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EDITORIAL

The Momentum of Truth—Transatlantic Initiatives Against the British Surveillance Web

Oct. 6 (EIRNS)—Today in Luxembourg, the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) ruled against Britain’s surveillance practices of bulk data collection and storage, and set out restrictive conditions for data collection, based on presence of a “serious threat to national security.” This court has previously ruled that the pact between the European Union and the U.S. was invalid, regarding sharing data on people, because U.S. national security law and practices do not properly shield Europeans. This comes only months since the scandal broke in Denmark, regarding the U.S. National Security Agency and British connections tapping into a communications hub in Denmark for years, allowing for mass data-capture on people throughout Eurasia. There have been multiple scandals in recent decades, including U.S. intelligence tapping the mobile phone of German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

The CJEU is not a powerful agency for enforcement, but the point is that its ruling today is in tandem with moves by President Donald Trump and others to expose the scope and intent of the lawless, transnational intelligence networks. Their provenance is British intelligence. They must be shut down.

Yesterday, White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows said that he has orders from President Trump to expedite getting the release to the public of documents being hidden under classified status, which will reveal the surveillance and dirty operations thrown against his candidacy and Presidency, at critical points in 2016 and since. “Candidly, he’s already tasked me with getting declassification rolling in a follow-up to some of the requests that [Rep.] Devin Nunes and others have made.” Nunes (R-CA), ranking member of the House Intelligence Committee, spoke on Oct. 4 Fox TV, describing what material must be released, or else the agencies involved in the cover-up should be suspended from operating at all.

These are signs of the momentum of truth. Exposing and stopping the lawless networks has been the mission of National Security Agency (NSA) former experts, and whistleblowers William Binney, Kirk Wiebe, and others, who, in close collaboration with the LaRouche movement, have been providing detailed “forensics” on how the networks operate.

Look at why Gen. Michael Flynn (ret.) has been so relentlessly, lawlessly targeted—because he knew the score on these dirty networks, and was appointed by Trump as National Security Adviser. The documentation of this is spelled out today in a new posting on LaRouchePAC, “[Why Won’t They Give Up on Flynn? Because It Leads Right to Obama/Biden.](#)”

Today, Oct. 6, marks a special date in the treasonous record of subversion, when 34 years ago, an armed raid by the FBI and other agencies was conducted against the Virginia residence and offices associated with Lyndon LaRouche and Helga Zepp-LaRouche, for the purpose of shutting down their organizations and influence entirely, and even—it was later revealed—to induce shooting, in which they could be killed. Though that extreme result fortunately did not happen, the ongoing years saw the railroad trial and jailing of LaRouche, and several of his associates. See “[LaRouche and Trump: The Time for Reckoning Is Now.](#)”

Helga Zepp-LaRouche, reflecting on that morning of the Oct. 6, 1986 raid, made the point to colleagues today that, “The history of our organization is absolutely interwoven with the present-day events.... This is not just some past story, but works into the present.” And, she said, what we do now will determine the future. It is clear from all this, that the exoneration of Lyndon LaRouche is essential. It is a leadership question. There is no leadership coming from the G20, or similar formations. We are called to mobilize against the globalist surveillance apparatus as part of the escalation for a change in direction among nations, away from the foredoomed program of central banks, digital currency, green madness, and toward collaboration among nations to defeat the pandemic, economic collapse, and war danger, and to build a bright future for all.

U.S. POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

Trump Acts on Nunes' Call for Declassification, 'No Redactions!'

Oct. 6 (EIRNS)—**FLASH:** President Donald Trump tweeted, after 8 p.m. this evening: “I have fully authorized the total Declassification of any & all documents pertaining to the single greatest political CRIME in American History, the Russia Hoax. Likewise, the Hillary Clinton Email Scandal. No redactions!”

