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## EDITORIAL

### **The Unipolar World Is at Its End. Will You Go with It?**

Feb. 3 (EIRNS)—The days of Anglo-American-NATO hegemony are over. Will that oligarchical reign end in the hell of thermonuclear obliteration by thousands of hydrogen bombs? Or will it be overcome by the people of the U.S. and other trans-Atlantic nations throwing off their self-imposed shackles to demand a new mission of progress and growth for all people of the planet?

With every passing day, the potential to organize people out of their day-to-day activity grows.

- This potential takes force from the gathering danger of war—thermonuclear war—that could be unleashed by design or by what would be called, in the realm of events, “an accident,” but which would simply be an included feature of the Anglo-American-NATO created geopolitical environment against which Russia is raising its just and insistent demands. (In a recent example, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson promised Ukraine the noose-like support of his nation’s military and diplomatic “assistance.”)

- This opportunity for change is fed by the economic collapse brought on by the twin factors of a relentless financialization of the economy—whereby a shrinking productive layer is squeezed harder and harder still to extract growing wealth for the oligarchy and its pathetic lackeys—and the direct and intentional destruction of the physical potential of the economy, and massive depopulation, under the guise of achieving “green” goals.

- But the greatest impulse towards an enlivened sense of human potential—and the accompanying impulsion to cast off injustice—comes from visions of the future: development initiatives crafted by Lyndon LaRouche and his movement over decades, China’s meteoric growth and its Belt and Road Initiative, Russia’s rock-solid commitment to

multipolarity and sovereignty, and the electrifying moments of inspiration sparked by scientific discovery and works of cultural beauty.

In Beijing, Russian President Vladimir Putin will meet with his Chinese counterpart, Xi Jinping, on Feb. 4, the next level of their collaboration in the fields of economy, science, medicine, and security cooperation. China has conquered extreme poverty within its borders, and it has addressed a threat of terrorism in its western Xinjiang region in a way far superior to the treatment of Afghanistan at the hands of the West, whose spokespeople cry alligator tears for the suppression of Muslim Uyghurs while murdering the people of Afghanistan through starvation brought on by withholding that nation's rightful financial resources—not to speak of the refusal to provide the additional development collaboration that should be provided by its repentant erstwhile occupiers.

The interests of the people of the U.S., of Canada, of Ibero America, of Europe, lie not with the grotesque geopolitical system of the Anglo-American oligarchy, but in repudiating that outlook in exchange for the joy of collaboration, of international friendship, of joint work to expand humanity's powers in outer space and our mastery of the subatomic domain. The war-time propaganda of the legacy media and the social media censors must be defeated.

The LaRouche Organization and the Schiller Institute play the key international role in bringing together the shared interests of Russia, China, India, and the United States, and identifying the deadly axioms that cause people to choose their own doom.

The future is human, not green!

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## STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

### **Boris Johnson Sticks to NATO's 'Open Door' Policy against Security in Phone Call with Putin**

Feb. 3 (EIRNS)—British Prime Minister Boris Johnson and Russian President Vladimir Putin spoke by phone on Feb. 2. In their conversation, originally scheduled for Jan. 31, “The leaders held a detailed exchange of views on the internal crisis in Ukraine and developments related to providing long-term, legally binding security guarantees to the Russian Federation,” the **Kremlin** readout reported. Putin “explained his principled approaches to these issues. Thus, Kiev’s chronic subversion of the Minsk agreements was underscored. It was noted that NATO was not ready to respond adequately to Russia’s well-grounded concerns, as it used the alliance’s so-called ‘open door’ policy, which violates the fundamental principle of indivisibility of security, as an excuse.”

The readout from **10 Downing Street** proved the Kremlin’s point. “The Prime Minister expressed his deep concern about Russia’s current hostile activity on the Ukrainian border. He emphasized the need to find a way forward which respects both Ukraine’s territorial integrity and right to self-defense. The Prime Minister stressed that any further Russian incursion into Ukrainian territory would be a tragic miscalculation,” it said. “The Prime Minister underscored that, under NATO’s open door policy, all European democracies have a right to aspire to NATO membership. This right fully applies to Ukraine. He also reiterated that NATO is a defensive alliance.”

