

EIR Daily Alert Service

P.O. BOX 17390, WASHINGTON, DC 20041-0390

- Hamilton, China, and LaRouche: Economic Development Is an Inalienable Right
- China Moves Against Fuel Price Speculators, Ups Support for Coal Production
- Former Austrian Foreign Minister Kneissl Criticizes German Energy Policy in Op-Ed
- Winter Energy Crisis Feared in Albania
- UN Agencies Warn Again That Afghan Children Face ‘Acute Malnutrition’ and Death
- China and Russia’s UN Envoys Seek for International Community To Develop Haiti
- City of London to Humanity: Forget Electricity, ‘the Age of Abundance Is Over’
- Legal ‘Rights of Nature’ To Be Tested in Florida Court
- Americans Don’t Love Wall Street
- U.S. and Allies Reported To Be Training Neo-Nazis in Ukraine
- PLA Continues To Fly Record Combat Aircraft Near Taiwan
- Philippine LaRouche Society Founder Butch Valdes Announces for National Presidency Race

EDITORIAL

Hamilton, China, and LaRouche: Economic Development Is an Inalienable Right

Oct. 5 (EIRNS)—Those familiar with the fifty-plus-year forecasting practice and record of economist and statesman Lyndon LaRouche will perhaps recognize the deeper significance of the following statement, a significance probably unknown to the writer himself. In a London *Guardian* Oct. 1 op-ed entitled “[America Faces Supply-Chain Disruption and Shortages. Here’s Why.](#),” author Matt Stoller, described as “a former policymaker who focuses on the politics of market power and antitrust,” says that: “what we’re experiencing is also the net result of decades of policy choices starting in the 1970s that emphasized consumer sovereignty over citizenship. The consolidation of power into the hands of private equity financiers and monopolists over the last four decades has left us uniquely unprepared to manage a supply shock. Our hyper-efficient globalized supply chain, once romanticized by men like Tom Friedman in *The World Is Flat*, is the problem. Like the financial system before the 2008 crash, this kind of economic order hides its fragility. It seems to work quite well, until it doesn’t.”

It is not enough to point out that what seems to be a sudden seizing up of the trans-Atlantic goods-distribution system is not the product of the Covid pandemic of the past 20 months, but something more “long-range.” History is never “objective” in that way. What was the agency that was at work here? Thirty-five years ago today, an “event” occurred that, if omitted from current history, renders it impossible to fully understand what is happening now.

The Price For Changing History

Lyndon LaRouche, in 2004, in a presidential campaign report titled “[The Night They Came to Kill Me](#)” explained the true, “subjective” nature of that “objective” trans-Atlantic-wide economic devolution. “On October 6, 1986, a virtual army of more than four hundred armed personnel

descended upon the town of Leesburg, Virginia, for a raid on the offices of *EIR* and its associates, and also deployed for another, darker mission. The premises at which I was residing at that time were surrounded by an armed force, while aircraft, armored vehicles, and other personnel waited for the order to move in shooting. Fortunately, the killing did not happen, because someone with higher authority than the Justice Department Criminal Division head William Weld, ordered the attack on me called off. The forces readied to move in on me, my wife, and a number of my associates, were pulled back in the morning....

“The 1973 campaign for my ‘elimination,’ the near-slaughter of Oct. 6-7, 1986, and the stubborn effort to exclude me from the debates now (in 2004), are each and all products of the same issue of my fight against the effort of certain liberal economists, and others, to put the world as a whole under the thumb of the policies of former Nazi Economics Minister Hjalmar Schacht.

“The ultimate origin of these and related actions is not the U.S. Department of Justice, but a much higher authority than the U.S. government, the same assortment of Venetian-style international financier-oligarchical interests, and their associated law firms, which unleashed the wave of fascist dictatorships in continental Europe over the interval 1922-1945. The common feature of those international financier interests, then, back during 1922-1945, and today, is their present commitment to imposing Schachtian economics upon both the U.S.A. itself, and also on the world at large....

“The shift of the U.S. and British economies away from the U.S.’s leading role as the world’s greatest producer nation, toward a pro-Schachtian, ‘post-industrial’ utopianism, was the hallmark of the 1966-1968 Nixon campaign for the Presidency. The follies of this ‘post-industrial’ shift into wild-eyed monetarism, led the U.S. government to the point, that it must abandon its foolish post-Kennedy economic and cultural policies, or make exactly the choice I had warned that I feared they would

make. Nixon's decision of August 15, 1971 made the march in the direction of ruin and fascist-like dictatorship inevitable."

