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EDITORIAL

Call for ‘Unity’ Is Not Enough: Development Is the New Name of Unity!

Jan. 21 (EIRNS)—In her week strategic webcast today, Helga Zepp-LaRouche, founder of the Schiller Institute, commented on her observation

of the inauguration of Joe Biden as President of the United States. “I watched the inauguration and his speech, naturally. First of all, I’m not impressed by his artists’ tastes. I thought that Lady Gaga was quite horrible; if you compare the beautiful singing of [Marian Anderson](#) of the National Anthem at the inauguration of John F. Kennedy in 1961, and Lady Gaga, then you get a sense of what is wrong with the culture.

“Now, let’s say we would give Biden the credit that he means what he said, that he wants to have unity. Well, then I have very good advice for him—he’s a Catholic—then he should read the Encyclical of Pope Paul VI that he wrote in 1967, which was called *Populorum Progressio*, or *On the Development of Peoples*, and in which he said that the ‘the new name for peace is development.’ And in the same way, one can say that the ‘new name for unity is development.’ The only way one can hope to have unity inside the United States would be to put on the agenda an economic program which would give productive jobs to every American, which would undo the economic injustices which are, after all, the reason why Trump was elected in 2016, and why all the Trump voters are still sticking to Trump. So, if he wants to have unity, he should make development the new name for unity, and internationally it would go in the same direction. “Now, if he means it seriously, he has to get rid of identity politics. Because, as long as you divide people by their ethnic or sexual or other conviction or distinction, this is polarizing. This is exactly the opposite of what Martin Luther King said, that everything has to be *inclusive*. Now, let’s see what Biden does, if the reality will show itself very quickly by its deeds and not by the words.

“A lot more could be said, but he’s a new President, so let’s see what will happen. If you look at the team he has selected, well, many of those are from the old Obama Administration; many have come out already agreeing with Pompeo, for example, on the anti-China, anti-Russia stance. Tony Blinken said he agrees with Pompeo on China, so that does not forebode very good. And one cannot forget that the shadow which is hanging over the Biden Administration is exactly what was done in the years of the Trump candidacy in 2016, the four years of Trump’s Presidency when we

had Russiagate, we had the Mueller report, we had impeachment 1, impeachment 2; we had the collusion of the heads of intelligence with British intelligence against Trump for this entire period. So that is the heritage, and now, basically, if everybody who voted for Trump is potentially a domestic terrorist—well, if somebody is a white male and voted for Trump, if he is labeled a domestic terrorist, that makes about, at minimum, something like 40 million Americans domestic terrorists—I don't think that that will work for unity.

“So, I think a lot of things have to be changed and as I said, the only way that Biden could possibly unify the United States, would be to completely break with the policy he has campaigned on in the election campaign—the Green New Deal, because the Green New Deal means that the task to have a productive job for every American is absolutely impossible. So if he doesn't change policy, which is not likely, obviously, I don't think any of the words that he said will mean much.

“So, let's see. My advice to Biden would be to go with encyclical *Populorum Progressio*, the ‘new name for unity is development.’ ”

UNITED STATES POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

Antifa, Not ‘Right-Wing Insurrectionists,’ Launched Riots Across the Country on Inauguration Day

Jan. 21 (EIRNS)—Riots and destruction of federal buildings did take place on Inauguration Day, but not by the mythical insurrectionists being ranted about in the Congress and the so-called news media. In Portland, Oregon hundreds of anarchists carried a huge sign: “We don't want Biden. We want revenge for police murders, imperialist wars, and fascist massacres.” They trashed the Democratic headquarters in Portland, scrawling “Fuck Biden” on the only window they didn't break. They attacked the Immigration and Customs Enforcement building with rocks and eggs (a federal building, but, oh no, this is not an insurrection). DHS Federal Protective Services fired tear gas and stun grenades to counter the assault.

Other Antifa rioted in Denver, burning the flag; in Seattle, breaking windows at the Nakamura Court House, and in Sacramento, and Columbus.

Blinken State Department Would Favors 'Green Finance' Restrictions against Building Coal Plants

Jan. 21 (EIRNS)—During the course of his confirmation hearing before the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee on Jan. 19, Anthony Blinken was asked if he were in favor of putting restrictions on international financing of the construction of fossil fuel facilities. Blinken said that he was.

