

It's Not About Ukraine; It's About Thermonuclear War

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March 8—Before we finally and irrevocably reach the point of no return in mankind's history—the point at which a global, thermonuclear war obliterates the human species—we must act swiftly to correct the absolute disaster that the imperial policy of the EU and the United States has created in Ukraine, and in relation to Russia and China. And we must especially eliminate the roots of this civilizational crisis, before the point of no return is reached.

The EU must admit, through practical offers of cooperation to Russia and Ukraine, that its ultimatum in regard to the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement is solely to blame for triggering the crisis. The EU and European governments must admit that it was a strategic blunder to recognize as the legitimate government the coup by the so-called Maidan coalition on Feb. 22, in which well-known Nazi organizations played a dominant role. And they must use their influence so that the perhaps unsympathetic, but nevertheless constitutionally elected and legitimate, government of President Viktor Yanukovich can implement the measures agreed upon with the opposition on Feb. 21—with the mediation of German Foreign Minister Walter Steinmeier, Polish Foreign Minister Radislaw Sikorski, and, indirectly, French Foreign Minister Laurent Fabius.

Investigate the Snipers

If the EU and European governments ever want to regain some shred of credibility, they must fully support Russian UN Ambassador Vitaly Churkin's demand

for an the investigation [see *Documentation*] of what lies behind the leaked telephone conversation between the EU High Representative Catherine Ashton and Estonian Foreign Minister Urmas Paet, in which he speaks of eyewitnesses who observed that snipers atop the buildings around the Maidan were shooting at *both* sides, the police and the demonstrators. An impartial investigation of this event offers the best chance to end the Goebbels-style campaign of Big Lies and to convict the authors of the coup. The fact that Lady Ashton, apparently on Feb. 25, already knew this information, yet as of March 5 had made no move to correct the public's impression that the government was to blame for the violence, and that she did not demand or initiate an investigation, speaks for itself.

This investigation must be conducted quickly, because, as Friedrich Schiller wrote, "The curse of the evil deed must go on begetting evil." The illegitimate government of "Yats,"¹ which was brought to power in a coup so desired by Victoria Nuland, includes eight members of the Svoboda party.² That government also fired three deputy defense ministers who had resisted

1. U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Victoria Nuland, in her infamous "Fuck the EU" leaked telephone conversation with U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine Geoffrey Pyatt, demanded that Arseniy Yatsenyuk, whom she called "Yats," be made prime minister. See "The Real Victoria Nuland: Flack for the British Empire," this issue—ed.

2. Svoboda is an ultra-nationalistic and anti-Semitic party, the heir to Stepan Bandera's wartime OUN. Called the Social-National Party of Ukraine until 2003, its banner included a swastika until 2004—ed.



YouTube

Right Sector leader Aleksandr Muzychko brandishes a Kalashnikov to rally his forces. In 2007, he pledged to fight “communists, Jews, and Russians for as long as blood flows in my veins.” The Right Sector played the key role in the Euromaidan battles against police.

the ultimatum of the Nazi “Right Sector” to equip their militias with weapons and ammunition, as well as give them access to military training camps. The leader of this organization, Dmytro Yarosh, who fought in the 1990s in Chechnya on the side of the terrorists against Russia, and against whom there is now an indictment in Russia for incitement of terrorism, announced that he will run for President in the May 25 elections. And of course, it was the actions of the Yats government, such as banning the official use of the Russian language,³ that triggered the events in Crimea. This is the kind of thing that can lead to disaster in a matter of hours.

