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EDITORIAL

'The Moral Collapse of the Trans-Atlantic World Cries Out for a New Paradigm'

April 20 (EIRNS)—The potential to defeat the genocidal “Green New Deal” and “Great Reset” policies of the bankrupt trans-Atlantic establishment is palpable and growing. That is what makes the global strategic situation “dangerous, polarized, interesting and hopeful—all of the above at the same time,” Helga Zepp-LaRouche asserted today.

A growing number of powerful voices are being raised which, although still nodding in the direction of the green climate-change mythology, are digging in their heels against the idea of sacrificing millions or billions of people, especially in the underdeveloped sector, on the altar of Malthusian environmentalism. Yesterday it was the Indian Energy Minister and an angry editorial in China’s *Global Times*. Today it is Copenhagen Consensus President Bjorn Lomborg, whose op-ed was notably published in the semi-official *China Daily*, which argued: “Six billion not-rich people also want access to plentiful and cheap energy, lifting them out of hunger, sickness and poverty.” If the G7 nations try to deprive them of that, in the name of an illusory Green New Deal, “that will go badly,” Lomborg accurately warned.

One wonders if President Joe Biden, or his Secretary of State Tony Blinken (whose recent speech on climate change seems to have been ghost-written by Greta Thunberg), have any understanding at all of the worldwide political and economic firestorm they are about to set off at the April 22-23 climate summit. Perhaps not; but it is likely that some of that strategic reality will be brought to the gathering by Russian President Vladimir Putin, who just announced that he will in fact address the virtual meeting—with a live speech that will simultaneously be broadcast on Russian national television. In that Thursday speech by Putin, and his much-awaited annual speech to Russia’s Federation Assembly a day earlier on Wednesday, April 21, Biden may well receive Russia’s response to the

drastically deteriorating strategic situation, including last week's U.S. declaration of economic warfare against Russia, which came on top of the overt military provocations against Russia taking place in the Ukrainian theater.

Chinese [President Xi Jinping](#) also continues to make his views known. In addressing the Boao Forum for Asia today, Xi warned that “we must reject the cold-war and zero-sum mentality ... and ideological confrontation in whatever forms,” and instead cooperate around projects such as the Belt and Road Initiative to help lift people out of poverty around the world, as the Chinese have so successfully done in their country. “ ‘By setting sail together, we could ride the wind, break the waves, and brave the journey of ten thousand miles.’ We may at times encounter stormy waves and dangerous rapids, but as long as we pool our efforts and keep to the right direction, the giant vessel of human development will stay on an even keel and sail toward a brighter future,” Xi stated.

What is still missing is a loud outcry from political forces in Europe and the Americas, that we will not simply sit by and watch Malthusian genocide be implemented in the Congo, in Syria, in Yemen, in Venezuela and elsewhere. The greatest obstacle to be overcome to organize the population and leaders of the U.S. and the trans-Atlantic world in general, Helga Zepp-LaRouche stressed again today, is the moral indifference with which our culture has been corrupted. It is this indifference which is allowing the British Empire and its Wall Street allies to get away with, literally, murder.

Mexico's ambassador to the United Nations, Juan Ramón de la Fuente, hit the nail on the head in an op-ed published by Mexico's [El Universal](#) yesterday: “I don't know what is more alarming: the magnitude of the suffering which hunger causes in the world today, or the indifference with which those of us who don't go hungry react to it.” He went on to denounce the toleration of children dying of hunger as no less a crime against humanity than “deliberately denying people access to food [which] constitutes a crime against humanity.”

Our moral fitness to survive is indeed being tested, Zepp-LaRouche stated. Yet Western civilization does have the moral and intellectual resources required to defeat such indifference, and is capable of summoning them forth. That is what political organizing is all about. We have to evoke agape, sometimes known as charity or love of mankind, which was the cornerstone for the Peace of Westphalia. It is the emotion or state of one's soul that is inextricably woven into Nicholas of Cusa's concept of the Coincidence of Opposites, which is the method of creative thinking that allows one to lift oneself above the moral indifference of the majority, and embrace a passionate commitment to the General Welfare—and then act on it.