White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows said on Monday that President Donald Trump, while still in the hospital, pushed ahead on the declassification of the material singled out by Rep. Devin Nunes (R-CA), ranking member of the House Intelligence Committee. This includes the classified documents behind DNI John Ratcliffe's memo on Hillary Clinton's 2016 effort to tie Trump's campaign to an alleged “Russian hacking” of the DNC. Another set of classified documents are those related to the creation of the infamous Steele dossier, and Steele's operative, Igor Danchenko. Meadows spoke on Monday's “Fox & Friends,” saying “This morning we've already had a couple of discussions on items that he wants to get done. Candidly, he's already tasked me with getting declassification rolling in a follow-up to some of the requests that Devin Nunes and others have made.”

Support for Nunes' demand for declassification was expressed last evening on a TV interview by Julie Kelly, author of *Disloyal Opposition: How the NeverTrump Right Tried—And Failed—To Take Down the President*. Speaking on One America News (OAN), she observed that Mark Meadows is moving on Nunes' requests, and she reviewed how General Flynn was wrongfully targetted. She singled out functionaries for Trump to get rid of, after he gets re-elected, like the CIA's Gina Haspel, and Dan Coats and others who are “loyal to the bi-partisan beltway,” and should be thrown out of office.

European Court of Justice Rules Against Britain on Bulk Data Collection

Oct. 6 (EIRNS)—The European Court of Justice (CJEU) on Tuesday ruled against the United Kingdom’s bulk data collection procedures. Privacy International had challenged both the U.K.’s claims of “national security” as “vague,” and the U.K.’s holding of bulk data for up to 14 years. The CJEU imposed restrictions and limitations: There needs to be a “serious threat to national security” and, in that case, the time period for keeping the collected data has to be “strictly necessary.” Previously the court had found that the EU-U.S. pact on EU user data was invalid, as U.S. national security laws did not properly shield Europeans.

U.S. Labor Department Defends the Freedom of Poverty

Oct. 6 (EIRNS)—The U.S. Labor Department issued a new report today, “[Against Their Will: The Situation in Xinjiang](#).” It provides the important update, that “recent external reports indicate that Uyghurs also have been transported to work in other provinces in China, increasing the number of goods potentially made with forced labor and broadening the risk of forced labor in supply chains.” This perhaps may be their way of saying that the job training camps worked, and that trained workers are now working in other provinces.

But it gets worse: “Moreover, the government gives subsidies to companies moving to Xinjiang or employing Muslim minority workers.” Some trained workers are getting employment in Xinjiang. And the abuse extends beyond the Uyghurs: “Other minorities may be forced to work under the guise of ‘poverty alleviation.’ ” Clearly, there are peoples in China being deprived of the freedom of poverty. And this is all true, since: “The Department of Labor’s research utilized published victims’ testimonies, and media and think tank reports, to determine the various industries implicated in this system of forced labor.” Evidently, their research could not locate any evidence that 700-800 million Chinese have been pulled out of poverty over the last few decades—possibly against their will.

COVID-19

European Medicines Agency Does Speedy Review in Pfizer's Phase 3 Vaccine Trial

Oct. 6 (EIRNS)—Pfizer/BioNTech stated earlier this month that the data from their Phase 3 testing of their COVID-19 vaccine will be reviewed by the European Medicines Agency on a rolling basis, meaning that it will be reviewed continuously. The European Union's EMA reported details in a release "[EMA Starts Second Rolling Review of a COVID-19 Vaccine](#)," on its website today. This continuous review process is in stark contrast to the usual research protocol reviews, which average every two months. The continuous review process will greatly speed the approval of the vaccine as soon as enough COVID-19 case reports come in from the study groups. The coverage from MarketWatch states that the decision "follows the encouraging preliminary results from pre-clinical and early clinical trials in adults." These reviews are conducted by the EMA's Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use (CHMP). The EMA is the European Union equivalent of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and reports to the European Commission. The European Center for Disease and Prevention figures show that Europe is currently experiencing a surge of COVID-19.

