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DEPORTATIONS TO BEGIN

President Trump calls for tripling of ICE force; riots continue

Curfews extended in multiple cities

PRESIDENT TRUMP has set in motion one of his most controversial campaign promises, calling on Congress to fund a “massive deportation force” by tripling the number of federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents.

The president made the announcement in a nationally televised address last night from the Old Post Office building in Washington, D.C., now a Trump International Hotel. In a surprise move after the speech, Trump invited Attorney General Chris Christie to stand right next to him at the podium to field questions. “#no_side_eye for Christie this time,” tweeted Fox News Channel reporter Megyn Kelly, who was covering the speech from a sports bar near Rockefeller Center because she has been placed on a White House blacklist.

Although Trump reiterated his promise to eject some 11.3 million illegal workers on a two-year timetable — “so fast that your head will spin” — he also promised to “do it humanely.” He did not immediately offer details but said he intends to flesh out the policy with special adviser George Papadopoulos, just as soon as the 2009 college grad returns from a preplanned Model UN session in Geneva.

The \$400 billion deportation program promises to be one of the most disruptive government actions attempted since desegregation. Economists estimated ICE would need more than 900,000 agents to complete the deportations in the next two years.

Thousands of protesters remain camped outside the Trump International Hotel and around the fence of



the White House. Singing and chanting have been audible inside the executive mansion day and night for weeks. The scent of tear gas pervades Lafayette Square. After Trump vowed to strip federal funding from sanctuary cities during his campaign, round-the-clock protests in Cambridge, Mass., shut down the Red Line temporarily, forcing scores of attendees at an elite Harvard/MIT tech fest to evacuate Kendall Square and

take the MBTA's #1 Bus across the Charles River to an alternate site in Boston.

Already in California, armed ICE agents confronted 30 illegal strawberry pickers on a Santa Barbara County farm and bused them to a detention center to await prosecution and a government-chartered flight back to Mexico. State officials held a press conference shortly after the raid to express concern about the economic impact if

“dishes go unwashed in the kitchens of San Francisco restaurants and if our \$3 billion strawberry crop is ultimately left to rot.”

Trump downplayed fears that the deportations would hurt industries that rely on illegal workers. “Don’t forget. . . you have millions of people that are waiting in line to come into this country, and they’re waiting to come in legally.”

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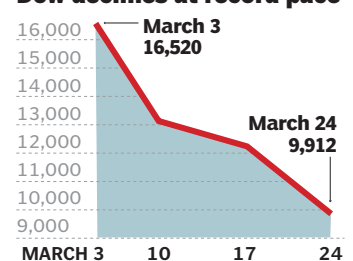
Markets sink as trade war looms

WORLDWIDE STOCKS plunged again Friday, completing the worst month on record as trade wars with both China and Mexico seem imminent.

Markets from the Dow to the FTSE to the Nikkei have sunk on speculation that China is dumping some of its US Treasury holdings after the Trump administration announced tariffs as high as 45 percent for all Chinese imports and 35 percent for some Mexican goods.

“I don’t mind trade wars when we’re losing \$58 billion a year,” the president said last year. But Chinese officials have made it no secret that they will not let tariffs go unanswered. The Asian giant is the largest holder of US debt, owning some

Dow declines at record pace



\$1.4 trillion worth, according to Federal Reserve figures.

The tariffs — and any retaliatory actions — directly threaten American supply chains, especially in the country’s auto and agriculture industries.

Investors are spooked, and global recession now seems possible. “Imposing tariffs or putting up trade barriers may sound good, but it will hurt our economy and credibility,” Wendy Cutler, the former acting deputy US trade representative told Reuters in 2016.

It’s been long feared China could sink the US economy if it were to unload its holdings of US Treasuries, sending borrowing costs skyrocketing. “No one sees how we get out of this spiral if Trump doesn’t let up,” one Bloomberg economist said.

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In the news

Bank glitch halts border wall work

LAREDO, Texas — Construction on the new border wall with Mexico stopped suddenly on Friday, dealing a major setback to one of President Trump’s key campaign promises, after Mexico refused to pay.

Hastily hired work crews had already been building sections of the wall along stretches of arid borderland in Texas, Arizona, and New Mexico. The shortfall means that Trump may have to turn to Congress to kick in back wages and repay the short-term loans he arranged with government-authorized cement contractors working out of a social club in Queens, N.Y.