Today, as in 1986 and 2004, there are two systems of choice before the world. There is the system of "Reesian choices," named after the Tavistock Institute's John Rawlings Rees, typified by the "development policies"—policies of financial looting—of the International Monetary Fund toward the continent of Africa ever since the period after JFK's assassination. Then there is the "American System" of "Hamiltonian" choices, of what has recently been called "win-win cooperation" by the nation of China. For example, when China's Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations Geng Shuang yesterday told that body that the international community should "spare no effort in humanitarian assistance and post-disaster reconstruction" toward Haiti, he opened a "strategic flank in the mind," that is a far more powerful idea than that of the self-doomed "Operation Orcus/Global Britain" military adventure hurtling to its strategic doom in the trans-Pacific theater.

Completing Hamilton's Unfinished 'Haiti Mission'

The United States used to think that way. In 1861, the United States, under Abraham Lincoln, dispatched Ambassador Anson Burlingame as diplomatic emissary to a China then subjugated by the British Empire through the Second Opium War. Today, in 2021, China attempts to reach a United States whose leadership and institutional structure, as well as cultural institutions, have now also been subjugated, and largely devastated by the same "Opium War" method—though this time, not external force, but seduction through Winston Churchill's "Empire of the Mind" was used. The United States was induced, through the Tavistock Institute and its Frankfurt School subsidiary, to destroy itself, to de-industrialize itself, to reject scientific progress itself, and, now, to depopulate itself. The just-announced proposal, however, for a joint, international mission to defend the sovereignty of the nation of Haiti from the international drug mafias that now subjugate it, by demonstrating, through construction of ports, rail, and power, including nuclear and thermonuclear power, that "economic

development is a human right,” if accepted, can bring the United States itself back to its senses.

The LaRouche proposal for the emergency reconstruction of Haiti, introducing the higher-order concept of development corridors and an “economic platform” into one of the poorest areas of the world, provides, as with [Helga Zepp-LaRouche’s Afghanistan proposal](#), and especially if successfully advocated by a group of Americans representing the Committee for the Coincidence of Opposites, including those that hail from Haiti, a way for America to return to its previous Hamilton/Lincoln/Roosevelt outlook, that Frederick Douglass, America’s ambassador to Haiti, represented in his living person.

Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton’s support for the Haitian Revolution, and his co-authorship of Haiti’s Constitution, flowed from his notion of “Artificial labor” as expressed in his 1791 [Report on the Subject of Manufactures](#). Is Thomas Jefferson’s then-opposition to Haiti’s self-government consistent with the now-present United States policy, itself opposite to that of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, of allowing, tolerating and in effect aiding in the never-ending torture of that population, through refusing to take down the “Dope, Inc.” financial oligarchy that dominates it as surely as did the slave-masters of 1791? China, which has, since the Bandung Conference of 1955, and now, even despite the fact that it is not diplomatically recognized by the government of Haiti, insisted that economic development is a human right for that nation. It has now posed to the entire international community that the same problem China has successfully tackled and solved internally—the eradication of poverty—be solved worldwide. The Global Development Initiative premiered by Xi Jinping at this 76th United Nations General Assembly session has now placed “economic development as a human right” on the world table. *Executive Intelligence Review* has answered the United Nations, and the world, by providing a policy orientation for the now-distracted United States. The plan for Haiti invokes, implicitly, FDR’s [Four Freedoms](#), and, explicitly, LaRouche’s [Four Economic Laws](#), to chart a way forward, not

only for Haiti, not only for the Caribbean, but by means of eradicating poverty through economic cooperation, for “everywhere in the world.”

- Watch [Harley's Updates](#) with Harley Schlanger on Wednesday October 6, 2021: Every weekday morning on [The LaRouche Organization](#) website, Harley will give you the strategic briefing you need to start your day.

GREEN NEW DEAL

China Moves Against Fuel Price Speculators, Ups Support for Coal Production

Oct. 5 (EIRNS)—Faced with electricity blackouts, a shortage of coal, and a nearly 75% jump in the price of coal futures over September, the Chinese government took action. China’s Banking and Insurance Regulatory Commission issued a circular this morning instructing banks and insurance institutions to help provide financing for energy and industrial producers—and reminding them that commodity speculation is illegal in China—so that Chinese citizens are assured of adequate electricity through the winter.