COLLAPSING WESTERN FINANCIAL SYSTEM

Emergency Resources Sought for Yemen Food Crisis, with 24 Million People in Need

Oct. 6 (EIRNS)—The UN General Assembly held a special session Sept. 23 focussed on Yemen and the food crisis. Lack of aid, supplies and price inflation combined have put 24.3 million people in desperation. Already last year, there were over 22 million people dependent on aid in the war-torn nation. The immediate cause is lack of resources, which have been cut drastically from last year. Of the UN's 40 programs for food, water, vaccinations, medicines, and other humanitarian relief, 15 have been cut altogether, and others pared way back.

Today the international anti-poverty organization Oxfam International issued an emergency appeal. The Yemen Country Director Muhsin Siddiquey said, “While the economic fallout unleashed by the COVID-19 pandemic has affected every corner of the globe, in Yemen millions are on the brink of starvation. Yemenis cannot afford aid to be cut, people need more help to survive, not less.... The international community urgently needs to step up funding for Yemen as well as honoring the pledges already made so that people can get the lifesaving aid they need,” he urged.

Oxfam further reported the crisis is made worse by the depreciation of Yemen’s currency, which has “pushed up prices beyond the reach of millions.”

The World Food Program has been scrounging for help. On Sept. 17, Germany pledged an additional €450 million to the World Food Program. On Sept. 18 a donation of \$204 million to Yemen for humanitarian aid was announced by Saudi Arabia’s King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Center. Last year, Saudi Arabia gave \$1 billion for Yemen aid; this year, the level dropped to \$500 million before the latest pledge.

U.S. Savings Down, Foreign Deficit Up

Oct. 6 (EIRNS)—U.S. domestic savings are now in a negative realm, after a spike due to government aid, followed by a 60% erosion of that buffer in August, as citizens spent the money. Economist Steven Roach, writing the *Financial Times*, predicts a collapse of the dollar as a result of plunging domestic savings and a rising trade deficit. The collapse of domestic savings has resulted in an increased current account deficit, as the government has sought financing abroad. If there is no recovery, at some point foreign creditors might demand “concessions” for their help, and this takes two forms: either a higher interest rate or currency adjustment.

STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

Minsk Group Continues Diplomatic Efforts for a Ceasefire in Nagorno-Karabakh

Oct. 6 (EIRNS)— Diplomatic efforts continue by the U.S. and Russia, as co-chairs with France of the OSCE Minsk Group of mediators for peace in Nagorno-Karabakh. However, little progress is being made because of the very apparent intransigence of Azerbaijan, and its main ally, Turkey, which are demanding a full withdrawal of Armenia from Nagorno-Karabakh, knowing full well such a demand is a non-starter.

On Oct. 5 Russian President Vladimir Putin and Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan talked by phone on the Nagorno-Karabakh crisis. While Putin has had several discussions with Pashinyan, he has yet to communicate directly with the Azerbaijan President Ilham Aliyev.

On the same day, U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Stephen Biegun spoke to the foreign ministers of both Armenia and Azerbaijan, urging “the sides to agree to a ceasefire immediately and resume negotiations under the auspices of the Minsk Group Co-Chairs.”

The Minsk Group Co-Chairs in Washington, Moscow, and Paris, themselves issued another [joint statement](#) on Oct. 5, calling for a ceasefire and condemning the loss of civilian lives. In a clear show of unity on their part they said they are “determined to exercise fully their mandate, entrusted to them by the OSCE and the international community, with the contribution of the Minsk Group capitals. As such, they will firmly continue to advance their engagement with the sides, and urge them to commit now to resuming the settlement process on the basis of existing core principles and relevant international documents well-known by both parties.”

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov offered the good offices of Moscow for a meeting of the two sides in the context of the Minsk Group’s efforts.

It is obvious to everyone that Turkey is the problem in this conflict through its military and political support for Azerbaijan. Russian Foreign Intelligence Service head Sergei Naryshkin issued a statement to that effect, and accused Turkey of bringing in militants from the Middle East.