Trump on Nobel prize short list

IT’S NOT MIDDLE East peace, at least not yet. But Nobel-watchers were abuzz with speculation that President Trump might be on the short list for the coveted 2017 peace prize when awards are announced in October. His feat? Healing a 1,385-year-old schism between Sunni and Shi’ite Muslims, which has fueled bloody conflicts across the globe for centuries.

Editor’s note

This is Donald Trump’s America. What you read on this page is what might happen if the GOP front-runner can put his ideas into practice, his words into action. Many Americans might find this vision appealing, but the Globe’s editorial board finds it deeply troubling. Read our editorial on Page K2 for more on the dangers of Trump’s vision.

US soldiers refuse orders to kill ISIS families

‘We have a civilian-controlled military for a reason’

— SENIOR ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL

THE MILITARY FACES a “crisis of good order and discipline,” Pentagon officials said yesterday, after days of widespread unrest in the ranks over White House orders to kill relatives of ISIS militants.

More protests were planned in support of two Army Special Forces soldiers who disobeyed direct orders to kill everyone in an ISIS compound. An Air Force drone pilot will face lesser charges in connection with the raid near Raqqa, Syria. Two militants were killed in a firefight, but three women and two children were left alive, contrary to or-

ders issued directly by President Trump.

“When the president promised to take out families of radical Islamic terrorists, he meant it,” a senior administration official told reporters traveling on Air Force One. “We have a civilian-controlled military for a reason.”

A clash between the military and the White House has been brewing since the campaign, when former CIA chief General Michael Hayden explicitly warned that “American armed forces would refuse to act” if Trump ordered an attack on terrorist families.

New libel law targets ‘absolute scum’ in press

Legislation could supplant state laws

A REPUBLICAN-CONTROLLED Congress last night passed sweeping changes to libel law in the United States, moving the bill to the desk of the new president who has promised to sign it. The legislation, a fulfillment of a Trump campaign promise, will make US libel law similar to Great Britain’s and is expected to expose journalists to frequent high-dollar lawsuits. Hundreds of the country’s top legal scholars called the law “an evisceration of the First Amendment,” temporarily eliciting a rare note of sympathy for trial lawyers and journalists.

“We’re going to open up those libel laws,” then-candidate Donald Trump first proposed last year. “So when The New York Times writes a hit piece which is a total disgrace or when The Washington Post, which is there for other reasons, writes a hit piece,” a

lawsuit has a better chance of prevailing. The United States has had no federal libel laws to “open up” as Trump suggested. But the laws voted on this week would change that, supplanting current state laws that are considered more press-friendly.

Both the House and Senate support the so-called LAME Act [Limiting American Media Entitlement Act], named for the epithet that conservatives love to hurl at the press. “Seventy to 75 percent of reporters are absolutely dishonest. Absolute scum. Remember that. Scum. Scum. Totally dishonest people,” Trump said in a ceremony on Capitol Hill with WWE star Hulk Hogan, who won a \$140 million lawsuit against Gawker.com for release of a sex tape. “And I haven’t even gotten to privacy yet,” Trump said.

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PET PEEVE



GETTY IMAGES

China’s President Xi Jinping and his wife, Peng Liyuan, waved as they boarded an Air China plane in 2015.

PRESIDENT TRUMP, who campaigned on a platform to reform trade relations with China to “make America great again,” touched off a diplomatic crisis last week after insulting Peng Liyuan, the fashionable first lady of China who has been dubbed the “Chinese Kate Middleton.” Trump tweeted out a photo of his new pet shar-pei, a wrinkly puppy named Madame Peng. But he was unrepentant, saying his foreign policy needs to be “unpredictable.” Trump added: “I don’t know why she’s so offended, I love cute puppies and I love women! It’s not like I tweeted out a photo of a Rottweiler named Merkel.”



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NASA engineers halted the launch of an unmanned probe amid fears that its new gold leaf trim would interfere with radio communications. **T3**

Japanese Emperor Akihito formally censured Ambassador Kid Rock for a speech calling on US allies to “Let the [expletive] business guy run the [expletive] country like a [expletive] business.” **T6**

Heavy spring snow closed Trump National Park for the first time since it dropped its loser name, Yellowstone, in January. **T7**

Education Secretary Omarosa Manigault summoned PBS officials to Capitol Hill to discuss remaking “Celebrity Apprentice” using hand puppets. **T8**

“A Trumping to Remember,” the president’s first romance novel, was yanked from the shelves after the publisher acknowledged portions were cribbed from a May 1986 edition of Penthouse. **T9**