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## EDITORIAL

### **Forget the Missing ‘Stimulus’ Acts—Infrastructure and Science Missions Are What’s Needed**

Oct. 23 (EIRNS)—House Speaker Nancy Pelosi may have now played out her game of a fifth COVID relief act, which national media have taken to calling a “stimulus” act for no good reason. Pelosi long ago rejected the bill which could have been passed, with efforts promised by the President—the \$1.5-1.6 trillion Problem Solvers Caucus bill. She has teased out negotiations with Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin on a bill in the

neighborhood of \$2 trillion which cannot be passed in the Senate until at least the Lame Duck Session in mid-November. In Europe, too, a so-called European Recovery Plan is being pushed off well into 2021.

We should be thinking bigger and higher. Those “relief” bills which the United States and Germany previously enacted by the trillions, have mainly helped the Federal Reserve and European Central Bank rescue failing corporate debt and the big banks that hold it, creating still more unpayable debt in the process. They have contributed nothing to productivity or productive employment.

And they lead in the direction of what Joe Biden was laughably trying to run away from in last night’s debate: the Democratic Party’s Green New Deal. Those City of London and Wall Street banks want it as their new financial bubble, for huge investment flows into primitive technologies that will not support the population. Now that Biden is the spokesman for a political party assaulting the U.S. Constitution, let’s not forget that for decades he was the “Senator from MBNA” (Bank of America after 2005) and conveyor of legislation Wall Street wanted.

President Franklin Roosevelt brought the economy back from the Great Depression not with “relief,” definitely not with any bailouts to Wall Street banks, but with great projects of electric power, navigation, irrigation, transportation which required entirely new technological breakthroughs to build. Breakthroughs in nuclear physics, radiation beam technologies, optics, computing sciences and other fields followed. And so, too, did big advances in agricultural science and technology, and parity prices to farmers.

The power of the City of London banks, the financing behind the British Empire and with backing from Wall Street, has constantly grown since the 1970s when they destroyed FDR’s productive Bretton Woods system and replaced it with financialization and speculation. The capacities of industry and manufacturing had declined drastically when President Donald Trump’s administration began working to bring them back; the task is bigger than what Roosevelt faced.

The economic “Four Laws” of the great economist and statesman Lyndon LaRouche have to be put to work now. Drive the recovery “from the top” with the science frontiers: Ensure Trump’s Moon-Mars mission is a crash colonization program and link it up with other nations’. Nationalize the Federal Reserve to make it a Hamiltonian national bank providing the credit for new infrastructure and manufacturing technologies. Export these new capital goods to develop countries that need them, especially to increase food production and distribution to deal with famine has struck in Africa and other developing countries under COVID lockdowns. These make the best intentions of a second, FDR-like or “American System” Trump Administration.

## UNITED STATES POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

### **In Real World, Trump’s Mass Vaccination Is a Near-Term Prospect**

Oct. 23 (EIRNS)—An on-the-record press conference of representatives of “Operation Warp Speed” on Friday made clear that the mass vaccination of Americans (at least) against COVID-19 is likely to occur in the relatively near future, as President Donald Trump began to indicate Thursday night before being interrupted by a very intrusive debate “moderator.” The briefers were Surgeon General Dr. Jerome Adams, Paul Mango of the Health and Human Services Department and Col. Matt Hepburn MD, representing “Operation Warp Speed.” Here are its more important reports.

First, Dr. Hepburn said he and his colleagues believe that the most vulnerable parts of the American population will be vaccinated before the end of the year; senior citizens, during January; and all Americans by March or April. He and the other speakers warned that, given the rigor and transparency with which trials are being conducted and assessed for safety and efficacy of vaccines, “additional steps” which various (Democratic) governors have proposed to interpose will be counter-productive to public acceptance of vaccination, and cause “delays and lives lost.”

Second, with the Moderna vaccine’s trial completed Friday, and the AstraZeneca vaccine’s Phase 3 trial resumption announced the same day,

the federal government has a sophisticated algorithm for each state and territory detailing the numbers of each sub-group of most vulnerable people—nursing home residents, front-line employees, meatpackers, etc.—ready now, to be submitted for states’ final determinations over the next two weeks. This program is called “Tiberius,” and sufficient numbers of doses have already been acquired of each vaccine, to carry it out as soon as approved.

