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EDITORIAL

Lift Your Eyes to the Stars: There Lies the Future!

Feb. 4 (EIRNS)—“Man yearns upward, toward the exploration of space, for one overriding purpose: the fuller development of mankind on Earth.” So concludes Lyndon LaRouche’s 1996 article “Space: The Ultimate Money Frontier.” With three spacecraft entering Mars orbit or landing on the red planet itself this month, the economic lessons LaRouche teaches are particularly relevant for creating a future-oriented policy in opposition to the Green evil of the “Great Reset.”

Looking back, the U.S. Apollo Moon mission, and the technological, scientific, and industrial advances required to make it possible, generated a ten-fold return on investment. This return was not monetary, like that of those institutional investors who made billions off the ascent of GameStop’s stock, but physical. The post-Apollo economy—and society—was enriched with specific technologies, improved machine tools and production techniques, and a bonanza of skilled engineers and workers.

In the present, the three spacecraft reaching Mars in the coming weeks—the United States’ *Perseverance*, China’s *Tianwen-1*, and the U.A.E.’s *Hope*—represent the commitments of those nations and their partners to expanding their capabilities and piercing the veil of the universe’s secrets.

Perseverance has microphones to record its entry and listen to the sound of its travel over the Martian terrain; two dozen cameras to record its landing, guide its navigation, view samples, use x-ray fluoroscopy and visible light to determine the chemical composition of rocks by zapping them with its laser, and create 3D views of its journey; a seven-foot robotic arm complete with a power drill with interchangeable bits for drilling out samples; a plutonium battery; and an array of antennas to keep in touch with the Earth and the orbiter. It will also bring the first helicopter to Mars.

The orbital insertion of Hope will make the U.A.E. the fifth entity to reach Mars, following the U.S., the Soviet Union, the European Space Agency, and India. The orbiter will study the atmosphere of Mars. China's Tianwen-1 will enter orbit just one day later, making that nation the sixth to reach the red planet. Like Perseverance, Tianwen-1 consists of an orbiter and a lander with a rover, which is equipped with cameras, sensors, and a surface-penetrating radar.

In the future, mankind's goals in space will expand to include a family of Earth-orbiting space stations, radical improvements in bringing payloads into orbit, mining helium-3 on the Moon as a fusion-fuel, nuclear powered rockets, and a science colony on Mars. As LaRouche wrote in 1996: "The universe is heavily populated with astrophysical anomalies which we know to exist, but want the means to examine in a more efficient way.... The number of new fundamental discoveries awaiting mankind from even the preliminary next steps toward Mars colonization is awesomely large: these anomalies alone would assure us of numerous major scientific breakthroughs in the practice of science on Earth."

We will have to work hard to achieve these goals! Ensuring a global development of infrastructure of both the hard (transportation, electricity, water, sanitation, hospitals) and soft (education, health workers, scientific institutions) varieties means a commitment to overthrowing the rotten imperial paradigm of finance and population reduction that pollutes so many of the minds and institutions of the trans-Atlantic world. Arguably the most destructive mental pollution requiring emergency remediation is the Green ideology that sees human action and development as an unnatural despoiling of the pre-human (and therefore "perfect") state of nature. The ability to enforce this ideology on a world scale has major problems in the independence of the nations of Russia and China, and the meteoric growth of the latter country—growth which it is exporting through its Belt and Road Initiative.

To prevent the potential of the United States adopting a mission of growth, and of collaborating with other major powers, the campaign of

vilification of Russia and China as some combination of authoritarian, “malign” (a word that has lost any meaning), or seeking to develop their own empires, has reached a new level of directly targeting Presidents Putin and Xi for regime-change operations, as through the case of Alexey Navalny.

It is the British Empire which has created and pushed these green and geopolitical myths, and it is that empire that will be defeated by exposing the murderous truth of the Great Reset / Green New Deal, and by revealing the incredible future that can be ours if we turn our eyes and thoughts upwards, to the stars.

As we look forward to good news from Mars this month, we can also look forward to powerful intelligence from *EIR* and The LaRouche Organization to defeat the Green pollution that threatens to drag us down to the dirt.

UNITED STATES POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

In Unprecedented Act, Democrats Strip Republican Congresswoman of Her Committee Assignments

Feb. 4 (EIRNS)—This evening, House Democrats, in an unprecedented action, voted 230-199 to remove Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-GA) from her two committee assignments. The vote followed an hour of debate and an unsuccessful motion by the GOP to adjourn.

