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EDITORIAL

Derail London's Drive for War, Economic Decoupling, and a U.S. Coup

Sept. 17 (EIRNS)—As we approach the opening of the 75th UN General Assembly next week, as well as the final countdown to the U.S. elections a little over six weeks from now, the British and their war party are on a rampage to escalate their strategic provocations against China and Russia, and to increase their operations for a coup against President Donald Trump and related “strategy of tension” destabilization of the U.S.

Schiller Institute founder Helga Zepp-LaRouche summarized her strategic evaluation at the outset of her Sept. 16 weekly webcast: “The strategic situation is one of total confrontation on the side of the war party and its British and neocon elements in the U.S., against Russia and China.... I think between now and the U.S. election, we have to expect an escalation of tension, and be on high alert.... The climate is so thoroughly poisoned [against China and Russia], that between now and Nov. 3 there is the danger that these things could go out of control.”

Zepp-LaRouche stressed the two most effective points of intervention to derail the British drive for war and a U.S. coup: “That is why we are pushing so hard to get a summit, on the level of the presidents of the U.S., Russia and China, minimally, or the P5 permanent five members of the UN Security Council, because we have to get off this geopolitical confrontation which can get out of control. Because if it does, it may be too late.” She added: “Apart from the summit, the other thing that people can do, well before the U.S. election, is to bring out the whole scandal that there was no Russiagate, that this was an operation of British intelligence;... and blow up the coup!”

Just look at the policy profile of the ongoing coup attempt against President Trump: it's being run by those forces that want perpetual American wars, up to and including a direct confrontation with Russia and China. Last week, comments by former Defense Secretary Gen. James

Mattis were rolled out, where he informed then-DNI Dan Coats that “there may come a time when we have to take collective action” against Trump. Mattis and Trump parted ways because Trump was insisting that American troops had to be pulled out of Syria, and Mattis refused to implement that policy. Now this week, Gen. H.R. McMaster was interviewed by CBS “60 Minutes,” where the British-linked former National Security Adviser bragged he had managed to convince President Trump to *not* pull out of Afghanistan, but then had to leave the administration when Trump “renege” on McMaster’s commitment to perpetual war.

With President Trump focused on the upcoming election, and hampered by the ongoing coup operations, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo is on an unconstrained rampage on behalf of the British Empire. He has deployed Under Secretary of State Keith Krach on the highest-level visit to Taiwan in many years, to work on economic deals (including a possible Free Trade Agreement), and to reportedly prepare seven separate arms deals. According to press accounts, Pompeo will brief President Trump sometime later this week—no doubt to present him with a *fait accompli*. It is well known that the Chinese government considers Taiwan an absolute red line in its foreign relations.

And then Pompeo and his sidekick Elliott Abrams will return to the UN Security Council this weekend to press the issue of the “snapback” imposition of full sanctions on Iran. Even though 13 out of 15 countries on the UNSC are opposed to Washington’s move, both Pompeo and Abrams made it clear that they intend to proceed regardless—and impose sanctions on any third country that doesn’t go along with American sanctions against Iran. This is guaranteed to produce a train wreck in U.S. relations with Russia and China, if carried out. It is the British Empire’s strategy of inciting a full decoupling of the depression-wracked U.S. economy from the countries with which it most needs to ally—especially China and Russia—if it is to break with Wall Street and adopt the economic recovery policies elaborated by Lyndon LaRouche over the last 50 years.

Those LaRouche development policies for the entire world will be featured at a LaRouche international youth movement conference on Sept. 26. Young speakers from around the world will explain how different their respective impoverished nations and regions would be today, if LaRouche's policies had been adopted over the last half-century. That same conference will also take up the pressing issue of the full strategic implications of the Lyndon LaRouche case, and why LaRouche and his ideas must be fully exonerated now.

STRATEGIC WAR DANGER

***National Interest* Publishes Call for U.S.-Russia Summit To Address War Danger**

Sept. 17 (EIRNS)—Four prominent international attorneys with extensive experience in U.S.-Soviet and U.S.-Russian affairs, penned a lengthy article, entitled, “[The Number One Priority in Setting a New Course with Putin's Russia](#),” in the Sept. 13 issue of *National Interest*, which calls for an urgent U.S.-Russia summit on arms negotiations, as the two nations “stand on the brink of abandoning six decades of arms control agreements and accelerating the creation of new and more terrifying doomsday weapons.” The *National Interest* on June 18 ran Russian President [Vladimir Putin](#)'s extensive historical article on the origins of World War II.

