
Editorial

Follow APEC's Lead—Write Off Obama

A week after his “political impeachment” by American voters, the leaders at the important Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) annual summit, held in Beijing, accorded Barack Obama an unimportant role. It was a summit whose major development and infrastructure initiatives—the new Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), the even newer “Silk Road Fund,” the Free Trade Area of the Asia-Pacific (FTAAP)—Obama was trying to stop. He failed, and got neither “refuge” nor “boost” from the downward plunge in which he was headed at election time.

Americans must act accordingly, on their repulsion against Obama and his policies at that time.

The domination of summit developments by the BRICS dynamic, and particularly by China, was unmistakable. Russia and China signed a second major agreement on pipeline construction and natural gas supply to China over the next 30 years; they also launched development of a hydro-power/flood control set of dams along the Amur River in Siberia. China announced the “New Silk Road Fund,” a financing platform for infrastructure investments, which it was inaugurating with a \$40 billion capitalization. And there much more—which we can’t detail here.

The summit also provided the natural venue for beginning to deal with longstanding conflicts, as shown in the meetings between Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and both the Chinese and Russian Presidents.

By contrast, Obama at APEC managed not much more than an announcement of additional visas to the U.S. for Chinese visitors—by “Executive order,” of course.

Against this new “BRICS” international development and growth dynamic, imperial/financial

London and its thin man Obama had assumed they could use national antagonisms and rivalries; that of Japan and China, the previous border and economic disputes between China and India, Brazil-Argentina rivalries, etc. “Nationalism” in service of what? A Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade deal which would give the biggest transnational/imperial corporations and banks *supranational* control over the policies of nations!

The BRICS dynamic, now extended to APEC, is going beyond nationalism, to a higher standard *for sovereign nations* which sets mutual economic growth and development, and scientific discovery and progress for the entire human species, as the objective. This also used to be the creed of the “American System.”

Back in the U.S., small sparks are flying off the stone of last week’s electoral crushing of Obama. Two more Senators, most forcefully Republican Rand Paul, declared that Obama’s Iraq/Syria war policy now violates the Constitution and the War Powers Resolution, and that Congress cannot tolerate this. The White House then “flipped,” calling off the 1,500-troop deployment Obama had just announced, until Congress votes on it. Multiple publications on Nov. 10 ran exposés/attacks on Obama’s White House Svengali, Valerie Jarrett, calling for her to go.

But on the real problem, Lyndon LaRouche said this: “When Obama was on the downturn for the better part of two weeks, he was thrust back into a leadership position, apparently. . . . If he’s not thrown out of office very soon, the circumstances are, objectively . . . that the United States will crash. . . . Obama has to be dumped. And if he’s not dumped, then your life, and your nation, are very much in doubt.”