Their action took place after a meeting of the Republican members of the House on Feb. 3. Greene addressed her controversial social postings, and apologized for some of them. Evidently, she received a standing ovation for her remarks from at least half of those present. Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy (CA) was emphatic that, while Republicans have removed their own members from committee assignments and Democrats have attempted to do the same to fellow Democrats, never has one party attempted to strip assignments made by the other party. McCarthy had offered House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer a compromise, to pull Greene off the Education and Labor Committee in response to a complaint by

Hoyer, while keeping her on the Budget Committee; but Hoyer insisted upon a full floor vote.

Greene, herself, spoke during the House debate Feb. 4, saying that over 2017-18 she had approved of, and later rejected various Internet theories, including QAnon. She said that her further investigation convinced her that they were wrong. Her mistakes preceded her campaigning for public office and being elected, and certainly had nothing to do with her short time on Capitol Hill. McCarthy warned Democrats to “stop trying to find dangerous and divisive ways to abuse the power of the majority” and said that they may live to regret the new standard they are creating “a lot sooner than you think.”

For all the talk of defending democracy, is it democratic to prevent an elected official from expressing in committee the views that the people of her district elected her to represent?

Following the unprecedented vote, the House of Representatives took up the serious business of advancing the nation’s interests by providing its members a one-hour “space” to communicate their “lived experiences” as “survivors” of the “trauma” of Jan. 6. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez has been a subject of mockery for her false story of being in the Capitol during the invasion, when in fact no one broke into the House office building where she took shelter; she now insists that anyone who “gaslights” her about this “trauma” is not “believing survivors.”

U.S. Senators Reintroduce Bill To Sanction Russia on Navalny

Feb. 4 (EIRNS)—Senators Marco Rubio (R-FL) and Chris Coons (D-DE) have been joined by several other senators to reintroduce their bill, “Holding Russia Accountable for Malign Activities Act.”

“This bill would impose targeted sanctions against Russian officials complicit in brazen violations of international law including the poisoning and imprisonment of opposition leader and anti-corruption activist Alexey Navalny,” a statement from Rubio’s office said.

It also directs the U.S. administration to determine “if the Kremlin has violated U.S. laws prohibiting the use of chemical and biological weapons.” The bill further demands “a report on the assassination of Russian opposition politician Boris Nemtsov.”

Impeachment as a Public Relations Stunt

Feb. 4 (EIRNS)—The lead impeachment manager, Rep. Jamie Raskin (D-MD), wrote President Donald Trump’s attorneys that Trump’s submitted papers deny irrefutable facts on his role in the Capitol attack. He therefore called for Trump to testify under oath. Trump’s attorneys, Bruce Castor and David Schoen, responded: “We are in receipt of your latest public relations stunt.... Your letter only confirms what is known to everyone: you cannot prove your allegations.... The use of our Constitution to bring a purported impeachment proceeding is much too serious to play these games.” Jason Miller, an adviser to Trump, added: “The president will not testify in an unconstitutional proceeding.”

YouTube Increases Censorship

Feb. 4 (EIRNS)—Two videos posted on the YouTube account of Sen. Ron Johnson (R-WI) have been removed. The videos were of testimony before the Senate’s Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, in which Dr. Pierre Kory discussed his thoughts on ivermectin as a promising treatment for COVID-19.

Independent journalists providing unfiltered footage of events such as the Jan. 6 storming of the Capitol have seen their videos removed and their account demonetized—meaning that they can no longer run ads on their videos to generate revenue for themselves as content creators.

YouTube even demonetized the account of China-bashing *Epoch Times*.

Don’t even think of talking about election fraud! YouTube’s policy is direct: “Content that advances false claims that widespread fraud, errors, or glitches changed the outcome of the U.S. 2020 presidential election is not allowed on YouTube.”

THE NEW GLOBAL ECONOMIC ORDER

Brazil To Allow Huawei To Bid on 5G Projects

Feb. 4 (EIRNS)—Brazilian Communications Minister Fábio Faria announced on Feb. 1 that no specific companies will be barred from participating in the 5G auction in Brazil, in a move that is seen as a distancing from the “Clean Network” agreement pushed by former U.S. Secretary of State Pompeo to prevent Chinese telecom giant Huawei from winning contracts in third countries.

On the timing, the China-Lusophone Brief reports that “The government decree comes days after a rapprochement between the governments of Jair Bolsonaro and Xi Jinping, with the aim of releasing inputs from China used in the production of vaccines on Brazilian soil.”

