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EDITORIAL

Towards a New Just World Economic and Security Order

Dec. 3 (EIRNS)—The London-centered trans-Atlantic financial system is hopelessly bankrupt, and maintains the pretense of still functioning only by deadly looting worldwide, and increasing infusions of worthless

government bail-out funds, and the promise of even greater such infusions in the immediate future—a promise that cannot possibly be kept.

The London-centered British geopolitical world order is also bankrupt, and only remains in the saddle by an endless string of wars and regime-change destabilizations, in which NATO plays an important role.

Small wonder, then, that today's London *Guardian*, speaking for that bankrupt British Empire, would shudder in fear at the prospect of a second Presidential term for Donald Trump, on the grounds that he could “go full isolationist, withdrawing from NATO and other international alliances.” The British House of Lords had sounded the alarm a year ago that a second Trump term had to be prevented at all costs—thus showing the British hand behind the ongoing attempted coup d'état in Washington.

NATO is in fact having a leaders' meeting in Paris on Dec. 3 and 4, and although President Trump did not use the occasion to announce America's withdrawal from that body, he did give a press conference which challenged the British world order on a number of central points:

- Trump called for having good relations with Russia, and again emphasized that the American people are strongly for that policy.
- He said that big progress can be made on the Ukraine hot spot at the upcoming Dec. 9 Normandy Four meeting, to finally bring peace to that country. The Nazi coup d'état in Ukraine in 2014 is intimately connected to the operation to topple Trump, as the LaRouche movement has repeatedly documented.
- And Trump reported that he and Russian President Vladimir Putin had spoken recently about the urgency of reaching a new strategic agreement on nuclear weapons, stressing that this is one of the most important matters facing humanity and that both sides want to reach a new agreement.

But just as the entire trans-Atlantic financial system has to be put through bankruptcy reorganization and replaced, from stem to stern, by a new Hamiltonian credit system; so too the trans-Atlantic strategic order

built around NATO has to be replaced by an entirely new system, based on revolutionary new concepts.

And it is at that point of developments—which is the point Mankind now faces—that the valuable contributions of Trump, Putin, China’s Xi Jinping and others show their limitations. It is at that point that the world must turn, as former Mexican President José López Portillo put it, to “listen to the wise words of Lyndon LaRouche.”

In an article published in the June 28, 1996 *EIR*, “Now, Rid NATO of the Entente Cordiale!” Lyndon LaRouche wrote in the introductory section:

“The present, anti-U.S., British-French alliance within NATO must be uprooted, and the land it occupied cleansed, as if from the poisonous taint of such decadence. The offensive implications of NATO must be demolished, root and branch, in both of NATO’s multi-national capacities, both as a military and, especially, as a political organization....

“There are reasonable objections to the proposal to disband NATO. Some warn, rightly, against the dangers of creating a vacuum, and warn also that a simple U.S. pull-out from NATO would merely strengthen the power of the U.S.’s current principal, avowed strategic adversary, the London-Paris Entente Cordiale....

“Yet, however reasonable these, and other objections, all melt away when subjected to the hot light of the onrushing, global monetary-financial and related strategic crises. We are forced to take a kind of action, the which can be no longer postponed....

“As replacement for NATO and for related, obsolete dogmas, the United States must adopt a comprehensive, radically new strategic outlook, pivotted upon comprehension of the crucial realities of the Eurasian land-mass. This comprehension is the key to the present and future of the world economy, and of the mutual political interest of all among that outlook’s present and prospective partners. In brief: The decisive strategic significance of the Eurasian land-bridge, now being developed, across the vast, underpopulated regions of central Asia, defines the urgency of

developing, and of defending economic cooperation among U.S.A., Russia, and China, all in collaboration with India, as the key to the world of the Twenty First Century.”

The thoughtful reader of the above remarks by Lyndon LaRouche, written over 33 years ago, will not only gain new, profound insight into the current strategic situation—including the ongoing British attempted coup d'état against President Trump—and what to do about it. Such a thoughtful reader will readily understand why we have emphasized that the exoneration of Lyndon LaRouche is the central strategic issue of our time.

