a million strong." British soldiers are already training two battalions of Ukrainian soldiers in England as part of outgoing Prime Minister Boris Johnson's pledge to train 10,000 troops every 120 days. Kiev is not concerned the prime minister's imminent departure could derail that commitment, Reznikov said. "We've looked into the eyes of our partners, I have a great relationship with [Defense Secretary] Ben Wallace and [MP] James Heappey, our Minister of Foreign Affairs Dymtro Kuleba is speaking with

Liz Truss, I saw in London a lot of Ukrainian flags in all official buildings and unofficial buildings too.”

Reznikov also granted an interview with the *Wall Street Journal*, which he devoted mainly to demanding more weapons. “We need to refresh our platoons and change them and make replacements also because we also have a lot of losses,” he said. “We are waiting for more armor, more weaponry from our partners. We need to rebuild some directions and to refresh our fortifications and plan a new operational strategy.” He claimed that the HIMARS rocket launchers that the U.S. has provided to Ukraine have been a “game-changer,” enabling Ukraine to target Russian forces in the northeastern town of Izyum, but added: “The war is grim.... We need more. We need it quickly.”

The regime is not only demanding more weapons but also weapons of ever greater range. “The Russians are using their MLRS’s, which can go 120 km,” Reznikov said, referring to Russian-made multiple-launch rocket systems. “So we need to have something a little bit longer: 150 [km]. We’ll get there.”

British Program To Train Ukrainian Troops Won’t Keep Up with Losses

July 11 (EIRNS)—The first cohort of Ukrainian troops, “many of whom have no previous military experience,” reported the Associated Press, have arrived in the U.K. for training, the London [Ministry of Defense](#) announced in a July 9 statement. They are there, according to news media reports, as part of now-outgoing Prime Minister Boris Johnson’s promise to train 10,000 Ukrainian troops every 120 days.

The problem is that, as admitted by senior officials of the Kiev regime, the Ukrainian army is losing troops at the rate of 100-200 per day. If that rate were sustained over the same 120-day period, that would put Ukrainian losses at 12,000-24,000 troops. Russian Defense Ministry spokesman Lt. Gen. Igor Konashenkov claimed today that Russian strikes killed some 550 Ukrainian troops in Kharkiv and Donetsk.

Ignoring the math, U.K. Defense Secretary Ben Wallace proclaimed: “Using the world-class expertise of the British Army we will help Ukraine to rebuild its forces and scale-up its resistance as they defend their country’s sovereignty and their right to choose their own future.”

NEW ECONOMIC ORDER

People First—Defend the Farmers Against Green Policies and Speculators!

July 11 (EIRNS)—Alf Schmidt, a sheep farmer and farm leader from Thuringia, addressed the party national convention of the Bürgerrechtsbewegung Solidarität (Civil Rights Solidarity Movement, BüSo) on July 2 in Frankfurt, with a hard hitting, extensive insight into the insane, deliberately destructive agriculture policies, perpetrated in Germany by current Green leader and Minister of Food and Agriculture Cem Özdemir, as well as by government leaders in the Netherlands and all over Europe.

Schmidt opened his remarks by asking “Why were there no greenies in East Germany?” The answer: “Education was mandatory.”

His presentation was titled “Özdemir’s Agricultural Policies—Food as a Weapon.” With many examples and frightening anecdotes he showed how agricultural production in Germany is being further and further destroyed and ultimately made completely impossible—by increasingly insane legal requirements and regulations imposed in the name of animal, environmental and climate protection.

The speech was a very shocking eye-opener for the audience, and made clear how urgent it is to create international alliances between farmers, entrepreneurs and all other citizens, for the common good, before vital productive activity in all areas is completely ruined, and the basis for human existence has vanished.

Some examples: As a sheep farmer, Schmidt has recorded around €1.2 million in damage caused by the return of wolves. The demanded reduction

in the use of fertilizers would reduce the quality of the grain so much that it can be used only as fodder, but no longer as bread grain. Large areas of land would be taken out of agricultural production for insect protection and water protection. The stricter regulations for animal transport would be practically impossible to meet.

In the end, agriculture in Germany would be shut down and Germany would become completely dependent on food imports from abroad. Independent farmers would be ruined and the land would be bought up by large companies. He said that it was already becoming apparent that food production would decline drastically.

Finally, he showed a video statement by [Sieta van Keimpema](#) of the Netherlands, who is the press officer of the Farmers Defense Force and chairwoman of the European Milk Board, who explained for a German audience the reason for the farmers' protests in the Netherlands: the government had decided on drastic conditions aimed at forcing one-third of all farmers to give up their farms.

Alf Schmidt had addressed the second panel of international [Schiller Institute](#) conference Nov. 13-14, 2021 in the panel on physical economy.

U.S. POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

Biden Goes to Israel and Saudi Arabia; Israel's Message Is Get Tough on Iran

July 11 (EIRNS)—President Joe Biden will start in two days for a trip to Israel and Palestine on July 13. The trip includes a stop in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on July 15, and attendance at a summit meeting in Jeddah of the Gulf Cooperation Council plus Iraq, Egypt and Jordan.

In Israel, Biden should expect to hear demands from the Israeli side for a beefed up U.S. military presence in the Persian Gulf aimed at Iran. Israeli Likud MK Yuval Steinitz, a former strategic affairs and intelligence minister under former Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, says that there's no containing Iran's nuclear bomb ambitions unless the U.S.

credibly threatens to destroy its nuclear program with military force. In an interview with the *Jerusalem Post*, Steinitz argued that Tehran has advanced its nuclear program significantly further than ever before in the past year because it no longer felt threatened by the U.S., and that Washington-backed air defense coordination between Israel and Gulf States is no replacement.

“The whole visit is only worthwhile if it gets one result: A U.S. military threat to Iran,” Steinitz said. “That is what we have been missing in the past year, which allowed Iran, for the first time, to race to the bomb.” Steinitz complained that Biden’s July 9 op-ed in the *Washington Post* on July 9 explaining the reasons for his trip, which includes a stop in Saudi Arabia at the end of the week, mentions “diplomatic and economic pressure” on Iran, but no military.

“The only new factor here is that for the first time in the last two and a half decades, [Iran] they believe that the U.S. military threat doesn’t exist anymore,” Steinitz argued, saying that the credibility of such a threat is an even more important factor than whether there is a nuclear agreement. “You need the U.S. military threat in order to keep the Iranians at bay.” Iran could get a nuclear bomb in as little as six months, he said, warning that “this is the last call for President Biden.”