Earlier today he said: “For the first time, Turkey acted on Azerbaijan’s side in such an open manner. The flaring up of armed confrontation in Karabakh, like a magnet, attracts militants from various international terrorist structures,” he said.

Naryshkin said he has information that mercenaries from international terror groups, such as the Nusra Front, the Firqat al-Hamza, the Sultan Murad Division, are actively converging in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict zone. “Moreover, the talk is about hundreds or even thousands of extremists who seek to profit from the new Karabakh war,” he said.

The Canadian Foreign Ministry issued a statement that it has suspended arms sales to Turkey after reports that Ankara had sent such equipment to Azerbaijan.

Today Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu was in Baku expressing “solidarity” with Azerbaijan. He had only criticism for the Minsk Group mediators and even NATO for not supporting Azerbaijan.

Quad Foreign Ministers—U.S., Australia, Japan, India—Meet in Tokyo

Oct. 6 (EIRNS)—The Quad foreign ministers of the U.S., Japan, Australia and India met in Tokyo today, and contrary to U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo’s predictions ahead of the meeting, they, at least so far, have failed to produce “some significant announcements” regarding China. According to the State Department readout of their meeting, they discussed enhancing cooperation in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and post-pandemic recovery, and on maritime security, cybersecurity and data flows, quality infrastructure, counterterrorism and other areas. “The four countries reaffirmed their strong support for ASEAN centrality, sovereignty, and an ASEAN-led regional architecture for the Indo-Pacific,” the readout said. “They pledged to continue regular consultations to advance the vision of a

peaceful, secure, and prosperous Indo-Pacific through engagements among senior officials, subject matter experts, and Ministers.” The ASEAN nations, of course, want nothing to do with Pompeo’s dictates to cut off Chinese investments and cooperation.

In opening remarks as published by the State Department, Pompeo was the only one among the three visiting ministers to denounce China. He claimed that the pandemic “was made infinitely worse by the Chinese Communist Party’s coverup,” to include jailing those who raised alarm bells. “As partners in this Quad, it is more critical now than ever that we collaborate to protect our people and partners from the CCP’s exploitation, corruption, and coercion,” Pompeo said. “We’ve seen it in the south, in the East China Sea, the Mekong, the Himalayas, the Taiwan Straits.” Australian Foreign Minister Marise Payne and Indian Foreign Minister Subrahmanyam Jaishankar both paid lip service to, in the words of Jaishankar, “upholding the rules-based international order underpinned by the rule of law...” but neither of them attacked China by name.

Taiwan Expects More Weapons from the U.S.

Oct. 6 (EIRNS)—Taiwan is preparing a shopping list of weapons systems it wants to buy from the U.S. The annual U.S.-Taiwan Defense Industry Conference convened yesterday (*Taipei Times* observes that the conference is chaired by neo-con former Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz) and, in his keynote address, Taiwan Vice Defense Minister Chang Guan-chung called on the United States to continue providing Taiwan with weapons to meet its defense needs, reported Focus Taiwan news agency.

Chang said that over the past few months, aircraft from the Chinese People’s Liberation Army (PLA) have been entering Taiwan’s air defense identification zone (ADIZ), crossing the median line of the Taiwan Strait, and flying close to Taiwan’s southwest coast. “Those provocative actions are aimed at intimidating Taiwan and creating a new routine that gradually deviates from the norm in a bid to squash Taiwan’s defense capabilities,” he told the forum via video conferencing.

In light of the growing threat from China, Chang said, he hoped the U.S. would consider “the unique operational environment and geographical features of the Taiwan Strait and Taiwan proper and provide us with weapons and equipment that meet our operational requirements.” This would allow Taiwan to “better manage the battlefield and increase the cost of an invasion of Taiwan, thus serving as a deterrent,” he said.

