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Empires End in Military Hubris

Trump is an ego-driven fool, unknowingly writing himself into a Shakespearean tragedy. I keep hoping, against hope, he will wake up to the reality but, seemingly, he does not. I recognize I go hard against Vance/Gabard; I see them as Benedict Arnold figures, acting on political ambition. Rather than resigning, keeping one foot in reality, and the other with Trump.

The 1st point in the MoU is not to threaten. Today Trump threatened Iran, warning of total destruction and the negotiators not making it back home if the Strait is closed. Trump, placing blame on Iran (referring to Hezbollah as high-paid proxies), decries Israeli demands for its right for air strikes and freedom of IDF troop movement in Southern Lebanon. Israel requires an agreement to justify its aggressive colonization of Lebanon.

Trump is not dealing with Lebanon; he's dealing with Hezbollah whether he likes it or not. Hezbollah is the people's army—Lebanon's political wing.

Given a reality that offers no military solution and a Fed expectation of rising interest rates, where does that leave the United States? A 1% interest-rate increase necessitates the value of a bond drops by 10%. A rising interest rate (that Trump can't stop), assures global chaos.

How does that play out for Trump, flailing for solutions, left with only military options? Empires end, overextended, subject to economic and military

defeat. The US economic debacle, pushed forward by Trump, will soon reach the end of its economic road, but military hubris will more likely prove to be the decisive undoing for the US .

The two men leading the show, Trump and Hegseth, are ill-equipped to handle the military aspect. Trump's combat experience is limited to battling in New York bankruptcy courts, while Sec/War, Hegseth, sharpened his military prowess as a weekend, FOX News commentator. Changing *Defense* to *War*—portended, the extent of their hubris.

To better understand the condition in which we find ourselves, consider WW2 in the Pacific. Russian military experts, assessing WW2, correctly see the US in its secondary role, supporting the Russians—in breaking the Wehrmacht. But, in the Pacific War, Russia gives the US military its due.

Japan lost the War in the Pacific, not because of the firebombing of Tokyo, or because of Atomic bombs, the war was lost with Japan's hubris over Guadalcanal. Japan, after defeating Russia 1904/5 (Russo/Japanese War), pointed to Japanese bravery in defeating the larger enemy, when in fact, Japan prevailed over an exhausted Russia, and superior artillery placements. Yet, from that point on, Japan assumed its soldiers to be *exceptional*.

On Guadalcanal, US marines invaded, taking a dirt-packed runway Japan had constructed, and fortifying it with more than 10,000 men. Japan, in unexamined hubris, underestimated the number of Marines by 80%, such that subsequent redeploys and invasions failed to assess the facts, which culminated in incremental losses of 50K Japanese troops.

Listening to Trump/Hegseth, we again hear Japan's hubris—X5. Trump's depictions of US exceptionalism/military dominance is at best—sickening. And Hegseth, talking about kicking-ass brings to mind a certain Mike Kavanaugh—the 8th grade bully at my McNally Jr. High, alma mater.

Trump is bombastically stupid, while possessing a remarkable ability to turn defeat around (at least in the headlines). Now, he needs to create a headline like no other. Just as Ukraine drove a wedge between the US/NATO, Iran has driven a wedge between the US/Israel. Both Ukraine/Iran are defeats and Trump doesn't like to lose. For his own survival (his greatest concern), Trump needs to break with Israel for his existential survival. But given Netanyahu's control over Trump and the US—is that even possible?

Trump's acceptance of the 14 point MoU prompted, main donor, Miriam Adelson, to call him out as a traitor. Though Trump insists he has control over Netanyahu, that doesn't appear to be the case. As the aggressor in Lebanon, Israel sees itself as the victim (the boy who murders his parents and cries out for mercy as an orphan), demanding the loss of 1 IDF soldier, to be repaid by 100 Lebanese mothers, each losing a son. This was the same tactic employed by the Nazis in occupied countries in World War 2.

I called out JD Vance in my last article as a Zionist errant boy, and though Vance is an ardent Zionist, his calling-out of Netanyahu's tactics is causing me to take a 2nd look. For certain, Trump picked Vance as his negotiating fall guy, but fate intervened. Trump, recognizing US oil reserves in Cushing, OKLA, will soon be gone, signed the MoU—early and himself.

Could Trump break with Netanyahu, end the money and equipment stream, and show the world that Israel is a small nation (except for nuclear weapons), not to be feared? Today, I heard one commentator, either Crooke or McGovern give it a 50/50 chance that were Trump to abandon Israel, Netanyahu would use nuclear weapons on Iran.

What defeat at the hands of Iran brings forward, is the need for normal international relations—a re-focus on the US domestic economy. Not through economic colonization, threats of sanctions/tariffs, but facing-up to a reality

of our own plight, and dealing with it as best we can. Even without Netanyahu's control, could Trump do that? With an 80 year history of conducting regime change and stealing foreign assets, is it even possible, without major military defeat, for the US to get back to minding its own business? Could we deal with harsh economic reality—which may be insurmountable?

The other thing to consider besides major military defeat on the global scale, is government militarism at home—directed against citizens. We live in a culture where the corporate culture demands we be happy with our lot—Meanwhile, 80% of American workers are disassociated from tasks they're paid to perform, and 72% of the self-same report moderate/high stress.

Even given AI reality (subliminal learning of malicious traits), civil unrest is not caused by media or the internet. Citizens revolt when overwhelming powerlessness reaches critical mass. Along the way, everything is made worse by the media—that is nothing but merchants of chaos.

So, what's the good news? There is none—only a small hope that before the end arrives, sanity will prevail. Will Americans (especially Trump), wake up in time and put an end to Israeli political control? Will we see rationalizing resistance for what's happening in the world for the sake of our own lives as what it is—a betrayal of humanity—that leads to the end of our republic?

Domestic America's non-involved unconcern for the republic is reflected in neither understanding nor adhering to the Bill of Rights—especially the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Amendments, around which the significance is lost for most Americans. What those losses are and what perpetuates those losses are the subject for my next article—some of which is bound to be controversial—requiring a keen-ness of intellect no longer associated with Americans.

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