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EDITORIAL

New World Hunger Report Shows Up the COP26 Green Genocide

Nov. 8 (EIRNS)—The second week of the COP26 Climate Summit started yesterday, with a continuation of more of the same daily sessions on radical schemes for reducing and downgrading the means to life, while at the same time, pumping “green finance” money to the banksters. The heads of state

who came last week are missing, but the week was kicked off by “sub-national” state, city and local leaders, alongside Sir Michael “No-Coal” Bloomberg, UN Special Envoy for Climate Ambition and Solutions. They all proclaimed how they will green the world, no matter what elected national governments may or may not do.

Gov. Jay Inslee, of Washington state, is a spokesman for this, announcing an initiative to decarbonize the Pacific Northwest. The Glasgow Food and Climate Declaration, with a list of cooperating cities worldwide (from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to Auckland, Australia), was released, pledging to do everything possible to reduce CO2 emissions (plant food, remember), because, they claim, food production contributes one-third of all greenhouse gases, threatening Earth with meltdown.

What about the world hunger crisis? The fuel crisis? The fertilizer and world food crisis? Nothing.

As it happens, the World Food Program on Nov. 7 released a new report, with their latest estimate that 45 million people are now on the brink of starvation. This is up 3 million in just the last few weeks, because of lack of food and resources especially in Ethiopia, Somalia, Haiti, Angola and Kenya. All told, these people in dire need are in 43 nations. The WFP calls for \$7 billion—up from the earlier appeals, to meet the emergency. WFP’s Executive Director David Beasley explained, “Fuel costs are up, food prices are soaring, fertilizer is more expensive, and all of this feeds into new crises like the one unfolding now in Afghanistan, as well as long-standing emergencies like Yemen and Syria.”

Beasley was in Afghanistan over the weekend. “It is as bad as you can possibly imagine...In fact, we’re now looking at the worst humanitarian crisis on Earth. Ninety-five percent of the people don’t have enough food, and now we’re looking at 23 million people marching towards starvation.... The next six months are going to be catastrophic. It is going to be Hell on Earth.”

Looking at the Beasley report and the hunger picture today, Schiller Institute President Helga Zepp-LaRouche drew out the point plainly: “That

is the reality of where humanity is today.” Given this reality, anyone in Glasgow talking about green schemes for “nature smart” agriculture, land use, low-emissions transportation and all the crafted topics, at FLOP26 is on the side of genocidalists.

The spectacle of billionaires and royals swarming around in Glasgow for the green summit is in the same frame, complete with ritzy yachts, limousine caravans, and private aircraft. Beasley again hit out at their inaction to dire emergency on his [Twitter](#) account: “To the world leaders & the billionaires: Imagine if this was your little girl or your little boy or your grandchild about to starve, you would do everything you possibly could. And when there’s \$400 trillion of wealth on the Earth today, shame on us that we let any child die from hunger! Shame on us! I don’t care where that child is.”

American journalist Caitlin Johnstone wrote in her website on Oct. 31, on the eve of COP26, that these billionaires are an “unfathomably wealthy class” with the means to end world hunger, but who are so “emotionally and psychologically stunted” that they refuse to do so.

This points up the title of the Nov. 13-14 Schiller Institute conference, [“All Moral Resources of Humanity Have To Be Called Up: Mankind Must Be the Immortal Species!”](#)

It is redundant to say, there is no time to lose. The crises are cross-feeding now. Look at the food supply question. Vegetable oils went up 10% in price in one month into October. They are hyperinflating the most rapidly of all food groups. One ugly factor is that high petroleum prices mean that more soy and other oilseeds are being raked off for use as biodiesel. Last week, a U.S. food processor association asked the government to slow it down, lest the country suffer huge food shortages.

Governments have the power, and responsibility, to make the right decisions in the national interest, if sovereignty is reasserted. Russian President Vladimir Putin has acted on that principle, in offering to make and supply more fertilizer to ease the world fertilizer crisis. On natural gas, today is the deadline Putin indicated, for when Russian storage capacity

should be filled sufficiently for Russia to make more natural gas available for foreign users.

The Schiller Institute conference this weekend is the platform for furthering sanity and morality, to activate nations for the emergency decisions required, in all respects.

- Watch [Harley's Updates](#) with Harley Schlanger on Tuesday November 9, 2021: Every weekday morning on [The LaRouche Organization](#) website, Harley will give you the strategic briefing you need to start your day.

