

Will Plot Against Ukraine Lead to Coup, Civil War—or World War III?

by Helga Zepp-LaRouche

Feb. 7—If our sleepwalking and disinterested contemporaries would only wake up, they would have the unique opportunity to experience “live” how World War III is taking place before our very eyes. They would be able to follow—more exciting than any crime thriller—how the official version of events is served up to the credulous public by politicians and the media, and how, under the tip of the iceberg, there lies the much larger story, which involves intelligence agents, diplomats, and gangsters of all kinds.

Insight into this dirty underside of politics was provided by a YouTube posting of a four-minute recording of a telephone conversation between U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Victoria Nuland and the U.S. Ambassador in Kiev, Geoffrey Pyatt. Nuland can be heard giving instructions about how Ukrainian opposition politician Arseniy Yatsenyuk should quickly be made the new head of the government, and Vitaly Klitschko, who is favored by the EU and German Chancellor Merkel, should be booted out, and how the whole thing should be “glued together” by the UN. With the words “Fuck the EU,” Nuland underscored her determination to impose her plans on the European Union. Someone, perhaps the Russian intelligence service, or perhaps a new whistleblower at the NSA, released the recording of the conversation.

If any further evidence were needed, here it is: that the Obama Administration is in direct control of the attempted coup against the legitimately elected President Victor Yanukovych. Several U.S. administrations have spent \$20-30 billion over about the past 23 years to break relations between Ukraine and Russia. And currently, according to economist Sergei Glazyev, who is an advisor to President Putin on Ukraine, about \$20 million is now being spent per week, including to arm the street fighters, aimed

at culminating in a coup by the whole spectrum of Nazi organizations. The support for up to 10,000 violence-prone Nazis, hooligans, and terrorist elements, and their activities beyond Kiev, throughout the country, has led to a split and the beginning of a civil war, whose pre-programmed escalation is intended to provoke an imminent intervention by Russia and thus to provide the pretext for a showdown with Russia itself. If things continue on this road to Hell, we could be just days or weeks from the third world war, a thermonuclear war, which probably no one would survive.

Will Russia Sit Back and Watch?

Can and will Russia sit back and watch until this civil war spreads to its borders and spills over into Russia, as the *Financial Times* on Feb. 2 said it would? Will it watch as the script for toppling all recalcitrant governments with “regime change”—the policy of a British empire based on the Anglo-American special relationship—is finally applied to Russia as well? With a probability bordering on certainty, it will not.

Sergei Glazyev commented on the coup attempt newly proven by the Nuland audio, that this is a flagrant

FIGURE 1
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violation of the Budapest Memorandum of 1994, which was signed on the occasion of Ukraine's giving up its part of the Soviet nuclear arsenal, and in which the United States and Russia jointly committed themselves to responsibility for the security and sovereignty of Ukraine. Under this agreement, he said, Russia would even be *obliged* to intervene in a situation like this. The U.S. interference, on the other hand, is a clear violation of this accord.

The Azeri news agency ABC reported that the Verkhovna Rada (parliament) of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea on Feb. 19 may adopt laws that would allow the Republic to secede from Ukraine and join Russia. Parliamentarian Vladimir Klychnikov has already prepared an appeal to the Russian President and the Russian State Duma to be a guarantor of the inviolability of the status of Crimea and the rights and freedom of its citizens. Klychnikov based this appeal on the danger posed by the growing power of extreme nationalists in Kiev. Another initiator of the appeal, Serhiy Zekov, stressed the Russian nationality, culture, and language of the autonomous republic, in which many ethnic groups live together peacefully, but which could only be protected by the Russian Federation.

Given the binding nature of the Budapest Memorandum and the imminent appeal by the Parliament of Crimea, a Russian intervention in Ukraine would definitely have a legal foundation. It is part of the scenario, that this would be used in any case as a pretext for a thermonuclear showdown or worse, by the same forces who are launching the coup in Ukraine.

Continuity of Policy

The policies of systematic encirclement of Russia, by the eastward expansion of NATO and the EU, as well as of regime change, represents a continuity of policy since the dissolution of the Soviet Union. Margaret Thatcher and the senior George Bush agreed at that time to the neoconservative doctrine that the world should be ruled as an empire based on the Anglo-American special relationship. With the exception of the eight years of the Clinton Administration, the U.S.



Victoria Nuland's marching orders to the U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine, Geoffrey Pyatt, make it clear—if it wasn't already—that the Obama Administration is in direct control of the ongoing coup attempt against the elected Ukrainian President.