COLLAPSING WESTERN FINANCIAL SYSTEM

U.S. Sanctions on China Backfire, Force GM Factories To Shut Down

Feb. 4 (EIRNS)—The U.S. sanctioning of China’s largest semiconductor manufacturer has apparently led to a shortage in the U.S. market, which has forced General Motors to close factories in Fairfax, Kansas; Ingersoll, Ontario, Canada; and San Luis Potosí, Mexico, for a week, beginning on Feb. 8. That same week, GM’s Bupyeong 2 plant in South Korea will operate at half-capacity.

“Despite our mitigation efforts, the semiconductor shortage will impact GM production in 2021,” GM spokesman David Barnas told Reuters. “Semiconductor supply for the global auto industry remains very fluid. Our supply chain organization is working closely with our supply base to find solutions for our suppliers’ semiconductor requirements and to mitigate impacts on GM.”

Citing data from IHS Markit, Automotive News reported Feb. 2 that the chip shortage would reduce global automobile production (approximately 62 million vehicles in 2020) by 672,000 vehicles in the first quarter of 2021; data from AutoForecast Solutions indicated the shortage had already

resulted in 564,000 fewer vehicles being made and could reduce production in 2021 by a further 964,000.

GM is not the only company suffering shortages. Last week, Ford announced it was cutting two of three shifts at its Chicago factory and was extending a plant closure in Louisville, Kentucky, for another week. Toyota, Volkswagen, Honda, Mercedes-Benz, Audi, Subaru, Nissan, Stellantis, and PSA Group have also been forced to reduce production.

These semiconductors are made in China and Taiwan. U.S. sanctions against China targeted China's largest semiconductor foundry, the Shanghai-based Semiconductor Manufacturing International Corporation (SMIC), forcing U.S. firms wishing to buy from the partially state-owned Chinese company to first obtain a special license from the U.S. Department of Commerce.

British Empire Bans China's TV Network over Hong Kong Coverage

Feb. 4 (EIRNS)—The United Kingdom's regulator Ofcom today revoked the license of China's CGTN television, removing its ability to broadcast in the Great Britain. Ofcom—whose motto is “making communications work *for everyone*”—claimed that the network's owner, Star China Media, “has no editorial control over its programs” as CGTN is “ultimately controlled by the Chinese Communist Party.” Ofcom cited, in particular, that CGTN's coverage of riots (what Ofcom called “protests”) in Hong Kong were a “serious breach” of fairness.

The revocation comes one week after China announced that British National Overseas passports (held by many of Britain's former colonial subjects in Hong Kong) would no longer be honored as travel or identification documents.

That decision by China itself came just two days before the U.K. was to begin accepting applications from BNO holders for a visa offering a path to residency and citizenship in the U.K.

STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

New START Treaty Extension Goes into Effect

Feb. 4 (EIRNS)—The Russian Foreign Ministry issued a statement yesterday announcing that the extension of the New START nuclear arms control treaty has entered into force following the exchange of diplomatic notes notifying each side that the necessary internal procedures for the extension were completed. The treaty will now be in effect until Feb. 5, 2026. The Russian statement also expressed the hope that the understanding that led to the extension of the treaty will make it possible to overcome the trend of disrupting mechanisms of arms control and non-proliferation “that dominated the past few years following the destructive policy of the U.S..” The statement acknowledged that this will take “significant effort,” but that Russia is ready to do the work.

The U.S. State Department issued a corresponding statement in the name of Secretary of State Antony Blinken, confirming from the U.S. side the completion of procedures to bring the extension into force. However, there was no promise from the U.S. side to work for improving U.S.-Russian relations. “Even as we work with Russia to advance U.S. interests, so too will we work to hold Russia to account for adversarial actions as well as its human rights abuses, in close coordination with our allies and partners,” Blinken concluded. Blinken did promise that not only would the U.S. pursue more extensive arms-control arrangements with Russia to cover its nonstrategic nuclear arsenal, but “we will also pursue arms control to reduce the dangers from China’s modern and growing nuclear arsenal.”

U.S. Ship Transits Taiwan Strait in Another Provocation against China

Feb. 4 (EIRNS)—The guided missile destroyer *USS John S. McCain* passed through the Taiwan Strait earlier today in the first such passage under the Biden Administration. “The ship’s transit through the Taiwan Strait demonstrates the U.S. commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific. The United States military will continue to fly, sail, and operate anywhere international law allows,” said a spokesman for the U.S. 7th Fleet, reported

CNN. CNN cites recent statements from the Biden Administration suggesting that there will be no pullback from the provocative actions against China that became increasingly typical under the latter portion of the Trump Administration, to include arms sales to Taiwan as well.

SCIENCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Permanent ‘Apollo’-Style Crash Programs?

Feb. 4 (EIRNS)—One notable proposal on the concluding day of the World Economic Forum’s virtual “Davos Agenda 2021” on Jan. 29, came from the panel on COVID-19. Richard Hatchett, the director of the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI), proposed that the U.S. 8- to 12-month crash program for vaccines, Operation Warp Speed, while remarkable, should not be a one-and-done.

Instead, the real lesson should be that governments and basic science could get such efforts down to a three-month time scale if the crash programs were to be institutionalized; that is, if governments saw such activity as their normal course of business. Hatchett is the former director of the U.S. Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA).

Otherwise, on that same panel was Albert Bourla, the CEO of Pfizer. It was announced that he was now the head of a new World Economic Forum task force on COVID.

COVID-19

China’s Vaccine Exports

Feb. 4 (EIRNS)—Not only has China developed vaccines, but its excellent control of the coronavirus by non-pharmaceutical methods of public health now gives that nation the ability to export large quantities of vaccines to other countries.

On Feb. 4, China’s Ambassador to the Republic of Congo Zhu Jing announced after a meeting with President Denis Sassou Nguesso in

Brazzaville, that China would donate 100,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine to the Republic of Congo and forgive the entirety of debt that nation owed through the end of 2020—\$13 million in public debt. (A similar debt forgiveness was implemented in Kinshasa with the Democratic Republic of Congo in January.) The Republic of Congo is allocated 420,000 doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine under the COVAX initiative.

Also on Feb. 4, the Chinese Embassy in Syria announced that 150,000 doses would be sent to that nation, although timing is not clear. The WHO representative in Damascus said that COVAX plans to vaccinate 5 million Syrians.

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Wang Wenbin clarified what China has meant in referring to its vaccines as a “global public good” when he told media today that “China will honor its pledge of making vaccines a global public good and offer its vaccines at fair and reasonable prices,” in response to a question about the 10 million doses that China announced Feb. 3 it would provide to COVAX.

Other direct vaccine contributions from China include 200,000 to Zimbabwe.

Ukraine Closes Opposition TV Stations To Block Campaign for Use of Russian COVID Vaccine

Feb. 4 (EIRNS)—Ukraine has closed down the television stations owned by Taras Kozak, an MP in the Verkhovna Rada from the “Opposition Platform—For Life” party, headed by Viktor Medvedchuk. The stations have been covering Medvedchuk’s campaign to use Russia’s Sputnik V vaccines in Ukraine. Furthermore, Medvedchuk had arranged with President Vladimir Putin and the Sputnik V producer Gamaleya Institute for the Ukrainian pharmaceutical company Biolik to produce the vaccine.

Previously, Ukraine’s President Volodymyr Zelensky had begged his staunch Western backers for access to vaccines, saying that Ukrainian TV stations are showing Ukraine’s neighbors happily getting the Russian vaccine, and that it was getting impossibly difficult to convince Ukrainians

to hold the line and stick with the West when they were leaving Ukrainians in the cold on vaccines. Zelensky's approval ratings have been tanking.

So, while many European countries watching Hungary's defiance of the EU bureaucracy have now begun to open up to Russian and Chinese vaccines, Ukraine has become even more reactionary. They passed a law last week banning Russian vaccines. Health Minister Maksym Stepanov bragged: "One political force just created some hysteria over the registration of the Russian vaccine. I can say at once: You can be hysterical for a very long time. No one will register the Russian vaccine in the country."

The U.S. Embassy in Kiev publicly weighed in on the closing down of the television stations: "The U.S. supports Ukraine's efforts yesterday to counter Russia's malign influence.... We must all work together to prevent disinformation from being deployed as a weapon...."

RT, in its coverage, reported that Richard Stengel, the team leader of the U.S. Agency for Global Media (formerly the U.S. Information Agency), Obama's Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, and a former official in Biden's transition team, wrote in a *Washington Post* op-ed on Oct. 29, 2020: "All speech is not equal. And where truth cannot drive out lies, we must add new guardrails." Will U.S. officials consider proposing that YouTube or Twitter will determine what can be shown on Ukrainian television?

Zelensky tweeted on the sanctions slapped on the opposition media: "[Imposing] Sanctions is a difficult decision. #Ukraine strongly supports #FreedomOfSpeech. Not propaganda financed by the aggressor country that undermines Ukraine on its way to #EU & EuroAtlantic integration. Fight for independence is fight in the information war for truth & European values." One of the responses reads (translated from Russian): "What freedom of speech if TV channels are closed. There is freedom to glorify Ukrainian nationalists who killed Jews."

