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## EDITORIAL

### **Tell Truth about Pandemic, Financial Catastrophe, Lest Coup against President Trump Succeeds and U.S. Will Fall**

July 8 (EIRNS)—Helga Zepp-LaRouche warned today that the out-of-control explosion of the COVID-19 pandemic within the United States, together with the threat of a pre-election collapse of the massive financial bubble on Wall Street, are being used by the Democratic Party, the media

and British/American intelligence community to finally finish off the Trump Presidency. This has been the goal of these imperial, pro-war forces from the moment Donald Trump announced his campaign for the Presidency, five years ago and announced his rejection of the British Empire's "division of the world" into warring factions, insisting instead that the U.S. would end the endless wars, become friends with Russia and China, and restore America's industrial and infrastructural economy. Russiagate failed, Ukrainegate failed, so now Chinagate and COVID-gate are the final, desperate means by which they believe they can bring him down, and return the U.S. to the genocidal policy of green deindustrialization and permanent war. Sources have told *EIR* that the Wall Street interests tied to the British Empire and the military-industrial complex are planning to pull the plug on the Wall Street bubble shortly before the election, blaming it on President Trump.

Zepp-LaRouche explained: The pandemic was caused by 50 years of City of London and Wall Street looting policies, which succeeded in driving the planet's potential relative population density below the actual population. That's why Lyndon LaRouche repeatedly forecast that something like this was bound to happen. If people had listened to him, we wouldn't be in this mess. If he were exonerated, we'd be on the way to a solution.

She pointed to the counter-COVID policies in China, South Korea, New Zealand, and others which were successful in containing the virus, by application of "rigorously applied standard public health measures: identify, quarantine, and contact trace. This doesn't solve the problem; but it is necessary to contain it. The Trump Administration's policy has not been what is required—either in terms of domestic measures, or the more recent attacks on China—among other things, because it is a gaping vulnerability (along with the economy) which Joe Biden's British controllers have already announced they intend to use to the hilt. Any criticisms of Trump coming from the Democratic Party however, which did so much to silence LaRouche, are a complete fraud, since their green agenda will kill billions, if they get back to power."

But the American population must share the blame, Zepp-LaRouche insisted: “Even worse is the clinically insane behavior of large chunks of the American population, of both the right and the left, who are victims of the Center for Cultural Freedom and the Frankfurt School’s ‘anti-authoritarian personality’ psychological warfare.” The disregard by large portions of the U.S. population to follow the basic mitigation measures—wearing a mask and social distancing especially—is self-destructive insanity, and has created the massive explosion in new cases and hospitalizations, while many communities are facing the ugly necessity of “triage” measures as sick people are turned away from overcrowded hospitals.

“It must also be emphasized,” Zepp-LaRouche stated, “that Trump is targetted for a coup d’état by the British Empire and their U.S. allies, whose policies on COVID-19 are far, far worse than anything we’ve seen so far—their policies created the mess in the first place, and they are now intentionally out to kill off the majority of the human race. They advocate herd immunity and Malthusian depopulation. The only solution to COVID-19—and the next pandemic, which is right around the corner—is international cooperation on the basic science needed to understand and solve such issues at a deeper level, and to build, build, build viable national health systems in every nation in the world to stem the tide—for starters.”

She concluded that only “[The LaRouche Plan To Reopen the U.S. Economy: The World Needs 1.5 Billion New, Productive Jobs,](#)” and a summit of world powers to take up this and related issues, can assure the unfolding disaster is avoided.

## U.S. POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

### **Trump and López Obrador Meeting Confounds Their Enemies, and Opens Great Advance in U.S.-Mexico Relations**

July 8 (EIRNS)—President Donald Trump and President Andrés Manuel López Obrador both agreed wholeheartedly in their afternoon of meetings today that friendly relations between the United States and Mexico, as well

as their personal friendship, had been greatly strengthened by their talks, laying the basis for a great future for their nations together. The occasion was to celebrate the initiation of the North American trade deal which replaced NAFTA, the USMCA, but the discussion extended to a much deeper level.

But the actual political significance of the meeting lay, not in the specific deals struck, but what some might dismiss as “symbolism”: the emphatic commitment of both heads of state to reestablishing relations along the lines of the Lincoln-Juárez alliance and FDR-Cárdenas friendship—historic references which were the hallmark of Lyndon LaRouche’s policy for U.S.-Mexico relations, and North-South ties in general.