“I would stop international assistance for the export of dirty technology,” he said. In that context he singled out China’s Belt and Road Initiative, in which China is building many coal plants in order to raise the production levels in underdeveloped countries in Asia, Africa, and Ibero-America. Most of the funding for these, however, is from Chinese banks so that any measures taken to restrict funding from “international institutions” would be little affected by such measures. But it will obviously be a new point of conflict in U.S.-China relations, and would be another tool in the attempt to sabotage the Belt and Road, and has less than nothing to do with ostensible “climate protection.”

Blinken Claims NATO Expansion Creates No Danger, but Rather Is Stabilizing

Jan. 21 (EIRNS)—During his Antony Blinken confirmation hearings as Biden’s Secretary of State, Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY) said: “You’ve been a consistent supporter of military intervention in the Middle East from the Iraq War to the Libyan War to the Syrian civil war.” Paul made the observation that despite the disaster the Obama Administration unleashed in 2011 in Libya, it had intended to repeat its Libya act in Syria in 2013, despite overwhelming opposition among Americans of every stripe, and the danger of direct confrontation with Russia. “The lesson of these wars is that regime change doesn’t work. People say we will get rid of the iron fist and Thomas Jefferson is going to rise from the ashes. That is a naive notion to believe that Thomas Jefferson or his like even live in Libya or live in Iraq.”

Blinken listened stoically, and then made some noncommittal comment that he understood the Senator's views. Then Paul went after NATO expansion, warning that if Georgia or Ukraine were allowed to join NATO, this could lead to a conflict with Russia. Blinken countered that if they wanted to join, they should, proffering the argument that if they join NATO it would make less likely that Russia would do anything against them, alleging that Russia "moved into Crimea" only because Ukraine was not in NATO—ignoring that that Crimea had for centuries been part of Russia, except for the 50 years after Khrushchev had made it part of Ukraine. After the 2014 neo-Nazi color revolution in Kiev, with hefty Anglo-American backing, the Crimeans heavily passed a referendum to reunite with Russia.

Blinken also said that he supported Georgia joining NATO.

Notion of Pro-Trump Insurgency Part of Democratic Party Narrative

Jan. 21 (EIRNS)—Regardless of whether such a movement should ever emerge, the notion of a pro-Trump armed insurgency arising in the United States is now part of the official Democratic Party narrative. On Jan. 19, the day before Joe Biden's inauguration as President, the [Center for American Progress](#) (CAP), a core Democratic Party think tank, released a statement which claimed that "there are troubling indicators, such as a shared grievance, a strong group identity, and recruitment and training, that America could be in the early days of a violent political movement that will endure after President Donald Trump leaves office. This movement, united by Trump, brings together conservatives, Christian nationalists, Nazi sympathizers, white supremacists, and ultranationalist groups such as the Proud Boys." The statement was issued under the name of CAP's managing director Katrina Mulligan, whose bio reads like a national security revolving door in the Obama regime, including the National Security Council, national security positions in the Justice Department, and ODNI, where she managed "the development and delivery of intelligence community policy related to rendition, detention, interrogation, and Guantanamo."

Naturally, something must be done to shut down this threat. “Politicians and government officials across the political spectrum must not underestimate the threat that this movement may continue to pose going forward,” she continued. “U.S. leaders must take immediate action to mitigate this threat. Left unaddressed, this movement could become a full-fledged insurgency that poses a significant and enduring threat to Americans. U.S. leaders must take immediate action to prioritize and mitigate this threat, making full use of existing tools and authorities.”

The thrust of the statement reflects discussions that have been going on among counterinsurgency experts for many months, including a previously reported statement by Gen. Stanley McChrystal (ret.). At the center of these discussions appears to be David Kilcullen, an Australian counterinsurgency expert, close collaborator of Gen. David Petraeus, and adviser to the U.S. Army in Iraq during the 2007 surge. Kilcullen, though having a teaching position in Australia, has evidently been spending a lot of time in the U.S. profiling armed groups on both sides of the ideological divide and what he believes motivates them. Kilcullen doesn’t believe that a full-blown insurgency is underway... yet: “I think that the construct that’s actually best suited to where we are now is a concept from the CIA’s guide to the analysis of insurgency, and that’s a notion called incipient insurgency,” he said on Jan. 13 during a discussion hosted by Boston University’s WBUR radio on the Jan. 6 events in Washington. “So, an incipient insurgency is the pre-insurgency or organizational stage before an actual insurgency gets off the ground.”

