



What If They Know?

I

*“If you set to work to believe everything,
you will tire out the believing-muscles of your mind,
and then you’ll be so weak you won’t be able
to believe the simplest true things.”*

– Lewis Carroll

“Let’s get this straight: How would it be if the United States were viewed by the rest of the world as interfering with the elections directly of other countries, and everybody knew it? What would it be like if we engaged in activities that he [Putin - and all enemies of the USA] is engaged in? It diminishes the standing of a country that is desperately trying to make sure it maintains its standing as a major world power.”

Joe Biden -- President of the United States of America 2022

The last article in this series appeared in the midst of post election riots culminating in the passive - no serious resistance by the authorities - occupation of the US Congress while electoral college votes were being counted to officially declare Biden as the next president.

The takeover of the US seat of government by a mob of Trump supporters was a major event. It only happened once before when British armed forces captured and burned it in 1814, but then Congress was in recess. Democrats decided to make a political meal of the event by calling it an insurrection and arresting many participants who were broadly categorized as neo-Nazis. Trials are ongoing. No doubt the Dems were hoping to permanently eliminate Trump as a serious political opponent. In that they completely failed. Trump's influence and power increased and his people now dominate the Republican party.

It is always hazardous for those seeking the demise of the present political/economic system to find promising signs the event is near. At this point I was about to consider the significance of Biden's perverse lie cited above -- Is it a challenge for our allies to get in line with US policy, or does it mean this country has a president with as much diminished capacity as his predecessor? -- But then Russia had enough of being jerked around by Nato regarding Ukraine as a Nato base and invaded said country in late February. The following will be on that event without any certainty as to the outcome, but it is safe to say that a concatenation of pre-revolutionary events appear to be building to a point that the underlying causes can only be dispersed by a revolutionary re-orienting of the predominant world system.

II

The event that most agree led to present conditions began in 2004 when the Western-backed flunky Viktor Yushchenko lost the presidential election. The new president Viktor Yanukovich was not recognized by Western countries because he advocated a program that included normal relations with Russia. The West led by the US engineered what became known as the 'Orange Revolution'. At least \$14 million was spent for election engineering by the two political party operatives housed in the 'public' CIA front, The National Institutes for Democracy. The International Republican Institute and the National Democratic Institute forced a runoff and sent over teams of agents skilled at voter and electoral manipulation. The result was that Yanukovich was out and Yushchenko was in, even though he recorded the lowest popular vote in history.

Yushchenko did so well serving the interests of domestic and foreign capital with a policy of austerity, social service cuts, bailing out banks, deregulating agriculture, suppressing the rights of minorities and advocating Nato membership that he only managed 5% of the vote in the following 2010 contest. The politically neutral and still unacceptable Yanukovich was elected for a second time, and was subjected to constant US and EU conducted opposition protests. The soft coup ended in late 2013 when Yanukovich refused to sign a European Union Association Agreement that would have led to integration with the EU and its pro business economic policies, and eventually to Nato membership. Instead a Russian proposal was chosen that better served Ukraine's interests.

That doomed Yanukovich's presidency. Protests in Maidan Square Kiev eventually became all fascist with American senators like John McCain cheering them on. The Right Sector (an association of fascist groups) led increasingly violent attacks, and in February 2014, Tarasenko - leader of the Right Sector - simply announced that the president was dismissed. Yanukovich fled to Russia.

American overseers thought it unwise to turn over the presidency to an identifiable fascist. State department functionary Victoria Nuland personally selected Arseniy Yatsenuk as interim president. Anti-coup demonstrations broke out in various parts of the country. In Odessa protesters attacked by fascist goons fled to a union hall for safety. The fascists set fire to the building killing 48 of those inside. Crimea and the Luhansk, Donbas sectors in the southeast rose up against the coup. The regular armed forces were not keen on fighting their own people, thus leaving neo-nazi scum to take the lead.

The first Minsk accord brokered by the Germany and France in September 2014 was signed by the two Russian enclaves but ignored and cast aside by Ukraine. A second more detailed accord was approved the following year. Nothing was implemented. When, at the time pro-peace Zelensky won the election against Poroshenko (a billionaire oligarch who replaced Yatsenuk) with 73% of the vote, he accepted the vote as a peace mandate and traveled to the Donbas region to discuss possible peace terms. But was blocked before he could get to his destination by neo-Nazi forces who made clear to him who decides what. He immediately surrendered to the demands of the right and became a very presentable personage fronting for fascistic forces -- a nice Jewish comedian trying to do something very nice for his people (that is Ukrainians).