U.S. POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

***Guardian* Is Worried Sick about a Trump Second Term—Call It Their ‘House of Lords Moment’**

Dec. 3 (EIRNS)—The *Guardian*'s Julian Borger, writing from Washington as the leaders of NATO were gathering in London, reports that the Europeans fear that if President Donald Trump is re-elected in 2020, that will be the end of the North Atlantic alliance. The fears that Borger reports are reflective of the December 2018 House of Lords report “U.K. Foreign Policy in a Shifting World Order,” in which the British aristocracy announced that they couldn't allow Trump to win a second term, at any cost, because “the damage to U.K./U.S. relations will be longer lasting....”

Borger cites an NBC report from Nov. 12 in which John Bolton, fired as Trump's national security adviser in September, was quoted saying that Trump could “go full isolationist” if he wins re-election in November 2020, withdrawing from NATO and other international alliances. “The greatest fear is what he would do in a second term. He would be more free from constraints,” an unnamed European diplomat in Washington told Borger, and saying that he was under pressure from his capital to assess what a second Trump term would look like. “It is impossible to predict,” he said.

“I think what Bolton says resonates with people because it is something that has worried people since Trump took office and there is concern that he would feel less constrained in a second term, and could actually do

something,” said Amanda Sloat, a former senior State Department official now at the Brookings Institution. “Given that you have someone who was working very closely with the President over the last year expressing that concern himself, I think it is bringing back to the fore the possibility that this is something that could happen in a Trump second term.”

Bolton’s referenced, undoubtedly well-paid remarks were made to a Nov. 6 “private gathering” of investors during Morgan Stanley’s global investment event in Miami. According to the Nov. 12 NBC story, Bolton ripped Trump’s policy towards Turkey and relationship with Erdogan and supported “Trump’s stance against China on trade.” But the key was, in the *Guardian*’s view, his answer to the question of what he thinks will happen in January 2021 if Trump is re-elected.

“Bolton responded by taking a swipe at Trump’s son-in-law, Jared Kushner, and Ivanka Trump—both of whom are senior White House advisers—and at Sen. Rand Paul (R-KY), three people familiar with his remarks said,” NBC reported. “Bolton said Trump could go full isolationist—with the faction of the Republican Party that aligns with Paul’s foreign policy views taking over the GOP—and could withdraw the U.S. from NATO and other international alliances, three people present for his remarks said.”

Media Lies by Omission: Trump Agrees with Macron, We Need Good Relations with Russia

Dec. 3 (EIRNS)—The international media would have you fixate on some sharp public exchanges between Presidents Emmanuel Macron and Donald Trump during their joint press opportunity before their official bilateral meeting began in London today. But virtually no agency reported the significant strategic statements made by President Trump at the end of that briefing, because they make the British Empire more than uncomfortable.

Trump took up three points, in the final questions: relations with Russia, establishing peaceful relations between Ukraine and Russia, and the urgent need for a global agreement on nuclear weapons. Given the media

copyright, we quote extensively here. The full transcript is posted to the White House website.

First, he was asked: “Mr. Macron says that Russia shouldn’t be designated as an adversary of NATO. Do you agree with that? Do you think Russia is the enemy?”

“I think we could get along with Russia,” Trump answered. Looking at Macron, he continued, “I think you feel we can get along with Russia. We’ve discussed that before. But certainly, we have to be prepared. Whether it’s Russia or somebody else, we have to be prepared. But he and I have a pretty similar view on that. I think we feel that we can get along with Russia. And I think it’s a good thing to get along with Russia.

“And I campaigned on it. I mean, I’d go into big stadiums; people like it. And I think the Russian people would like to see it too. A lot of good can come of it,” he added.

To another question, Trump addressed the other two points, together:

“I think that the meetings coming up with Russia and Ukraine are very important. And there’s a possibility that some very big progress can be made. It’s very important for Ukraine. I think it’s very important from the standpoint of Russia, also, that they work out a treaty, they work out peace, because they’ve been fighting a long time. Too long. And I think there’s a really good chance that that will happen.