That method is the subject of the Schiller Institute's upcoming May 8 conference on "The Moral Collapse of the Trans-Atlantic World Cries Out for a New Paradigm." Please [register](#) on the Schiller Institute website.

- Watch [Harley's Updates](#) with Harley Schlanger on Wednesday, April 21, 2021: Every weekday morning on [The LaRouche Organization](#) website, Harley will give you the strategic briefing on what you need to know to start your day.

COLLAPSING WESTERN FINANCIAL SYSTEM

Mexico's Ambassador to UN Denounces the World's 'Indifference' to the 'Specter of Hunger' Haunting the Planet

April 20 (EIRNS)—Juan Ramón de la Fuente, Mexico's Ambassador to the United Nations, published an op-ed in the April 19 edition of *El Universal* under the headline "The Specter of Hunger Haunts the Planet," in which he denounces the "indifference" of most people to this gravest of problems, which he suggests should be considered a crime against humanity.

Blaming the rise of hunger on wars, the pandemic, and climate change, De la Fuente cites the director of the World Food Program David Beasley to the effect that "if you don't feed people, you will be feeding conflicts."

He states that the “specter of hunger is again haunting the planet in at least 30 countries,” and continues: “It is obvious that far greater resources are needed than are available, but so long as we don’t admit that hunger is the main motive for the disorderly and irregular migration which occurs in our region, from south to north, I greatly fear that the containment measures that may be adopted will continue to be insufficient...”

De la Fuente further declares: “I don’t know what is more alarming: the magnitude of the suffering which hunger causes in the world today, or the indifference with which those of us who don’t go hungry react to it... [Hunger] is something that is happening in real time in many places. If deliberately denying people access to food constitutes a crime against humanity, the simple idea of children dying of hunger anywhere should, at the least, weigh heavily on our conscience. The numbers available in the reports I have mentioned lead me to conclude that no, we are not dealing with a specter. We are dealing with an implacable reality.”

WFP Director Beasley Signed an MOU with Venezuela To Address Soaring Hunger

April 20 (EIRNS)—The World Food Program will begin supplying school lunches to 185,000 impoverished pre-school and special-needs students in Venezuela this year, with the goal of providing daily meals to 1.5 million children by the end of 2023. That was the accord reached in a memorandum of understanding that the WFP signed this week with President Nicolás Maduro of Venezuela, during a trip to that country by WFP Executive Director David Beasley.

Hunger and starvation are not problems happening only “over there” in Africa or Syria. They are here—right on America’s doorstep, in Central and South America, including Venezuela.

Hunger in Venezuela has been skyrocketing in recent years, thanks largely to the killer sanctions imposed on that country by Washington (Republicans and Democrats alike). The WFP conducted a field study which estimated that, in 2019, fully 32% of the population suffered food

insecurity and required assistance. Of those, 2.3 million were facing “severe food insecurity.” It is much worse today.

The hunger is due not so much to food shortages as such, but to the out-of-control inflation and forced devaluations, which are a result of financial warfare and denying Venezuela the ability to sell its plentiful oil exports in the dollar-dominated markets. The bolivar today trades at 1.069 *million* to the dollar; in December 2019 it stood at 55,000 to the dollar.

Internal food and other prices are set mainly in dollars, such that “the average wage which the majority of workers receive is less than \$5 per month, while chicken costs \$2.40 per kilo,” according to AP. An economic think tank linked to Venezuelan trade unions reported last December that a family of five with two adults earning the minimum wage did not have “even enough to purchase one breakfast a month.”

Beasley also traveled to Guatemala and Honduras in Central America, and reported that hunger had quadrupled in the past two years in that region, which now has 8 million people going hungry. Of those, 1.7 million are in the “emergency” category, meaning they required urgent food assistance to survive. He tweeted from Guatemala:

“15% of the people @WFP surveyed in Central America say they’re making plans to migrate in 2021—that’s 6 MILLION people! BUT, they also say if they have food security & livelihoods, they want to stay home!! Otherwise, they will do what we would all do to take care of our children.”