Largely ignored by the West, even though neo-Nazis form the backbone of the forces fighting the Russians, is their relationship between the military and the state. In western 'democracies' armed forces are under the command of civilian elected authority. Ukraine has adopted the framework of Nazi Germany in that the Wehrmacht was the armed forces of the German state while the SS was under the direct command of the Nazi party. While Ukraine state has a more or less conventional arrangement with its armed forces, there are independent ultra right entities that unite the numerous neo-nazi, fascist and rightists that happily do the dirty work that many still decent Ukrainians want no part of. They are not united in a political

party as in Germany, but that will come in time unless they are suppressed.

Western apologists for the scum that controls Ukrainian society have a lot of shit they must swallow. Not easy to make two neo-Nazi war criminals, Stepan Bandera and Roman Shukhevych, heroes for which streets are named and torch light parades are conducted to honor their 'patriotic' criminal exploits. They were leaders of the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists during its most radical period after the Nazis occupied Ukraine. Bandera negotiated the creation of the Ukrainian National Legion which Incorporated the OUN under German command. During the war they were part of the Nazi mass murder machine, but they also had a plan for a future fascist Ukraine. Paragraph 16 of the instruction 'Struggle and Activities of the OUN in Wartime' of 1941 states --

“National minorities are divided into those:

a) friendly to us, that is, members of all enslaved peoples;

b) hostile to us – Muscovites, Poles, Jews.

a) with same rights as Ukrainians, who can return to their homeland;

b) who are destroyed in the struggle, except for those who defend the regime: resettlement in their lands, the destruction, first of all, of the intelligentsia, which should not be allowed in any government institutions, and generally make it impossible for the intelligentsia to appear, that is, access to schools, etc. For example, the so-called Polish villagers need to be assimilated, informing them, especially in this hot, fanatical time, that they are Ukrainians, only of the Latin rite, forcibly assimilated. Destroy the leaders. Isolate the Yids, remove them from government institutions in order to avoid sabotage, especially Muscovites and Poles. If there is an insurmountable need to leave a Yid in the economic apparatus, put our policeman over him and liquidate him for the slightest offense. The leaders of certain areas of life can only be Ukrainians, and not foreigners-enemies. Assimilation of Yids is out of the question.”

The Germans had their own plans for Ukraine which was to make it their breadbasket. Once they weakened Ukrainian Nazi fought German Nazi thus becoming fighters for a free (fascist) Ukraine. Thus their identification as anti-Nazis by western intellectual scum was only a ploy in establishing a Nazi-loving Ukraine. Nazis states do fight each other as, for example, Hitler's Nazi Germany and Dolfuss's Nazi Austria. On January 20 2010 Bandera was awarded the title Hero of Ukraine and his followers went on to contribute the major part of

the 14,000 deaths in the war against Ukrainian Russians in eastern Ukraine.

III

A brief pre-history is required in order to account for the possible nuclear catastrophe that may be the *final solution* for the limited war that is ongoing as I write.

During the interval when the Stalinist Russian leadership changed from plain worker-like dress to capitalist business suits, agreements were made that the naive (or nitwit) Gorbachev failed to have written and signed as per the normal practice in state affairs. His verbal agreement with the first Bush meant the withdrawal of 380,000 Russians forces in E. Germany and Stalinist countries bordering Russia, and the ending of the Nato-like clone Warsaw Pact, all on the promise that, since Russia was now a capitalist state like the US, no threatening Nato forces will be stationed along its border.

The first Bush agreed saying Nato will not move 'one inch east' of Germany. All it took was a change of administration to have Clinton renege on a 'sacred' presidential promise and begin arming the nations bordering Russia. Presently there are arms and regular Nato exercises all along the border. Poland has Nato nuclear weapons stationed 100 miles from Russia. In 1961 the US invaded Cuba with a contract army for the purpose of overthrowing the communist regime. The Cuban people rose as one and quickly dispatched the mercenary invaders, and the Cuban government then asked Russia for military assistance to defend against future attempts against its freedom. Something so clearly reasonable and justifiable brought the world the closest it has been (so far) to nuclear annihilation when Kennedy ordered Russian forces out, or else.

Nato, formed in 1949, is a gang of like-minded bullies that forces other nations to bend to its will under threat of invasion. So far they have wrecked and, depending on resistance, taken over Libya, Afghanistan (until recently) Iraq and reordered Yugoslavia to its liking. Also, Somalia and many African states have experienced single or multiple interventions by Nato nations.