Although their proposal is for a 2021 meeting between Putin and whoever wins the U.S. Presidential election; and although it is misleadingly “even-handed” in its argument that “both major political parties downplay, and hardly prioritize, the importance of avoiding this catastrophic collision course with Russia”—ignoring the fact that President Donald Trump is on the public record repeatedly stating that arms reduction talks are probably the single most important issue on the world's agenda—the article is nonetheless useful. It clearly reflects heightened concern among informed policy-making circles in the U.S., a concern being stirred into action by the LaRouche movement's intense activity around the recent statements of Col. Richard Black (ret.) and former NSA specialists William Binney and Kirk

Wiebe. And it is consistent in some of its features with the widely publicized call by Schiller Institute founder Helga Zepp-LaRouche for an immediate summit of the UN's P-5 leaders to address the totality of the global crisis before us.

The article has seven specific proposals, some with greater merit than others, including:

“1. Extend—without seeking new conditions—the New START treaty which expires on February 5, 2021....

“4. Western sanctions on Russia should be lifted in a manner calibrated to restoring peace in Ukraine....

“5. Diplomatic relations between the United States and Russia should be restored to normalcy as soon as possible....

“6. Embrace Mikhail Gorbachev's entreaty that our leaders ‘return to sanity’ and initiate a ‘full-scale summit on the entire range of issues’ between our nations....

“7. This summit should serve as a forum for announcing new economic and trust-building overtures.... Possible areas of collaboration include (i) joint development of a new Arctic trade route;... (iii) undertaking serious and well funded U.S.-Russia health care projects, including in Russia's provinces and in U.S. rural areas; (iv) new student and academic exchange programs; (v) joint space exploration; and (vi) reinvigorating U.S.-Russia trade and business organization.”

Pompeo Continues To Play the Risky Game of the ‘Taiwan Card’

Sept. 17 (EIRNS)—The Trump Administration is in the process of selling weaponry worth more than \$7 billion to Taiwan, according to press reports. The sales will include cruise missiles, drones, and mines. While such sales have occurred continually during the years since the beginning of the U.S. relationship with the People's Republic of China, and have always been met by protests from China, the new slew of weapons really “pushes the envelope.”

In addition to the sales, the U.S. sent Undersecretary of State for Economic Growth, Energy and the Environment Keith Krach to Taiwan to discuss economic cooperation. This is the second high-level visit of a U.S. administration official since the visit of HHS Secretary Alex Azar last month, breaking with the protocol governing Taiwan in the three communiqués signed by the U.S. and China decades ago. While in Taiwan, Krach will also attend a memorial for Lee Teng-hui, the former KMT president of Taiwan, who died in July. According to some KMT members, Lee was responsible for the emergence of the independence-minded Democratic People's Party, and the election of Chen Shui-bian, the first DPP leader to take the lead in Taiwan. Lee was also close to Japan.

Also in New York, the firebrand U.S. Ambassador to the UN Kelly Craft, met at an outdoor café with Taiwan's representative in the U.S. James Lee. The P.R.C. assumed the seat in the UN held until that time by the Taiwan-based Republic of China in 1971.

On Sept. 14, the State Department also issued a Level 3 travel ban for China, in order to discourage Americans from traveling there, supposedly due to COVID-19 and the arbitrary enforcement of laws. This is only one level below the maximum warning Level 4, Do Not Travel.

State Department Insists UN Sanctions Will Be Reimposed on Iran

Sept. 17 (EIRNS)—Convicted Iran-Contra liar Elliott Abrams—who was pardoned by another Iran-Contra criminal, George H.W. Bush—swaggered into the State Department press briefing room yesterday to, in effect, issue orders to the rest of the world regarding sanctions on Iran. “As you know, virtually all UN sanctions on Iran will come back into place this weekend at 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Saturday the 19th,” said Abrams, the Special Representative for Venezuela and now, almost incredibly, also for Iran. “The arms embargo will now be reimposed indefinitely and other restrictions will return, including the ban on Iran engaging in enrichment and reprocessing-related activities, the prohibition on ballistic missile testing and development, and sanctions on the transfer of nuclear and missile-related technologies to Iran.” He observed that Secretary of State

Mike Pompeo had preceded him in the same briefing just a couple of hours earlier where he told reporters that “we expect all UN member states to implement the UN sanctions fully and respect the process and obligations to uphold these sanctions.”

The fact that all but two members of the UN General Assembly agree that the U.S. has no legal standing to invoke the reimposition of UN sanctions on Iran under UN Security Council resolution 2231, is of little consequence to Abrams and Pompeo. “I think that all of those individual actors around the world will take a look at the text of those sanctions and what the United States is saying and will realize that for them, the UN sanctions must be regarded as back into effect,” he said. Abrams promised a series of announcements coming over the next several days on how the U.S. is planning to make all of that happen.

