
Breaking News

LaRouche Russian-Language Publications Spread

May 16—Lyndon LaRouche's April 23 article, "Soon, Hyperinflation," continues to be the center of hot debate in Russia, as reflected in the publication of its Russian translation on 30 different websites and blogs over the past 10 days. Other Russian outlets are translating material from LaRouche and Helga Zepp-LaRouche, as well as articles from *EIR*. Among the latest:

- BFM.ru, the major economic news outlet, yesterday published a Russian translation of Helga Zepp-LaRouche's recent interview with German economist Prof. Wilhelm Hankel (*EIR*, May 1). An earlier interview of Hankel by Zepp-LaRouche was one of BFM.ru's most-read publications ever.

- Inoforum.ru, a foreign press translation and discussion forum, has translated the "Dialogue with LaRouche" on the Nazi doctors brainwashing President Obama, from *EIR*, May 15.

- Matthew Ogden's "George Soros's Twitter Revolution," translated by a Moldovan paper and picked up by InoSMI.ru, has appeared on at least three dozen websites.

World 'Jostling' To Grab Flu Vaccines and Profits

May 19—The *Financial Times* of London, in an article on its website today, reports that the world's richer countries are fighting among each other to secure vaccine supplies for the coming new flu pandemic, while leaving poor nations to fend for themselves.

Thirty executives of the world's top private pharmaceutical companies met in Geneva today with the heads of the World Health Organization (WHO) and the UN, to discuss who gets vaccines and who doesn't.

"The discussions come as richer countries are jostling with each other for access

to scarce manufacturing capacity for flu vaccines, with several already paying to reserve doses pledged for delivery by the end of this year," the newspaper reported. "The discussions could trigger tensions both with other industrialized countries seeking to acquire scarce H1N1 vaccine, as well as poorer countries even less likely to gain access to doses in the coming months."

"There was tension in these latest negotiations over access to limited capacity, fuelled in part by concerns that Germany, the U.S. and Canada have yet to reserve space to manufacture H1N1 doses, although they are the sites of some of the world's largest vaccine production facilities.

"Such deals will leave other countries, including eastern European Union states, struggling to gain access to supplies in time for what is likely to be a more severe second wave of H1N1 in the Northern Hemisphere at the end of this year. There is also concern for the developing nations, which are now entering their annual seasonal flu period."

British Tell WHO: Bring On the Pandemic!

May 18—British Health Secretary Alan Johnson marched into the meeting of the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva today, and demanded that the WHO *not* declare the new (A)H1N1 virus a Level 6 pandemic, which action would trigger emergency measures globally, mandating ramping up production of a vaccine.

Johnson proposed that the WHO instead change its criteria for declaring a pandemic, from "mechanistic" geographic criteria, to take into account "severity," when the one thing that is known about influenza viruses, is that they mutate. Today's mild virus, particularly in more healthy populations, may become tomorrow's mass killer, especially in poor and weaker populations.

What medical training or background does the Health Minister of Great Britain have? None. Johnson quit school at the

age of 15, and at the age of 18 became a postman.

Nations Demand Access To Health Technologies

May 18—Addressing the annual meeting of the World Health Organization (WHO) today, Brazilian Health Minister José Gomes Temporão called for developing nations to be guaranteed access to the technologies required to fight the new (A)H1N1 virus: diagnostics to identify it, vaccines to prevent it, and medications to treat it.

China also requested that flu-related patents be broken, so that everyone has access to the inputs required, as did Thailand, which denounced "egoism" around patents.

At Brazil's initiative, the health ministers of Portuguese-speaking nations signed a declaration defending the right to diagnostics, vaccines and treatments, in their May 15 pre-meeting. Temporão reported to that meeting, that Brazil had reached an agreement with the Swiss pharmaceutical company Roche, which holds the patent on the anti-flu medication Tamiflu, permitting Brazilian state laboratories to mass-produce it, but only if they use raw materials purchased from Roche. Brazil has a significant national pharmaceutical capability. The Brazilian Health Ministry has a sufficient stock of material for 9 million doses, which will allow Brazil to help its neighbors in the Mercosur grouping, too. But, he asked, what if the epidemic explodes worldwide? It is necessary to prepare laboratories around the world to produce generic medicines on a large scale.

Obama Delivers Another Kick to the Auto Industry

May 19—President Obama—in a fit of "green" insanity—today announced new mileage and emissions standards for all

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new cars and trucks sold in the United States. California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger (R) was present at the White House ceremony, as the new measures will impose on the entire country the same “fuel efficiency” standards already in effect, but under challenge, in his state.