### **More Signs of Impending Ukrainian Offensive in Donbas Reported**

Feb. 3 (EIRNS)—Authorities in the Donetsk People’s Republic continue to point out signs of an impending attack by the Kiev forces against the two self-declared Donbas republics Donetsk P.R. and Luhansk People’s Republic. “The Ukrainian Foreign Ministry is asking foreign embassies to quietly notify foreign citizens they should leave the zone of Kiev’s military operation in Donbas,” D.P.R. military spokesman Eduard Basurin said this morning, reported TASS. “Alongside this, a number of new restrictions

have been introduced on the Ukrainian border on visits by foreigners who fail to present solid enough reasons for entering the country,” he stated.

Basurin also said that D.P.R. intelligence has information that the Ukrainian military command expects heavy casualties in its planned aggression in Donbas.

## U.S. POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

### White House Denounces Sen. Josh Hawley for ‘Parroting’ Russian Talking Points

Feb. 3 (EIRNS)—In a bizarre case of Russia-Russia-Russia vs. China-China-China, White House Press Secretary Jen Psaki denounced [Sen. Josh Hawley](#) (R-MO) for “parroting Russian talking points” when he questioned the drive for war with Russia in a letter he wrote to Secretary of State Blinken.

“Well, if you are just digesting Russian misinformation and parroting Russian talking points, you are not aligned with long-standing, bipartisan American values,” Psaki told reporters at a regular White House briefing.

What are those values? “[T]o stand up for the sovereignty of countries like Ukraine ... their right to choose their own alliances and also to stand against very clearly the efforts—or attempts, or potential attempts—by any country to invade and take territory of another country,” she said. Psaki went on: “That applies to Senator Hawley, but it also applies to others who may be parroting the talking points of Russian propagandist leaders.”

Heaven forbid that any “others” might come to conclusions about the best course of American policy that differ from those of the bipartisan D.C. swamp! This is akin to denouncing as Saddam Hussein-lovers anyone who opposed the invasion and destruction of that country in 2003.

Ironically, Hawley’s message to Blinken was not that of a dove. In fact, he supports sending weapons to Ukraine, but worries that conflict with Russia would hinder the United States’ “ability to deny Chinese hegemony in the Indo-Pacific.”

Although it may seem an antiquated view, it is the Congress, under the Constitution, which declares war. May a member of the Senate not think through the weightiest of issues facing a democracy without being denounced as a foreign agent?

### **U.S. Targets ISIS Leader in Northwestern Syria**

Feb. 3 (EIRNS)—The same U.S. administration that is making a great show of being concerned for Ukraine’s territorial integrity just launched yet another military operation in a country that has not invited its presence—Syria—leading to a dozen deaths.

The Biden Administration this morning is claiming the death of ISIS leader Abu Ibrahim al-Hashimi al-Qurayshi during a special forces raid in Idlib province in northwestern Syria on the night of Feb. 2-3. Al-Qurayshi became the leader of ISIS after the death of ISIS founder Abubakr Al-Baghdadi in a similar raid in 2019.

President Joe Biden said in an appearance at the White House that the choice was made to target al-Qurayshi with special forces rather than a missile strike in order to avoid civilian casualties. But ten civilians, including women and children, were reported killed along with three others, which Biden claimed occurred when al-Qurayshi “chose to blow up” both himself and the entire third floor of the home in which he was holed up, which led to the death of his own family members.

“Thanks to the skill and bravery of our Armed Forces, we have taken off the battlefield Abu Ibrahim al-Hashimi al-Qurayshi—the leader of ISIS,” Biden said in an earlier statement.