Earlier, Pompeo had declared that “We will return to the United Nations to reimpose sanctions so that the arms embargo will become permanent next week.” Despite the isolation of the U.S. on the question of sanctions on Iran, Pompeo insisted that “These will be valid UN Security Council resolutions and the United States will do what it always does, it will do its share as part of the—its responsibilities to enable peace, this time in the Middle East.” He vowed that “We’ll do all the things we need to do to ensure that those sanctions are enforced.” Standing next to Pompeo was British Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab who, aside from a few “shades of difference” on the 2015 nuclear agreement, fully agreed with Pompeo.

European Parliament Resolutions Hit Belarus for Holding Elections and Russia for Saving Alexey Navalny

Sept. 17 (EIRNS)—The European Parliament has again proven to be a rubber stamp for any piece of trash put before them. This time they overwhelmingly passed resolutions denouncing the Belarus government and calling for sanctions, but also (naturally) holding Russia responsible for the alleged poisoning of Alexey Navalny and insisting on sanctions against Russia.

The resolution on Belarus said the EU Parliament does not recognize the Aug. 9 election results and will not recognize Belarus President Alexander Lukashenko once his current term of office expires on Nov. 5. They instead recognize Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya—who won 10% of the vote, and then fled to Lithuania—as having won the election, which they claimed was held in a fraudulent manner.

They fully supported the opposition’s Coordination Council as an “interim representation of the people demanding democratic change” and reiterated the many calls for new, free and fair elections to take place as soon as possible under international supervision. They called for sanctions against the leaders of the government and those involved in organizing the elections. They made wild accusations of ill-treatment, rape and torture emerging from Belarusian detention centers and jails.

The separate resolution attacking Russia on the alleged poisoning of Navalny makes the claim: “The poison used, belonging to the ‘Novichok group,’ can only be developed in state-owned military laboratories and cannot be acquired by private individuals, which strongly implies that Russian authorities were behind the attack.” It goes on further: “Should someone else, nevertheless, be found responsible, it would still be a clear breach of Russia’s international legal commitments.” It claims that the case is part of a “systemic effort to silence dissident voices.” They call for an International investigation and EU sanctions, with the claim that Russia was in breach of its international commitments in the area of chemical weapons. Nothing whatever is said about Berlin’s efforts to stymie Russia’s attempts to investigate what appears to be an attack on its citizen, however.

U.S. POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC

Gen. H.R. McMaster Uncorks against Trump for Refusing To Keep Troops in Afghanistan Forever

Sept. 17 (EIRNS)—The next batter up in the British Empire promotion of military men arguing that President Donald Trump is a threat to the nation and the world, is Gen. H.R. McMaster, who replaced Michael Flynn as

National Security Adviser from 2017-2018 and is a top protégé of the infamous Gen. David Petraeus. An interview with McMaster on “60 Minutes” by CBS News host Scott Pelley will be aired on Sunday, Sept. 20. Pelley, who had just interviewed Bob Woodward, has begun to preview the McMaster interview, telling CBS: “The first thing he did when he went in as National Security Adviser is change the President’s mind about Afghanistan. The President wanted out of Afghanistan and McMaster thought it was important that we maintain troops there. One of the things that we talk about in the story is how the President made this commitment to McMaster, made this commitment in public and then reneged a little over a year later.” (Which is supposed to be a “bad thing”?)

Recall that Gen. Jim Mattis, who reportedly told then-DNI Dan Coats that “there may come a time when we have to take collective action” against Trump, also broke ranks with his Commander-in-Chief over the issue of the perpetual wars, with Mattis openly sabotaging Trump’s orders to start pulling American troops out of Syria.

Pelley adds, fawningly about McMaster—who considers U.S. commitment to keep troops in Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria to “generational”—“He believes that the threat of terrorism here in the United States is far greater today than it was on 9/11.... And, one of the things you might not expect the National Security Adviser to talk about is climate change. McMaster believes it is an enormous threat to the security of the world and to the security of the United States.”

President Trump Describes U.S. Constitution as ‘Fulfillment of a Thousand Years of Western Civilization’

Sept. 17 (EIRNS)—Speaking at the National Archives Museum on Constitution Day, today, President Donald Trump addressed a [White House Conference on American History](#). He started by stating: “Our mission is to defend the legacy of America’s founding, the virtue of America’s heroes, and the nobility of the American character. We must clear away the twisted web of lies in our schools and classrooms, and teach our children the magnificent truth about our country. We want our sons and daughters to

know that they are the citizens of the most exceptional nation in the history of the world.”