While Western governments sit on their hands watching Wall Street and City of London financiers profiteer off “green”-created scarcity, Chinese regulators moved to “strengthen financial support for coal and electricity production and maintain order in the commodity market,” the official news agency [Xinhua](#) reports. Banks were urged “to satisfy reasonable financing needs of power, coal, steel and non-ferrous metal producers to ensure supplies and stabilize prices ... and actively support major coal-producing areas and key enterprises to increase the supply of thermal coal.”

Furthermore, the use of bank and insurance funds for speculating on coal, steel, non-ferrous metals, and other bulk commodities is prohibited, as is “withdrawing or cutting off loans from power and coal producers and relevant projects that qualify for financial support.” Banks are instructed to also take measures “to prevent illegal inflows of bank and insurance funds

into stock, bond and futures markets, and behaviors inducing consumers to borrow blindly and spend excessively.”

This is no “pretty please” request. Those believed to be involved in “illegal activities such as speculation, hoarding and price gouging” will be investigated and punished, the regulatory agency advised.

Former Austrian Foreign Minister Kneissl Criticizes German Energy Policy in Op-Ed

Oct. 5 (EIRNS)—Austria’s former Foreign Minister Dr. [Karin Kneissl](#) (2017-19), in an op-ed appearing today in RT, said that the current energy crisis has been created by a number of bad policy decisions, which have ignored economic reality. In general, there has been a lack of development in new oil and gas fields. The fracking industry has failed. Affordable energy supply has been hampered by expensive CO2 certificates and unrealistic targets for industry.

In Germany, the electricity supply should have been expanded by 25% in the past two decades, but with Chancellor Angela Merkel’s phasing out of nuclear energy in 2001, the target has not been reached. In 2013, then-Economics Minister Peter Altmaier estimated that the “green revolution” would cost a €1 trillion. Social unrest is not far away, she says, citing the Yellow Vests in France as one example. She said that the German government has even produced a video on how to heat homes using candles!

In Germany’s Sept. 26 election, energy was not even a warm, much less a hot topic. Historically, energy policy has been driven by innovation, such as nuclear replacing oil, but now it’s driven by emotional social media. On Jan. 8, Central Europe almost collapsed, due to the acute threat of an energy blackout.

Dr. Kneissl, an opponent of Western geopolitics against Russia, and personal friend of Vladimir Putin, left office after an entrapment scandal involving then-Chancellor Sebastian Kurz’s conservative coalition party.

Winter Energy Crisis Feared in Albania

Oct. 5 (EIRNS)—Albanian Prime Minister Edi Rama warned on Oct. 3 that the country is facing an extreme energy crisis. “The astonishing price increases of gas and carbon in all international markets, and the strong trend towards increased oil prices, accompanied by a general increase of prices of day-to-day consumption products, are standing today in front of all countries as shadows of an enemy army, over the horizon of the upcoming difficult winter for the world,” Rama stated in a message to the nation. Several factors he mentioned are the shift to low production from wind farms, the efforts to fight climate change, and the shutdown of nuclear power plants in Germany. Most of the country’s power comes from hydro, but recently it has had to import expensive electricity, the price of which has increased by 500%.

AFGHANISTAN

UN Agencies Warn Again That Afghan Children Face ‘Acute Malnutrition’ and Death

Oct. 5 (EIRNS)—After a visit to Herat, Afghanistan, the UNICEF and World Food Program Representatives to Afghanistan Hervé Ludovic de Lys and Mary-Ellen McGroarty, respectively, warned that one-half of Afghanistan’s children under five years old—an estimated 3.2 million children—are expected to suffer from acute malnutrition by the end of the year, and at least a million of them are at risk of dying from severe acute malnutrition, without immediate treatment, UNICEF reported today. (“Acute malnutrition” is defined by the U.S. National Institutes of Health as “inadequate energy or protein intake.”)

The WFP estimates that 95% of households in Afghanistan are not eating enough food, and the two UN agencies are now adding 100 more mobile health and nutrition teams, to the 168 already operating in hard-to-reach areas. UNICEF’s de Lys warned that “the nutritional health of mothers and their children is getting worse by the day.... Children are getting sicker and their families are less and less able to get them the

treatment they need. Rapidly spreading outbreaks of measles and acute watery diarrhea will only exacerbate the situation.”

WFP’s McGroarty reiterated: “Unless we intervene now, malnutrition will only become more severe. The international community must release the funds they pledged weeks ago, or the impact could be irreversible.”