COLLAPSING WESTERN FINANCIAL SYSTEM

The Economist's Worst Fear, A 'Popular Revolt Against Climate Policies'

Nov. 8 (EIRNS)—In an Oct. 16 article, well before the Halloween festivities began in Glasgow, *The Economist* revealed its fears that all might not go as planned in Glasgow, especially as there was already a panic underway due to energy shortages, high prices, fears of no heat for the winter, etc. “There are grave problems with the transition to clean energy power” it intoned. And, as the world shifts to cleaner energy, deeper problems are emerging, such as inadequate investment in renewables and some transition fossil fuels, “rising geopolitical risks and flimsy safety buffers in power markets. Without rapid reforms, there will be more energy crises and, perhaps, a popular revolt against climate policies.” The horror!

GREEN NEW DEAL

Nigerian VP Osinbajo Demonstrates 'Banning Fossil Fuel Investments Would Crush Africa'

Nov. 8 (EIRNS)—Adding another voice to the African chorus denouncing the Green Reset— Mark Carney's drive to “red-line” the developing world by refusing credit for projects and even proffering payoffs to never develop

your nation— is Nigeria’s Vice President Yemi Osinbajo. He wrote an article published in *Foreign Affairs* on Aug. 31, that was reposted the same day in the *Habari Network Journal* in anticipation of the COP26 climate summit. He states that for “wealthy nations” to cut investment avenues for carbon-based energy sources in Africa—especially after having profited from them for decades—“will do little to limit carbon emissions globally but much to hurt the continent’s economic prospects.”

Nigeria, a country rich in petroleum and natural gas, is being forced to deny itself the benefit of its own resources, Osinbajo says, because the only investments which can be financed are for (interruptible) solar and wind. “For countries such as my own, Nigeria, which is rich in natural resources but still energy poor, the transition must not come at the expense of affordable and reliable energy for people, cities, and industry. To the contrary, it must be inclusive, equitable, and just—which means preserving the right to sustainable development and poverty eradication, as enshrined in global treaties such as the 2015 Paris climate accord.”

The Vice President writes: “Africa’s progress could be undone by the rich world’s efforts to curb investments in all fossil fuels,” pointing out with bitter irony that, “Institutions such as the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation and the World Bank’s International Finance Corporation were specifically created to help spur high-impact projects,” the very kind of which they are now refusing to let go forward.

The fact that Osinbajo wrote this piece, titled, “The Divestment Delusion: Why Banning Fossil Fuel Investments Would Crush Africa,” over two months ago—about the time that the multinationals were beating a retreat from one of the world’s largest natural gas developments, in Mozambique—should not reduce the power of his statement, in fact just the opposite. Originally published in the Aug. 31 issue of *Foreign Affairs*, the magazine of the imperial Council on Foreign Relations, Osinbajo’s piece was republished as an Opinion column by the *Habari Network Journal*, a publication focusing on Africa and the Caribbean.

Oligarchs' Mouthpieces Are 'Disappointed' That COP26 Goals Are Not Being Met

Nov. 8 (EIRNS)—It is instructive that those mouthpieces associated with the financial interests of the City of London and Wall Street are alarmed that so many obstacles have appeared at the COP26 ghouls' festival suggesting that implementation of their Malthusian depopulation goals will not be so easy. Not that they intend to halt their crusade; but *The Economist*, the Atlantic Council, the *Wall Street Journal* and Chatham House/Royal Institute of International Affairs (RIIA) are all demonstrating high levels of stress. In an article originally published in CNBC, the [Atlantic Council's Frederick Kempe](#) points out that at a time when energy demand is rising, and the clean-energy replacements aren't yet in place, “you can't take fossil-fuel supply off the market.”

He quotes the United Arab Emirates' special envoy for climate change Sultan Ahmed al Jaber, who warned from a conference in Riyadh that “the world has sleepwalked into the supply crunch,” and points out that while the world rushes toward renewables and decarbonization, the reality is that fossil fuels remain 80% of the energy mix and some 60% comes from oil and gas alone, which he says “is the spinal cord of our ability to meet the global energy requirements of the future.” Kempe concludes that what the world is experiencing is “more energy transition than energy revolution. The shift from fossil fuels to clean-energy technologies will take years, and the only way to accelerate it is more technology breakthroughs, such as battery storage; more global policy changes, such as a carbon tax and even greater investments in clean energy.”

