

THE CASE FOR IMPEACHMENT BUILDS

Cameron Spurs Obama's Drive for War Against Russia

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Aug. 4—It is now more urgent than ever that President Barack Obama be removed from office. The alternative is a growing likelihood that the British, through their White House pawn, will unleash such a direct provocation against Russia that the outcome will be thermonuclear World War III and certain extinction.

British Prime Minister David Cameron sent a letter on Aug. 2 to all NATO heads of state and to outgoing Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen, demanding a reconfiguration of NATO to directly challenge Russia as an adversary. Meanwhile, the British Deputy Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces called for the creation of a Rapid Reaction Force targeted against Russia. Cameron has called for the forward basing of NATO forces in Eastern Europe, and expansion of the military budgets of all NATO countries, and plans to push this idea at the September NATO summit meeting in Wales that he will be hosting.

Cameron was in Brussels on Aug. 4, meeting with Rasmussen and Gen. Philip Breedlove, Commander of the U.S. European Command, to prepare for the meeting in Wales. "Since Russia destabilized Ukraine and illegally annexed Crimea, NATO's response has focused on reassuring our eastern allies and deterring Russian aggression elsewhere. Every ally has contributed to this response, whether with ships, aircraft or troops," the British Prime Minister said after the meeting. "At the NATO summit we must agree how we can

sustain such a robust presence in eastern Europe in the months ahead."

Cameron endorsed Breedlove's plans for reinforcing NATO's presence in Eastern Europe and declared that "We must also use the summit to ensure NATO is prepared to respond swiftly to any threat against any ally, including with little warning." He called for "a multi-national, high readiness force that can deploy quickly on exercises in the territory of an ally that feels threatened," that would also "provide clear reassurance for any vulnerable ally and make clear to any aggressor that an attack on one would be an attack on all."

Rasmussen used the occasion to up the ante against Russia by charging flatly that it was pro-Russian separatists who shot down Malaysia Airlines Flight 17. No need for evidence, no need for an impartial investigation. Rasmussen is pushing every button for provocation, and the Russians are well aware that this is not about starting a new Cold War, but rather preparations for World War III, unless both Russia and China cave in to Western domination.

The British push for war with Russia has also taken on a financial warfare dimension. On July 29, MI6 favorite Ambrose Evans-Pritchard wrote in the *Daily Telegraph* that the court ruling that the Russian oil company Yukos was illegally bankrupted by the Russian government in 2006, can be used to drive Russia into a sovereign default, on the model of Argentina. The



NATO

NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen and British Prime Minister David Cameron at the headquarters of NATO's Allied Command Operations, Aug. 4. The two are doing their utmost to provoke Russia, insanity that could lead to World War III.

ruling means that Russian external debt, Pritchard ranted, “rises to \$770 billion at a stroke. Refusal to pay will at some point become a sovereign default.”

Evans-Pritchard was referring to the July 28 ruling by the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague, which decreed that Russia must pay damages of \$51.5 billion to former shareholders of Yukos, a fine 20 times larger than any previous verdict. As many Western media have chortled, such a fine, if collectible, would dwarf the impact of the recent European Union/U.S. sanctions. Russia has declared that it will appeal, but there are clear indications that the Russian oligarchs who lost out—aided by their European confederates—intend to try to seize assets of companies that now control former Yukos assets.

Obama Mocks Putin

President Obama, true to profile, is totally in sync with the British provocations for war. In an interview with the *Economist*, Obama seconded Cameron’s blasts at Russia, delivering irrational and insulting comments directed personally against President Vladimir Putin, and mocking the Russian economy as one that “produces nothing.” The U.S. President, goaded on by the editor-in-chief and foreign editor of the London propaganda organ, declared that Russia has a “Janus-like quality, both looking east and west,” and that Putin “represents a deep strain in Russia that is probably

harmful to Russia over the long term, but in the short term can be politically popular at home and very troublesome abroad.”

It’s hardly surprising that the *Economist*, as a long-standing mouthpiece for the British Empire, would be the venue for Obama’s war-mongering. In its March 17, 2007 edition, devoted to the 50th anniversary of the EU, which was written as a piece of futurology titled “The European Union at 100,” the magazine depicted the EU vanquishing both the United States and Russia, after a U.S. financial collapse and an EU-instigated Russian-American nuclear showdown over Ukraine.

With a tone of unrealistic braggadocio, continuing its futurology, the *Economist* even claimed: “The other

cause for quiet satisfaction has been the EU’s foreign policy. In the dangerous second decade of the century, when Vladimir Putin returned for a third term as Russian president and stood poised to invade Ukraine, it was the EU that pushed the Obama administration to threaten massive nuclear retaliation. The Ukraine crisis became a triumph for the EU.”