HAITI

China and Russia’s UN Envoys Seek for International Community To Develop Haiti

Oct. 5 (EIRNS)—It is notable that at yesterday’s UN Security Council briefing on Haiti, it was left to the representatives of China and Russia to at least raise Haiti’s desperate need for development and reconstruction, beyond just relief aid in the aftermath of natural disasters. All representatives who spoke also stressed the need for Haitians to come together to resolve the nation’s government and institutional crisis, and to hold elections. Further, they spoke of the terrible security problem of violent gangs threatening the country’s people. But without moving beyond meager humanitarian relief efforts, to international assistance to allow Haiti to undertake the kind of full-scale reconstruction program which the [Schiller Institute](#) is proposing, no political solution is possible.

Ambassador [Geng Shuang](#), Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN of China, appealed to the international community to step up and help Haiti recover, making three recommendations toward that end: “First, to move forward the political transition with a sense of urgency.... The repeated postponement of the constitutional referendum and presidential and parliamentary elections would only add to the uncertainty of the political situation in Haiti. We call on all parties in Haiti to act in the country's best interest ... and reach agreement ... so as to ensure the elections can take place as early as possible....

“Second, spare no effort in humanitarian assistance and post-disaster reconstruction.... An additional 650,000 people are in urgent need of humanitarian assistance. China calls on the international community to

respond actively to the UN humanitarian emergency appeals totaling about \$187 million....

“Third, to combat criminal gangs with full force. The gangs in Haiti are running amok, and what they are capable of knows no limits ... responsible for the displacement of 19,000 people since June alone. The Haitian government should effectively build up the capacity of its police force ... without delay....”

Geng suggested that the need for a change in strategy, pointing to the failure of the humanitarian strategy towards the country, in which the \$14.7 billion spent since 2010 “have yet to deliver the expected results.... We are ready to join the rest of the Council members to address the systemic and operational impediments to peace and development in Haiti, and to consider adopting a novel approach to help Haiti come out of its plight.”

Similarly, Russian First Deputy Permanent Representative Dmitry Polyanskiy remarked that: “Failure to establish an effective ... dialogue between the key political forces [means] the levers of state governance are concentrated in the hands of executive authorities.... The absence of adequate political will has resulted in the fact that parliamentary elections, which are needed to stabilize the situation, have been repeatedly postponed.... The absence of stable state power that would be able to effectively resolve daily problems has resulted in [the spread of] illegal armed groups....

“There is an urgent need to address ... combating unemployment and improving overall standards of living.... We cannot but be appalled by the information ... that in 2021, 60% of Haitians will fall under the poverty threshold.... Clearly, such a dire situation in this insular country requires consolidated international support, first and foremost, from regional neighbors.”

Many representatives could not fail to express their shock at the “decision to forcibly return to Haiti those people who cobbled together their last money to leave the country in search of better lives for their children. The plans to return to Haiti 14,000 individuals, in addition to the 8,000

Haitians already returned, raise utmost concern,” as Polyanskiy—but not only he—put it. On that subject, U.S. Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield was silent.

COLLAPSING WESTERN FINANCIAL SYSTEM

City of London to Humanity: Forget Electricity, ‘the Age of Abundance Is Over’

Oct. 5 (EIRNS)—“The Age of Fossil-Fuel Abundance Is Dead,” the City of London’s *The Economist* magazine happily pronounced on Oct 4. Falling investment in oil wells, natural-gas hubs, and coal mines means that today’s “energy” scarcity will get “even worse,” because those investments are harder “in an era of decarbonization,” they wrote. This will bring “inflationary upheaval ... but it may at least accelerate the shift to greener—and cheaper—sources of energy,” they enthuse, blaming inflation on climate, rather than their own “banksters.”

You may have trouble paying your electricity bill, but for these oligarchs, “the longer prices stay high, the more likely it becomes that the transition to clean energy ultimately buries the fossil-fuel industry. Consumers, in the meantime, must brace for more shortages. The age of abundance is dead.”

UNITED STATES POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

Legal ‘Rights of Nature’ To Be Tested in Florida Court

Oct. 5 (EIRNS)—The “burgeoning” legal movement determined to amend U.S. law so that “nature”—rivers, forests, mountains, rocks, wildlife—holds equal legal standing with humans, is eager to test the legality of such action at a court hearing in November in Orange County, Florida, “Inside Climate News” (ICN) reported enthusiastically on Sept. 19.