Reuters reported last night that the Taiwan Defense Ministry reports that intercepts of PLA aircraft this year are already more than double the total for all of last year. In a report to parliament, seen by Reuters, Taiwan’s Defense Ministry said, that so far this year, the air force had scrambled 4,132 times, up 129% compared to all of last year, according to Reuters calculations. China “is trying to use unilateral military actions to change the security status quo in the Taiwan Strait, and at the same time is testing our response, increasing pressure on our air defenses and shrinking our space for activity,” it said.

Britain’s First Carrier Strike Group in Decades Sets Sail

Oct. 6 (EIRNS)—For the first time in decades, British Empire’s Royal Navy has deployed an aircraft carrier strike group. Built around the brand new carrier *HMS Queen Elizabeth*, the group includes the U.S. Navy’s guided missile destroyer *USS The Sullivan*, and the Dutch *HNLMS Evertsen*, as well as two Royal Navy destroyers and two frigates. Notably, a squadron of U.S. Marine Corps F-35Bs are also deployed aboard the carrier alongside British F-35Bs.

“The new U.K. Carrier Strike Group is the embodiment of British maritime power, and sits at the heart of a modernized and emboldened Royal Navy,” said Commodore Steve Moorhouse, the commander of the strike group. “Protected by a ring of advanced destroyers, frigates, helicopters and submarines, and equipped with fifth generation fighters, *HMS Queen Elizabeth* is able to strike from the sea at a time and place of our choosing; and with our NATO allies at our side, we will be ready to fight and win in the most demanding circumstances.”

U.S. Marine Corps Commandant Gen. David Berger and U.S. European Command chief Gen. Tod Wolters were aboard the carrier last week to see it off. “In today’s operating environment, success will require unity of effort, operational flexibility and the integrated application of Navy and Marine capabilities in the maritime domain,” Berger said in a statement.

So far, the strike group is only in the North Sea for NATO exercise Joint Warrior, but is being hyped up as a “show of force” against both Russia and China.

Belarus Regime-Change Leader Has ‘State Visit’ with Merkel in Berlin

Oct. 6 (EIRNS)—German Chancellor Angela Merkel extended the trappings of a state visit to the former opposition candidate from Belarus, Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, on Tuesday. Tsikhanouskaya, who has formed her own Coordination Council for the Transfer of Power, met with Merkel for 45 minutes, soliciting support for German-, French- and Russian-brokered talks, for a new election. Her visit comes in the wake of another mass demonstration on Oct. 4 of tens of thousands, as more NATO weapons and troops having been sent into Poland and Lithuania, and the recent withdrawal of ambassadors between Poland and Lithuania on one side and Belarus on the other.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said today: “The question is whether the legitimate leadership of Belarus needs any intermediaries. I do not know whether the leadership of Belarus would look for any mediators. And we hope that the situation in Belarus will reach a stabilization point without the participation of any mediators.” President Aleksandr Lukashenko had invited the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) to monitor the Aug. 9 elections, but the OSCE refused to send observers claiming the request was made outside the time limit.

Tsikhanouskaya told Merkel that Belarus hoped for “investment support, and help for independent media and civic organizations to overcome the effects of the crisis.” She visited the Berlin Wall, stating: “I was shown a picture of people from the eastern side standing on the wall.

It's the same in Belarus: we are on this wall and we are going to tear it down." She will meet with Foreign Minister Heiko Maas on Oct. 7.

SCIENCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Princeton's 'Direct Fusion Drive' Wins 2020 Thomas Edison Patent Award

Oct. 6 (EIRNS)—Michael Paluszek and fellow researchers at Princeton Satellite Systems and the Princeton Plasma Physics Lab have been awarded the 2020 [Thomas Edison Patent Award](#), for their work on Direct Fusion Drive for space propulsion and power production. Their patent is for a method and apparatus to produce high specific impulse and moderate thrust from a fusion-powered rocket. Paluszek addressed the second panel, "The Role of Science in Creating Mankind's Future," of the [Schiller Institute's](#) international conference on Sept. 5-6; the proceedings of the three-hour panel was featured in the Sept. 18, 2020 issue of *EIR*.

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