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has been governed since then by puppet administrations of this British Empire: first Bush senior, then eight years of George W. Bush, and finally, five years of Obama.

Victoria Nuland is an example of the continuity of this policy. She is married to Robert Kagan, a co-founder of the Project for the New American Century think-tank, and thus of the imperial ideology of the neocons. He was one of the propagandists for the Iraq War. Nuland herself was deputy foreign policy advisor to Vice President Dick Cheney, U.S. Ambassador to NATO (2005-08), and State Department spokeswoman in the Obama Administration. Her role in the cover-up of the Benghazi scandal, which includes arms shipments to al-Qaeda in Syria, among other things, is currently under investigation.

It is high time for our sleepwalking and disinterested contemporaries to take advantage of the unexpected insight into the reality of imperial politics, which the conversation between Nuland and Ambassador Pyatt affords us, and to wake up and realize what really lies behind the propaganda. At a recent event organized by the World Affairs Council in Washington on the theme of "Where Is Ukraine Going?", former U.S. Ambassadors John Herbst and William Courtney, as well as the Vice President of the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), Nadia Diuk, told such incredible lies

that one would have to assume that they habitually travel around on Baron Münchhausen's cannonball!

The NED has an annual budget of \$100 million and is one of the main funder of the 2,200 NGOs (!) that have built up a russophobic network in Ukraine over the past two decades. Diuk praised the Maidan, Kiev's Independence Square where opposition



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V0e5g13QB5U>

The Baron of Münchhausen was known for his tall tales. Here is one filmmaker's take.

demonstrations are being held, as a "physical space" over which the authoritarian President Yanukovych has no control and which dominates the "civil sector," a space where you can breathe the "spirit of the Maidan," and where people persevered despite the cold weather. Not a single word about Svoboda and the other neo-Nazi organizations, about the barricades put up by the demonstrators, the masked stormtroopers, the occupations of ministries and houses, and the armed attacks on police.

In reply to an intervention from the audience, Diuk said that she was completely "uninformed" about any possibility of encirclement of Russia. But Russia is a big country, she said, one-sixth of the land mass of the Earth, so one could not possibly encircle it. She said she had never heard an anti-Semitic word from Svoboda leader Oleh Tyahnybok, and the only thing the protesters want is a better life for their children, in Europe. These people lie with such skill and audacity that it can only be understood as pre-war black propaganda.

The attempted takeover of Ukraine must be viewed in the context of the U.S. missile defense system being deployed in Eastern and Central Europe and the doctrine of "Prompt Global Strike," which, all protestations to the contrary, includes the utopian belief that the nuclear capabilities of the other side could be neutralized by a nuclear first strike. Regarding the U.S. doctrine of "Air-Sea Battle," Russia and also China have made unmistakably clear that if necessary, they will deploy their nuclear arsenals. If Germany and other European nations do not want to be drawn into a thermo-nuclear conflict within days or weeks, a war which no

one on this planet will survive, then they have to identify by name, the fascist character of the coup attempt in Ukraine.

Above all, we must stop behaving like subjects and vassals of the British Empire and its American puppet government. A current example: Clemens Wergin writes in *Die Welt*, regarding the Nuland-Pyatt recording—for which he of course holds Russia responsible—that "in Europe and NATO they are slow to deal with some of the worst-case scenarios." Worst case? How about the extinction of the human species?

And he concludes: "Like the Wikileaks postings, this short recording actually casts a good light on American diplomacy. It shows how America unifies both pragmatic and goal-oriented strands, brings the UN into play, and seeks to unite the Ukrainian opposition."

Or as Victoria Nuland said, "Fuck the EU!" Obviously some people are happy with that.

Translated from German by Susan Welsh

Voice of Russia

Zepp-LaRouche Warns Of Fascist Ukraine

The following interview was conducted Feb. 6 in English, and aired on Voice of Russia, the Russian government's international radio broadcast, the following morning. The text was posted on top of the World section of voiceofrussia.com, under the title " 'Fascist coup' in Ukraine escalating into civil war—expert."

The text begins with the first paragraph of Zepp-LaRouche's response to the interviewer's first question, in large, bold type:

"If you look at the facts of who are the people in the Maidan and in the other upheavals, mainly the violence is committed by fascists, not only the Svoboda Party but a whole variety of groupings who are followers of Stepan Bandera, who was the Nazi collaborator helping the Nazis to prepare the invasion

in Ukraine,” Helga Zepp-LaRouche, Founder and President of the Schiller Institute, an international political and economic think-tank, told The Voice of Russia.