Putin Will Address Biden’s April 22 Climate Summit Live

April 20 (EIRNS)—A Kremlin press service statement reported today that President Vladimir Putin will participate in the April 22-23 virtual summit on climate change, and that in his remarks “Putin will outline Russia’s approaches in the context of establishing a broad international cooperation geared to reverse negative impacts of the global climate change.” Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov further said, “It will be a live address.” There is no word yet on whether Chinese President Xi Jinping will also participate in Biden’s climate bash; he did deliver the keynote address to the opening

ceremony of the annual conference of the Boao Forum for Asia, covered in this issue.

The day before the climate summit begins, on April 21, President Putin will deliver his annual Message to the Federal Assembly, Russia's bicameral legislature, which Federation Council Speaker Sen. Valentina Matviyenko characterized as “a message for a new era” in the midst of “the difficult environment that the world is facing.” RT reported that Putin “is preparing to present his vision of the future in a dramatic speech.”

‘Depriving the Poor of Energy Is Bad Climate Policy,’ Lomborg Warns in *China Daily* Op-Ed

April 20 (EIRNS)—The President of the Copenhagen Consensus [Bjorn Lomborg](#) penned an op-ed published by *China Daily* yesterday, which contains a strong argument along the lines we have been hearing recently from Indian officials and others: They pay lip-service to the green paradigm, and then insist that those policies cannot possibly be imposed on the developing sector. Some quotes from Lomborg:

“To tackle climate change, rich countries are promising to end fossil fuel use in 29 years. As this becomes excruciatingly costly, the G7 is now thinking about making the world’s poor pay for it. That will go badly.... Despite green protestations, rich people still get 79% of their energy from fossil fuels. Ending that will be hard, socially destabilizing and surprisingly ineffective. Besides, it will also destabilize rich countries.... As climate policies reduce growth further, this will threaten long-term social coherence as people realize their children won’t be better off and pensions will wither. Moreover, the cuts will matter little for the environment.”

Lomborg continued: “Six billion not-rich people also want access to plentiful and cheap energy, lifting them out of hunger, sickness and poverty. They are more concerned about economic growth that will create welfare and resilience against disease and even climate change.... The main effect of carbon tariffs is to shift the economic burden of developed-world climate policies to the developing world ... [provoking] profound resentment with a rich world that claims to implement climate policies to

help, but in reality shifts the costs onto the world's poor.... Depriving the world's poor of the twin drivers of development, abundant energy and free trade, is unacceptable.”

Tony Blinken Channels Greta Thunberg—How Dare You Reject Depopulation and Deindustrialization?

April 20 (EIRNS)— Leading into the Biden Administration's April 22 climate summit, Secretary of State [Tony Blinken](#) offered a doomsday foreign policy speech yesterday, warning, Greta Thunberg-style, that “there is no alternative” to the depopulation and deindustrialization policies the administration is demanding, if climate “catastrophe” is to be avoided.

Failure to eliminate greenhouse gases and reduce carbon emissions to zero, doing away with coal and fossil fuels, mean “we won't have much of a world left,” he intoned. It is up to America to “lead the world in addressing the climate crisis.” Otherwise, our fate is to suffer one climate disaster after another—floods, wildfires, drought, and an array of natural disasters, all of which will affect domestic as well as national security policy. “Unless we turn this around,” Blinken warned, “it's going to get worse ... the science is unequivocal. We need to keep the Earth's warming to 1.5° Celsius to avoid catastrophe.... We have to stop this from happening while we still can.” And, he went on, even if the U.S. makes major progress on its goals, this won't be enough, “if we can't address the more than 85% of emissions coming from the rest of the world.” Coming up short “will have major repercussions for our national security,” because climate change exacerbates existing conflicts and “increases the chances of new ones.”

Blinken also lamented that the U.S. is now very far behind China in the “renewable energy revolution”—in the production of solar panels, wind turbines, batteries for electric vehicles, etc. “If we don't catch up,” he predicts, “America will miss the chance to shape the world's climate future in a way that reflects our interests and values” and will lose out on countless new green jobs for the American people. Then comes this threat: U.S. diplomats “will challenge the practices of countries whose action—or

inaction—is setting the world back.” Those countries that continue to rely on coal for a significant amount of their energy, or invest in new coal factories, or allow for massive deforestation, “they will hear from the United States and our partners about how harmful these actions are.” And, he admonishes, clearly alluding to China, no country should think that just because it does well on climate policy it will get a free pass on “bad behavior” in other areas.

STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

Fallout in China over Biden’s Declaration of Financial War Against Russia

April 20 (EIRNS)—There has been a palpable shift in the tone of Chinese media coverage of the United States over recent months, which has gotten even sharper over recent weeks. For example, *Global Times* yesterday editorialized, “The U.S.’ vicious attitude toward Russia offers a glimpse into the brutality of great power competition and helps people see through Washington’s geopolitical manipulation measures.... The U.S. is extremely untrustworthy.... China can only be a friend with whom the U.S. has to coexist because it cannot crush.”

An article in the same paper reported on remarks by Chinese scholar and director of the China Institute of Fudan University in Shanghai, [Zhang Weiwei](#), who announced that China’s foreign policy has shifted and is now promoting “equal diplomacy.” Zhang explained: “Equal diplomacy means China is turning from defensive to offensive.... If the law of the jungle is the only principle Washington recognizes, and if the U.S. would only listen to a country with enough deterrent force, the best way to deal with it is treating it on an equal level. The time of U.S. interfering in China’s domestic issues at will has gone.”

Zhang concluded: “Now, it is time for the U.S. to drop its sense of superiority to keep up with the new era—an era of equal-footing diplomatic engagement with other countries.”

U.S. Ambassador to Russia Sullivan Recalls Himself to Washington

April 20 (EIRNS)—U.S. Ambassador to Russia [John Sullivan](#) will return to Washington this week for consultations with the Biden administration and will return to Moscow, according to unnamed State Department sources cited by the Axios news portal.

The Embassy released a statement to that effect today: “Ambassador Sullivan is returning to the United States for consultations this week: ‘I believe it is important for me to speak directly with my new colleagues in the Biden administration in Washington about the current state of bilateral relations between the United States and Russia. Also, I have not seen my family in well over a year, and that is another important reason for me to return home for a visit. I will return to Moscow in the coming weeks before any meeting between Presidents Biden and Putin.’ ”

An April 19 op-ed by Gabriel Gavin in RT drew out the significance of the development, from when Russian Ambassador to the U.S. Anatoly Antonov was recalled to Moscow on March 20 for consultations. In its April 16 statement on “measures in response to U.S. hostile actions,” the Moscow Foreign Ministry included: “Obviously, this very tense situation objectively requires the ambassadors of our countries to be in their respective capitals to analyze developments and hold consultations.” Gavin concludes: “Antonov is back in Moscow, and the U.S. ambassador may also go home shortly. In short, at a time when ties are fraught, and misunderstandings potentially catastrophic, fewer channels for communication exist between the U.S. and Russia than in the past.”

Azov Sea Is Not Included in Russian Closing of Select Black Sea Waters

April 20 (EIRNS)—Three areas of the Black Sea will be closed to foreign military vessels by Russia from April 24 to Oct. 31, RIA Novosti reports, quoting the Ministry of Defense’s bulletin. A series of military exercises will be held by Russian armed forces during this period.

The waters to be closed for foreign warships and non-commercial vessels include an area along the Crimean coast between Sevastopol and

Gurzuf, a rectangular area near the Kerch Peninsula, and a small area near the west coast of Crimea. The Kerch Strait and Azov Sea, as well as the approaching fairways, are not subject to the restriction and will be used as usual.

COVID-19

Indian Situation Dire: Prime Minister Modi Says COVID Second Wave 'Hit Us Like a Hurricane'

April 20 (EIRNS)—India is struggling to handle the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic which, in a speech on national television today, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said “hit us like a hurricane.” There are an estimated 250,000 new cases a day, although yesterday there were 270,000. If infections continue at that rate, this figure could increase to 500,000 per day within a month, according to University of Michigan biostatistician Brahamar Mukherjee, the *Washington Post* reported. Six states and Delhi account for about two-thirds of new cases.