We are “committing ourselves to a shared future of prosperity, security and harmony,” President Trump declared before they signed a “Joint Declaration between the United States and Mexico.” “With this signing, we pledge the close and continued friendship between the United States and Mexico, and we accelerate our progress toward an even greater tomorrow ... two sovereign nations thriving, growing, and excelling side by side, working together.... The potential for the future of the United States and Mexico is unlimited.”

Both clearly enjoyed proving the political Establishment’s game plan for both sides of the border, who had predicted confrontation between them, dead wrong. “The relationship between the United States and Mexico has never been closer than it is right now. And as the President [López Obrador] said a little while ago, people were betting against that,” Trump chuckled. López Obrador smiled as he told Trump: They forecast that our relationship would fail, and “we are not fighting, and we are friends.”

Both men understand where the other “is coming from,” and that that is what their enemies fear. As Trump put it this afternoon: “Each of us was elected on the pledge to fight corruption, return power to the people, and put the interests of our countries first. And I do that and you do that, Mr.

President.” López Obrador had made precisely that point in his first letter to Trump after he won the election in July 2018.

The Presidents located their cooperation as a continuation of the best moments of U.S.-Mexican relations.

In the morning before they met, López Obrador laid a wreath in front of the statue of Mexican President Benito Juárez, and then another in front of Abraham Lincoln’s statue in the Lincoln Memorial. Trump expressed his appreciation later: “The tradition of great respect between Mexican and American Presidents goes back to the early days of both of our nations. And, in particular, it includes President Abraham Lincoln and President Benito Juárez, who each held one another in very, very high esteem. They were great friends and they did great things together. And we are grateful that, this morning, President López Obrador laid a wreath at the memorials that stand to each of these leaders, right here in our nation’s capital.”

López Obrador expanded this history in his remarks. “The best President Mexico has ever had, Benito Juárez García, as you have mentioned, had a good understanding with the great Republican President, Abraham Lincoln. Let us remember that this great, historic leader of the United States, who was the promoter of the abolition of slavery, never recognized Emperor Maximilian,ss [who was] imposed on Mexico through the intervention of the powerful French army,” he said. “The same thing happened with the splendid relationship that Democrat President Franklin Delano Roosevelt had with our patriot President, General Lázaro Cárdenas.” He cited General Cárdenas’s expression of deep appreciation of FDR’s acceptance of Mexico’s right to expropriate foreign investors looting Mexico’s oil, as a reassertion by Franklin Roosevelt “once more of the sovereignty of the peoples of this continent.”

Trump spoke warmly of the “36 million incredible Mexican-American citizens,” hardworking people who “uplift our communities,” and contribute to every aspect of American industry, commerce, science, medicine, police and military. Turning to López Obrador with a smile, he

added: “They’re like you: They’re tough negotiators and great businesspeople, Mr. President.”

López Obrador thanked Trump for having personally intervened to help Mexico acquire medical equipment needed to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic —Trump noted that the U.S. had sent 600 ventilators and would be sending more—and thanked “the people of the United States, its government, and thank you, President Trump for being increasingly respectful with our Mexican fellow men.”

Looking at Trump, he added: “But what I mainly appreciate is that you have never sought to impose anything on us violating our sovereignty. Instead of the Monroe Doctrine, you have followed, in our case, the wise advice of the lustrous and prudent President George Washington who said, ‘Nations should not take advantage of the unfortunate condition of other peoples.’ You have not tried to treat us as a colony; on the contrary, you have honored our condition as an independent nation.”

He then addressed the American people: “That’s why I’m here to express to the people of the United States that their President has behaved with us with kindness and respect. You have treated us just as what we are: a country and a dignified people; a free, democratic, and sovereign people. Long live the friendship of our two nations.”

