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EDITORIAL

‘Hope and Excitement’ in the Midst of a Struggle

June 1 (EIRNS)—A nation which has at last gotten back on the path to real human exploration of the Solar System and resulting revolutions in science and technology, has seen four nights of growing riots aimed to remove the President who returned it to that path. The violent overthrow aimed at China’s authority in Hong Kong has now been deliberately “spread” to try

to topple a White House which was just yesterday castigating China for exercising that authority.

In city after city we see the contrast between African Americans in anguished protests against police killings of unarmed Black Americans, and flash mobs of anarchist rioters, some of whom are clearly veterans and professionals at burning, beating, and destroying, and find palettes full of bricks mysteriously placed along their way to their night riots. We don't yet know the organizers. But the Hong Kong riots deeply involved British Empire intelligence, and a group of former British foreign secretaries has formed to pat themselves on the back for the British "lead" in trying to overthrow China in Hong Kong.

There are plenty around the world who want to troll the ironies against President Donald Trump; or against House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who had called the Hong Kong riots and beatings "a beautiful sight"; or against governors who kept people in their houses for three months because of the coronavirus, now all for naught.

But what matters is that tens of millions had low-wage jobs and no productive future before the pandemic, and now have lost those jobs; while Americans in the cities have been unable for 20 years to get supposedly "reformed, reorganized, retrained" police forces to stop these killings.

What matters is visibly building a new, different future—the future just glimpsed in the American return to space May 30 and the envisioned return to the Moon in four years to start our march into the Solar System.

It is a sign of that future that the President of South Africa Cyril Ramaphosa called out his congratulations for the space launch to his countryman Elon Musk, CEO and chief designer of SpaceX, because "in the midst of our struggle against COVID-19 ... we [South Africans] have been given this hope and excitement." A new achievement in space always belongs to the human race.

The LaRouche Political Action Committee's [new report](#) on how to create 50 million new skilled jobs in the United States and 1.5 billion

productive jobs worldwide—with the spacefaring nations’ exploration programs forming the leading edge—can in fact bring Americans together, especially young Americans. And it was designed to bring the leaders of those leading technological powers together—America, China, Russia, India—in a summit for a new credit system and a great task.

THE NEW GLOBAL ECONOMIC ORDER

Trump’s New Summit Idea Doubted, No Official Reactions Yet

June 1 (EIRNS)—Neither TASS, Sputnik, nor RT reveal any Russian official reactions to President Donald Trump’s proposal Saturday evening, May 30, for an expanded “G7” summit in September. Associated with Trump’s proposal to invite Russia, South Korea, India, and Australia to the G7, was a statement by a White House spokesperson who implied that an absent China would be the subject of the summit. The Russian newspaper *Kommersant* ran an opinion piece which said that Putin is not likely to agree to come if the expanded summit attempts to isolate China.

Later today, TASS reported Presidential spokesman Dmitry Peskov saying that President Vladimir Putin is “open to dialogue on all subjects,” but that Russia needs to see more details before responding to the U.S. proposal and to understand whether it is official.

There have been no responses from European heads of state or government as yet.

Ramaphosa Congratulates Elon Musk on ‘Historic’ Flight

June 1 (EIRNS)—South African President Cyril Ramaphosa has congratulated his country’s native son and global technology pioneer, Elon Musk, for SpaceX’s historic first crewed commercial flight into space. Powered by SpaceX’s Falcon 9 rocket, the company’s Crew Dragon spacecraft (now officially named “Dragon Endeavour”) carried NASA astronauts Bob Behnken and Doug Hurley into space on Saturday, May 30, en route to docking with the International Space Station 19 hours later.

“In the midst of our struggle against COVID-19, Elon Musk has made us proud as a country and continent. The Dragon’s successful flight to the International Space Station speaks of the ability of a resilient, industrious, fearless and visionary individual to harness talent and material resources to open new frontiers of hope, adventure and opportunity for generations into the future.

“It is most appropriate that we have been given this hope and excitement at a time when insecurity and uncertainty defines the human condition in many parts of the world,” said President Ramaphosa. This was the first time in history that a private-sector entity launched astronauts for NASA.

As noted by South African News, Pretoria-born Musk holds South African, Canadian, and United States citizenships.