“Also, with respect to nuclear weapons, I’ve spoken to President Putin and I’ve communicated with him. And ... he very much wants to, and so do we, work out a treaty of some kind on nuclear weapons that will probably then include China at some point, and [said to Macron] yourselves, by the way. But it will include China and some other countries.

“But we intend to see if we can work something out to stop the proliferation, to stop what’s happening, because we are making a lot and we are renovating a lot. And, frankly, the whole situation with nuclear is not a good situation. We ended the treaty because it wasn’t being adhered to by the other side. But they want to make a treaty, and so do we, and I

think it would be a great thing. I think it's one of the most important things we can do, frankly.

“So, we're going to be dealing with Russia on a treaty where ... we're focused on nuclear and nuclear weapons—missiles, but nuclear weapons. And we think something can be worked out. We think they want to do it. We know they want to do it. And we want to do it also.

“I spoke to China about it. During one of our trade negotiations, they were extremely excited about getting involved in that. So, some very good things can happen with respect to that. I think it's very important. The whole nuclear situation is very, very important.”

Trump Asserts Trade Deal with China May Have To Wait

Dec. 3 (EIRNS)—Speaking to the press in London after his meetings with NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg, President Donald Trump was asked why is China “such an important subject for this NATO Summit? What threat do they pose?” Stoltenberg had cited “the rise of China” as a major agenda item, and he spoke in such terms various times in their joint press conference. Trump's answer reflected the intense political pressure being built up against China during the election period—by the same British apparatus that is out to overthrow him.

Trump answered first that “China has become very powerful and much more so than in the past,” saying they had done so “largely, with United States money, because our past Presidents allowed them to steal the cookie cutter.” As usual, he said he does not begrudge China for that, but previous U.S. leaders.

He then brought in the trade deal, emphasizing that whether one is reached depends on whether he wants to sign one. “I'm doing very well in a deal with China, if I want to make it.... I don't think it's if they want to make it; it's if I want to make it.... I don't know that I want to make it, but you're going to find out pretty soon. We'll surprise everybody.”

Later, he further stated that he has “no deadline” for signing a deal. “No. In some ways, I think it's better to wait until after the election, you want to

know the truth. I think, in some ways, it's better to wait until after the election with China." Asked why, he said he would not say, but reiterated that "I like the idea of waiting until after the election for the China deal. But they want to make a deal now. And we'll see whether or not the deal is going to be right. It's got to be right."

Schiff Releases Ukrainegate Impeachment Report, 'One-Sided Sham'

Dec. 3 (EIRNS)—The 300-page report issued by Rep. Adam Schiff's Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence on the impeachment inquiry concerning President Donald Trump, released today and forwarded to the House Judiciary Committee, is all an effort to obscure the simple fact that Schiff's investigation proved, abundantly that: all the meetings the Ukrainians sought with the President were held, the military aid at issue was released, Ukraine did no favors for Donald Trump and opened no investigations, and this was all clear by August, well before the bogus whistleblower initiated the current round of sedition against the sitting American President.

As the White House put it, "At the end of a one-sided sham process, Chairman Schiff and the Democrats utterly failed to produce any evidence of wrongdoing by President Trump.... This report reflects nothing more than their frustrations. Chairman Schiff's report reads like the ramblings of a basement blogger straining to prove something when there is evidence of nothing."

Schiff goes on and on about how the President endangered U.S. national security and that of "an ally" at war "with Russia" and pushed Russian disinformation by seeking an investigation of what was provably 2016 Ukrainian intervention into the U.S. election on behalf of Hillary Clinton. It is highly probable that the bogus whistleblower himself participated in this Ukrainian effort, based on the outline of his activities described Nov. 27 by Scott Ritter in *Consortium News* ("The 'Whistleblower' and the Politicization of Intelligence").

The Republican response, released last night ahead of Schiff's shoveling of the barnyard, begins with the obvious: "On November 8, 2016 nearly 63

million Americans from around the country chose Donald Trump to be the 45th President of the United States. Now, less than a year before the next presidential election, 231 House Democrats in Washington, D.C. are trying to undo the will of the American people. As one Democrat admitted, the pursuit of this extreme course of action is because they want to stop President Trump's re-election.... The Democrats are trying to impeach a duly elected President based on the accusations and assumptions of unelected bureaucrats who disagreed with President Trump's policy initiatives and processes.... They are trying to impeach President Trump because some unelected bureaucrats chafed at an elected President's 'outside the beltway' approach to diplomacy.”