## COLLAPSING WESTERN FINANCIAL SYSTEM

### ***Financial Times’ Hysterical Lies about the New Deal and FDR Aim To Stop Boris Johnson’ New Policy***

July 8 (EIRNS)—Under the headline “Lessons for Today from FDR’s New Deal,” the *FT* issued a wild string of fantasy declarations today about the New Deal, clearly aimed at preventing British Prime Minister Boris Johnson from carrying out his announced turn to an FDR-style New Deal build up of infrastructure, re-industrialization, science centers, education and health facilities. They start by comparing Johnson’s clear intention to follow the FDR model to its opposite, the European Commission’s President Ursula von der Leyen’s genocidal “Green Deal.” They then drop a

whopper, describing FDR's policies during the Depression as having "helped birth modern macroeconomics through the scholarship of John Maynard Keynes and Milton Friedman." FDR, of course, waged economic and political battle before, during and after the Depression with Keynes and those who would later be associated with the fascist libertarian Friedman. The *FT* warns: "We should be suspicious of modern-day politicians who lay claim to FDR's mantle"—certainly referring directly to Lyndon LaRouche as well as Boris Johnson. They then declare that "some people" argue that Roosevelt's New Deal was ultimately a failure, since his "fiscal stimulus did not work during the Depression," because "FDR attempted to balance his program of spending with tax rises too soon, choking off the recovery." But not to worry, the *FT* claims, because today "Public deficits have exploded across the world. Never before in peacetime have governments spent as much money without taxing as today." Happy days are here again, it would seem, as long as Trump or Johnson don't put on the brakes of the "floodgates" opened by the central banks, or raise taxes. The chief lesson from the 1930s, according to the *FT*, is not to reverse course too soon: "premature tax and interest rate increases will delay the recovery. If politicians want to demonstrate they truly are heirs to FDR, however, they must propose a new social contract, enact the legislation to enable it and build the institutions to sustain it. That, rather than half-baked analogies, would really be a modern-day New Deal." That "new social contract" desired by the *FT* has been declared by the then-Bank of England Governor Mark Carney and just today by European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen as the "Green Deal"—deindustrialization, depopulation, and a New Dark Age, which FDR actually prevented.

### **Lagarde Putting Green Policy at Top of ECB Bond Purchases**

July 8 (EIRNS)—In a video interview with the *Financial Times*, European Central Bank President Christine Lagarde announced that she will put green policy on top of the ECB bond purchase programs. "I want to explore every avenue available in order to combat climate change. This is something that I hold very strongly," she said. The *FT* underscores that "the

move would make the ECB the first main central bank to use a flagship bond-buying program to pursue green objectives.”

Lagarde continued: The ECB “has to look at all the business lines and the operations in which we are engaged in order to tackle climate change, because at the end of the day, money talks.”

However, there is no unity on the issue among central banks. Whereas the Bank of England is on the same wavelength, “The U.S. Federal Reserve has largely stayed out of the debate,” says the *FT*.

Lagarde, who as IMF managing director has driven many countries into export dependency and global supply-chains, now attempts to recreate her virginity by criticizing that model, in a critique clearly aimed at Germany. “Countries cannot be exclusively driven and supported by trade and trade only,” she said. “It may well be that this particular crisis will transform our perception of globalization, proximity, short supply chains [and control] over one’s destiny.”

## STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

### **Esper Boasts Great ‘Progress’ in Orienting Pentagon against China and Russia**

July 8 (EIRNS)—In a “message” to the troops that was posted yesterday, Secretary of Defense Mark Esper bragged about how great of a job he is doing implementing the 2018 National Defense Strategy, particularly its anti-Russia and anti-China provisions, since he took office nearly a year ago. “During my confirmation hearing last July, I made clear that my top priority would be implementing the National Defense Strategy, which informs us that we are now in an era of Great Power Competition; and that China, then Russia, constitute our top strategic competitors,” he said. Some will argue that what the Pentagon has actually accomplished is to bring the United States closer to war with China.

Esper included a list of ten goals which were developed when he took office, the first of which is “Review, update, and approve all China and

Russia plans.” The seventh goal, directly related to the first, is “Focus the Department on China.” That seventh goal is “the priority that drives and underlies many of our efforts today—is to focus the Department on China,” Esper said. “To do this, we established a China Strategy Management Group to push that agenda forward. I also directed the National Defense University to refocus its curriculum by dedicating 50 percent of the coursework to the P.R.C., and I tasked the Military Departments and Services to make China the pacing threat in all of our schools, programs, and training.”

Of course, the condition for war cannot be set up without surrounding the targeted countries with hostile bordering neighbors, so the fifth goal is “Develop a coordinated plan to strengthen allies and build partners.” So, Esper said, “Another priority is to develop a coordinated strategy for our allies and partners, recognizing that these like-minded nations are an unmatched advantage that China and Russia do not have.” Perhaps this could be seen as the British Empire’s Triple Entente writ large.