U.S. POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

Russia Approves Antiviral Medication To Shorten COVID-19 Recovery Time

June 1 (EIRNS)—Russia announced an effective treatment for the coronavirus, which hospitals will start using immediately, CNBC’s Holly Ellyatt reported today. Russia’s Ministry of Health temporarily approved the use of the drug Avifavir as a coronavirus treatment on May 30, after preliminary trials showed it could shorten recovery times for patients with COVID-19.

The final stage of Avifavir clinical trials, which involved 330 patients, has been ongoing, and Avifavir began to be delivered to hospitals June 1, according to Russia’s sovereign wealth fund, RDIF. RDIF provided money for Russia’s development and production of the drug, generically favipiravir, an anti-influenza drug developed in Japan under the brand name Avigan—in a 50-50 joint venture with the Russian pharmaceutical firm ChemRar.

RDIF CEO Kirill Dmitriev told CNBC today, “It’s a major, major step forward. We believe there are now only two antiviral drugs against the

virus that are really effective, those are remdesivir, done by the U.S., and this favipiravir, which also has significant promise,” he told CNBC’s “Squawk Box Europe.”

RDIF and the ChemRar group said today that they will deliver 60,000 courses of Avifavir to Russian hospitals in June, in a statement: “Avifavir is Russia’s first COVID-19 drug and has shown high efficacy in treating patients with coronavirus during clinical trials. Avifavir has received a registration certificate from the Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation. Thus, Avifavir has become the first favipiravir-based drug in the world approved for the treatment of COVID-19.”

According to data received from an earlier clinical trial of the drug, 65% of the 40 patients tested negative for coronavirus after five days of treatment, which was two times higher than the standard therapy ground, RDIF and ChemRar said in May.

Russia has the third-highest number of confirmed coronavirus cases in the world, with 405,843, according to Johns Hopkins University data. The official death toll, however, has remained low, at 4,693. RDIF CEO Dmitriev said, “It’s important for many countries to cooperate.... There’s no doubt we were able to succeed only by sharing our information with other countries, and receiving information from other countries,” citing Japan.

Space Expert Proposes U.S. Space Force Have the Mission for Planetary Defense against Asteroids

June 1 (EIRNS)—The White House National Space Council recently announced plans to update the country’s National Space Policy for the first time in a decade. As part of that review, why not make the defense of planet Earth from the asteroid threat part of the mission of the U.S. Space Force? That is, in fact, proposed by Peter Garretson, a senior fellow in Defense Studies with the American Foreign Policy Council and a strategy consultant who focuses on space and defense, in an op-ed published in *The Hill* today.

“The Space Force already cooperates with NASA to map the asteroid threat, and already bears primary responsibility for space situational awareness and space control in the service of homeland defense,” Garretson writes. “Planetary defense is quite obviously a defense mission, and it’s therefore natural that the Space Force should have primary responsibility.

“The need is urgent. Few threats are as catastrophic as an asteroid or comet collision. Large impacts could—as happened to the dinosaurs—cause a global mass extinction and end human civilization. Smaller impacts could be powerful enough to destroy entire cities or entire regions. Even the smallest impacts could be mistaken for a nuclear first strike and potentially set off a nuclear war by accident,” he writes.

Garretson continues, Congress should codify in the next National Defense Authorization Act Space Force’s responsibility for the asteroid defense mission.

“The U.S. Space Force should be tasked to organize, train, equip and present the necessary units and capabilities to surveil, detect, and respond to an asteroid or comet threat.... U.S. Space Command should be tasked to plan, execute, and develop requirements for a deflection campaign, while NASA and the Department of Energy should continue to support this mission through science and technology.”

The benefits for doing so would be broad, Garretson argues, to include pushing Space Force and the country at large into enhancing space-faring capabilities.

“Planetary defense is a demanding mission, one requiring exquisite space domain awareness and advanced propulsion capabilities. Developing those technologies will improve Space Force capabilities, but it will also have important spillover effects that will catapult the United States into a position to exploit the emerging trillion-dollar space economy.”

Missing from Garretson’s proposal is international cooperation. After all, the planetary defense against asteroids is a mission for the entire world, and cannot be owned by one nation alone. Giving Space Force that mission

must also open the door to expanded cooperation in space among all of the nations of the world.