Third, as President Trump said after being rudely interrupted Thursday night, OWS Chief Operating Officer Army Gen. Gustavo Perna has teams of military logisticians ready to plan supplies from dry ice to aspirins, shipments, tracking of every dose of vaccine and its expiration date, and gaming “every conceivable scenario” of distribution. However, both Surgeon General Adams and Colonel Hepburn stressed, no federal military personnel—in fact, no federal employee—will touch any vaccine dose during shipment, storage, or injection. The only exception may be Adams’ personal vaccination of employees in the HHS headquarters.

Fourth, Adams described his own direct campaign to ensure minority participation in vaccine trials, and the recruitment of local institutions and leaders in minority communities, the National Association of Medicine, the Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and others, to encourage public acceptance and compliance. In the now-completed Moderna Phase 3 trial, which he cited as an example, 37% of the 30,000 volunteers are minorities including more than 10% who are Black.

And last, not least, Mango twice reaffirmed that the Administration will find ways to ensure the vaccine is free to all Americans. One exemplary plan is the agreement HHS announced Oct. 16 with the CVS and Walgreen’s pharmacy chains to administer vaccines free to elderly in long-term care or assisted living facilities, some 9,000 of which have already signed up and are waiting.

### **Twenty-Four Hours in the Life of the ‘Quid Pro Joe’ Scandal**

Oct. 23 (EIRNS)—The “Quid Pro Joe” Scandal is now a couple of laps past the laptop. On Thursday evening, prior to the debate in Nashville,

Tennessee, Tony Bobulinski gave a short press conference. He said that, on May 2, 2017, he was introduced to Joe Biden by Hunter, and that they had an hour-long meeting, making business plans with the Chinese. The front company they created was entitled “Sinohawk”—“Sino” being China, and an homage to Beau Biden, as his favorite animal was the hawk. The meeting was the evening before Joe was to appear at the Milken Institute in Los Angeles. “That night, we discussed the Bidens’ history, the Biden family’s plans with the Chinese, with which he was plainly familiar, at least at a high level.” It was made clear to him that there would be nothing in writing regarding Joe, only face to face. Also involved were Joe’s brother, James Biden, Rob Walker, and Jim Gilliar—the one who originally brought Hunter and Tony together.

The May 13, 2017 email from the Hunter laptop was addressed to Bobulinski, the Sinohawk CEO, and it spelled out a 10% of the equity to be held by “H” for the “Big Guy.” (Sinohawk Holdings LLC was incorporated in the State of Delaware on May 15, 2017. On Bobulinski’s phone is a text from Gilliar, on May 20, 2017: “Don’t mention Joe being involved, it’s only when u are face to face, I know u know that but they are paranoid.”) Afterwards, Hunter told Bobulinski that \$5 million was to be wired into entities associated with the Biden family. Tony objected, saying that Sinohawk “could not be Hunter’s personal piggy bank.” He was told that CEFC China Energy (the now bankrupt Chinese company that was putting up the money) was really investing in the Biden family, and that they were risking their family name. Bobulinski found himself on the outs. He found out later that the monies were wired to entities connected to Hunter three months later. Bobulinski concluded by saying that the evidence sits on three cell phones that only he had touched, with messages from 2015-18, which he’s turning over to the FBI.

At the Thursday evening debate, Biden raged: “I have not taken a penny from any foreign source, ever, in my life”—of course, what’s revealed is that Hunter took the money. Biden’s communications director, Kate Bedingfield, had earlier told the *Wall Street Journal*: “If we see tonight from Donald Trump these attacks on Vice President Biden’s family, I think

we need to be very, very clear that what he's doing here is amplifying Russian misinformation." When Biden attempted that ruse, Trump nailed him: "The laptop is another Russia, Russia, Russia hoax?" Biden seemed to agree: "That's exactly..." and then stopped abruptly.