As has been stated previously, capitalism has an endless need for material resources and people to exploit as wage-slaves and/or as

customers. Capital is always near 'starvation' -- Desperate for new 'meat' for its capital to appropriate for the only objective capitalism has in its DNA, profit and more profit -- Russia became aware that they were in line to be plated and served and intervened to halt Nato's nation breaking objective.

As cited above, an internal war ensued which was mainly fought by neo-Nazi forces and Russian Ukrainians in the East and South until there was a stalemate and France and Germany intervened with a peace proposal. Ukraine reneged on the Minsk accords agreements showing more loyalty to the US than its sponsors Germany and France. The acceptance of two fundamental and fair demands would have prevented an invasion -- ending the Ukraine-Nazi war against Ukrainian Russians, and declaring Ukraine a neutral state. When Putin, having gotten no satisfaction on either demand learned that a major invasion of the Donbas regions from Mariupol neo-Nazis was in the works, he knew that delay was no longer advisable. Russia began an extensive invasion on February 24th. If Russia were to invade, I expected it to be along the southern border through Odessa and uniting with its existing forces in Moldova. That would secure positions for both Russia and Russians living in Ukraine, in addition it would cut off Ukraine from the the Azov and Black Seas. Apparently Russia felt that taking the capital, or at least doing a lot of damage there, would lead to a quick resolution. Negotiations are underway and Ukraine appears ready to accept neutrality, but it's very likely a delaying tactic just as with the Minsk Accords.

IV

The one notable thing I found in war reporting is the radical difference between Russia and the Nato west. I mostly followed RT (Russia Today) on the web (apparently all of their other avenues of communication have been severed), their reporting is very sedate, just the facts, no bragging, and what was surprising, it also accurately reported what western news sources were saying about Russia and the war. For the other side I mostly followed the BBC because in a government owned news operation one would expect at least some references to the Russian side. All one got from them were reports on anti war demonstrations in Russia and nothing about Putin's approval rating hitting a new high. As for the war itself, it reported every negative on the Russian offense as fact, even the most preposterous.

The first, and most ridiculous, was what supposedly happened to Ukrainian naval forces stationed on a small artificial island off Odessa. When the Russians arrived and demanded their surrender thirteen of them instead gave them a Ukrainian version of the razzberry and went down fighting. They were promptly made national heroes and received rivers of tears from the eyes of millions of dumb-ass Ukrainians. But the Russians reported that there were 82 Ukrainian naval personnel on the island, and they all surrendered peacefully. Russia had the evidence -- they spoke the truth. Meanwhile Ukrainian authorities were now proven to be liars. One would think that this incident would lead to more concerns about accuracy in future reporting of war events. Even though Russia had made it clear that the objectives of the invasion were to secure acceptance of the now independent states in the east and south Ukraine and international acceptance of Ukraine as an independent non-Nato state, a steady stream of lies continued. Kiev even gave lies state sanction -- the state honors for non-existent heroes were not rescinded because in Ukraine lies have more staying power than the truth.

A few other exposed lies -- Ukrainian jets shot down a sophisticated Russian jet -- what was claimed as reality turned out to be a video game. Also a large apartment building being blown up by Russians turned out to be a video of the same happening in Gaza with Israelis and Palestinians being the featured players. There was also the 'sinking' of the Russian naval vessel 'Boyar' off the coast of Odessa with a video which had all of the authenticity of a cartoon.

The credulity, most likely feigned, of even the mainstream media was limitless. When three Russian scientists were sent to the orbiting space station wearing yellow space suits that became evidence of the serious cracks in Putin's power as yellow is a Ukrainian national color. You see, even distinguished scientists were repelled by Russia's war against neo-Nazi Ukraine. Why what had been a respected news organization like the BBC didn't give this especially far-fetched lie a closer look indicates a kind of desperation for false justifications we are now seeing in the west. An emblem on the space suits showed they were worn to honor the university where all three had graduated. When the truth came out the BBC used the sleazy approach of - "it's said that..." rather than admitting a mistake.

But there were also some events that did so much damage to Western 'democracies' efforts to bury the fascist core of the Ukrainian political state that they were best buried altogether.