How important al-Qurayshi’s death will be is not clear. According to an Associated Press report, he had kept a very low profile since becoming ISIS leader, never appearing in public and issuing few audio recordings. His influence and day-to-day involvement in the group’s operations is not known, and he has no known successor, AP reported.

## GREEN 'GREAT RESET'

### **Pandemics, Epidemics, and War, the Treatment Reserved for You by the Wall Street-City of London Axis of Evil**

Feb. 3 (EIRNS)—When the Berlin Wall came down, so, too, did Wall Street, which fell like a ton of bricks on the weary heads of the people in the Soviet Union and former Warsaw Pact. One way of measuring the outcome of the “shock therapy” economic measures forced upon the nations of the former U.S.S.R. is found in the exponential rise of diphtheria cases. The number of cases, almost entirely among children with the collapse of vaccination, soared from the level of less than 2,000 in 1990, to at least 50,000 in 1995.

Were similar “shock therapy” to be imposed worldwide, under the banner of a Green New Deal, what sort of ecological holocaust could be unleashed? A task force assembled by Lyndon LaRouche in 1973 addressed itself to the potential for the explosive spread of diseases, new and old, under conditions of rapid economic deterioration.

In America, as a result of the financial crisis in 2007-2008, many people lost their homes to speculators, but the speculators got infinite government bailouts, and the bubble got bigger and bigger, to where now it exceeds a quadrillion dollars. When this blows, anything could happen, but it would all be apocalyptic. It could soon be followed by a tsunami of deadly pandemics rapidly travelling around the world—against which perhaps only China could defend itself.

That’s where the war danger comes in. The poor Davos billionaires, after the COP26 dud in Glasgow, could no longer count on covert taxation from the Green New Deal, robbing the poor to bail out the billionaires, while destroying the physical economy. Look again at the graph from the CDC’s *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*.

After the Wall came down, the West proceeded to wage covert biological warfare of economic “shock therapy” conditions that Jeffrey Sachs et al. had earlier imposed on Bolivia, with the known results. Via

privatization, they stole everything in sight, stripping industrial production, which plummeted 22% in 1994 alone.

Since Putin put a stop to it, and since Xi Jinping has ushered in meteoric growth, the City of London and Wall Street axis of evil has no choice but to flirt with war, even thermonuclear war, fantasizing that most of the 4,000-plus Russian warheads, and the Chinese ones as well, will not be launched before the decapitating stealth blow is struck by the West with their smart weapons.

## AFGHANISTAN

### **Save the Children Warns, 'The World Has To Act Now!' To Avert Hundreds of Thousands of Afghan Deaths**

Feb. 3 (EIRNS)—The *Save the Children* organization, which is deeply involved in Afghanistan, has starkly warned that the world must act immediately to save a million Afghan children from starving to death. Fiona McSheehy, the organization's Acting Country Director, told France24 that the situation now "is absolutely desperate for the entire population, but especially among young children." The situation is critical, she explained, "but it could be resolved if international financial institutions and the World Bank release money into Afghanistan to allow the economy to function again.... At the moment, there is really no light at the end of the tunnel for the Afghan population. This includes 20 million children who are being starved of their future. These kids are being penalized for a difference in opinion by the authorities. There is no time for waiting; there hasn't been any time for waiting for the last month; the world has to act now. If the financial situation doesn't change soon, people will die in the hundreds of thousands."

*Save the Children's* statement, makes a brief reference to the effect of the Federal Reserve and other central banks' holding of \$9.5 billion in Afghan government assets, which the Fed refuses to return to Afghanistan's central bank allegedly because of the Taliban, funding that would allow the nation's economy to function. The organization writes: "Child pneumonia

is surging in the middle of a hunger crisis that is ravaging young immune systems. The health system's collapse, driven largely by frozen financial assets and withdrawn aid, comes at a deadly cost for Afghan children.”