On Dec. 4, the Democrats plan to test the limits of American boredom by presenting four law professors, three Democrats who are participants in the “Resistance” and a lonely, but presumably sane person, Prof. Jonathan Turley of George Washington University, to discuss the historical background of impeachment.

THE NEW GLOBAL ECONOMIC ORDER

The Russia-China 'Power of Siberia' Natural Gas Pipeline Officially Begins Service

Dec. 3 (EIRNS)—The longest gas pipeline in the world, the 8,000-km long Russia-China East-Route pipeline, the Power of Siberia Pipeline, was opened for business yesterday. The highly significant occasion was marked by a joint videoconference call between Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin, who celebrated the achievement and pointed to future such cooperation between their nations and the world. (see pp. 96-98 in “The New Silk Road Becomes the World Land-Bridge,” Vol. 2)

An editorial in China's *Global Times* captured the project's broader significance: “There should be more such pipelines and bridges in the world. The mind-set that hinders such projects should be history.”

The landmark agreement to build the pipeline was reached between Putin and Xi back in 2014—after the two countries had negotiated for over 18 years. After five years of construction work over frozen, snow-covered land, the pipeline—with 5,000 km in China and 3,000 km in Russia—was officially inaugurated on schedule.

Xi called it “a landmark project of China-Russia energy cooperation and a paradigm of deep convergence of both countries’ interests and win-win cooperation.... It is also a new start for future cooperation.” Xinhua reported that Xi also stressed that “he and Putin agreed to continue putting bilateral ties as a priority of each other’s foreign relations and enhancing strategic coordination and cooperation.” Putin stated, according to Xinhua, that the opening of the pipeline “has lifted bilateral strategic coordination to a new level.” It should be noted that of all the economic and infrastructure projects discussed between the two leaders starting back in 2014, this is the only one that has materialized.

A Dec. 3 *Global Times* editorial emphasized that the pipeline represents a “new era in the economic and trade field.” It is also “a win-win cooperation between Beijing and Moscow which gives both countries increased leverage in their negotiations with other countries.” For example, previously most Russian gas exports went to Europe. Now, 38 billion cubic meters will be delivered annually to China. That is 14% of all Chinese gas consumption in 2018.

“As mutual trust strengthens, the two countries will have more space for trade cooperation. Cross-border pipeline and bridge infrastructure improve the two sides’ all-round cooperation. This will probably structurally affect geo-economics in the entire region. The pipeline will economically energize the places it goes through in Russia. For China, many cities will enjoy clean energy from Russia, which will help the environment in Northeast and East China. China is upholding people-centered development, an idea—if internationalized—that maximizes equal and mutually beneficial cooperation among countries. The pipeline benefits the two peoples,” the editorial concluded.

Former Spanish Prime Minister Backs Belt and Road as Key for World Development

Dec. 3 (EIRNS)—Former Spanish Prime Minister José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero, of the Socialist Party (PSOE), gave a strong endorsement last week of the Belt and Road Initiative as “an important platform for international cooperation,” responsive to the concept of development urgently needed in the world today.

His interview with *People’s Daily* in Chinese, published on Nov. 27, was covered by various media in Spain.

“Constructing a ‘belt’ and a ‘road’ together is a development concept which transcends national borders and zero-sum thinking, and is open and inclusive,” Rodríguez Zapatero said. To the degree that China’s opening to the world continues to widen, “China’s contribution to world development is becoming more and more significant,” and “China’s path to development also gives other countries a greater understanding to elect their own development model.”

Rodríguez Zapatero reported that since his first visit to China in 2004 (his first year as Prime Minister), he has visited China almost every year, and has seen the changes and progress it has made. China’s ability to reach its current development “is inseparable from the Chinese people’s hard work, efforts and struggles. Every time I go to China, I feel that the Chinese are happier and more confident,” he said.