The Jan. 6 events, he said, were driven by “a specific grievance,” he said, “which was the belief by something like 55 million Trump voters that the constituted government was under attack by election fraud. So we talked about the definition of insurrection earlier, as an attack on the constituted government. I suspect if you got people on the line who were involved in the protest or in the much smaller attack on the Capitol after the protest, they would say, ‘We weren’t attacking the constituted government, we were defending the constituted government.’ ”

John Brennan Suggests It's Time To Round Up Congressmen, Bigots—'Even Libertarians...'

Jan. 21 (EIRNS)—Former CIA Director John Brennan was anxious to assure viewers of MSNBC on Jan. 20 that there would be a witch-hunt, regardless of any talk about unity: “I know ... the members of the Biden team who have been nominated or have been appointed are now moving in laser light fashion to try to uncover as much as they can about what looks very similar to insurgency movements we've seen overseas.” The man knows a few things about running insurgency movements overseas. “Where they germinate in different parts of the country and they gain strength, and it brings together an unholy alliance frequently of religious extremists, authoritarians, fascists, bigots, racists, nativists, even libertarians.” You were worried he'd forget the libertarians? And besides Trump Administration officials, in a rather awkward sentence, he included sitting members of Congress: “And unfortunately, I think there has been this momentum that has been generated, unfortunately I think, of the demagogue of rhetoric of people who have just departed government, but also those who continue in the halls of Congress. So I really do think that the law enforcement, homeland security, intelligence and even the defense officials are doing everything possible to root out what seems to be a very, very serious, and insidious threat to our democracy and our republic.”

DNC Announces 'Trump Legacy Project' To Combat 'Trumpism' in 2022 Midterm Elections

Jan. 21 (EIRNS)—In a memo issued Jan. 19, the Democratic National Committee (DNC) announced the creation of its “Trump Legacy Project” in preparation for the 2022 midterm elections. Clearly worried that Trump has considerable influence among Republican legislators or future candidates, this DNC project is intended to serve as a clearinghouse of information on Trump's “failures” and to provide Democratic candidates, political consultants, and journalists with key “information” leading into the midterm elections, which Democrats have to win in order to maintain control of the House and Senate.

Thus, the DNC memo proclaimed, “We will make sure that Trump is held responsible for his entire legacy of failure,” and pointed to “record unemployment, tax cuts for the rich and mismanagement of the COVID pandemic,” as evidence of such failures, *USA Today* reported Jan. 20. Since there are Republicans who will be happy to run in 2022 on what they see as Trump’s successful political platform, starting now, the Legacy Project will focus on smearing any such Republican candidates by connecting them to Trump, while also collecting information for his upcoming impeachment trial in the Senate.

The DNC also announced that going forward, it would also carefully monitor Trump’s political activities, lest he do anything really subversive like supporting specific Republican candidates for 2022.

Steele Told FBI, I Went with Hillary Clinton Rather than the FBI

Jan. 21 (EIRNS)—The recently released FBI interview with British Secret Intelligence Service (MI6) agent [Christopher Steele](#) (and his Orbis Business Intelligence cofounder Christopher Burrows) reveals a number of things, covered by John Solomon in “Just The News,” yesterday, which includes links to the FBI reports and interviews.

- The interview took place after the FBI fired him for leaking to the press, which they had forbidden. They asked him why he did it. He responded that he had been “riding two horses”—getting paid by both the FBI and GPS Fusion, which was doing the opposition research for Hillary Clinton— but when FBI chief Comey reopened the investigation into Secretary Clinton regarding the illegal use of her personal servers for classified information, Steele decided to go with one horse—Clinton. And, he further claimed, they wanted the crap he had compiled to go out to the press. “They followed what their client wanted, and spoke to the press.”

- Steele said, the FBI wrote, that President Donald Trump was “their ‘main opponent’ and indicated that they were fearful about how Trump’s presidency negatively impacted the historical U.S.-U.K. alliance and the U.S.-U.K. special relationship.”

- Steele said that Fiona Hill (at the Brookings Institution think tank) had introduced him to Igor Danchenko (also at Brookings, and the “primary source” for Steele’s “Trump dossier”; Danchenko told the FBI in his interview that the things he had passed on to Steele were barroom gossip). Fiona Hill, one of the many very bad choices Trump made for the National Security Council staff, then resigned and gave 10 hours of lying testimony at the 2019 Senate impeachment trial. The FBI wrote: “Hill is one of Steele’s close friends, later described in the interview that his wife went to university with Hill, and that Hill’s daughter is named after a now-deceased mutual college friend of Hill and his wife.”

STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

Prince Charles and Atlantic Council Push for ‘Terra Carta’ Norman Oligarchy Redux

Jan. 21 (EIRNS)—At an event sponsored by the Atlantic Council’s Global Energy Forum’s Jan. 19-21 premiere event, rabid Malthusian environmentalist [HRH Charles Prince of Wales](#) presented his newly launched initiative, the “Terra Carta”—or, Earth Charter, with the Latin imitation from the Norman oligarchy’s infamous “Magna Carta”—and its “Sustainable Markets Initiative” to “bring CEOs together,” to “drive a just energy transition.” Introduced in gushing terms by Atlantic Council President Frederick Kempe, Charles spoke of the “interconnection” between human health (COVID) and “planetary health.” We must move beyond good intentions, he said, to a “practical effort to mobilize financial resources.” He said, “I have been challenging leaders of nations and CEOs of corporations” to take action. To do better, we must bring economic value into sustainable viability. After droning through the usual clichés about corporate responsibility for a structural energy transition, he concluded by saying, “A sustainable future is the growth story of our times.”

He was followed by Brian Moynihan, CEO of Bank of America, and Bernard Looney, CEO of bp, who praised the Prince’s work on the Sustainable Markets Initiative, to bring CEOs together to “drive a just

transition.” Looney called for support from the financial community to support more Green companies, and more “greening companies,” which he described as those not yet engaged in sustainable practices. He further stated that this will work, because “what we are doing is in line with what society needs, and wants,” i.e., energy which is affordable, reliable, and clean. Formerly British Petroleum, now bp, complete with lower-case initials, is moving to become an energy company, not just an oil company. He said that 45% of the companies listed on the London FTSE index are now committed to this project. Moynihan said, from talks with Prince Charles, he agrees that this must now become a “do effort, not a think effort.” Both emphasized their complete support for His Royal Highness, and their agreement with him that the “clock is ticking, we must make each day count.”

Kempe, other than praising the three panelists repeatedly, made a point at the beginning of the importance of Biden putting the U.S. back into the Paris Climate Agreement.

THE NEW GLOBAL ECONOMIC ORDER

Geopoliticians Upset by German CDU Head Laschet’s Non-Confrontational Views on Russia

Jan. 21 (EIRNS)—“Where is Laschet’s denunciation of Navalny’s arrest?” referring to the newly elected Christian Democratic Union chairman Armin Laschet, demanded Green party MP Omid Nouripour, *Süddeutsche Zeitung* (SZ) quoted him as saying. “What Laschet has been missing for years, is to openly attack the war crimes [sic] of Russia and its handling of opposition figures like Alexey Navalny. Treating the Kremlin so selectively, will not enable him to keep Europe together.” Nouripour neglected to say why Russia should be attacked for saving opposition figure Navalny’s life when he collapsed in August on a flight to Moscow; the plane made an emergency landing in Omsk, and once he was stabilized medically, Moscow arranged to fly him to Berlin for more treatment.

SZ mentions that Laschet was a Western dissident when the world jumped on the British bandwagon to insist that Russia had poisoned former GRU Col. Sergei Skripal and his daughter in Britain with Novichok in March 2018. No concrete evidence was ever produced, despite the fact that Russia sought help from Britain's government in the crime against Russian citizens. At the time, Laschet tweeted, "If one wants to force almost all NATO states into solidarity, one should have safe evidence, shouldn't one?" He wrote, regardless of one's personal views of Russia, "I have learned another conduct with states, in my studies of international law."

Laschet was slandered as a "*Putinversteh*er" in 2014, when he attacked the "demonization" of Russia's President Vladimir Putin as being not "a policy but just an alibi for the absence of one." In 2014, after Crimea reunited with Russia, Laschet criticized what he called "marketable anti-Putin populism" among German politicians. This year, when Navalny returned to Russia on Jan. 17, and was arrested in the Moscow airport, then-U.S. Secretary of State Pompeo jumped on it as an excuse to slap illegal sanctions against the Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline to Germany—hoping to force the EU to buy American LNG at higher prices. Laschet denounced the sanctions, disputing any connection between the Nord Stream 2 pipeline and the Navalny case—as of course there is none. As both *SZ* and London's *Financial Times* observe, in 2014, his most "controversial foreign policy intervention" was his attack on the Obama Administration for backing Islamic State and Al Nusra Front terrorists against President Bashar al Assad's Syrian government. In a tweet, he wrote: "Yes, Mr Kerry. But You supported ISIS and Al Nusra against President Assad in Syria. And they are financed by Qatar and Saudi-Arabia."

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