What Obama is doing today is virtually an *Economist* script.

In what can only be characterized as a reaction against Lyndon LaRouche’s recent emphasis on China’s great advances in science-driver programs like the plans for Moon industrialization and mining for helium-3, Obama, in his interview, described China today as the “low cost manufacturer of the world.” Asked about the recent BRICS Summit and the creation of the BRICS New Development Bank, Obama condescendingly said that these countries are ruled by leaders from an older generation that will soon be swept aside by a newer generation committed to getting in on the existing global system, which he typified by touting the doomed Trans-Pacific Partnership.

Voices of Opposition

Not everyone finds the Cameron-Obama war provocations amusing. Stephen F. Cohen and Katrina vanden Heuvel wrote in *The Nation* on July 30 that Obama is pushing for war with Russia. The authors warned that

the United States is backing the Ukrainian government in escalating the confrontation with Russia, and that the downing of MH17 should have promoted an immediate ceasefire and humanitarian intervention. Instead, with U.S. prodding, Kiev is escalating its attacks on civilian populations in eastern Ukraine, driving the region and the world towards a hot war involving nuclear-armed powers.

On July 30, the Veteran Intelligence Professionals for Sanity (VIPS) (retired U.S. intelligence officers from the CIA, NSA, FBI, and military intelligence branches, issued an open letter to President Obama, demanding that the Administration halt the inflammatory propaganda accusing Russia of responsibility for MH17, and actually present whatever actual evidence has been gathered by U.S. intelligence agencies on the crash.

The Pentagon also continues to push back against the war provocations coming from London and the White House. On July 30, the Defense Intelligence Agency issued findings that the Ukraine Army was using short-range ballistic missiles against civilian population centers in eastern Ukraine. CNN's Pentagon correspondent reported that three Pentagon officials had briefed her on the use of Tochka-U artillery missiles carrying 1,000-pound warheads.

On July 31, a task force of prominent foreign policy and defense experts from Europe and Russia warned of the danger of nuclear war coming out of the Ukraine crisis. The document by the European Leadership Network, a London-based group of former ministers, began: "The current crisis is putting the security of everyone in Europe at risk and is potentially pitting nuclear armed adversaries against each other in a highly volatile region." The 11-page paper called for immediate de-escalation of the conflict, negotiated agreements, greater military-to-military channels of communication, and other measures between NATO and Russia. "There have already been several near misses," the paper warned, "and action is needed both to reduce their likelihood and increase leadership decision time in a context where thousands of nuclear weapons remain on high alert on both sides."

The document was signed by two former British Ministers of Defence—Malcolm Rifkind and Des Browne; former Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov; former German Defense Minister Volcker R  he; and former French Defense Minister Paul Quilès.

The Crash and the War Drive

As *EIR* has reported since 2011, when the assaults on Russia and China escalated, the real driver for war by the British Empire against Russia, China, India, and all of humanity is the fact that the British imperial system is crashing. The Portuguese government, over the weekend, had to step in to take over Banco Espirito Santo, with the full costs and consequences of that collapse still unfolding. The fall of the Espirito Santo family empire is reverberating in France and Brazil, where investors have taken gigantic hits, and where holders of shares in the other Espirito Santo family companies are the latest victims of bail-in madness and looting.

While the BRICS nations have moved to create the beginnings of a new system to replace the current self-cannibalizing disaster, there is no way chaos can be prevented without the reinstatement of the FDR-era Glass-Steagall law. Despite in-depth support for that, even in Congress, Obama follows the British imperial line on that policy as well: He has systematically acted to prevent the bills to reinstate Glass-Steagall from even getting a hearing in the House or the Senate.

Under these extraordinary circumstances, the U.S. Congress must return to Washington from its recess immediately, to take up the one action that can end the headlong plunge to world war: Impeach Obama for his high crimes and misdemeanors, and reinstate Glass-Steagall to bankrupt the doomed Wall Street-London system. Any other behavior is tantamount to gambling with the survival of the human race.

At least one member of Congress is pushing for impeachment. Rep. Walter Jones (R-N.C.) told *The Hill* on July 30 that he had voted "no" to Speaker of the House John Boehner's bill authorizing a lawsuit against the President for his violations of the constitutional separation of powers. "Why not impeach instead of wasting \$1 million to \$2 million of the taxpayers' money? If you're serious about this, use what the founders of the Constitution gave us." Jones warned that the failure of the Republican Party to back impeachment was "why the Republican Party is in trouble."

The Boehner lawsuit was approved by the House of Representatives last week after a team of constitutional lawyers had reportedly assembled a list of 11 impeachable offenses already committed by President Obama. Boehner suppressed most of those crimes in the planned lawsuit filing, further proving Representative Jones' point.