"At least we have Thanksgiving to look forward to"

Thanksgiving:









Her: He's probably thinking about other girls Him: Do Transformers have car insurance or life insurance



Can you say Economic Disaster I knew you could



In the May 25th "I Know Nothing" Edition Dr. Evil compared CCP economic doctrine from the CPC Central Committee State Council's "Opinions on accelerating the improvement of the socialist market economic system in the new era" (May 11, 2020) to the 80's hair band, The Clash "This indecision's bugging me. If you don't want me, set me free" [Basically the PRC economy singing to Xi Jinping.] None of it made much sense. Most of it was fundamentally contradictory. So what does this have to do with Dialectical materialism and why is the dialectic process done in the CCP? Really, what the hell does that even mean?!! Dialectical Materialism was based on Heigel, mused upon by Marx and Engles, coined by

Joseph Dietzgen and adopted by Lenin. [It's right up there with 3AM drunk undergraduate discussions of how our entire universe is one atom in the toenail of a gigantic being, whose entire universe is, in turn, just one atom in the toenail of some other, larger gigantic being, ad infinitum.] The dialectic process works by thesis – antithesis – synthesis, ...or with Chinese characteristics – have communism – make money from capitalism (Deng)

and arrive at authoritarian capitalism (Milanovic – Capitalism Alone, still reading BTW). Yea. That's done. Communists cannot abide anyone with any degree of economic freedom, which is a required component of capitalism, liberal market or authoritarian. So....capitalism with Chinese characteristics is on the way out in the PRC. How does Dr. Evil know? Seriously? ... Come on we're talking Dr. Evil...how about this

They're coming for the private sector: Credible Target: 20 SEP 2020:

On 15 SEP 2020, the CCP's Central Committee issued its' 'Opinion on Strengthening the United Front Work of the Private Economy in the New Era' (关于加强新时代民营经济统战工作的意见) (here). Bloomberg and the Times reported on it. On 17 SEP 2020, Ye Qing, Vice Chairman of the All-China Federation of Industry and Commerce (which is run by the CCP) gave a speech in which he laid out the first three steps for Party control over private businesses and the rationale for doing such. The rational is that private businesses are beneficiaries of the 'system' (tizhi), and need to do more to protect the system. First - he calls for 'a working mechanism for the Party to lead the human resources department and giving full play to the leading role of Party organizations in selecting and employing personnel.' Second is internal monitoring. 'Private enterprises may establish a monitoring and auditing department under the leadership of the Party organization, which is responsible for supervising the implementation of enterprise compliance and the enterprise management system'. Third - the Party-led union should 'advocate enterprises to invest more of the production proceeds into employee motivation, employee training, improving the labor environment and enhancing humane care'.

What does this mean? Private businesses will have to hire communist party members on their own dime to run a CCP cadre cell inside the business. This is already the case in SOEs. This cadre cell will hire and fire, not the manager, not the founder, CEO or board of directors. Lastly, this cadre cell will use business income to push Xi Jinping Thought - lots more enchanted users of the Xuexi Qiangguo app and the Xuexi Xiaozu wechat channel (here) in-coming. Why would the CCP hamstring private business, their economic driver,

when, in theory, they're trying to recover from shutdown and build a consumer economy, i.e. 'dual circulation'???!I mean 'why', besides doctrinaire communists being, by definition, idiots. Nose – Face, say goodbye.

I have a clue ...and it isn't Xi Jinping Thought

"Repaying the State's "Helping Hand": The Costs of Political Connections in China" by Chaohua Han: Institute of Economics, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Xiaojun Li: Department of Political Science, University of British Columbia, Jean C. Oi: Department of Political Science, Stanford University

September 1, 2020. "...over an eleven-year period and the variations in their postrestructuring board composition, we find that restructured state-owned enterprises (SOEs) with political connections, measured as current or former government officials on the firm board, receive

more preferential access to key inputs and policy opportunities controlled by the state, but they also pay more tax, independent of profits. We argue this is repayment by politically connected firms for the state's "helping hand." Our findings suggest that state-firm relations be recast as a reciprocal exchange rather than a one-sided provision of benefits from the state to its politically connected firms. Shifting the focus from profits to taxes also offers an explanation as to why China continues to favor SOEs over the private sector even when they are less profitable." [Hey, it worked with SOEs, why not every business? Oh, that's going to work out swell!]