Friday morning, Bobulinski was scheduled to give an "informal interview" for Ron Johnson's Senate Homeland Security Committee. Johnson and Chuck Grassley (Chairman of Finance) said that they have also requested info from Hunter Biden, James Biden, James Gilliar and Rob Walker, but only Bobulinski so far has cooperated. A letter was sent to Hunter's three lawyers on Oct. 21 requesting that they provide records of all Hunter's business dealings. However, Bobulinski's interview with the Senate Committee was postponed Friday morning, as the FBI stepped in to request an interview with him first. Senator Johnson announced: "I appreciate that the FBI has a job to do, and I am glad they are finally taking an interest in these concerning financial matters that our Committees have been investigating for months. I expect that Mr. Bobulinski will speak with our committee as soon as possible and fully share his insights into the Biden family's business dealings."

Again, the "Quid Pro Joe" Scandal is now a couple of laps past the laptop. It would be hilarious if it weren't so tragic.

### **Washington, D.C. Metro Area Previews Post-Nov. 3 Vote-Counting Chaos**

Oct. 23 (EIRNS)—Virginia, Maryland and Washington D.C. officials gave an idea of the built-in post-Nov. 3 chaos if Trump does not get big enough victory to squelch it, in an article in the "Metro" section of the Oct. 21 *Washington Post*. The article quotes a number of election officials from these three areas saying that full vote tallies for this "Metro D.C." region will not appear for days, and quite possibly weeks after Nov. 3.

For example, Virginia got a court decision allowing it to start processing ballots two full months before Election Day—but the State Election Commission expects final results not to be announced until two weeks after it, Nov. 16. The entire area is largely Democratic-voting, and has been the

scene of numerous street demonstrations and confrontations throughout the Trump Presidential term.

This built-in serious delay is announced despite large early-voting turnouts and continuous processing (though not tallying) of the ballots being cast. Those turnouts have everywhere featured voters—including many seniors and elderly people—moving through long lines in very close proximity to one another, sometimes waiting in long lines for voting to start—completely debunking the Democrats’ canard that voters’ fear of COVID meant they had to be able to vote by mail.

The mail-voting pressure campaign by the Democratic Party and media was entirely done to boost turnout for Joe Biden, attack President Donald Trump and build in both the potential for fraud and the certainty of a long period of uncertainty after Election Day, in which street demonstrations and lawyers’ committees’ manipulations can lead to a seizure of power from the President. Only a landslide for him undoes that.

According to one count announced on CNN’s pre-debate war room Thursday night, 40 million votes have already been cast nationally, almost a third of a normal total Presidential vote. If turnout is very high, this figure could represent more like a quarter of the total vote.

## STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

### **Kremlin Spokesman Says Expert Level Talks on New START in Coming Days**

Oct. 23 (EIRNS)—Moscow expects that there will be a meeting at the expert level in the coming days to discuss extending New START and a nuclear stockpile freeze. “Difficult expert consultations are expected to take place in the coming days with a goal to secure an extension agreement,” Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said this morning, adding that the experts would particularly talk about freezing the number of nuclear warheads. Peskov also said that “the issue is highly complicated because there are many strong disagreements between Moscow and Washington.”

## U.S. Reconnaissance Aircraft Flies over Taiwan

Oct. 23 (EIRNS)—A U.S. Air Force RC-135W signals intelligence aircraft flew over Taiwan sometime in the last few days in an obvious provocation against Beijing. The flight had been picked on plane tracking websites already, including that of the Beijing-based South China Seas Probing Initiative, but was officially confirmed to the War Zone’s Joseph Trevithick the day before yesterday.

“I can confirm that a RC-135W Rivet Joint aircraft did fly over the northern portion of Taiwan yesterday as part of a routine mission,” a public affairs officer for Pacific Air Forces said in a statement late on Oct. 21. “Due to operational security we are not able to discuss the specifics of the mission.”

This is rare—but not the first time U.S. aircraft have flown through Taiwan’s airspace. Flight tracking websites identified a U.S. Navy EP-3E intelligence aircraft flying over the island, including Taipei, in August, while a Navy C-40 passenger aircraft flew over Taiwan in June. Clearly, U.S. military overflights of Taiwan could not happen without the collaboration of Taiwanese air traffic authorities, at the very least.