An incredible 89% of Orange County voters reportedly voted in November 2020 for that county to add a “nature’s rights” provision to the county charters, so that waterways and the like can be legally protected

against such “harmful pollution” as allegedly fertilizer runoff from agriculture, septic systems, or poor stormwater management.

Similar laws and ordinances have been adopted by more than 30 U.S. localities, and more are working on them, according to ICN, but no U.S. court has upheld them. Therefore, the November hearing “could be the most consequential legal moment to date for the rights of nature concept in the American courts.”

Jonathan Swift would appreciate just how murderously insane this is: The Orange County suit to stop a planned residential and commercial development was filed by six plaintiffs: one human being, two streams, two lakes, and a marsh! (Your guess as to which will be testifying...) Yet, it is not some cute stunt. “The concept of granting rights to nature has gained saliency and urgency across the globe over the last 15 years,” ICN writes. “As the movement matures, it has dovetailed with a global push to criminalize ‘ecocide,’ or widespread destruction of the environment. That campaign aims to add ‘ecocide’ as a fifth crime, alongside genocide and crimes against humanity, before the Hague-based International Criminal Court.

“While the crime of ecocide would outlaw only severe environmental destruction, rights of nature laws aim to protect against more commonplace acts, like government permitted pollution. The concept has raised the question: What level of human impact on nature is acceptable?”

Americans Don't Love Wall Street

Oct. 5 (EIRNS)—“Wall Street on Parade” authors Pam and Russ Martens report this morning that the latest Gallup Poll shows that only one-third of Americans have “a great deal” or “quite a lot” of confidence in the U.S. banking system; confidence in tech companies has fallen to 29% (so far); “Big Business” is less trusted, at 18% confidence rating—and last of all, is Congress, at 12%.

STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

U.S. and Allies Reported To Be Training Neo-Nazis in Ukraine

Oct. 5 (EIRNS)—Last week, George Washington University’s Institute for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies released a report claiming that NATO instructors are training associates of the neo-Nazi Azov movement at the Ukrainian army’s National Academy of Ground Forces (NAA). The group, called Centuria, “led by individuals with ties to Ukraine’s internationally active far-right Azov movement, has attracted multiple members, including current and former officer cadets of the NAA now serving in the Armed Forces of Ukraine. Apparent members have appeared in photos giving Nazi salutes and made seemingly extremist statements online,” the report’s summary says, according to Sept. 28 article in Ukraine’s 112.International English-language news platform.

The 112.International article also reports that in 2018, the U.S. Congress outlawed the use of U.S. funds to provide weapons, training services, or other assistance for Azov. American lawmakers have repeatedly called on the State Department to designate Azov as a Foreign Terrorist Organization, 112.International reports. Most recently in April 2021, Democratic Rep. Elissa Slotkin (D-MI) wrote to Secretary of State Antony Blinken that “the Azov Battalion ... uses the internet to recruit new members and then radicalize them to use violence to pursue its white identity political agenda.” However, no Western government involved in training Ukrainian troops has insisted the Kiev regime sever its relationship with the Azov movement.

The Ottawa Citizen reported yesterday on Canadian involvement, as the Canadian Armed Forces have instructors at the NAA. Canadian Forces spokeswoman Lt. Cmdr. Julie McDonald told the *Citizen* that it was up to Ukraine to vet its own security forces. But, if Canadian military personnel saw first-hand evidence of extremist views, they could refuse to train those soldiers, she affirmed. The Canadian Forces, however, does not proactively examine the backgrounds of those they train or look for signs of support for far-right causes. “The Department of National Defense and the Canadian

Armed Forces are strongly opposed to the glorification of Nazism and all forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia, intolerance and extremism,” McDonald claimed.

PLA Continues To Fly Record Combat Aircraft Near Taiwan

Oct. 5 (EIRNS)—The Chinese PLA Air Force answered the State Department’s “concern” about Chinese air exercises near Taiwan by launching its largest yet. Fifty-two PLA aircraft—34 J-16 fighter jets, 2 Su-30 fighter jets, 2 Y-8 anti-submarine warfare aircraft, 2 KJ-500 early warning aircraft, and 12 H-6 bombers—flew into Taiwan’s self-declared air defense identification zone (ADIZ) yesterday during daylight hours, and four more in the evening, making for a total of 56 aircraft, according to Taiwan’s defense ministry, reported *Global Times*.

Some reports have claimed that PLA aircraft flew into Taiwan’s airspace. This is not true. The ADIZ is not territorial airspace and has no standing in international law. In the case of Taiwan, the ADIZ marks out airspace that the Taiwan defense authorities have decided is a warning area in which they should react to intrusions of foreign military aircraft. In fact, published maps, including those of Taiwan’s defense ministry, show the Taiwan ADIZ extending northwest into the P.R.C. itself.