As an illustration of the fifth goal, Esper met virtually, yesterday, with Australian Defense Minister Linda Reynolds and Japanese Defense Minister Kono Taro. They discussed a range of matters to include coordination in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, reports the joint statement that they issued afterwards. Aside from that they committed to “Promote vigorous trilateral defense cooperation and exchanges that make tangible contributions in support of a free, open, inclusive, and prosperous Indo-Pacific region.”

### **CENTCOM Commander Confirms No Proof to Allegations That Russia Paid Taliban To Kill U.S. Troops**

July 8 (EIRNS)—The U.S. Central Command Commander Gen. Kenneth McKenzie said there was no confirmation of the allegations that Russia was paying the Taliban to kill American soldiers in Afghanistan. McKenzie was quoted by BBC and AP that American intelligence assessments did not support these allegations published in the *New York Times* and elsewhere. “The intel case wasn’t proved to me. It wasn’t proved enough that I’d take

it to a court of law, and you know that's often true in battlefield intelligence," he said, according to the reports. "You see a lot of indicators, many of them are troubling, many of them you act on, but in this case there just there wasn't enough there," McKenzie said.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov characterized the *New York Times* reported intelligence story as "100% bullshit," reported RT.

## THE NEW GLOBAL ECONOMIC ORDER

### Italian Infrastructure Plan Will Finally Include Messina Strait Bridge to Sicily

July 8 (EIRNS)—The Italian government has announced a giant infrastructure plan, listing 130 large and small projects involving railway, road, water, construction and other sectors. Notably, the high-speed rail connections will be completed and extended southwards to Calabria and to Sicily, putting the issue of the bridge over the Strait of Messina, connecting Sicily to the mainland, again on the table.

In order to allow all this, a major roadblock will be removed, represented by bureaucratic pro-environment and anti-corruption regulations that have made any investment impossible in Italy in the past decades. Such regulations will be suspended for one year, using the model of the new Genoa bridge, that was built in one year by bypassing such roadblocks.

On one side, the announcement is good because it means that the government must bow to the general demand for growth coming from productive sectors. However, it might all remain on the paper, as the government of Giuseppe Conte has a record of announcing things which eventually are not implemented. The same will occur to the new plan, if funds are not urgently made available.

Furthermore, Finance Minister Roberto Gualtieri said that concerning the Messina Bridge, a new feasibility study will be undertaken in order to slash costs. *EIR* sources familiar with the issue say that this condition has

been demanded by the anti-progress Five Star faction. A new feasibility study is a complete waste of time and will only delay decisions, as demonstrated by the reviews of ongoing projects ordered by the Five Star figures in the previous government, all of which concluded that it would cost more to stop the work than to complete them.

The Conte government agenda is to stick to the EU regime, which means a scarcity of funds for investments. Conte in fact is planning to apply for ESM funds this year, as indicated by the fact that the latest government decree has allocated €36 billions for health system investments—exactly the amount Italy is entitled to draw from the ESM pandemic facility.

Infrastructure Minister Paola De Michelis said in a recent interview that the Conte infrastructure plan “provides for €200 billion investments in 15 years, and €130 billion are already allocated. We will ask for the rest from the EU when the Recovery Fund is ready.”

Former government official Ercole Incalza exposed this travesty, writing that “in the 2020 budget there are about €4 billions” and the €130 billion mentioned are included in the plans by the railway and road administrations, “but they are not ‘cash’ and therefore are not available.”

### **China To Add 9,000 More Kilometers of Maglev Lines**

July 8 (EIRNS)—China is definitely committed to make infrastructure projects a centerpiece of its strategy to get out of the pandemic-related depression. *China Daily* reports at some detail that China will add up to nine magnetic levitation railroads of over 1,000 km in total length into its service network in the long term: a tourist railway line in Southwest China’s Yunnan province, intercity passenger lines and urban mass transit lines in places such as North China’s Shanxi province, Northwest China’s Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region and Sichuan province in the nation’s southwestern region.