Flanked by executives from ten auto manufacturers, the United Auto Workers Union, governors, Cabinet officials, and various greenies, Obama praised himself for “this extraordinary gathering,” which “would have been considered impossible in the past.”

With Chrysler in bankruptcy, and General Motors expected to be forced into bankruptcy by the Administration by the end of this month, the deal confirms fears that the Administration is out to force the industry to make expensive and tiny “green” cars that nobody wants—as opposed to reconverting the industry’s machine-tool capability for infrastructure development, as Lyndon LaRouche has insisted.

The *Detroit Free Press* said today that the new scheme will “sharply raise the industry’s costs for meeting regulations.”

The new Federal rules will increase mileage standards by 5% annually, hitting 39 mpg for cars and 30 mpg for light trucks in model year 2016—if any cars and trucks are still being produced.

Germany’s BüSo Party Backs LaRouche Program, Not EU

May 17—Some 100 party members, campaign workers, and supporters from nearly all European countries attended the convention of the German Civil Rights Solidarity Movement (BüSo) party in Frankfurt-Sossenheim today, which was keynoted by BüSo chairwoman Helga Zepp-LaRouche. The main agenda item was the campaign for the June 4 elections to the European Parliament.

Zepp-LaRouche began her address with a reminder that Lyndon LaRouche forecast long ago what just recently even the *Financial Times Deutschland* discov-

ered to be the “worst crisis of mankind.” If not turned around by a reconstruction of the global financial and economic system, she said, this collapse process will end in a new dark age in which two-thirds of the human population will be eliminated.

Kasia Kruczkowski of the German LaRouche Movement, the chairwoman of the North Rhine-Westphalia state section of the BüSo, addressed the meeting on the state party’s use of humor and Classical culture in its organizing. Since this year marks the 250th birthday of Friedrich Schiller, they will hold a series of events celebrating the German Classics and their greatest poet, beginning with a Schiller Festival in Essen on May 30. Kruczkowski concluded her speech with a quote from Schiller: “Within a narrowed perimeter, man’s mind grows narrow; man only grows in keeping with his higher aspirations.”

Guest addresses were given by Jacques Cheminade, chairman of the French Solidarity and Progress party; Ulf Sandmark, vice chairman of the Swedish European Labor Party; and Tom Gillesberg, chairman of the Danish Schiller Institute.

Israeli Economy Is Officially in Recession

May 18—Officially, the Israeli economy has gone into “recession,” but it is, in fact, in free fall. The last quarter of 2008, the Gross National Product contracted 0.5%, and in the first quarter of 2009, it fell 3.6%, more than twice the amount forecast by the IMF and Bank of Israel. Export of goods and services exports fell 46%, industrial exports fell 47.8%, agricultural exports fell 31.6%, and finished diamonds fell by 11.4%. Over 40% of Israel’s GNP is derived from exports. Imports collapsed 62.7%. Revenues from the multibillion-dollar tourism sector fell 75.4%. Private consumption dropped 4.3% and per-capita consumption was down 6%. This last figure is only for the first quarter of this year; the drop is 12% over the last three quarters.

PRESIDENT OBAMA on May 13 said he wanted to push through his health-care “reform” before Congress leaves for its August recess. “We don’t have any excuses, he said. The stars are aligned.” Sen. Max Baucus (D-Mont.), evidently consulting the same astrologer, said: “I think most people want to cooperate, most people know the stars are aligned, most know the train is leaving the station, and most know they’d better be on board.”

ARGENTINA will have the smallest wheat crop in 100 years, moving it from fifth place to the world’s seventh-largest wheat exporter this year. The country’s last wheat harvest dropped by almost 50%, from 16.3 million metric tons to 8.3 mmt.

AN INMATE at New York’s Rikers Island prison was confirmed on May 15 as having a case of swine flu, causing alarm among prisoners and guards alike. The fear is that once the flu gets into the prison system, it could spread like wildfire. Guards union president Norman Seabrook called for the facility to be fully sanitized, “just like a school.”

DR. MOHAMED ELBARADEI, chief of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), declared that “it would be completely insane to attack Iran,” in an interview with the German magazine *Der Spiegel* released on May 16. “That would turn the region into one big fireball, and the Iranians would immediately start building the bomb—and they could count on the support of the entire Islamic world.”

GERMAN LAW EXPERT Prof. Dietrich Murswiek warned on May 16 that the European Union’s still-unratified Lisbon Treaty would make the European Court of Justice, currently an arbitration court, the Supreme Court of a European Superstate, degrading national constitutional courts to the level of supreme courts in a federal state.