Many other replies demanded to know why he tweeted in English, rather than Ukrainian. One wag observed that, after cleansing the Russian language from Ukraine, Ukrainian may be next.

500 Million Vaccine Doses for Underdeveloped Countries by June, Aim for 2 Billion by Year-End

Feb. 4 (EIRNS)—The central plan for getting COVID-19 vaccines to the poorer countries of the world is being run by COVAX, and 92 countries have signed up. The overall COVAX program is to prioritize 20% of the populations of these countries—presumably healthcare workers and elderly, in particular—amounting to 2 billion vaccines. However, it has been unclear whether these countries will see anything significant until the wealthier countries dip at the trough first, leaving the coronavirus to run free and mutate at least until the fall or winter, if not later.

The speed at which AstraZeneca and Novavax can produce their vaccines may have the biggest immediate impact. The Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI) has arranged in partnership with the WHO's vaccine equity projects (COVAX and GAVI) for 300 million doses of the AstraZeneca vaccine, and at least 200 million doses of the Novavax vaccine to be made available to the 92 countries that have signed up.

CEPI, headquartered in Oslo, Norway, was founded in 2017 with around \$100 million apiece from Norway, Japan, Germany, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Their focus has been upon Ebola (along with Lassa fever/MERS-CoV, Nipah virus, Chikungunya virus, and Rift Valley fever). Originally, they planned to involve Big Pharma in giving up patent rights for the sake of broader distribution of vaccines, but it appears that in 2018 they lost that fight and changed their organization's language.

CEPI head Richard Hatchett appeared on CGTN on Feb. 3; he expressed his concern about the difficulty developing countries are experiencing in their efforts to acquire vaccines and said that CEPI is intent on filling that gap.

Hatchett said that they could distribute 500 million doses within the first six months of the year, and 2 billion to needy countries by the end of the year. Their major concern is that the distributed doses actually go into people's arms quickly and not remain in storage.

More European Countries Interested in Sputnik V

Feb. 4 (EIRNS)—More European countries are showing serious interest in Russia's Sputnik V COVID-19 vaccine. Italian Health Minister Roberto Speranza has called on the European Medicines Agency to accelerate the evaluation of Sputnik V, according to Italy's ANSA news agency on Feb. 3.

“We shouldn't be apprehensive about vaccines from different countries; it is important that they receive the EMA's approval. We asked the EU to accelerate the scientific evaluation of both the Russian vaccine and vaccines from other countries,” he said.

According to *Aftonbladet* newspaper, Sweden's vaccination coordinator Richard Bergstrom did not rule out the purchase of Sputnik V. “We had a meeting on this subject, and now we will consider it in greater detail,” he said

“We have very little information about the vaccine, and the research results of the Russian vaccine should be reviewed more thoroughly. There [in Russia] efficacy is determined in a different way than in other studies, of other vaccines. This doesn't mean that it's wrong: they just measure it differently.”

South Dakota's Brutal Approach to Herd Immunity

Feb. 4 (EIRNS)—Approximately 12% of the population of South Dakota has officially tested positive for COVID-19. And 1 in every 500 residents of the state has perished from the virus. (This gives a case fatality rate slightly above 1.5%.) [Bloomberg News](#) ran an article Feb. 3 on the somewhat brutal approach the state took towards acquiring a version of herd immunity. And as collateral damage, from the devastation on some Indian reservations, there was also the “hastening [of] the demise of the

native Lakota language, whose native speakers tend to be in their 70s or older.”

Gov. Kristi Noem made a point of insisting upon no mask requirements and no bans on large gatherings. Then, in August, the infamous nine-day motorcycle rally at Sturgis, attended by 460,000, set the prairies ablaze. Bloomberg refers to an independent data scientist, Youyang Gu, who estimated that about 42% of the population was infected. Presumably, the core of this figure was figured on a baseline of the 108,315 confirmed cases, or about 12%, and estimating from some samples of antibody testing to measure the undercount, that is, the infections amongst people who were never tested. Other studies have shown undercounting by about 6—10 times, so here, 3.5 times is on the conservative side.

While 42% would not normally fall within the parameters of achieving herd immunity, the Bloomberg article suggests that the more socially egregious were, as it were, taken out of action, while the more conservative and self-protective behavior came to predominate, as the COVID storm raged. South Dakota is now among the top ten states in avoiding COVID transmission. And the funeral directors also made out OK.

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