Rodríguez Zapatero called for Europe and China to work together for free trade and multilateralism, in order to create “new opportunities” for world economic growth, and asserted that “Spain is very interested in China and China has development many opportunities in Spain. Both countries should work together to promote greater development of bilateral relations.”

Portugal's Sines Port, Rail Development Project Looks to Belt and Road

Dec. 3 (EIRNS)—A delegation from China's Xiamen port, the 14th largest container port in the world, visited Portugal's Sines port last week, and agreed that Sines has a key role to play in the Belt and Road Initiative, *Revista Cargo* reported yesterday.

Chen Zhiping, the president of the Xiamen port, spoke of Sines having “unrivaled attributes” that would make it an excellent hub for linking Southwest Europe and Southeast Asia. The two ports established a partnership during the visit by Chen, Xiamen city Deputy Mayor Han Jingyi, and Xiamen's Vice-President for Customs Zhang Dongdong.

Portugal's desire to play a central role in the BRI has been limited by the decrepit state of its railways, which for the past 30 years have been neglected by every government, including the current Costa government. Officials are now signalling that building a modern rail system is being deemed a priority.

Prime Minister Antonio Costa proposed Nov. 29 that Portugal take on the mission of developing a rail industry. Portugal “needs to strengthen its economic base and raise its productivity level,” and creating “an industrial base through the rail industry” could function as the driver for doing so, he said on Nov. 29, during the signing ceremony for a new public contract with CP, Portugal's state railway. He proposed Portugal should think not only of producing its own rolling stock, but build enough capacity to produce for export.

STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

Chinese Commentary Further Responds to U.S. Hong Kong Act

Dec. 3 (EIRNS)—Perhaps most interesting is an op-ed written in *Global Times* by Song Xiaofeng of the Taihe Institute, one of the leading think tanks in China, under the headline: “Trump Will Think Carefully before Using Hong Kong Bill against China in the Future.” Song makes the point

bluntly that “Trump’s true intention in signing the bill is not about promoting the so-called democracy and freedom in the city, but about keeping his voters happy for the upcoming presidential election.... Under the circumstance, if Trump did not sign the bill, he would have to face criticism from Democrats and mainstream media, which could have led to an internal division among the Republicans. Besides, Trump is still caught up in the impeachment inquiry. Saying no to the act would have further weakened his position in the presidential election. Even if Trump did not give the Hong Kong bill a nod, the act would have automatically taken effect on Tuesday.”

After recognizing the political realities in Washington to which Trump bent by signing the Hong Kong Act, Song went on to say that the Act is inextricably linked to the U.S.-China trade talks, like it or not: “Signing the Hong Kong bill will definitely make it harder for a trade deal to be reached between Washington and Beijing. This is a trade-off that Trump is fully aware of, and this is also why he suggested in his statement that relevant clauses might not take effect immediately, noting ‘my administration will treat each of the provisions of the act consistently with the President’s constitutional authorities with respect to foreign relations.’ ”

Song concluded that “the key issue is how this act will work later.... Although Hong Kong is still trapped in chaos, it has not yet put China’s sovereignty and government in danger.”

A Dec. 2 editorial also published in *Global Times* warned: “If the U.S. side continues to provoke on Hong Kong, it is expected that China will take follow-up actions.... Washington shouldn’t get the illusion that it can turn the influence into jurisdiction over Hong Kong, and make the city its sphere of influence.... The countermeasures announced on Monday also sent a clear signal to radical forces in Hong Kong that they shouldn’t count on external forces to dictate the Hong Kong situation. The city is part of China and no force can change or weaken this reality. China has abundant capability to adopt tough measures when necessary to stop external forces from causing any real harm to China’s sovereignty.”

What sort of measures, one might ask?

“The People’s Liberation Army is also stationed in Hong Kong. It is not a decoration, but provides fundamental support for Hong Kong’s stability.... It’s Hong Kong’s tradition to connect China and the West. However, if Hong Kong society can’t stop internal disruptive forces and the city can no longer perform such a function, then the city will experience an economic structural adjustment. No force should ponder the idea of undermining China’s sovereignty over Hong Kong. The path is a dead end.”