The President continued: “On this very day in 1787, our Founding Fathers signed the Constitution at Independence Hall in Philadelphia. It was the fulfillment of a thousand years of Western civilization. Our Constitution was the product of centuries of tradition, wisdom, and experience. No political document has done more to advance the human condition or propel the engine of progress.”

The President strongly attacked the radical left and cancel culture. “The radicals burning American flags want to burn down the principles enshrined in our founding documents, including the bedrock principle of equal justice under law. In order to radically transform America, they must first cause Americans to lose confidence in who we are, where we came from, and what we believe.” Referring his July 3rd speech at Mount Rushmore, he added: “The left-wing cultural revolution is designed to overthrow the American Revolution.”

Trump also went after the propaganda tracks taught in our educational system, like those of Howard Zinn. The President slammed what he called the totally discredited *New York Times* 1619 Project. “This project rewrites American history to teach our children that we were founded on the principle of oppression, not freedom.

“Nothing could be further from the truth. America’s founding set in motion the unstoppable chain of events that abolished slavery, secured civil rights, defeated communism and fascism, and built the most fair, equal, and prosperous nation in human history.” Trump continued: “We embrace the vision of Martin Luther King, where children are not judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.”

President Trump ended his message by announcing that: “Today, I am also pleased to announce that I will soon sign an Executive Order establishing a national commission to promote patriotic education. It will be called the ‘1776 Commission.’ ” ... It will encourage our educators to

teach our children about the miracle of American history and make plans to honor the 250th anniversary of our founding. Think of that—250 years.”

He ended by elaborating describing the purge in June of the statue of Founding Father Caesar Rodney of Wilmington, Delaware: In July 1776, “Even though he was suffering from very advanced cancer—he was deathly ill—Rodney rode 80 miles through the night, through a severe thunderstorm, from Dover to Philadelphia to cast his vote for independence,” breaking the tie in the Delaware delegation. Trump is ordering that Rodney’s statue will be erected in the National Garden of American Heroes, that he established by Executive Order on July 3rd, to host a vast outdoor park featuring the statues of the greatest Americans who have ever lived.

COLLAPSING WESTERN FINANCIAL SYSTEM

Sanctions Kill! Venezuelans Forced To Face Pandemic without Gasoline

Sept. 16 (EIRNS)—Venezuela’s oil industry, already in weakened condition, has been so wrecked by continually escalating U.S. sanctions, economic blockade and organized sabotage which began under President Barack Obama and escalated under the Trump Administration, that the oil industry has ground to a near halt. On Sept. 10, the government announced drastic rationing of gasoline was required. Details have not been fully spelled out, but one official told citizens on Sept. 14 that gasoline will only be provided for doctors and police when they are on duty, and for powering cisterns and activities related to food (and though not said, undoubtedly for the military, also).

On the Venezuelan Isla de Margarita and in the parts of the interior, most people have been unable to buy any gasoline since the end of July. That situation has now moved into the big metropolitan centers, including the capital, Caracas. The head of the Oil and Gas Workers Union in the state of Falcón, Ivan Freitas, warned on Sept. 11 that refinery production is very unstable, and because of the sanctions, imports are ruled out. The

crisis would have happened sooner, except for four shipments of gasoline from Iran and oil industry inputs that got through earlier this year—before Mike Pompeo was able to mobilize the seizure of any further shipments. President Nicolás Maduro also reported on Sept. 11 that a U.S. Marine who had worked for the CIA in Iraq had been arrested carrying heavy weaponry and money, and scoping out two state oil refineries along the Venezuelan coast.

The government charged that the blockade against Venezuela which “has brought serious damage to our entire energy industry,” constitutes a “flagrant and pernicious violation of the human rights of an entire people, which contravenes the entire legal order of the international community, especially the United Nations Charter.”

The government referenced the following chilling statement made on Oct. 12, 2018 to Voice of America Spanish-language broadcast by former U.S. Ambassador to Venezuela [William Brownfield](#), who told a reporter: “If we are going to sanction [state-owned *Petróleos de Venezuela*] PDVSA, it will have an impact on the entire people,” who are already suffering from the lack of food and medicines. Without hesitation, he went on: “Perhaps the best resolution would be to accelerate the collapse, even if it produces a period of greater suffering for a period of months or perhaps years.”

SCIENCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Chinese Mapping Options for Lunar Mining

Sept. 17 (EIRNS)—Origin Space, a Beijing-based private, space resources company, is set to launch its first “space mining robot” in November. NEO-1 is a small (around 30 kilograms) satellite intended to enter a 500-km Sun-synchronous orbit. It will be launched by a Chinese Long March rocket as a secondary payload.