What about “climate finance”? A Nov. 5 article by [Chatham House/RIIA](#) asserts that international climate finance is the key to managing overall climate risk and many developing countries' climate plans are conditioned on getting the necessary financial support. So, it was no surprise that when the developed countries this year failed to come up with the \$100 billion promised in 2009, some 46 developing countries “expressed disappointment at COP26.” It is a problem too, RIIA says, that while there is a lot of money committed, not much is yet disbursed and

“details are opaque” as to what money will be available and when. Since the U.S. is one of the biggest emitters, it is being pressured to come up with more money, and some other nations—Canada, Denmark and Finland—are also increasing financial support for “adaptation,” responding to calls from the developing sector. But developing sector nations are not pleased with the way things are going, as the Nov. 3 *Wall Street Journal* pointed out in reporting on the demand by the Like-Minded Developing Countries, 24 nations including China, India and Indonesia, whose paper presented to COP26 demand \$1.3 trillion annually after 2026. But as one European official responded, “We’re not feeling particularly capable now. It’s really not the right time,” to discuss this.

Given these problems, hopes are being pinned on the Glasgow Financial Alliance for Net Zero (GFANZ)—brainchild of Special Envoy to the UN on Climate Action and Finance Mark Carney, former Governor of the Bank of England—whose members hold about \$130 trillion in assets, and will try to cut emissions from their lending and investing to zero by 2050. But, asks *The Economist* on Nov. 4, “can they really save the world?” and then answers its own question with a resounding NO. Look at the situation: Emerging markets aren’t announcing ambitious proposals. “The plans of China, India and Brazil all underwhelming. There is no sign this will be the COP that kills coal, as Britain, the host wanted. World leaders have still not agreed to stop subsidizing fossil fuels.” In principle, GFANZ has a “huge role to play in slowing climate change.” But, there will have to be a “vast reallocation of capital”—by 2030 around \$4 trillion of investment in clean energy will be needed each year, plus spending on fossil fuels must decline. There appears to be a disconnect, however, between how the plan should work ideally—that is, that the profit incentive of institutional investors would be aligned with reducing emissions, and these owners and financiers would control the global assets that create emissions—and the fact that “the reality of green investing falls short of this ideal.” *The Economist* lists the various problems that have cropped up with the plan and that “despite wishful thinking, this is not well aligned with cutting carbon.” GFANZ’s pledges are good as far as they go, *The Economist* argues, “but the world

needs a widespread price on carbon if finance is to be transformational. That would target all firms, not just those controlled by some institutional investors.”

FLOP26, Week 2: Sir Michael Bloomberg and Obama Urge Admirers To Lead the World in Green Stampede over the Cliff

Nov. 8 (EIRNS)—The second week of COP26 began yesterday, featuring daily themes that continue the call for everyone to stampede over the green cliff, though the sessions no longer have national government figures.

On Nov. 7, the focus was on city and state level initiatives around the world. Sir Michael “Kill Coal” Bloomberg, Special UN Envoy for Climate Ambition and Solutions, spoke, extolling the fact that there are 810 cities worldwide in his initiative to green themselves. He was joined by U.S. National Climate Adviser Gina McCarthy. Bloomberg announced a new \$10 million grant to the effort, of “All In,” and the U.S. Climate Alliance, which is headed and was co-founded by Washington state Gov. Jay Inslee. Washington, Oregon and California, plus British Columbia, and major West Coast cities, announced a new initiative to decarbonize their Pacific region.

Bloomberg and Inslee boasted of how states and localities kept the green flag flying in the U.S. during the Trump years, and now they will forge backward. The Bloomberg operation has strewn money around to buy up officeholders, from New Orleans to New England, for their de-powering of the U.S.

Today the theme is on “adaptation” to climate change. Former President Barack Obama was staged to make a pitch to youth to lead the charge. He held forth on Build Back Better, stressing on climate change, that no candidate should be elected that isn’t going to act on climate change. “There’s one thing that should transcend our normal politics and geopolitics, and that’s climate change.”

Tomorrow are two topics: gender, and the other is science and innovation. Nov. 10, transportation. Nov. 11, “Cities, Regions and Built

Environment: Advancing action in the places we live, from communities, through to cities and regions.” Gov. Jay Inslee said he would speak. Friday, Nov. 12, is the finish.

