

who had a phone discussion with the self-appointed “president” of Venezuela, Juan Guaidó, saying that he would work with him in order to return Venezuela to democracy.

Now, it is that policy of regime change, of intervention in foreign countries for the so-called purpose of democracy, but instead creating havoc, which has brought the world to the present point of total crisis. This should be condemned, and I think we need to absolutely seek a different policy, because if you continue that, it is only a question of time, before this will really explode into a big confrontation.

It really comes back to the question, is this policy of permanent war really in the interest of the United States, or not? I would say it is not: It would be much more in the interest of the United States to reconstruct the United States itself, to spend all of that money to retool all the firms which are now producing for the war machine, retool them, and get them going for the domestic reconstruction of the United States. I think this would

be better for the United States and it would be better for the world.

The Great Power Solution

There are tiny signs of hope. One is the zoom conference discussion between Zhong Nanshan, the main person in charge of fighting the pandemic in China, and Dr. Anthony Fauci. And they emphasized that the coronavirus and pandemic are the enemy of all of mankind, and therefore the efforts to fight it must be put together and united. And I think this is the right spirit.

At the 5th China-U.S. Sub-National Legislatures Cooperation Forum, which was the first national-level dialogue to be resumed between China and the U.S. in two years, China’s Ambassador to the United States, Cui Tiankai, [told](#) the assembled legislators,

We need to be aware that people in the world share the same future and countries have common stakes. Only by upholding the vision of

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Reports from M.T. Upharsin

March 5—The Administration of Donald Trump, we were told so many times by Joe Biden, Nancy Pelosi and others, was completely non-transparent, a hostile enemy of the press, and used “police state” tactics against demonstrators.

Now we have President Joe Biden. He rarely allowed a journalist’s question when making one of his few campaign appearances; but he promised transparency and respectful White House press briefings, “bringing truth and transparency back to the briefing room,” as his representative Jen Psaki put it. It was bad news—but not a surprise—that one of Biden’s very early actions as President was to resume the attempt to extradite and prosecute Julian Assange for publishing intelligence community secrets in the press. And Biden himself has yet to hold a solo press conference.

But then there are things unexpected even from Biden: The White House does not post his daily schedule, nor that of Vice President Harris. There is no

longer a way to post petitions on the White House website. The White House comment line is shut down. The White House says it will release visitor logs, but apparently doesn’t include as visitors, those who attend *virtual* White House meetings (as nearly all of them are). So in fact, it does not release visitor logs.

While the speech gates to the Administration are largely locked, and the portals one way—you hear them, they don’t hear you—Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s House leadership has decided, through the Capitol Police, to tell the National Guard forces which have been in Washington since January 6, to stay put until May, ringing the Capitol and deployed around the House and Senate office buildings. The barbed wire-topped fence which now surrounds the Capitol is not scheduled to be taken down. “The People’s House” no longer.

The media *was* able to report—after Pelosi cancelled one House session to avoid protests expected on March 4—that the House had passed H.R.1 and sent it to the Senate. With H.R.1 the House tells the 50 Federal states and their legislatures, “Forget the Constitution’s Articles I and II; you no longer run the elections which send us to Washington—we do.”

The steps to a police state are many; they are being taken.