As for why the PLA is sending so many aircraft to exercise near Taiwan, [Alexander Huang Chieh-cheng](#), a professor of international relations and strategic studies at Tamkang University in Taipei, speculates that the PLA was showing its strength to a domestic audience during the mainland’s National Day and ahead of the personnel reshuffle in the Communist Party congress next year. “The PLA wants to send a strong signal to this joint drill, especially after Australia, the U.K. and the U.S. formed a trilateral security pact obviously targeting Beijing,” he told *South China Morning Post*, referring to the AUKUS alliance.

Global Times, in contrast, is placing responsibility for the crisis on Taiwan’s pro-independence, ruling Democratic People’s Party (DPP). In an editorial today, *Global Times* blamed the DPP for the disappearance of the “peaceful atmosphere” that existed only a few years ago and vowed that the

P.R.C. will not allow Taiwan “to act as an outpost of the U.S.’ strategic containment against China.” It warned that the PLA drills in the Taiwan Strait are no longer declarations of sovereignty but rather preparations for operations “that are required to take back the island of Taiwan.”

“If the U.S. and the DPP authorities do not take the initiative to reverse the current situation, the Chinese mainland’s military punishment for ‘Taiwan independence’ secessionist forces will eventually be triggered,” *Global Times* concluded. “Time will prove that this warning is not just a verbal threat.”

Back in Washington, both the [White House](#) and the State Department reiterated the Biden Administration’s “rock solid” commitment to Taiwan. “We urge Beijing to cease its military, diplomatic, and economic pressure and coercion against Taiwan. And we have an abiding interest in peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait,” said Press Secretary Jen Psaki at her briefing yesterday. “That’s why we’ll continue to assist Taiwan in maintaining a sufficient self-defense capability.”

EAST ASIA

Philippine LaRouche Society Founder Butch Valdes Announces for National Presidency Race

Oct. 5 (EIRNS)—Antonio “Butch” Valdes, the founder and chairman of the Philippine LaRouche Society and founder of the Philippine Democratic Party (KDP, Katipunan ng Demokratikong Pilipino), yesterday announced that he will seek the Presidency of the Philippines in the May 9, 2022 election. Two of his party members will run for the Senate as part of the KDP slate, and more candidates may join.

Valdes has also been in contact over the past year with the organization of Emmanuel “Manny” Pacquiao, the world-famous boxer who is now a Senator and also presidential candidate. Pacquiao is a member of the PDP-Laban Party, the party of President Rodrigo Duterte, but the party has split between Duterte supporters and Pacquiao supporters. Duterte was nominated as candidate for Vice President (the President is allowed one

six-year term), but has now withdrawn. It is expected by many that his daughter Sara Duterte, now mayor of Davao, may run for the presidency. It is possible that some agreements may be reached between the Pacquiao campaign and Valdes's KDP campaign.

Valdes has focused much of his party's efforts on attacking the oligarchs who run the water and electricity utilities in the Philippines, calling for them to be nationalized to relieve the population of the extreme costs, frequent brownouts, and lack of water, which plague the nation. He has strongly supported the Belt and Road Initiative, has been interviewed regularly by the Chinese press, and conducted a widely watched interview with the Russian Ambassador to the Philippines. Valdes and his son Itos have hosted a national Sunday night radio program for several dozen years, which has featured many members of the LaRouche organization from around the world (including interviews with both Lyndon and Helga LaRouche), and often presents "classes" during the program on the American System of economics and the work of Alexander Hamilton, FDR, and others. For the some years he has also hosted a program on the KDP Facebook page several times a week, that Filipinos watch around the world. He announced his candidacy on Facebook:

"After much contemplation and meditation, I , Antonio 'Butch' Valdes, have decided to file as candidate for the position of PRESIDENT of the Republic of the Philippines in the coming May 2022 national elections.

"I do this, not as a matter of personal choice but as a moral duty to KDP, my Party, and to our country.

"On behalf of our people, I declare war against the true enemies of our sovereign nation who have imposed their will and evil deeds at the expense of countless Filipino lives these past decades. With God's blessings, your understanding and support we pray for victory.

"Mabuhay ang Lupang Hinirang,

"Mabuhay ang patriyotikong pilipino,

"Mabuhay ang KDP!!!"