Ukrainian TV host Fahrudin Sharafmal spoke live on Ukraine TV station Channel 24 of his upcoming plans:

“I know that as a journalist, I have to be objective, I have to be balanced, in order to report information to you with a cold heart, but to tell you the truth, it’s very hard to hold on now, especially at a time like this, and since we are called Nazis, fascists, and so on in Russia — I will allow myself to quote Adolf Eichmann, who said that in order to destroy a nation, you must destroy, first of all, children. Because if you kill their parents, the children will grow up and take revenge. By killing children — they will never grow up and the nation will disappear,” Sharafmal began.

Sharafmal stated that the Ukrainian military wouldn’t be allowed to commit such a vile act, since it was against the Geneva Convention and other rules of war, but that he personally had no problem taking the action.

“The Armed Forces of Ukraine cannot kill Russian children because it is forbidden by the rules of war, and it is prohibited by various conventions, including the Geneva Convention,” Sharafmal said. “But I am not from the Armed Forces of Ukraine. And when I get the chance to take out the Russians, I will definitely do it.”

Sharafmal went on: “Since you call me a Nazi, I will adhere to the doctrine of Adolf Eichmann, and I will do everything in my power to ensure that you and your children never live on this earth.”

Sharafmal doesn’t want to hear about the average Russian citizen who might not have wanted this war such as Marina Ovsyannikova, an editor at Russia’s Channel 1, who was arrested after holding up a sign behind an anchor who was live on the air. The sign read: “No war,” and suggested that the Russian citizens were being lied to by their government. The sign also said “Russians against war.”

Such things don’t matter to Sharafmal, who told Russian citizens, “When you say, ‘we didn’t start the war, it was Putin, we didn’t want this war.’ We didn’t want it either. But you have to understand that it’s about the victory of the Ukrainian people, not about peace. We need victory. And if we have to slaughter all your families to do it — I’ll be one of the first to do it.”

“Glory to the nation!” Sharafmal concluded. “And hope that there will never be such a nation as Russia and the Russians on this earth again. Because they are

just scum who are destroying this land. If the Ukrainians have the opportunity, which they are basically doing right now, to destroy, to slaughter, to kill, to strangle the Muscovites. And I hope that everyone contributes and whacks at least one Moskal.”

The term “Moskal” is considered an ethnic slur to Russians.

Reporting of this rant is from The Bulwark -- a conservative website -- [from Wikipedia: *The Bulwark* is an American anti-Trump conservative and center-right news and opinion website founded in 2018 by commentators Charlie Sykes and Bill Kristol].

A writer for the Bulwark acknowledged the accuracy of the Russian translation but was disappointed that the Russians didn't note that Sharafmal later apologized (one of his buddies was killed in the war...blah, blah, blah), and she complained that the Russians added the photo of Eichmann. But this scumbag stated his identification with Eichmann and dropping in a photo of the man as a visual aid for the uninformed in no way alters the ideas and intentions of Sharafmal.

Channel 24 is controlled by Kateryna Kit-Sadova, the wife of Lviv Mayor Andriy Sadovyi. Sharafmal was not fired. His murderous fascism is accepted by most of the elite in power today. All they need is more of your tax dollars to make their dreams come true.

This very significant incident given the high level authority of its source was not widely, if at all, reported by any mainstream news outlet because it certainly would have indicted and convicted the Ukraine regime and a large sector of its elite as the vile trash that most knowledgeable people now characterize it.

VI

In 2015, the Ukrainian parliament [passed](#) legislation making two WWII paramilitaries—the Organization of Ukrainian Nationalists (OUN) and the Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA)—[heroes](#) of Ukraine, and made it a criminal [offense](#) to deny their heroism. The OUN had [collaborated](#) with the Nazis and participated in the Holocaust, while the UPA slaughtered thousands of Jews and 70,000-100,000 Poles on their own volition.

The government-funded [Ukrainian Institute of National Memory](#) is institutionalizing the [whitewashing](#) of Nazi collaborators. Last summer, the Ukrainian parliament featured an [exhibit](#) commemorating the OUN's 1941 proclamation of cooperation with the Third Reich (imagine the French government installing an exhibit celebrating the Vichy state!).

Most democratic capitalist states have fascist movements. They are not sanctioned by the state. But Ukraine, a pseudo democracy that recently outlawed 11 opposition parties, including the second largest in parliament, scarcely qualifies as one. When select days have public parades to honor unconvicted Nazis, they are certainly neo-Nazi states.