UNITED STATES POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

Jake Sullivan Boasts, Until Taliban Do What We Want, U.S. Will Give Up None of Afghanistan’s Own Money

Nov. 8 (EIRNS)—In the face of mass starvation of the Afghan people, described by World Food Program Director David Beasley as the “worst humanitarian crisis on Earth,” in which the next several months will be “catastrophic,” U.S. National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan sanctimoniously told CNN interviewer Fareed Zakaria that the U.S. will not release the \$9 billion of Afghan reserves that it is holding illegally until the Taliban show “significant improvement” in meeting the conditions the U.S. has spelled out— inclusivity, human rights for women and girls, opposing terrorism, etc.

He insisted that the U.S. is the largest provider of humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan than any other country, to the tune of half a billion dollars, which he said is being distributed through international organizations, the UN and other such agencies. In good conscience, he said, shamefully, the U.S. could not give money directly to the Taliban “without creating a circumstance in which some of those funds could be used for purposes that are problematic to the national security interests of the United States.”

Sullivan said all these issues were being discussed with the Taliban, from the U.S. diplomatic office in Doha. However, in an editorial yesterday, *Politico*, not exactly a bastion of humanist sentiment, said that the U.S. had actually reduced its engagement with the Taliban and had staffed its office in Doha with very low-level State Department personnel. You don’t have to have diplomatic relations with the Taliban to help the Afghan people who are suffering a dire crisis, *Politico* said, in an uncharacteristic display of empathy.

Journalist Excoriates ‘Unfathomably Wealthy’ Billionaires Who Could End World Hunger, But Won’t

Nov. 8 (EIRNS)—In a Oct. 31 article on her website, journalist [Caitlin Johnstone](#) rakes over the coals the “unfathomably wealthy class” of billionaires whose billions would allow them to help end world hunger, but who are so “emotionally and psychologically stunted” that they refuse to do so. Reporting the United Nations’ figure of an additional \$30 billion a year that would be needed to end world hunger, Johnstone points out that according to the Inequality.org website, America’s billionaires have a combined net worth of \$5.1 trillion—a 70% increase from their combined net worth of under \$3 trillion at the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic. All it would take would be for them to take just a portion of their vast wealth to ensure that everyone gets enough to eat. But they don’t.

Johnstone offers an apt comparison of the depraved indifference and insanity such behavior reflects. “Imagine if you had seen a video clip of me calmly watching a child drown to death in a swimming pool and doing nothing to help. After watching such footage, would it ever in a million years occur to you that I am someone who should be in charge of the entire world? I’m going to guess no.... Now imagine if instead of letting one child drown, *it was millions*. That’s how absolutely insane it is that we allow this class to shape our civilization. And we most certainly do allow them to shape our civilization.” The gaggle of billionaires with their yachts and private jets seen at the COP26 ghouls’ gathering was proof of that.

Everything that Johnstone mentions implies the need for a new paradigm—a new global health system and infrastructure designed to defend the general welfare. She put this in her own words documenting the many anti-human causes advocated by Bill Gates, Elon Musk, Jeff Bezos, George Soros and others of their ilk, and the nefarious effects their actions have on people’s lives and health, through control of the media, disinformation, influencing politics, etc. She highlights the role of the World Economic Forum and its agenda “for giant corporations to ... become open partners in the governance of world affairs alongside our official elected governments—with more power than before,” and

concludes appropriately that “nobody who chooses day-after-day to let millions of people die of starvation has any business making decisions which affect other people, much less decisions which affect *everyone*. The fact that the billionaire class and its lackeys make this depraved decision day in and day out permanently disqualifies them from any legitimate claim to having the empathy and compassion that would be required for such a job.” [Emphases in original.]

STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

Kiev Presidential Spokesman Says There’s No Evidence of Russian Troops Massing on Ukraine’s Border

Nov. 8 (EIRNS)—Sergey Nikiforov, spokesman for Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky told Dom-TV yesterday that the President’s office possessed no information suggesting a buildup of Russian troops along the border with Ukraine, both RT and TASS reported. Nor, he said, did Kiev’s Defense Ministry have any confirmation of these allegations, further stating that Russian troop concentrations on the border are nothing “beyond ordinary levels.” According to France24, Nikiforov’s remarks came just a few hours before the announcement that Ukrainian Defense Minister Andriy Taran had resigned, reportedly for health reasons. France24 suggests that Taran’s resignation may be a sign that a more extensive cabinet reshuffling may be in the works, although nothing more is being said about it at present.

RT reported that Nikiforov questioned the motives of some American media that have been hyping reports of increased Russian troop levels on the border. The *Washington Post* was the first to do so in late October, claiming that increased Russian troop movements were causing “concern” in the U.S. and Europe. The daily *Politico* immediately followed suit with the same story. “It remains an open question, why the U.S. media spread such information and whether it is true,” said Nikiforov, repeating that President Zelensky’s office “has no information to confirm” their allegations.