National Guard Deployments against Civil Unrest Spread Across the Country

June 1 (EIRNS)—According to an update posted by the National Guard Bureau yesterday, a total of 66,722 Guard troops are mobilized in 23 states for the coronavirus response, civil disturbances, disaster response, and other tasks. Of those, about 45,000 are deployed on pandemic response while 17,015 are assisting law enforcement in response to civil unrest in dozens of cities across the country, from Boston to Los Angeles. The update notes, too, that the situation across the country is very fluid and that the numbers can change quickly.

Guard members are to perform a variety of mission sets, including traffic control, support to law enforcement, transportation, and communication support, the NGB said. They've also been called upon to assist with extinguishing fires burning as a result of the unrest.

“Aircrews were using forest fire equipment, including helicopter water buckets, to put out building fires at protests last night,” said Gen. Joseph Lengyel, chief of the National Guard Bureau. “We’re here to help and assist local authorities,” he added. “Our troops are here to protect life and property, and preserve peace, order, and public safety.”

Army Master Sgt. Michael Houk, a National Guard Bureau spokesman, told *Military Times* that the duration of the activations is unknown at this time. “The National Guard will remain on mission as long as they’re needed,” he said.

The White House has indicated, however, that there are no plans at present to federalize the National Guard. “We’re not going to federalize the Guard at this time. But, if necessary, we have further military assets that can be deployed,” President Donald Trump’s National Security Adviser Robert O’Brien told reporters at the White House on May 31. “We’ll do whatever the governors or mayors need to keep control of their cities.”

Minnesota Adjutant General Maj. Gen. Jon Jensen said during a May 31 conference call with Pentagon reporters, that Guard troops in his state are carrying rifles, sidearms, and ammunition in response to a “credible threat” aimed directly against them as reported by the FBI. “Our soldiers are currently carrying ammunition in their magazine pouches,” Jensen said. “We don’t talk about rules of engagement,” he continued, but said that in general troops “cannot greatly exceed the force” with which they might be threatened.

The adjutants general of Colorado and Georgia, who joined Jensen on the call, said their troops had not received any direct credible threats. Air Force Maj. Gen. Michael Loh, adjutant general of Colorado, said the troops he has deployed to back up law enforcement in Denver were not armed, and Army Maj. Gen. Thomas Carden Jr., adjutant general of Georgia, said his troops were carrying only sidearms.

SCIENCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Rogozin, Musk and Bridenstine Exchange Compliments—No Geopolitics in Space

June 1 (EIRNS)—Dmitry Rogozin, Director of Russia’s state space corporation, Roscosmos, extended congratulations to both NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine and SpaceX founder Elon Musk on the successful docking of the Crew Dragon manned spacecraft with the International Space Station (ISS).

“Dear Jim Bridenstine, it’s safe to congratulate you at this point with a successful launch and docking. Bravo! I know how anxious you were for this major event to become a success. I wish NASA team to successfully finish up reconstructing its national space transportation system to the ISS.

“Please convey my sincere greetings to Elon Musk (I loved his joke) and SpaceX team. Looking forward to further cooperation!”

In response Musk tweeted, “Thank you, sir,” and said that he hopes for “mutually beneficial and prospering long-term cooperation,” reported TASS.

Also reacting to Rogozin’s tweet, Bridenstine replied, “Thank you! NASA is grateful for our partnership and we look forward to continuing to accomplish great things together in space exploration.”

In his news conference Musk confirmed “The trampoline is working,” in response to a 2014 remark by Rogozin, suggesting that if the U.S. wanted to impose sanctions on Roscosmos, NASA would have to use a trampoline to get astronauts to the ISS.

Africa CDC Warns of Community Transmission, Bespeaking Virus Phase-Shift in Africa

June 1 (EIRNS)—An alert by the Africa CDC chair has warned that the COVID-19 virus in Africa is on the verge of a dangerous phase-shift, specifically “community transmission.” This occurs when the density of cases is so great that contact tracing becomes overwhelmed, since transmission vectors are so numerous. At that point the isolation of infected persons—the primary social tool for slowing the spread—becomes much less effective as a containment strategy.

Speaking from Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Africa Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) Chair John Nkengasong told journalists, “We are beginning to see sustained community transmission within Ethiopia and many other countries across Africa,” and stating that, beyond increasing the hygienic measures of hand-washing, social distancing and so on, governments need to modify the way they test their populations. Instead of focusing on testing people arriving at airports and borders, governments should switch to a “surveillance” (universal) testing of those with flu-like symptoms.