In addition to acute severe malnutrition, pneumonia cases are now also soaring among children, killing many who have no without access to healthcare or hospitals. France24 reports that even those fortunate enough to get to a hospital or clinic, often don't survive, due to a shortage of oxygen cylinders. A doctor in northern Afghanistan reported he'd never seen so many cases among children of combined pneumonia and severe malnutrition together—a deadly combination. Save the Children sends mobile clinics around the country that are able to reach remote areas, and sometimes find hundreds of mothers and children waiting when they arrive. “Every day, we send several children straight to hospital for oxygen and emergency treatment,” one physician reported.

Prior to the current surge, pneumonia was responsible for more than one in five deaths in children under the age of five in Afghanistan. Add to this UNICEF's estimate that this year, half the children in Afghanistan under the age of five—one in two—will be acutely malnourished. Salam Al-Janabi, UNICEF's Afghanistan Communications Specialist, told France24 that “these winter months are really make or break for millions of children in Afghanistan. ... At least a million young children will suffer from severe acute malnutrition this year. This is treatable, but it makes them vulnerable and then when they get other conditions, it can become fatal.” In bitterly cold weather, he pointed out, hospitals often can't afford to turn on the heat because of the high price of fuel, so hospitals are extremely cold. In sub-zero weather, there are children without shoes. People can't afford to buy fuel either, so they burn animal dung for heat. “The situation here at the moment is staggering. It is at a breaking point,” Al-Janabi said.

Mary Ellen McGroarty, the World Food Program's Afghanistan Country Director, commented similarly, “In all my long career in WFP, I've seen this deteriorate, escalate, and implode at a pace and scale that just stunned me. Week on week, we've just seen it get worse.” She further

stated that the WFP will run out of money by March, with a \$1.9 billion shortfall.

## **Afghan Migration to Iran Soaring, as Citizens Flee NATO-Imposed Economic Collapse**

Feb. 3 (EIRNS)—The collapse of the Afghan economy and the desperate conditions that deprive citizens of food, heat, shelter and healthcare are driving hundreds of thousands to flee the country, to Iran, Pakistan, and perhaps, when warmer weather comes, to Europe. According to a study in the *New York Times* on Feb. 2, between last October and the end of January, more than a million Afghans from the southwestern part of the country alone embarked on the difficult, winter journey to Iran. Aid organizations estimate that between 4,000-5,000 people a day cross into Iran—a country that, especially under illegal U.S. sanctions, lacks the resources to handle large numbers of refugees and is taking measures to prevent them from entering—often to no avail. The *Times* cites a researcher named David Mansfield, who knows the Afghan situation very well and is tracking migration patterns, reports an exponential rise in the number of people leaving Afghanistan through the southwestern route, despite how difficult it is during harsh winter months. He estimates that up to four times as many Afghans were leaving their country for Pakistan, and then Iran, each day in January compared with the same time period last year.

There is trepidation, if not panic, in Europe that as the weather gets warmer, it will induce Afghans to try to get to Europe, replicating—Europeans fear—the 2015 migration crisis when almost a million people from Southwest Asia, mostly Syrians, entered Europe. Last fall, the European Union pledged \$1 billion in humanitarian aid to Afghanistan and to its neighboring countries to which Afghans had fled. Speaking at a recent UN Security Council meeting, Norwegian Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Store warned that “we need new agreements and commitments in place to be able to assist and help an extremely vulnerable civil population. We must do what we can to avoid another migration crisis and another source of instability in the region and beyond.”

## **Judge Gives Biden Administration Deadline To Respond to 9/11 Families Demanding Afghan Funds**

Feb. 3 (EIRNS)—Federal Judge Sarah Netburn has given the Biden administration a Feb. 11 deadline by which it must decide whether it will back a lawsuit brought by family members of victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks demanding \$7 billion in Afghan funds currently being held by the Federal Reserve. There is actually more than one case brought against the Taliban (and others) by 9/11 family members, but only one of them, known as the Havlish case, representing 150 family members of victims, actually won a judgment of \$7 billion for damages a decade ago. Last September, Havlish lawyers convinced a judge to issue a writ of execution to be presented to the Federal Reserve’s legal department authorizing seizure of \$7 billion of the Afghan funds. At that point, the Biden administration intervened, and has now centralized handling of the case in the Justice Department, to decide how to proceed.