Russian UN Ambassador Churkin, in his press conference, presented facts that underline the sanctimonious hypocrisy of Western politicians and media that have insisted that the opposition in Ukraine was com-

3. Immediately after the removal of President Viktor Yanukovich from power on Feb. 22, and the physical ouster of deputies from his party, the newly self-proclaimed Parliament repealed a law passed in 2012 that allowed the use of “regional languages,” including Russian, Hungarian, Romanian, and Tatar, in courts and certain government functions in areas of the country where such speakers constituted at least 10% of the population. Although this repeal was vetoed by Interim President Oleksandr Turchynov, the issue is still very much alive. Members of the Svoboda party have threatened to ban the Russian language completely, and strip the Ukrainian citizenship of Russian speakers. Another Svoboda-proposed bill would essentially ban all Russian-language media in Ukraine—ed.

posed exclusively of peaceful people, enthusiastic about joining Europe, and that the figure that many of them revere them as a national hero, Stepan Bandera, had nothing to do with the Nazis. There is comprehensive documentation of the fact that Bandera’s Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists (OUN) and the Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA) participated in mass killings of civilians in Belarus, Ukraine, and Poland. In 1941, these Ukrainian Nazi collaborators constituted the majority of the thugs who, along with the Nazi occupation forces, killed 150,000 Jews at Babi Yar, as well as Gypsies and Soviet prisoners. In 1942, the OUN was involved in ethnic cleansing in Malkinia, Poland, where more than 100,000 people were

killed. Polish historians have documented that 135 different sadistic methods were used to massacre innocent people.

On June 30, 1941, Bandera published a proclamation of Ukrainian independence which said: “The newly established Ukrainian State will work closely with the National Socialists of Greater Germany, which, under the leadership of Adolf Hitler, will create a new order in Europe and the world.”

On Jan. 28, 2010, the Simon Wiesenthal Center published a statement expressing “deepest revulsion” over then-President Viktor Yushchenko’s decision to present the “Hero of Ukraine” to OUN leader Bandera, “who collaborated with the Nazis in the early stages of World War II, and whose followers were linked to the murders of thousands of Jews and others.”

On Feb. 25, 2010, the European Parliament adopted a resolution expressing deepest regrets at Yushchenko’s decision, and urging the Ukrainian leadership to reconsider it and comply with its obligation with respect to European values. This appeal was complied with in March 2010 by the newly elected President Yanukovich, who had been elected in February.

On Feb. 7, 2010, Polish President Jaroslaw Kaczynski declared that the OUN and UPA were responsible for the murder of 100,000 Polish civilians in the eastern regions of the Second Polish Republic. The Poles were killed, he said, because they were Poles.

If the EU and European governments do not promptly distance themselves from the Yats government, which was brought to power in a coup, and in which the followers of Bandera play a dominant role, it would not be unreasonable to suspect that they themselves are not averse to associating with Nazis. That is certainly the case with the apologists and EU emissary Elmar Brok.

What Next?

But what does all this mean? Where have we come, 69 years after the end of the Third Reich? Russia and China are already drawing their own conclusions from the fascist coup in Ukraine perpetrated by the U.S. and the EU. China Internet Information Center, the official news agency of China's State Council, published a scathing attack on the "fascist" coup in Ukraine. Correspondent Zhao Jinglun writes, "Svoboda activists hold at least eight top cabinet positions," and "Dmytro Yarosh, deputy head of the National Security Council," who is also "the founder and leader of the Right Sector, a neo-Nazi paramilitary group in charge of security in Maidan Square." Zhao further reports about the snipers who, according to Paet, were probably commissioned by the leaders of the opposition itself, and concludes with the assessment: "It looks like the U.S. strategy is full-spectrum encirclement of Russia." And the official Chinese news agency Xinhua writes about the fiasco that the West has created in Ukraine: "Now that Ukraine is on the edge of total chaos and disintegration, it shows the total failure of this policy. They have created chaos that they have neither the ability nor wisdom to fix."

If the Chinese assessment proves correct, then thermonuclear world war is pre-programmed for the immediate future. But there is still a small window of time in which a full mobilization of the population and reasonable people in the institutions of the U.S. and Europe can force the changes required in the policies of the governments.

The main points are:

- The imperial policy toward Russia and China must be replaced by cooperation with these countries in all strategic areas;
- The true character of the coup in Ukraine must be exposed and admitted, and the underlying cause of the danger of war eliminated: the threat of disintegration of the trans-Atlantic financial system;
- It must be immediately replaced by Glass-Stea-

gall-style separation of the banking system and the creation of a credit system in the tradition of Alexander Hamilton.

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