

Nuclear Chicken Game?

“Everybody is afraid of fighting with a nuclear state. We are not anymore, in Ukraine, we’ve lost so many people of ours, we’ve lost so much of our territory. However dangerous it sounds, we have to stop [Putin] somehow.”

The words of a lunatic? Yes, but that lunatic is the Deputy Foreign Minister Vadym Prystaiko of Ukraine, speaking on the Canadian official news service CBC on Feb. 21. That lunatic represents a government, fully backed by Great Britain, the U.S., and NATO as a whole, which is traveling the globe, seeking military equipment to fight against Russia. At this very moment, a leading representative of that government is in Washington, D.C., making that demand.

When is the American public going to wake up, throw the warmongers out of the U.S. government, and choose a path of cooperation with Russia and China which alone can ensure peace?

What is becoming increasingly clear is that a leading faction of the British Empire, in line with Obama and his entourage of warmongers like Victoria Nuland and Samantha Power, is actually threatening nuclear war. This faction is seeking to both eliminate political obstacles to this drive—as seen in the lightning-fast Watergating this week of British political heavyweight Malcolm Rifkind, who had opposed confrontation with Russia—and to put in place the forward-based military capabilities intended to make it possible for the West to “win” a nuclear war.

Do British/NATO strategists actually believe they can win a nuclear war?

MIT Emeritus Professor Ted Postol, an expert in weapons technology and a former Pentagon advisor, believes some do. In an extensive article in *The Nation* of Dec. 10, 2014, entitled “How the

Obama Administration Learned To Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb,” Postol argues that Obama’s commitment to a modernization of the U.S. nuclear arsenal increases the capabilities of nuclear war-fighting, and itself raises the threat of nuclear war, and that some strategists delude themselves that the war could be won, without the Russians carrying out a devastating counter-strike.

Not so, Postol says. And the repeated statements about military readiness, as well as intensified military exercises, including of nuclear strategic forces and on a “snap” basis, by the Russians supports that view.

As for what the British strategists believe, they are clearly split. Recently Sir John Sawers, former head of Britain’s MI6, in his first public speech since retiring as head of the Secret Intelligence Service, specifically warned against provoking Russia, with its formidable nuclear arsenal, by escalating the confrontation over Ukraine. The *Guardian* claimed he spoke for the majority of the British security establishment. Yet, the outlook of institutions such as the *London Economist* was shown in a 2007 article, in which the authors touted a scenario where the EU convinced the Obama Administration to threaten a nuclear strike against Russia if it invaded Ukraine—and backed Russia down (see *EIR* March 7, 2008).

As that scenario correctly indicates, it is the *United States* which is the determining factor in this nuclear chicken game. Box in or remove the warmongers in the Obama Administration, and the nuclear chicken game becomes impossible. More importantly, the way is open to join the BRICS nations in a new paradigm of peace and prosperity for mankind.