It is not a straightforward matter. There are multiple plaintiffs, whose lawyers are squabbling with each other, and complicated issues of law and government policy involved. There is also the fact that the \$9.4 billion in reserves from the central bank, Da Afghanistan Bank, have been illegally seized by the Federal Reserve, and do not belong to the United States. More and more voices are demanding that those funds be released to the Afghan government to address the dire economic and humanitarian crisis. A fresh airing of the real story of the Anglo-Saudi role in the 9/11 attacks—not Osama bin Laden sitting in an Afghan cave and not the Taliban—would be a good way to clear the air.

## **COVID-19 AND FAMINE**

### **Health and Human Services Ends COVID Death Counts**

Feb. 3 (EIRNS)—On Feb. 2, U.S. hospitals stopped reporting COVID-19 deaths directly to the federal government through a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services system, which is part of a global campaign to reduce reporting of COVID-19 deaths and cases. The same day that the

U.S. federal government stopped collecting this data, the U.K. announced that it would end reporting of COVID-19 deaths by Easter.

Although the end of the reporting has hardly been mentioned by the media, health experts are shocked. HHS insists that the system duplicated the death reporting already conducted through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). But the CDC relies on reporting from counties, cities, and states, in a process that is slower than using data directly from hospitals, in which the data were entered by medical professionals.

Now the only available measure is the counting of death certificates on a state level, passing through coroners, medical examiners, and state governments, resulting in fragmentation, different standards in different jurisdictions, and non-uniform data reporting. Coroners are not necessarily well trained, and some of them are elected.

Another benefit of the HHS dataset is that it is available per hospital, allowing for comparisons with other metrics associated with the facility. The data are largely automated, through electronic medical record systems that created data in the format HHS requested.

Reducing the availability of data is a sign of a drive to “move on” from COVID and simply tolerate a certain ongoing level of deaths.

What is the benefit of having less data?

### **Chinese Engineer a Powerful Antibody to Omicron**

Feb. 3 (EIRNS)—Researchers at Shanghai’s Fudan University have developed a new synthetic antibody to counter Omicron. The preprint “[Combatting the SARS-CoV-2 Omicron Variant with Non-Omicron Neutralizing Antibodies](#)” is published on bioRxiv as it awaits peer review. Interviewed by *South China Morning Post*, Professor Huang Jinghe, the lead scientist, said that she accidentally synthesized the antibody from two natural antibodies that immune cells produce in response to SARS-CoV-2. Individually, each one was ineffective, but conjoined, the antibody seemed to work. She was actually researching a different infectious disease and

found the synthesized antibody to be powerful; and then she tried it out on Omicron. She claims that, since it works well against original SARS and every present version of SARS-CoV-2, it has an excellent chance of working against future variants.

The report describes that the researchers manufactured “bispecific antibodies” by fusing single-chain variable fragments of two antibodies. “Surprisingly, eight out of ten bispecific antibodies showed high binding affinity to the Omicron receptor binding domain (RBD) and exhibited extreme breadth and potency against pseudotyped SARS-CoV-2 variants of concern including Omicron, as well as authentic Omicron (+R346K) variants.” Omicron infection was “inhibited ... by binding to the ACE2 binding site.”

## NEW GLOBAL ECONOMIC ORDER

### Argentine and Russian Presidents Hold Cordial Three-Hour Meeting in Moscow, Forge Closer Partnership

Feb. 3 (EIRNS)—Argentine President Alberto Fernández and Russian President Vladimir Putin held a very cordial three-hour meeting at the Kremlin today, followed by a working luncheon, and from all accounts clearly hit it off. During their **initial personal remarks** and in a **joint press conference** afterwards, they expressed respect for each other and the potential for working more closely together on bilateral as well as on global issues. As Putin put it during the press conference, “the exchange of views on global and regional problems showed that Russia and Argentina hold similar or identical positions on many issues. Our countries firmly uphold the principles of the supremacy of international law, sovereignty, independence and non-interference in the domestic affairs of foreign states. We agreed to continue coordinating our efforts on key multilateral issues at international venues, including the UN.” Argentina, he said, “is one of our key partners in Latin America.”