## COLLAPSING WESTERN FINANCIAL SYSTEM

### Chaos in the EU on Recovery Fund, EU Budget, European Stability Mechanism

Oct. 23 (EIRNS)—Reflecting the disharmonic relations inside the “European family,” “the Recovery Fund won’t start next January and there will be a delay for the EU budget as well, with possible repercussions on payments,” according to diplomatic sources quoted by *La Repubblica*. At the same time, the other EU “pandemic” tool, the European Stability Mechanism (ESM), is finding roadblocks by several forces in the European Parliament.

The €750 billion Recovery Fund is supposed to be financed partly by bonds on the market and partly by the EU seven-year budget. In order to do

so without increasing the budget (thus increasing member state payments) the draft proposal agreed by EU government leaders says money should be shifted from items such as R&D etc. The European Parliament opposed that, also demanding that conditions on the “rule of law” be attached to Recovery Fund money, aimed at semi-rogue governments, such as Hungary and Poland. After the second round of negotiations among European Parliament, EU Commission and EU Council yesterday, positions on the “rule of law” came closer but those on the EU budget did not. A compromise could be reached by the end of the year, but then it must be ratified by national parliaments. Ergo, the delays in the Recovery Fund and the budget are inevitable.

As to the ESM Pandemic Crisis Support, which is supposed to loan “without conditions” money only for COVID-related expenses, an amendment on the ESM was voted down by a cross-party alignment at the European Parliament yesterday, for opposing reasons. The doves were against the amendment because it did not clearly exempt the loans from “stability” (austerity) conditionalities. The hawks voted against it, because in their view, it was too soft. Indeed, they wanted to introduce a provision recalling that the EMS is anchored to such conditionalities.

Meanwhile, European Unionists are exulting at the successful placing of the first “eurobond” aimed at financing the SURE (unemployment fund) Oct. 20. But a closer look at the €17 billion bond shows that it was sold at 36 basis points higher yield than the benchmark German Bund, not to speak of its unlimited guarantees. Not exactly cheap.

## COVID-19 AND FAMINE

### **Trump Crash Vaccine Plan Leaves Debate Anchor Deaf, as Medical Critic Finds It ‘Nearly Flawless’**

Oct. 23 (EIRNS) —Thursday evening’s debate seemed to begin hopefully. The moderator, Kristen Welker, gave President Donald Trump “two and one-half minutes without interruption” to address the COVID-19 crisis. Trump opened with America’s scientific crash program, “Operation Warp

Speed,” and its amazing progress in developing a vaccine to be available within weeks. Welker, as if allergic or immune to optimistic thought, immediately forgot her own instructions and interrupted: Would he “guarantee” the vaccine? And what vaccines? Trump said it was not a guaranteed matter, but it would be here by the end of the year. He emphasized that the military had made all the logistical arrangements for a rapid deployment. (Gen. Gustave Perna, chief operating officer, is the logistical co-head of Operation Warp Speed, while Dr. Moncef Slaoui, chief advisor, is the scientific co-head.)

In contrast to Welker’s deaf response, Dr. Robert Wachter, the chair of Medicine at UC San Francisco and a furious critic of the Trump Administration’s pandemic response, had an honest if very reluctant response recorded in today’s *Washington Post* and other media: “Going from where we were in January and February—where we are going to be hit by this tsunami—to very likely having a vaccine, or more than one vaccine, that is proven safe and effective within a year, is staggeringly impressive, and would only have happened with strong and effective federal action.” Wachter called the vaccine mobilization “nearly flawless,” and which he told the *Washington Post* he found the words difficult to say.

### **Trump Derangement Syndrome Sabotages Life-Saving COVID Vaccine**

Oct. 23 (EIRNS)—There was a time when the United States launched a crash program to get to the Moon, and it captured the hearts and minds of the population. In 2020, the federal government launched a crash program entitled “Operation Warp Speed,” to produce a safe vaccine against COVID-19 as rapidly as possible. When it became clear that several vaccine candidates could finish their Phase 3 clinical trials before the end of the year, the horrifying (to some) thought arose that a deployable vaccine, and its accompanying well-needed outbreak of optimism prior to the Nov. 3 election, would interfere with the removal of President Donald Trump. As Pfizer’s Phase 3 trials, begun on July 27, indicated on Sept. 3 that they were on track for delivering excellent results no later than mid-

October, Trump Derangement Syndrome (TDS) kicked in. With reckless disregard for human life, a gang went after the Food and Drug Administration and Pfizer to push vaccine approval back two extra months. This gang could have, or should have known, that they had traded no fewer than 12,000 lives for their political agenda, and possibly many more.