But....but..where are they going to get the money to pay employees, bills, and eat?



China to combine two major inbound investment scheme in Nov:

Globaltimes.cn: Li Xuanmin: 26 SEP 2020: Inbound investment foreign money flowing into China has reached a six-year high in the first seven months of 2020, a Chinese official said on Saturday. Chinese regulators announced rules on Friday to combine two major inbound investment schemes and expand the investment scope for foreign investors. According to the rules published by the country's central bank, securities

regulators and foreign exchange regulators

on Friday, starting November 1, the Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor (QFII) scheme and Renminbi Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor (RQFII) will be combined, The new rules will reduce the barriers for foreign capital access to the Chinese market. China launched the QFII scheme in 2002 and RQFII program in 2011, through which foreign institutional investors are allowed to trade in China's stock and bonds market. The draft rules of the new policy were published in January 2019. According to the new rules, the scope under the two schemes will be further expanded. Foreign investors will also be allowed to invest in securities listed on China's New Third Board, private investment funds, financial futures and commodity futures. They can also participate in bond repurchases and securities margin trading.





China's 100 years of shame was, in part, facilitated by 'compradors' who were native Chinese managers for European businesses and acted as agents for foreign organizations engaged in investment, trade, or economic or political exploitation. The pendulum has swung and now there is an American Comprador class facilitating economic penetration of America by the CCP and getting rich while doing so. Lee Smith author of The Strong Horse: Power, Politics, and the Clash of Arab Civilizations labels them America's China Class in a new article.

Speaking of surprises

PBOC welcomes Chinese bonds inclusion in FTSE Russell: Xinhua: 26 SEP 2020: The

People's Bank of China (PBOC), the country's central bank, said on Friday that it welcomes FTSE Russell's announcement to include Chinese bonds in its World Government Bond Index (WGBI).

Beijing's Big Ant Bet: How the Chinese government acquired an 8 percent stake in Ant Group.: The Wire China: Hannah Reale: 13 SEP 2020: (Subscription paywall) "When Ant Group, the Chinese fintech giant, goes public later this year, it's expected to raise \$30 billion to become the largest initial public offering in history. Its stakeholders stand to make a whole lot of money, one of which is the Chinese government. The state owns about eight percent of the Ant Group, spread across several government firms and a fund operated by the central government, according to WireScreen, the data arm of The Wire that maps China's business landscape"

While

China's Biggest Bank Falls Short in Bid to Replenish Capital: Bloomberg: Ina Zhou: 16 SEP 2020: A massive push by China's biggest banks to boost capital amid the worst downturn in at least a decade faltered out of the gate. Industrial & Commercial Bank of China Ltd. slashed a planned bond sale of the riskiest type of debt by more than a third, raising only \$2.9 billion in dollar-denominated bonds out of a planned \$4.4 billion.

<u>Brunei's Sultan meets Chinese Defense Minister</u>: Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Negara Brunei Darussalam: 21 SEP 2020.



Brunei's Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah meets with visiting Chinese State Councilor and Minister of National Defense Wei Fenghe



Brunei's Second Minister of Defense Halbi holds a welcoming ceremony for the visiting Chinese State Councilor and Minister of National Defense Wei Fenghe at the Ministry of Defense of Brunei in Seri Begawan, capital of Brunei, Sept. 9, 2020.





Dr. Evil has been otherwise occupied with the Evil Legion of Evil – Sean, George, Todd – you know who you are. Another edition is in the works and should be out shortly.

As always, please feel free to forward Dr. Evil to potential minions or let us know if you want off the distro. Dr. Evil "reading CCP doctrine so you won't have to."