Both leaders were genuinely pleased at being able to meet face to face, after many delays due to the coronavirus pandemic. They agreed that

meeting in Moscow rather than on the sidelines of the Beijing Olympics was more amenable to a relaxed discussion on the many topics they wanted to discuss—cooperation in oil and gas infrastructure, railroad construction, nuclear energy, aerospace, vaccine production, expansion of trade and investment, and technology transfer. Fernández especially thanked Putin for having provided Argentina with the Sputnik V vaccine at a time when vaccines were scarce. “We were deeply grateful for this assistance, because the rest of the world did not help us with vaccines,” Fernández said. Putin said he was thankful that Argentina was the first country in the Western Hemisphere to register the Sputnik V vaccine, and that now 6 million doses have been produced in Argentina’s own laboratories. Fernández made the point that their bilateral cooperation on vaccine production was exemplary, because “we became a stepping stone in the supply of the Russian vaccines to Ecuador, Peru, and Paraguay, and this is very important.”

In fact, said Fernández, “I believe Argentina could become Russia’s gateway to Latin America to a certain extent. We could be a venue for the development of your cooperation with Latin American nations.” In remarks that must have caused heartburn in Washington and London, Fernández observed that in the 1990s and then after 2015, Argentina had become very dependent on the United States and on the IMF—which is why it has such a huge foreign debt. When Peronist governments were in power from 2003 to 2015, “we tried to get out of that corset we [were stuck in] with the U.S.,” and that’s when Argentina made progress in signing its strategic partnership with Russia.” And now, he said, it’s time for Argentina to end that dependence on the U.S. and the Fund, and “open the way to other locations.” In this context, he said, “Russia holds a very important place” in the building of “a new multilateralism.”

As an indication of how well they got along, Fernández reported that during their meeting, Putin showed him the large framed pictures of his parents and told him their story. “It was a dialogue with much confidence, a very frank and open conversation. We were very much in tune” with each other, he said.

## Putin on His Upcoming Trip to China

Feb. 3 (EIRNS)—On the eve of his Feb. 4 visit to Beijing, Russian President Vladimir Putin wrote an article for Xinhua, “[Russia and China: A Future-Oriented Strategic Partnership](#),” which the news service published today; the full text is also posted on the Kremlin website.

Putin says that “Russian-Chinese relations of comprehensive partnership and strategic cooperation, entering a new era, have reached an unprecedented level and have become a model of efficiency, responsibility, and aspiration for the future.” Putin hopes to drive bilateral trade to \$200 billion, from its current level of \$140 billion. The two countries are cooperating in numerous sectors: communication technologies, medicine, space exploration (a joint lunar research station); energy cooperation (Putin mentions four nuclear power units being built by Rosatom), and increasing settlements in national currency rather than U.S. dollars.

Russia is especially interested in the development of the Russian Far East, which neighbors China. This means modernization of the Baikal-Amur Mainline and the Trans-Siberian Railway, as well as port infrastructure. All this, without neglecting environment protection.

After a referring to the fact that “Russia and China are countries with thousands of years of unique traditions and celebrated cultural heritage,” Putin further stresses: “Our countries play an important stabilizing role in today's challenging international environment, promoting greater democracy in the system of international relations to make it more equitable and inclusive. We are working together to strengthen the central coordinating role of the United Nations in global affairs and to prevent the international legal system, with the UN Charter at its center, from being eroded.”

The three final paragraphs are dedicated to the Winter Olympic Games, whose opening ceremonies the Russian President is attending, along with the Russian Federation Olympic team.