The first deployment of the vaccine was to the medical frontline and to those in care facilities. So, how many deaths would come from seniors in care facilities, deprived of a vaccine between mid-October and mid-December? Here's a rough thumbnail estimate. According to CDC accounting, about 20% of the COVID-19 deaths have occurred in care facilities. (This calculation doesn't even count those patients who caught the virus, but made it to a hospital before they died.) It is likely that 1,000-2,000/day will die of COVID-19 during this time period, and 20% of those, the ones that we know could have been vaccinated, will die. That is 200-400/day, or over those 60 days, 12-24,000, will die. This rough estimation takes no account of others who would have also received the vaccine during those first two months.

The precise requirement of an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) is that it is designed to temper normal scientific standards with emergency social concerns. It is farcical to object to an EUA that it takes into account social emergencies. Egged on by *New York Times* and *Washington Post* warnings of a Trump "October Surprise," one Dr. Eric Topol, a cardiologist at California's Scripps Research Institute with a big Twitter following, swung into action. Topol has been the media's go-to guy for months for "authoritative" medical objections to Trump's program. His argument has been that, if it is fast—that is, a crash program—it is suspect; and no one need pay attention to the "emergency" part of the EUA. In September, Topol led a campaign accusing FDA head Stephen Hahn of being a tool of Trump in the push for a vaccine, and calling upon him to resign. This led to a series of phone calls between Topol and Hahn, which Topol describes as rather chummy: "I went from way negative to way positive." He now calls Hahn a "friend," who has had to withstand tremendous pressure from Trump and Azar. Hahn consented to a change in policy in mid-to-late

September, whereby any vaccine EUA approval would be delayed for an extra two months after the successful assessment of the Phase 3 trial.

With that accomplished, on Sept. 26, Topol wrote: “This week, when the FDA announced it would tighten up the EUA criteria with longer safety surveillance and require some moderate-severe cases as events, @realDonaldTrump said he would not approve that.... So the choke point here is that a company has to apply for an EUA. @realDonaldTrump @SecAzar cannot get a vaccine approved unless that happens. So our attention turns to Pfizer since it has been outspoken about its intent and timetable.” Topol had already, the day before, gotten 60 other medical personnel to join him on a letter to Pfizer. It pressured the company to delay any EUA application to not before late November, out of concern for safety. Topol says that he also targeted some of Pfizer’s board members individually.

The White House kept the FDA’s new two-month-extra condition from being released. Peter Marks, the man who at FDA would approve or disapprove EUA applications went public, saying it made no difference—he had already made it clear to the industry that he wouldn’t approve any application that had not taken the extra two-month safety study. The White House, to its credit, secured a deal where the two-month study would only have to be applied to 50% of the study’s vaccine participants. Though this would prevent EUA approval until at least one or two weeks after the election, it still would save at least 6,000-12,000 lives. Topol wrote on Oct. 10: “We were on a path for a vaccine emergency authorization before Nov. 3rd. Thanks to the FDA, Trump’s plan was disrupted. That won’t happen.”

Over the last week the COVID death total has started its predictable climb upwards, as cold weather and indoor activities factor in. (The 7-day running average, having held steady since early September) has climbed by 15.8% since Oct. 16, and the last three days has averaged 1,000/day and is trending upward.) All logistics are in place to deliver vaccines to care facilities... but no vaccine. Hahn’s courtship with Topol has been noticed by the administration. It is mooted that Alex Azar, the head of Health and

Human Services, has lost all patience and confidence in Hahn, and that he is to be replaced come this November. Little solace for the victims deprived of a vaccine, and the joy of a successful national scientific mission deferred for the American people.

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