Voice of Russia: It seems that the talks aimed at solving the Ukrainian crisis have reached deadlock as the government and opposition stay as divided as ever. So, do you think that these two sides still have a chance for a peaceful solution or not?

Zepp-LaRouche: I think it depends on the question of what is actually going on, because there is no question that if you look at the facts of who are the people in the Maidan and in the other upheavals, mainly the violence is committed by fascists—not only the Svoboda Party, but a whole variety of groupings who are followers of Stepan Bandera, who was the Nazi collaborator helping the Nazis to prepare the invasion in Ukraine.

So, these are the people, together with some outside terrorists, who had been fighting as Ukrainians on the side of the rebels in Syria. And 350 of those have returned recently, and they are together with Svoboda and hooligans who are committing the violence. So, there are probably somewhere between 3,000 to 10,000 absolutely violent criminal Nazi elements who are committing these crimes.

And [complete lies are being spread by] most of the Western media but also Western politicians, Western foundations, and also such organizations as the Washington Affairs Council or the National Endowment of Democracy. What is really going on is a fascist coup, and already now there is a big danger that if this is not stopped by people in the West, people in the U.S. and people in the EU, this indeed is escalating into a civil war. I mean, there may be an argument



Helga Zepp-LaRouche's interview with Voice of Russia was given prominent billing on Feb. 7.



about whether that civil war has already started or not. And the whole aim of it is to provoke the reaction from Russia, which then would be used as a pretext for a showdown.

I think it is very important that the developments in Ukraine cannot be seen in isolation from other developments in the region, like the U.S. ballistic missile system in Poland and Czechia, and also the deployment of the *Aegis* destroyer to the Rota base in Spain. Now, then you have to see also the different utopian military conceptions, like the Prompt Global Strike doctrine in the Pacific, because all of these doctrines proceed from the utopian conception that a first strike by NATO against Russia and China could proceed without these countries being able to develop or deploy a second strike.

Obviously, this is ridiculous, and both Russia and China have made absolutely clear that they do have a second strike capability. But if this offensive posture is maintained, what we may end up with is that both sides have no other possibility, or rather Russia and China have no other possibility, than to also go into a first strike posture, in which case you have the simultaneous launching of the first strikes from both sides, and that

would lead to the extinction of civilization, and that is what is at stake in Ukraine.

Voice of Russia: What can you say about these reports of the U.S. and EU that they are preparing a financial aid package for Ukraine? Why do you think America and Europe are so eager to help Ukraine and what is actually behind this support?

Zepp-LaRouche: I don't think they are eager to help Ukraine at all, because I think that if Ukraine would have signed the EU Association Agreement, it would have suffered the same treatment like Southern Europe, and you can only look at what is the effect of the Troika policy in Greece, Italy, Spain, and Portugal, and then you can see that Ukraine would have absolutely had no advantage by joining the EU agreement, and it was a lifesaver for Ukraine not to sign that.

Right now because the real situation is that the transatlantic financial system is collapsing, we can have a blowout of the financial system any moment. And on the other side, the Pacific Asian countries are in a much better condition; if you look at China, Korea, India, Russia, they are going in a much better economic direction than the transatlantic association. And Yanukovich was immediately travelling to China; he came back with very extensive cooperation agreements, and President Xi Jinping was recently in Romania, offering to build fast train systems in Eastern Europe, which the EU had cancelled because they are in this total austerity mode.

Therefore, when Yanukovich started talks with China and Russia, the EU realized that they have only demands, but not offers. So, now they are using a carrot and stick, on the one side, offering financial help but with very clear conditions. They call it structural reforms and these structural reforms would mean that Ukraine would have to give up its state-owned properties, it will have to privatize, it would have to apply the usual conditionalities, which always cut the social aspect of the economy.

But they are combining it with the blackmail, what they are calling sanctions, which are aimed to put pressure on the oligarchs in Ukraine who have obviously money accounts in offshore countries, and by threatening to freeze these accounts and to deny visas for traveling abroad, they are trying to put pressure on these financial forces of the oligarchic elements in Ukraine. So, it is extremely dangerous and can only lead to a

catastrophe, because I think that the argument of the Russians, to say that the Eurasian Union is much less integrated than the EU [is right], and the whole argument that Putin wants to reassemble the Soviet Union is really absolutely wrong.

