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The Great White North-1

Saturday Night Live used this title for the McKenzie Brothers, but my favorite brothers from the North are Bryan and Larry. With so much pro-Trump propaganda out there around Trump and PM Carney, the brothers shine a light on what's actually happening. The following is a sample of what I get from them—on almost a daily basis.

...the trade war goes on and expands and becomes increasingly damaging to both countries. And yet, the chief instigator in this war is Donald Trump. If Canada caves, the demands and control of Canadian economic sovereignty would expand to cover silver, gold, other metals, and energy. To cave on control of our exports is to lose our sovereignty. Bryan

Trump's campaign of intimidation over renewal of CUSMA was, and has always been, an attempt to convert Canada into a submissive client state. This is the reason Canada has been referred so often as "the 51st state" and Carney as 'Governor Carney'. Larry

The attractiveness of Canada as a imperialistic conquest has grown with the decline of American resources and power across the planet. Over time, the scale of Canadian natural resources has become more obvious even as the U.S. depleted its own resources and discovered a lot of the 'critical' resources like rare earths and potash, nickel, and uranium just don't exist in size in the Continental U.S. Then there is the energy resources of this country. They rival Russia's and the Middle East. Remember Trudeau's NEP in 1974? That was to protect our oil patch from being bought up with American empty dollars after the

U.S. defaulted on the gold backing of their dollar in 1971. P.E.T. is still hated in Alberta for the NEP that blocked sales of Alberta's oil in the ground to America. So this danger of American aggression is still here even after the war of 1812 and that late 19th century scheme to annex Canada. That danger is growing again as America declines. Bryan

Perhaps Carney is wise enough to play the waiting game like Putin is doing. The natural course of events for the West and especially the US is to devolve and in so doing self limit its need for commodities especially in the high tech and military areas. Consider that the US does not have the engineering prowess to build a hypersonic missile, or ordinance from manufacturing infrastructure to even want to build itself out of the hole it has made. Consider that the MIC has an inertia to expand production into storage given it is more interested in sales than national strategic safety. Same thing goes for a self destruction of its own education systems-even at the state level. All in summary it means the US is interested in the short term gains and has no long view. China has, and much of the Global South, BRICS countries too who have watched the US under Trump and know that the limited view is now institutionalized at least temporarily, and the US has no vision for its own future because the problems have been acculturated. It is more interested in believing the glories of the past are still current..

Carney should also not be complacent given his diversity of trade deals may tether Canada to another group of countries that lack vision. The WEF is still out there and in there and the war risks are not over. I keep hoping what remains of the West jumps on the wagon of the East and enjoys that ride. The direction is up.....

Canada has the resources to be the big player in the globe. There has been a power shift to the new realization that stuff will rule rather than a system that tries to protect its banks, phony money schemes, and political power games rather than build through real productivity and peace. Larry

According to Alasdair Macleod the fiat world has 18 months left... Alasdair supports his opinions with concrete data.

We should be reminded that Trump is also a symptom of the decline of empire as much as he may be considered by many as an unfortunate accident of history. That point of view may be the most ephemeral of all given that each diversification of Canada's resource trade in the future would be seen as an outright attack on what the American political culture has considered inviolable. Even if Trump is eliminated from this reality the developing estrangement in trade ahead for Canada is going to adversely affect the economic health of the US, and its monetary failings will also have a handy situation to blame, Canada, as the pain and contraction of the domestic USA develops, will take the trade numbers down from some 70%+ now to decline to be still 55% in a decade or so. Think about that and the turmoil and animosity that can be generated in the US as a series of failings pile up for that government over the timeline.

People forget that his initial tariff program afflicted virtually everyone. Only Canada and China resisted. Trump backed off on much of his attack on China as China retaliated with restrictions on exports of rare earths, critical metals, gold and silver. And China sold off large tranches of its U.S. treasury holdings. Canada did not retaliate but continued to negotiate. Trump is not negotiable, so we are now in a trade war. But Trump has alienated the entire world and Canada's resistance has contributed to a success in new trade opportunities with China, Europe and the Pacific Rim. Think about that! The U.S. attacked Canada, its best friend and NATO member more severely than he attacked China, Japan, India, Europe and Korea.

Trump's hostile trade policies have facilitated Canada's strategy of trade diversification. Although Canada does not trade very much with the middle east and Iran, our trade war enhances our image as a fellow victim of American tyranny. Bryan

Client state? One could make the argument that to all intents Canada has been a client state under NAFTA etc. for years. It is Carney who realized that those that hold the future for another country's commodities needs have the leverage and the whole system is turned upside down. So someone else in the US has realized this and we now have a US that needs to annex Canada as an existential requirement. I note that our trade representative on American television left out the added

sovereignty demands (their control of our trade, border problems, and attacks on Quebec language realities). So when those transgressions are added, then "war" is also in the description. And don't forget the USD problem that is also the background to this.. Larry

From time to time, I will post excerpts from the Brothers. Erik