This small spacecraft will not be doing actual mining; instead, it will be testing technologies. “The goal is to verify and demonstrate multiple functions such as spacecraft orbital maneuver, simulated small celestial

body capture, intelligent spacecraft identification and control,” says Yu Tianhong, an Origin Space co-founder, Andrew Jones reported yesterday for *IEEE Spectrum*, the publication of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers.

Origin Space, established in 2017, describes itself as China’s first firm focused on the utilization of space resources. China’s private space sector emerged following a 2014 government decision to open up the industry.

The “Little Hubble” satellite will carry an optical telescope designed to observe and monitor Near Earth Asteroids. Origin Space notes that identifying suitable targets is the first step toward space resources utilization. Beyond this, Origin Space will also be taking aim at the Moon with NEO-2, with a target launch date of late 2021 or early 2022.

Chinese-Egyptian High-Speed ‘Suez Canal on Rails’ Connects Mediterranean and Red Sea

Sept. 17 (EIRNS)—China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation (CCECC) and Egyptian companies Samcrete and the Arab Organization for Industrialization have won a \$9 billion contract to build a 543-km high-speed railway, connecting the Mediterranean coast at El-Alamein to the Red sea at Ain Sokhna. Accommodating train speeds of 250 kph the “Suez Canal on rails” will cut travel between the two cities to three hours, reported *Egypt Independent* on Sept. 5.

The scheme’s importance to Egypt was compared to the Suez Canal by Samcrete CEO Sherif Nazmy, who told *Egypt Independent*’s Arab-language parent newspaper *Al-Masry Al-Youm* that it would be Egypt’s first new electric railway since 1854, and it will be the longest and largest railway in the Middle East, he said. The railway will pass through the cities of Sixth of October, Burj al-Arab and Alexandria.

Nazmy also explained that Egypt now joins the list of countries using express trains for freight and passenger transport, thus completing the big boom in transportation and the infrastructure and development projects that President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi started. According to Nazmy, the trains

would be manufactured in east Port Said, with Chinese technology being transferred to Egypt.

NEW WORLD ECONOMIC ORDER

Wang Yi Depicts Foreign Policy Dialogues between China and Its Partners in Xinhua Exclusive

Sept. 17 (EIRNS)—Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi gave an exclusive interview to Xinhua published today, while in Moscow on Sept. 16 and during his visits to Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Mongolia. ([“China Vows To Strengthen Cooperation in Regional Security with All Nations: FM”](#)). He commented on the successful Shanghai Cooperation Organization foreign ministers’ meeting in Moscow, which is in preparation for an SCO video summit in November. On that occasion the heads of the member states will be invited to issue statements to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the victory of the Anti-Fascist War. There was also a great deal of discussion with regard to COVID and collaboration among the countries in their efforts to overcome the crisis. There was general support there for the proposal for a Health Silk Road, made earlier by President Xi Jinping, who has been in touch with the leaders of these countries on the matter. The countries also agreed to move forward in the Belt and Road development, adding on the important Digital Silk Road elements of the project.

The countries had also forged an agreement on their efforts to fight against the “three evils,” terrorism, separatism, and extremism, the threat of which Wang said was growing in the region, with underpinning by external forces. Wang explained: “Some forces from outside the region have interfered in the internal affairs of countries in the region with various excuses, and even incited a new round of ‘color revolution.’ At the same time, to maintain unipolar hegemony, these forces are maliciously smearing China, Russia and other emerging economies, unreasonably containing and suppressing them, and even coercing other countries to take sides, in an attempt to create a so-called ‘new Cold War.’ Such acts have overstepped

the bottom line of state-to-state relations, and are not in line with the interest of various countries. The international community will not accept such acts that will surely make a disgraceful record in history.”

With regard to his meetings with Russia’s Sergey Lavrov, Wang Yi said the China-Russia relationship was rock-solid. “China and Russia are united like a mountain, and their friendship is unbreakable,” he asserted, and the two are united in standing up against “unilateral bullying.” He said Russia and China would be cooperating in defending multilateralism and in working together to overcome COVID. They would also collaborate closely on the development of science and technology. “The two sides will implement well over 1,000 projects under the framework of the Year of Scientific and Technological Innovation, deepen cooperation in the commercialization of outcomes in science and technology, promote two-way exchanges of talents, encourage investment fields including high-tech and Internet, and provide scientific and technological support for practical cooperation between the two countries,” he explained.

Wang Yi also underlined the importance of the upcoming 75th anniversary General Assembly of the United Nations and said that President Xi would be attending meetings in connection with the UNGA.

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