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A Hint of Peace—In Economic Calamity

While hopeful that Trump can find a peaceful solution with Russia for Ukraine, we must remain skeptical about how quickly the Anchorage Summit came about, with its red carpet and Trump being willing to drop the cease fire in exchange for a peace treaty.

Trump needs to give something to his base for his refusal to carry-out his agreement to release the Epstein Files—an indication of something Trump does not want to be accountable for. Even if that's the case, whatever ends the war—comes as a blessing.

But, keep in mind, Sec/Def Hegseth, reminding the EU/Britain of a necessity for Europe to take over the division of labor to conduct the war in Ukraine, allowing the US to pivot to Asia, not to seek peace, but to confront China. Where is it Trump seeks peace?

Not in Palestine. Today, Trump green-lighted Netanyahu to totally destroy Hamas— play to WIN or don't play at all. Since all Gaza is Hamas—where is Trump for peace?

Back to Ukraine: when Ukraine broke the Friendship Treaty with Russia (Russia adheres legally to treaties/agreements that the US disregards), the Crimea referendum became legal, based on Article 51 of the UN Charter. Then, Minsk Accords were made between Donbas/Kiev (not with EU/

NATO), with Russia as the guarantor, protecting Russian language/religion/culture rendering Russia's invasion—a legal UN remedy.

Now, with Ukraine calling itself a democracy, Gallup Polls, 69% of Ukrainians want the war to end (24% to fight on). EU/Zelensky are charged by citizens to end the war.

The political climate is as dangerous in memory. What is demanded of us is an obligation to hate. Consider it in terms of Trump: could he be as stupid as I make him out to be? Is it possible he doesn't know Russian casualties are much less than Ukraine? Would he meet with Putin for a photo-op. I think not—it would defy logic.

But when you listen to him speak he sounds as if he's the moron he might be. But, as I said in my last article, he hates losers, and if he cannot get to some sort of workable relationship with Russia/China, he will, consequently, be a loser, in his own terms.

As we all know, the war is on—not just for the republic (citizens), but neo-cons might soon want Trump's head on a pike. Though he can't say it, Trump might want working relationships with China/Russia. But, with that goal, he's an enemy—across the West.

Is peace is what Trump wants? He's such an enigma that I don't know. But I do have to admit that Anchorage gives me pause. Now, Zelensky comes to visit, with EU morons clamoring for Article 5 protection for Ukraine, meaning NATO troops in Ukraine. That's not going to happen, but Putin might freeze front lines in a couple of places to attain a peace agreement—with some territory handed to UKR—for sanction relief. This depends on a rather deft Trump—and a peace mission not generally understood.

That leaves Israel/China. If Trump, under any scenario, wants peace, he has to disassociate with Netanyahu, who hopefully Trump regards as another in his long list of losers. Trump could force Bibi—and a scripturally-

gifted, greater Israel—to back off.

Awaiting Trump's next move, what about AI and the state of the economy. This weekend, I watched a UFC fight with friends—some got drunk/passed out. With those that remained, I talked about silver dimes. Americans don't understand how a few \$100 in silver dimes might mean the difference between life and death. They get it that when the dollar falls, all that's left is barter, but they don't reflect on what's left to barter with.

AI will do nothing to help with that. The few at the top of the food chain look for ways to take total control. They seek automation rather than quality, so it's not only jobs flipping burgers (those jobs are important), but it's the jobs that raise the level of consciousness—that are also at risk. What jobs? Journalists, writers, and editors. As if the conduit for relevant information isn't already depleted—AI will for certain make it worse.

AI, when asked about itself, admits it uses mainstream information over raw data and alternative sources. In the real world this means AI would have missed entirely, the Covid debate, why Russia invaded Ukraine—and Israel's actual motivation in Gaza.

Because AI is the first thing that pops-up in a search, an already dumbed-down America, (West) ,will become incrementally dumber with each Goggle search. And with less employment for writers, documentary filmmakers, etcetera—need I say more?

Is there a fix for this? Yeah, but it's the same one that attempts to show Israel/US for the monsters they are—and that's an uphill battle. Overvaluing establishment narrative, AI misses nuance/data critical of mainstream sources. A bill in Congress now intends to stop AI use of personal data, even if we signed off—if we were coerced to agreeing.

But that bill is not yet law, and the monied/elite interests will fight for AI—as

if it matters.

Who are major voices behind the AI movement? Peter Thiel, Palantir (the great defender of monopoly rents), who sees competition as for losers. When competition is removed, all power flows from the top, antithetical to the Constitution and un-American. Realizing we're being played, we need to protect ourselves from the elite. When the stock market and home prices fall, and no more silver is to be had, we will have to walk away from our mortgage because it's better to start at zero than some ungodly number.

With almost \$10T of debt (much that Yellen moved to short-term paper), needing refinanced this year (before the midterms), Trump faces huge obstacles. What happens when the economy collapses? Government doesn't admit to error/beg forgiveness. Instead it clamps-down—seeking total control. Elites raise the fear quotient, such that peasants beg for protection. When the mission is complete, adults model cowardice, children learn that genuine expression is risky, and the rest adhere to self-censorship.

As Bill Holter warns, this time there is no white knight to save us. Just as Ukraine is out of artillery shells/defensive missiles, the US has no \$ back-stop. American are afraid, but cling to a perception they're better off than the rest of the world. Majorities of Democrats (52%), independents (59%), and Republicans (77%) agree they have political/economic opinions they're reluctant to share. The climate of fear needs overcome.

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