Zelensky Makes Clear to Multiple Media, There Is No Progress without Dialogue with Putin

Dec. 3 (EIRNS)—On the eve of the NATO summit in London, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky granted a four-way interview in Kiev to *Time*, *Le Monde* of France, *Der Spiegel* of Germany, and *Gazeta Wyborcza* of Poland, in which he stressed, among other things, the necessity of talking directly to Russian President Vladimir Putin as a pre-requisite for ending the war in the Donbas region. The next steps there, he said according to *Time*’s account of the interview, is another prisoner exchange and a ceasefire, a real one where the shooting actually stops.

Zelensky’s third point is elections, but “before elections, we need a full withdrawal, a full disarming of all illegal formations, military formations, no matter the type, no matter the group, no matter the uniform, no matter what weapons.” He said that “Resolving these three points will create an understanding that we want to end the war.”

As for the border with Russia, Zelensky said this will be the most difficult question in the negotiations. And if those talks fail? Zelensky was quite adamant. “I will not agree to go to war in the Donbas,” he said. “I know there are a lot of hotheads, especially those who hold rallies and say, ‘Let’s go fight and win it all back!’ But at what price? What is the cost? It’s another story of lives and land. And I won’t do it. If that doesn’t satisfy society, then a new leader will come who will satisfy those demands. But I will never go for that, because my position in life is to be a human being

above all. And I cannot send them there. How? How many of them will die? Hundreds of thousands, and then an all-out war will start, an all-out war in Ukraine, and then across Europe.”

On Putin, Zelensky said his three phone calls with the Russian President have all been productive. “We got our sailors back [in a prisoner exchange],” he said. “We got back our guys who wound up behind bars under tragic circumstances, our political prisoners. That’s very important.” He was referring to Nov. 25, 2018 incident between Ukraine and Russia in the Kerch Strait.

Separately, in a video posted to Facebook, Zelensky is reported by TASS to have said that there will be no progress in efforts to resolve the Donbas conflict without dialogue with Putin. “You know, we could do without dialogue but it would be like using a running machine—you are running in place and there is no movement forward. We don’t want to run in place, we would like all this to end,” Zelensky pointed out. Zelensky addressed the Ukrainian people, asking them not to trust politicians who criticized the upcoming talks, and pointed out that there was no alternative to resolving the conflict through diplomatic means. “Don’t believe anyone, no one can achieve anything through war, no one wants to waste hundreds of thousands of lives. Diplomacy is the only way,” he stressed.

SCIENCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

First Chang’e-4 Mission Radio Telescope Is Operational, and ‘The Moon Night Is Ours, Now!’

Dec. 3 (EIRNS)—The Netherlands-China Low Frequency Explorer (NCLE) radio telescope, mounted on the Queqiao communications satellite orbiting the Moon as part of China’s Chang’e-4 mission on the far side of the Moon, has commenced operations, Universe Today website reported on Nov. 30.

This opens the next phase of Change-4’s mission: radio astronomy from the Moon’s far side, whereby Humanity can finally look out at the universe in very low frequencies, from a vantage point shielded from the

electromagnetically-noisy Earth, and “see” all kinds of new phenomena. Marc Klein Wolt, the Managing Director of the Radboud Radio Lab and leader of the Dutch team working on the NCLE, captured the excitement of this beginning:

“Our contribution to the Chinese Chang’e-4 mission has now increased tremendously. We have the opportunity to perform our observations during the 14-day-long night behind the Moon, which is much longer than was originally the idea. The Moon night is ours, now.”

The NCLE consists of three 5 meter monopole antennas that are sensitive to radio frequencies in the 80 kHz-80 MHz range, Universe Today reports. The antennas are not fully deployed at this time, because of “sluggishness” which developed in their unfolding part way through, at which point the team decided to begin collecting data from the partially-deployed antennas. “At their current, shorter deployment, the instrument is sensitive to signals from roughly 13 billion years ago”; once the antennas are unfolded to their full length, they will be able to capture signals from further back in time.