Glazyev Exposes U.S. Hand in Ukraine

by Rachel Douglas

Feb. 6—Russian Presidential advisor Academician Sergei Glazyev reported that the United States is funding and training the armed opposition in Ukraine, and that a 1994 Russian-U.S. agreement gives Russia the legal basis to take action in the situation, if necessary. Glazyev made the statements in an interview with the Ukrainian edition of the Russian paper *Kommersant*, published today.

Glazyev's remark about the 1994 treaty is being hugely misreported in the British and American press as a Russian threat. In fact, what Glazyev said in reply to a question about possible "active intervention" by Russia, is that Russia and the USA are *obligated* to take action in situations like the present one: "We should recall the 1994 Budapest Memorandum on Security Assurances, adopted in connection with Ukraine's adherence to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. All parties to it undertook to protect the territorial integrity and security of Ukraine. Under this document, Russia and the USA are guarantors of Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity and, frankly speaking, are obligated to intervene when this kind of conflict arises. But what the Americans are up to now, unilaterally and crudely interfering in Ukraine's internal affairs, is a clear breach of that treaty. The agreement is for collective guarantees and collective action."

This statement came after Glazyev had laid out the enormous dimensions of unilateral U.S. interference in Ukraine: "According to our information, American sources are spending \$20 million a week on financing the opposition and the insurgents, including for weapons. It has been reported that the guerrillas are briefed on the grounds of the U.S. Embassy, that they are being armed. Of course this is unacceptable, and it needs to be investigated." Glazyev said that U.S. Am-



Dr. Sergei Glazyev, an economist and advisor to President Putin, charged that the U.S. is funding and arming the opposition in Ukraine.

bassador Geoffrey Pyatt's published interview about his "100 percent certainty" that Ukraine would ultimately sign its Association Agreement with the EU was suspicious, in that "here you have an Ambassador, who declares with certainty that Ukraine will sign the agreement, as if he, rather than the Ukrainian leadership, were to decide this question. But the Ukrainian leadership decided not to sign this unnatural agreement, because that document is a pathway to catastrophe."

An Attempted Coup

Glazyev called the opposition movement "an attempt at a coup d'état, at the violent overthrow of the government," in which public buildings have been occupied and an attempt has been made to storm the President's offices. "This comes under the definition of a coup according to Ukrainian law and international law," he said. "Everybody is afraid, for some reason, to call things by their names. The West calls terrorists and putschists 'activists' and tries to portray them as peaceful demonstrators.... The authorities, in turn, are not fulfilling their duty to defend the state, negotiating with putschists as if they were law-abiding citizens." Asked if President Yanukovich should now use force to clear the protesters, Glazyev said: "As for starting to use force, in a situation where the authorities face an attempted coup d'état, they simply have no other course

of action. Otherwise, the country will be plunged into chaos." He said Yanukovich had done all he could to avoid violence, in contrast to the opposition, and accused leaders in western Ukraine of being "separatists."

Averting a Catastrophe

In reply to a question about what steps might now avert catastrophe, Glazyev said that the fact of a coup attempt by "professionally trained, armed storm troopers" must be acknowledged. "Secondly, the West should stop its blackmail and intimidation, such as [U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Victoria Nuland] has been engaged in, during her meetings in Kiev with the oligarchs, as well as with representatives of the President and the government. Our information is that, at these meetings, she let people know that they would land on blacklists, if President Victor Yanukovich did not hand the governance of the country over to the opposition. This is

blackmail, which has nothing in common with international law. This is not merely interference in domestic affairs. This is an attempt to control Ukraine."

Thirdly, Glazyev urged, "The West should accept Moscow's proposal to establish a trilateral system of consultations among the EU, Russia, and Ukraine, concerning Kiev's foreign trade and economic cooperation in the future." He pointed out that the vehement statements against this by Polish Foreign Minister Radoslaw Sikorski and others are not the only opinions within the EU countries.

Glazyev said that Russia is concerned that Ukraine should not split apart, but said that some form of federalism could be introduced to give significant powers to the main regions of the country, including over budgets and, to some limited extent, international relations. He cited the example of Greenland, which enjoys substantial autonomy from Denmark and is not part of the EU, unlike Denmark itself. Western and eastern Ukraine could have different economic relations with the EU and Russia, Glazyev said. "Today, economic, cultural and human ties between the regions of eastern and western Ukraine are less than the links between southeastern Ukraine and Russia and between the western regions and the EU," he said, and suggested that the eastern regions might want to join the customs union of Russia and other Eurasian nations.