With the country setting the goal to run high-speed maglev trains clocked at 600 kph by the end of this year, East China’s Zhejiang province

announced it will invest 100 billion yuan (\$14.22 billion) and adopt maglev trains to build a railroad connecting Hangzhou and Shanghai, the provincial government unveiled in mid-April in its transportation development plan over the next three decades. It will take about 15 minutes to complete the 162-km journey at this kind of speed, said Feng Hao, a researcher at the National Development and Reform Commission's Institute of Comprehensive Transportation. Aside from the Yangtze River Delta region, the Development and Reform Commission of Shenzhen plans to introduce maglev rail lines to the Second Guangzhou-Shenzhen High-Speed Railway to ease the operational pressure of regular and bullet trains in the area, the commission said in a feasibility study released last year.

The Second Guangzhou-Shenzhen High Speed Railway is to be built in 2025 and is expected to be completed in 2030, said information released by the Guangzhou government in 2019. Chengdu, capital of Sichuan province, also said in its transportation network development plan that it intends to launch maglev services between the Chengdu and Chongqing in the future.

China Railway Rolling Stock Corp, the country's largest rolling stock manufacturer by production volume, is also developing wheel technology-based high-speed trains.

The Europeans and Canadians have failed to compete with China in this field in recent years, said Chen Jian, a professor specializing in railways at Chongqing Jiaotong University.

In addition to three existing maglev railroads in Beijing, Shanghai and Changsha, two short-distance low-speed maglev railways are being constructed in Qingyuan, Guangdong province, and Fenghuang County, Hunan province. Both are scheduled to be operational in 2021, said China State Railway Group, the country's railway operator.

**COVID-19****Bolivia Faces Coronavirus Catastrophe, Dark Age Conditions Prevail**

July 8 (EIRNS)—The coronavirus pandemic is out of control in Bolivia, with 14th-century conditions existing in the city of Cochabamba—now the country’s epicenter—as bodies are piling up on the streets and in people’s homes, because overwhelmed funeral homes can’t cremate bodies fast enough, or even retrieve cadavers from residences. Argentina’s daily *Perfil* described the situation of one desperate family who took the makeshift coffin containing its dead loved one and blocked the street with it in protest, because the decomposing body had been in their home for over a week and no funeral home would pick it up.

An estimated 20 bodies per day can be found on Cochabamba’s streets or in residences—sometimes put out in front of a house where they decompose. Neighbors protest, fearing contagion from dead bodies. Many of the dead were never officially diagnosed with COVID-19, but are “suspected” to have been infected. The cities of La Paz and El Alto, which have poverty levels similar to Cochabamba’s, are expected to face a similar crisis very soon, *El Destape* reports.

Cemetery personnel in Cochabamba are frantically digging mass graves, while the head of the Forensic Research Institute is warning authorities to buy refrigerated trucks to retrieve and temporarily store cadavers. The government is saying that many people die “out of simple ignorance” because they wait too long before going to the hospital to get medical care—failing to mention that hospitals are turning people away because there are no beds. Several hospitals nationwide have closed because they lack medical supplies and too many staff members, including doctors and nurses, are sick. As of today, Bolivia had 41,545 confirmed cases and 1,530 deaths, but according to *Perfil*, authorities are projecting 130,000 cases by August, when the virus is expected to peak.

President Jeanine Áñez, who illegally seized power last November following the coup against President Evo Morales, is now performing all

her duties virtually, as nine of her cabinet ministers have been diagnosed with coronavirus.

### **Hospitals in U.S. Coronavirus Hot Zones Overrunning Capacity**

July 8 (EIRNS)—COVID-19 cases are overrunning hospital capacity, in particular in California, Florida, Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina. California is at an all-time high, bordering on 6,000 cases. In Florida, 56 ICU units have no beds left and 35 more are at 90-99% capacity. Major labs are getting increasingly backed up, doubling their turnaround time on tests. The bottleneck frustrates any attempts to carry out contact tracing. Federal testing sites have been set up on the ground in Florida, Louisiana and Texas to increase capacity there.

On July 7, Arizona recorded more deaths than ever before. Overall, 131,200 have died in the United States, more than twice the deaths the U.S. suffered in Vietnam. The projected number of deaths (made by “an influential model often cited by the White House”) changed upwards, now showing an estimated 208,000 by November. And another study, from the model of the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation, projects a saving of up to 45,000 lives if face covering use in public could get to 95%. Otherwise, the Johns Hopkins University count credits the U.S. with over 60,000 new cases on July 7, smashing the July 1 record of 54,000.

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