

EDITORIAL

War and Peace in the Post-Nord Stream Era

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Oct. 1— Russian President Vladimir Putin delivered a speech on Sept. 30, four days after the explosions that crippled the Nord Stream gas pipelines, which bluntly rejected the entire current paradigm based on a web of lies; described the extraordinarily dangerous strategic situation the world faces; and then provided a suggestion of the direction in which a solution is to be found:

The truth has been drowned in an ocean of myths, illusions and fakes, using extremely aggressive propaganda, lying like Goebbels. The more unbelievable the lie, the quicker people will believe it—that is how they operate, according to this principle.

But people cannot be fed with printed dollars and euros. You can't feed them with those pieces of paper, and the virtual, inflated capitalization of Western social media companies can't heat their homes.... You can't feed anyone with paper—you need food; and you can't heat anyone's home with these inflated capitalizations—you need energy.

Putin further stated that, “The West is ready to cross every line to preserve the neo-colonial system which allows it to live off the world, to plunder it thanks to the domination of the dollar and technology, to collect an actual tribute from humanity.” If Russia is defeated and dismembered, he added, “I believe next in line are other countries of Asia, Latin America, Africa, and the Middle East, as well as current U.S. partners and allies.”

Putin was emphatic on this point:

Let me repeat that the dictatorship of the Western elites targets all societies, including the citi-

zens of Western countries themselves. This is a challenge to all. This complete renunciation of what it means to be human, the overthrow of faith and traditional values, and the suppression of freedom are coming to resemble a “religion in reverse”—pure Satanism.

Putin also took note of the growing resistance in the West itself to these suicidal policies: “As I have already said, we have many like-minded people in Europe and the United States, and we feel and see their support. An essentially emancipatory, anti-colonial movement against unipolar hegemony is taking shape in the most diverse countries and societies. Its power will only grow with time. It is this force that will determine our future geopolitical reality.... And I repeat: things will never be the same.”

Now think back to Sept. 26, 2022: the day that the two Nord Stream gas pipelines were sabotaged in an act of international terrorism. This day will go down in history as a decisive turning point in the global strategic situation. Either that event will be the opening shot in a rapidly escalating series of U.S.-UK-NATO extreme provocations against Russia—up to and including actually launching tactical nuclear weapons on Ukrainian territory, which would then be blamed on Russia, and which NATO would then “respond to,” with nuclear strikes against Russia itself. Or, the stunning implications of the Nord Stream sabotage, and President Putin's bold September 30 speech, will serve to wake up sufficient forces in the United States and Europe to derail the current drive by the Western Establishment for end-game confrontation with Russia and China. That, in turn, would open the door to serious international deliberation on a new security and development paradigm to provide for Mankind's continuing progress.

One way or the other, the issue will be decided in a matter of weeks—not years.

The key counter-intelligence question of “*cui bono*” regarding the Nord Stream attack—who benefits?—already points the finger of suspicion at U.S.-UK-NATO security and intelligence capabilities. If a competent forensic investigation determines that that is indeed what happened—that the United States and the UK intentionally destroyed Europe’s physical economic lifeline, sinking hundreds of millions of their “allies” into deindustrialization and penury, not to mention the prospect of unending war—that will uncork a political explosion that could well kick over the entire strategic chessboard.

The thought process will go like this: “If the U.S.-UK blew up Nord Stream, and then blamed it on the Russians—which is obviously ridiculous—what’s to stop them from dropping a tactical nuke and then pointing the finger at Russia? After all, they bombed the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant, and blamed Russia for bombing their own plant! They committed atrocities in Bucha and Izyum which they tried to ascribe to Russia. They lied through their teeth about ‘weapons of mass destruction’ in Iraq, and expected the world to believe them. They staged the infamous Gulf of Tonkin incident to justify an illegal war in Southeast Asia. And their daddies and grand-daddies went along with the orchestration of the Reichstag Fire to carry out their intended fascist coup in Germany. Just how stupid do they think we are?!”

Very.

British imperial philosopher Bertrand Russell—the man whom Lyndon LaRouche accurately described as the most evil person of the 20th century—tried to make a science of brainwashing entire populations to believe transparent lies, such as the assertion that “snow is black.” In his 1951 book, *The Impact of Science on Society*, Russell wrote prophetically:

I think the subject which will be of most importance politically is mass psychology.... Its importance has been enormously increased by the growth of modern methods of propaganda.... The social psychologists of the future will have a number of classes of school children on whom they will try different methods of producing an unshakable conviction that snow is black.... Not much can be done unless indoctrination begins before the age of ten ... verses set to music and repeatedly intoned are very effective.

This is the same Bertrand Russell who fanatically advocated Malthusian population reduction with the aid of periodic plagues; the same Russell who also urged that a preemptive nuclear attack be launched on the Soviet Union in the immediate aftermath of World War II.

The full speech by President Putin is available [here](#) and more key excerpts are in this issue of *EIR*. The world has changed dramatically, and the question of leadership voices in every nation for the good of all of mankind has never been more important.