In New Delhi the situation is dire—the health delivery system is on the verge of collapse, including an acute shortage of oxygen, which is now being trucked in from other states. There are very few—often zero—available beds, especially ICU or critical care beds. Ambulances often go from hospital to hospital seeking bed space. As one infectious disease specialist told NDTV, “I have never seen anything like this.... I am heart-broken.” Last night, the government imposed a week-long lockdown in Delhi and also announced that as of May 1, it will begin vaccinating everyone over the age of 18.

In his TV address, Modi said that the country “is waging a big war right now,” and that he is doing everything possible to remedy the oxygen shortage, including building new oxygen plants in several states, according to IndiaTV. “We are trying to ensure availability to all who need it.” He also asked state governments to urge their workers to stay where they are, not to return to their home states. “The government will look after them and will also start vaccination for them,” he said. Above all, Modi emphasized,

a nationwide lockdown should be avoided; states should instead focus on creating “micro containment zones.”

The issue of vaccine availability is key here. India’s prestigious Serum Institute has a large capability of producing vaccines. The *Economic Times* recently reported that the government is granting it \$400 million to help it to ramp up production of the AstraZeneca vaccine to 100 million doses a month by the end of May. However, production has been hampered by a U.S. export ban on certain raw materials needed to produce the vaccine. Given the variant-fueled case surge, the Institute has appealed directly to President Joe Biden for relief. In a tweet to Biden on April 16, Serum Institute CEO Adar Poonawalla wrote “Respected @POTUS, if we are to truly unite in beating this virus, on behalf of the vaccine industry outside the United States, I humbly request you to lift the embargo on raw materials exports out of the U.S., so that vaccine production can ramp up. Your administration has the details.”

CELAC Calls for ‘Democratizing’ Vaccine Production and Access, Modernizing Health Infrastructure

April 20 (EIRNS)—When Ibero-American leaders meet tomorrow for the 27th Summit of Ibero-American Heads of State and Government, hosted by Andorra (a principality in the Pyrenees between France and Spain), the issue of equal access to, and production of, vaccines will be at the top of the agenda. Leading into that conference, the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), of which Mexico is the President Pro Tempore, issued a statement yesterday calling on the international community and the world pharmaceutical industry to join with governments and multilateral organizations to “democratize production and access to” COVID-19 vaccines, “as these are a global public good,” and to increase their production worldwide. CELAC emphasized, “It’s urgent that the private sector, governments and international organizations work together to achieve a fair and equitable, transparent, timely and universal access to vaccines, diagnostic equipment, medications and other technologies against COVID-19.” Echoing Schiller Institute President

Helga Zepp-LaRouche's call for a global health system, CELAC stated that the process of democratization must include "the modernization of medical infrastructure and training of personnel."

Also contributing to this debate yesterday, Mexican Foreign Secretary Marcelo Ebrard, speaking on behalf of CELAC, addressed a meeting of the UN Security Council and called for joint efforts in ensuring implementation of the UNSC resolution 2565 and General Assembly resolution 74/724, both of which refer to international cooperation to ensure world access to vaccines and medical equipment, and recognize vaccines as a "global public good," according to the Mexican Foreign Ministry's press release. Referring to the "incredible concentration" of vaccines, Ebrard pointed to the collaboration between CELAC and the UN's Economic Commission on Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) which, he said, have completed an "unprecedented" study on the economic impact of the pandemic and have formulated a "comprehensive plan" for vaccine and medication self-sufficiency that seeks to strengthen production and distribution chains in the region.

The Mexican Foreign Secretary emphasized that because of this collaboration, there are now many universities and research centers in the region working on developing vaccine prototypes, mentioning Cuba, Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, and Chile as countries involved in this work with the goal of creating a "portfolio of vaccines" available to the whole region. "Our strategic objective is to be able to count on our own approved vaccines to guarantee vaccines for all the countries of the Community (CELAC) as soon as possible, given the severe restrictions we face in accessing vaccines," *Infobae* quoted Ebrard as saying.

