

neverhadaboss.com updates on the insane world of money and power The US Picked the Place—Putin Picked the Time

We are living-out the sequel to Dr. Strangelove—the difference being that it was a movie and this is not. Putin has announced to Germany that their supplying of arms to Ukraine crosses a 'red line'. It wasn't as much an issue when Russia was walking all over the Ukrainians. But now—too many Russian mothers are paying an ultimate price.

It's difficult for many of us to see how: 'as above so below' applies here. If it's apparent to you that Covid and the lockdowns was mostly a shit-show, remember it's those same elite that are behind the destruction of our economy, the stripping of our constitutional rights, also the ones responsible for Ukraine—and the horror that may yet come.

We need an analogy: just as the US economy would have long ago failed without counterfeiting \$40 trillion (maybe more), and \$8 trillion added to the Fed balance sheet, Ukraine would have long ago fallen without German/EU weapons, and for sure, without madman Joe Biden's \$60-some billion in incentives for young Ukrainians to die.

This week Ukraine did a kind of 'kamikaze' attack on the Russians, breaking through and taking territory that they will not be able to hold onto. In that process, they lost 10 for every Russian—all because the US is willing to fight Russia to the last Ukrainian.

Every Western news outlet had Russia losing when they won every square inch they went after. Now, it's being reported that Russia is fighting on the 'back foot' and in retreat. Even with 3 1/2 times the troop strength of Russia, for UKR this is but a moment.

Another analogy comes to mind: many have lost hope that gold, battered by the paper market, will find price traction and return to rightful sound money. Gold has been battered, but nothing will keep gold or an impeded business cycle from playing out. All the counterfeiting in the world works for a time, but it is reality that prevails in the end.

But upping the ante in Ukraine by providing high-end, long range weapons, capable of striking deep into Russia, could force the Russians to abandon the UN justified SMO—Special Military Operation, expanding the mission into all out war against Ukraine. With no more sparing of infrastructure, Kiev would become a dangerous place.

Putin does not bluff, and when he considers that Germany has again 'crossed a red line', there will be consequences. And what might they be? Who can say, but it would certainly involve German lives, the German military—maybe even German cities.

And that brings NATO directly into the fray. But NATO is already in the fray. This is no longer a proxy war, not when you can hear the conversations on the front lines, di-

recting high tech precision weapons at the Russians. And the speakers are Americans.

As the US has had to come to terms with the likelihood of losing Odessa and all of Ukraine up to the Dnieper River, US reaction has been the same as with the failure of Covid or economic policy, double-down on risky action—make a bad thing worse.

It's not only Germany called-out for crossing a 'red line'—it's also the US, as indicated by Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman, Maria Zakharova: If the US decides to supply longer-range missiles to Ukraine, "it would cross the red line and become an actual party to the conflict." And given that each US decision is worse than the last one....

There are a reported 700,000 Ukrainian casualties—a number that increases as we send more equipment. But we have to do something because this is neither Afghanistan nor Vietnam—if we lose this we lose everything. EU member states will scurry like rats to get under the China/Russia umbrella, and the US will find itself alone.

Like the 'war room' in Doctor Strangelove, imagine the kind of talk that takes place: maybe we make a deal with China: if they side with us, when Russia gets broken up, China gets a big hunk of Siberia—something 1.5 billion could really use. The only problem is that nobody trusts the United States to keep its word—the US has no allies.

The US, through each administration, has made the world a more dangerous place through systematically destroying arms treaties that kept people safe. The US sees every nation in terms of how it can use them to its advantage, but the world is now hip to it. We've weaponized the dollar and the 'settlement system'. To the point where the US Treasury Department announced on Thursday it is ready to impose sanctions on any institution outside Russia using the Russian payment system.

This is about money because money is power. The West understands it is facing economic 'game over'—a condition that cannot be rectified with a return to manufacture and trade. Instead, as with previous administrations that opted to not take China and Russia seriously, we remain intent on breaking them—regime change at all costs.

The US is not the only idiot in the room. German Chancellor Scholz—the 'new kid in town': "This is a war that Putin, Russia, started, ... clearly with the intention of conquering its neighboring country". Expressing solidarity with Kiev, Scholz joined Western sanctions against Russia and supplied Ukrainian forces with a significant volume of weapons, including portable anti-tank missiles and self-propelled howitzers.

Is Scholz entirely blind to the planned progression towards war, brought on by the West since 2014? Has he no recollection of Secretary of State William Burns, in 2009, saying that if Ukraine became part of NATO, Russia would have to act in self-defense?

NATO has a mission: Keep Russia out—the United States in—and Germany down. The last part is hugely significant. With Germany making trillions from billions of Russian NG, the fear is of an alliance between Germany and Russia—by necessity. So what does the US do? It issues daily reports about Putin getting ready to invade Ukraine—a shit-hole that Russia does not want. A fiction used by the US to beat the drums of war.

Just as the winter, sweeping over the steppes, destroyed Napoleon and then Hitler, the good but stupid people of Germany are about to be destroyed by that same winter. Keeping Germany down was in the US plan, but how will look come next spring?

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