Extended Troika Meeting Scheduled for Nov. 11 in Islamabad

Nov. 8 (EIRNS)—Russia’s special representative to Afghanistan Zamir Kabulov has announced that another meeting of the Extended Troika will be held in Islamabad on Nov. 11 to discuss the Afghanistan situation. The members of the group are the U.S., Russia, China and Pakistan. At the group’s last meeting in Moscow, the U.S. did not attend, and it’s unclear whether it will attend this one. According to TASS, Kabulov did announce that the new U.S. Special Representative for Afghanistan Thomas West will be in Moscow for a visit on Nov. 15. Shortly after he was nominated to this post on Oct. 18, West had spoken with Kabulov by phone and said he wanted to visit Moscow as soon as possible for a personal meeting with his Russian counterpart. At the time, Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said, “we’ll be glad to have him.”

SCIENCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Nuclear Presented as Alternative to COP26 Melodrama

Nov. 8 (EIRNS)—With a special panel, “The Role of Nuclear Energy in a Net-Zero Future,” the COP26 conference provided a platform on Nov. 4 for speakers to present the alternative to the doomsday perspectives of climate protectors: nuclear science and development.

World Nuclear Association director Sama Bilbao y León said nuclear energy can be “used by all countries of any income.” She pointed out that of the 39 reactors that have been deployed in the past five years, 30 of these have been deployed in emerging economies. Large nuclear power projects have “been able to catalyze a lot of economic development in many countries.”

International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Director General Rafael Mariano Grossi noted that several countries are constructing their first nuclear power plants, including Turkey and Egypt. Other countries—such as Ghana, Kenya and Uzbekistan—are considering the introduction of nuclear into their energy mixes. And some existing nuclear countries are planning more reactors, such as in Brazil, Argentina and Mexico, as well as

some Eastern European countries. “Nuclear is everywhere, and will be even more,” he said. “For those who say new nuclear has no place—they should revise their opinion. It is clear nuclear is going to be playing a very key role.”

Ghana’s Ambassador to Austria Philbert Johnson said the country is “taking concrete steps” to incorporate nuclear energy into its national energy mix, as this is in line with its national development targets. “Nuclear energy will guarantee reliable, clean energy at competitive prices.”

Poland, whose national energy strategy until 2040 prominently includes nuclear power, was represented at the COP26 event by its Undersecretary of State for Climate Adam Guibourgé-Czetwertyński, who stressed that achieving climate goals should not compromise fair access to affordable energy, both for households and industry. “The benefits of nuclear energy go well beyond the power sector,” he said.

Parallel to the COP26, China announced a few weeks ago the scope of its plans to build 150 new nuclear reactors by 2050, the biggest nuclear program of any individual nation ever; and in bilateral meetings on the sidelines of the climate conference, numerous states had nuclear development on the agenda. Romania, for instance, signed an agreement of cooperation with the U.S. company NuScale on the use of small modular reactors, the first one of these, with a capacity of 462 Mwe, to be completed by 2027 or 2028. The company’s plants—designed to be quickly scaled up or down based on need—are intended to be quicker and cheaper to build than the traditional kind, with some considering them to be a promising alternative for countries seeking to wean themselves off fossil fuels.

The COP26 conference also received an open letter signed by 12 leaders of labor unions from all across Europe, calling for nuclear power to be given higher priorities. “Too often, climate activism and discourse has ignored nuclear and muted the voice of the people who rely on it. People are crying out for practical solutions to the climate crisis, ones that offer real hope in a green economy,” the open letter stated. The letter was signed by union leaders including Gary Smith, general secretary of Britain’s GMB

union, Helene Lopez, secretary-general of CFE-CGC Energies in France, and Bob Walker, national director of the Canadian Nuclear Workers' Council—as well as counterparts in Belgium, Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovakia and Romania.

An important salvo against the green, anti-nuclear outlook came recently from the Independent Business Network, which targetted the British government in particular. The IBN, which “believes Brexit Britain should be pro-enterprise and work to break down the power of monopolies and their domineering influence on public policy,” wrote that “The government should stop pandering to the melodrama of eco-alarmists like Greta Thunberg,” and “go nuclear” as a sound policy, instead of relying on “fashionable” (actually faux) energy sources such as wind power which “drive away innovation and place extraordinary costs on an economy struggling to recover from the pandemic.”