UNITED STATES POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

Derek Chauvin Trial Verdict: Guilty on All Counts

April 20 (EIRNS)—This afternoon, the jury in the trial of former police officer Derek Chauvin for murdering George Floyd in May of 2020 delivered its verdict, finding Chauvin guilty of second-degree unintentional

murder, third-degree murder, and second-degree manslaughter. Chauvin was immediately remanded into custody.

Racial tension and polarization had intensified in the period leading up to today's verdict, with sporadic violence in Minneapolis aimed at National Guardsmen and law enforcement, fueled by the killing of a 20-year-old black man, Dante Wright, by a white police officer on April 11. Visits by black "celebrities" such as Rep. Maxine Waters (D-CA) and Al Sharpton, as well as provocative verbal attacks on the police by Democratic Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib (D-MI), heightened the tensions. Major urban centers around the country were bracing for violence, had the verdict gone in Chauvin's favor.

In a visit to Minneapolis over the weekend, Maxine Waters made a spectacle of herself in joining street protesters in demanding that people get more "confrontational" and stay on the streets to "fight for justice," were Chauvin not convicted. Chauvin's defense attorney, Eric Nelson, called for a mistrial, charging that Waters was telling the jury how to vote and inciting violence. Presiding Judge Peter Cahill denied the motion, but told Nelson that Waters "may have given you something on appeal that could result in this whole case being overturned," Associated Press reported. Cahill called Waters' remarks "abhorrent and disrespectful to the rule of law."

THE NEW GLOBAL ECONOMIC ORDER

President Xi Jinping Issues Message of Hope to Boao Forum

April 20 (EIRNS)—An annual gathering of business people and government representatives from the Asia Pacific region at the Boao Forum for Asia in China's Hainan Island, is always an occasion to gain a perspective on economic and other developments. Since the beginning of his term as General Secretary, China's President [Xi Jinping](#) also greets the delegates in an address to the assembly. The theme of this year's Forum is "A World in Change: Join Hands To Strengthen Global Governance and Advance Belt and Road Cooperation." And in this year of major tensions

between China and the U.S. and the economic disruption caused by the world pandemic, President Xi presented a pathway forward for the region and the world, based on cooperation and mutual respect between nations and not on unilateral decisions of individual countries that want to “make the rules.”

Observing that this is the 20th anniversary of the Boao Forum for Asia, Xi referenced the development of China in that period, which has helped boost development in China and beyond. “Now, the combined forces of changes and a pandemic both unseen in a century have brought the world into a phase of fluidity and transformation,” Xi said. “Instability and uncertainty are clearly on the rise. Humanity is facing growing governance deficit, trust deficit, development deficit, and peace deficit. Much remains to be done to achieve universal security and common development.” The question now was, which way should humanity travel to secure the future for the coming generations, he asked.

He then listed steps to be taken to bring mankind on the path to progress. First, there should be consultation on an equal footing to create a future of shared benefits. Second, there was a need for openness and innovation. Third, he called for solidarity and cooperation of health and security. And fourth, he sought for a commitment to justice “to create a future of mutual respect and mutual learning.” The COVID-19 pandemic has made it all the more clear to people around the world that we must reject the cold-war and zero-sum mentality and oppose a new “Cold War and ideological confrontation in whatever forms,” Xi said. “In state-to-state relations, the principles of equality, mutual respect and mutual trust must be put front and center.” “Bossing others around or meddling in others’ internal affairs would not get one any support,” he said with an unmistakable reference to the policy of the Biden Administration.

Xi also called for greater cooperation in health, greater connectivity, green development, and more openness and inclusivity, stating that China’s BRI comprises all of these qualities. He also underlined the BRI’s role in helping alleviate poverty as China has done in its own country. “A World

Bank report suggests that by 2030, Belt and Road projects could help lift 7.6 million people from extreme poverty and 32 million people from moderate poverty across the world.”

Xi assured the audience that China would “continue to play its part in building world peace, promoting global development, and defending international order.” Xi concluded: “ ‘By setting sail together, we could ride the wind, break the waves, and brave the journey of ten thousand miles.’ We may at times encounter stormy waves and dangerous rapids, but as long as we pool our efforts and keep to the right direction, the giant vessel of human development will stay on an even keel and sail toward a brighter future.”