The first suspected case of community transmission in the United States occurred in late February, according to the U.S. CDC. Then, a patient transferred to the San Francisco Bay area from northern California was

determined by healthcare personnel to have no history of travel or contact with an infected person. That incident is considered the unofficial onset of phase-shift in the transmission of the virus in the general population.

COLLAPSING WESTERN FINANCIAL SYSTEM

India's Modi Floats a Green Insanity Hatched at Harvard

June 1 (EIRNS)—Prime Minister Narendra Modi's National Democratic Alliance government on May 27 called for bids for the rollout of a green monstrosity, appearing to be one from a Harvard research group called a "Greening of the Belt and Road" in a report last August. That group estimated that it would cost a mere \$13 trillion, making it the geographically largest and most expensive financial boondoggle ever planned at the expense of the world's taxpayers.

In the Indian government's version, this is called the One Sun One World One Grid (OSOWOG) plan, "to take on China's Belt and Road Initiative," as LiveMint reported it May 28. It's supposed to be a global electricity grid stretching from Southeast Asia to the North African Sahara, all solar farms. Its slogan is "The Sun Never Sets" (an original thought, certainly) "and the Sun is a constant at some geographical location, globally, at any given point of time" (why has no one thought of that before?).

There is also something called the International Solar Alliance (ISA) co-founded in 2015 by India's Modi and then French President Francois Hollande during the COP21 in Paris, that has 67 countries as members. Says LiveMint, "It has become India's calling card on climate change and is increasingly being viewed as a foreign policy tool." India's RFP, for its part, says, "With India at the fulcrum, the solar spectrum can easily be divided into two broad zones viz. far East which would include countries like Myanmar, Vietnam, Thailand, Lao, Cambodia etc. and far West which would cover the Middle East and the Africa Region."

The basic scheme was published last year from a “group of Chinese, British and American researchers at the John A. Paulson School of Business at Harvard.” It proposed to replace all the coal, oil and nuclear power planned in 67 contiguous countries participating in the Belt and Road Initiative, with a 30,000- square-mile belt of solar farms (cost: \$11.2 trillion, they said); and a new grid to connect the countries needing power with those having—to put it bluntly—deserts to offer. Another \$2 trillion for that. And then, “the power is free,” exulted these addled researchers.

This is not an indication that Narendra Modi has had a nervous breakdown; India has been having an economic breakdown. Its government is looking for infrastructure credit—any credit, for any ostensible “big” purpose. What this does show, is that if Lyndon LaRouche’s concept for a Four Power summit of India, Russia, China, and the U.S. towards a New Bretton Woods credit system does not happen, now before the chance is lost, there won’t be any infrastructure or any other kind of recovery. For the pro-hard technology leaders of India, China, Russia, and America, it is “unite or die.”

IMPERIAL GEOPOLITICS

Former British Foreign Secretaries Urge Empire Take the Lead Role in Fight against China

June 1 (EIRNS)—Seven former British foreign secretaries, from both the Labour and Conservative Parties, called on the British government to take the lead in coordinating the international response to China’s Hong Kong policy. The call was made in a letter to Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab.

“When it comes to Hong Kong’s autonomy under the ‘one country, two systems’ model, many of our international partners continue to take their cue from the British government,” they wrote. “I’m sure you would agree, as a co-signatory of the Sino-British joint declaration the U.K. must be seen to be leading and coordinating the international response to this crisis and ensuring the integrity of the treaty lodged at the United Nations in 1985 and one country, two systems.”

Two of the former foreign secretaries signing the letter are David Miliband and Jack Straw, who won infamy for having conspired with then-Prime Minister Tony Blair to get the British Empire's toady George Bush to launch a war of aggression against Iraq, based on MI6 intelligence lies. Other Labour Party signers were Margaret Beckett, and former Labour peer David Owen. Owen gained his notoriety for his role in NATO's war against Yugoslavia. For these people to speak of "moral and legal obligation to the people of Hong Kong" is criminal.

The last ones include Conservative William Hague, who helped oversee the ouster and butchery of Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qaddafi in 2011, plunging that nation into a civil war that is ongoing. Other Tories include Malcolm Rifkind and Jeremy Hunt.

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