From a Facebook post by Eduard Dolinsky, head of the Ukrainian Jewish Committee, a leading Jewish advocacy group:

"Yesterday, February 9, was the anniversary the first massacre of Poles by Banderites," he wrote. "In the village of Parosl, the UPA cut down more than 150 children, women, and men."

He added: "Today, the police are holding an 'I am a Banderite!' flash mob. Maybe you're better off holding an 'I am a Pole!' flash mob."

VII

There is a development emanating from this war that may be more significant than the war itself. The US and its Nato gang may isolate and disable Russia's ability to fight the war and perhaps even exist as a country free from western domination. It began by cutting off Russia from the international financial services that all capitalist nations need for their economies to function, and even survive. The first and most important was to expel Russia from the SWIFT (Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunications). Many thought that would result in the immediate collapse of the Russian economy. It would not be able to conduct normal world trade. In addition it seized off shore Russian reserves. Many trading countries keep large reserves in the state banks of their largest trading partners, like the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Recently the US seized \$7 billion in reserves held by Afghanistan to punish the Taliban

because they made the mighty US look like has beens. And then this insufferably arrogant country had the temerity to scold the Taliban for failing to provide for its citizens.

The Russian economy did not collapse. It has its own mechanism for trading in roubles, more importantly its ally China has a sophisticated system for the yuan which Russia will also use, thereby serving to help China's efforts to universalize its system.

Russia's economy certainly took a hit but the expected default on outstanding debts has not happened. [News flash! The US Treasury halted a Russian debt payment. They had the funds but couldn't make the payment using US service. Fair play America!] About a quarter of the world's wheat and corn comes from Russia and Ukraine. Most of Europe's oil and gas is from Russia and it has demanded payments in roubles. The US is pushing its liquefied natural gas, but that is hazardous material and requires special port facilities to handle which Europe doesn't have.

It would be a disaster of major proportions if the dollar lost its status as the world currency. Dollars are not literally used to backup other currencies or business transaction. Rather an accounting transaction regarding payment/receipt will designate the amount in dollars. It's a promise to pay/receive in that dollar amount. It doesn't have anything directly to do with the US. What it means is that this country can run huge debts (as it has for years) without much effect on its economy. If that privileged status is lost, then it will no longer be able to build endless debts but will have to raise taxes or cut public service, etc. - just like a normal country. It will be a deserved comeuppance if the US is hoist by its own petard.

Russia is part of the BRICS nations. All of them have refused to condemn Russia, including right-wing led Brazil, and China, India and South Africa are ready to take up the trade slack left by the US arrogance.

But Russia, though justified in attempting to halt the Nato onslaught, may have bit off more than they can chew. Because China knows it is the next victim in this capitalist gang war, it is supporting Russia, but

as a capitalist state it's also a me first nation. Russia has no chance without China.

VIII

This article was planned as a commentary on Baden's crazed statement that is part of the title. It was set aside because of very significant recent events. But Baden did it again. As for the title statement, the US has interfered in foreign elections hundreds if not thousands of times -- and everybody *does* know it. Other presidents and high level officials have made inferences while condemning other nations that the US above such bad conduct. Even with the fallout from that statement Baden does it again.

While touring areas of Europe near Ukraine Baden freely cast out aspersions against a leader of a major nation. Putin is a "butcher", a "war criminal". And finally in a Polish speech - "For God's sake, this man cannot remain in power." For the leader of the strongest and most dangerous capitalist state to use such words against a rival nation is not just wrong but also plain nuts.

The British Daily Mail published some comments by foreign readers:

Foreign readers were outraged by the words of US President Joe Biden regarding Russian leader Vladimir Putin. Readers left angry comments under the publication of the British Daily Mail on 26 March.

The American leader allowed himself an undiplomatic statement at a meeting with refugees from Ukraine. Many users considered such words of the President hypocritical.

"This crazy old man is going to drag us into a war," declared a reader.

"Putin is a butcher?! You and Obama bombed seven sovereign countries simultaneously for eight years!" — the user was indignant.

"Libya, Syria and Yemen would like to talk to Biden and Obama," another reader noted.

"This is the same clown who launched the drone that killed an entire family of ten people in Kabul. Not to mention the fact that he left an entire country to the mercy of the Taliban. He should have been a little more careful when talking about others," explained the author of another comment.

"Such an inappropriate comment at such a delicate moment. Baden is not fit for his position!" the user thinks.

But others have noted symptoms of Lewy Body Dementia:

"Lewy body dementia (LBD) is a disease associated with abnormal deposits of a protein called alpha-synuclein in the brain. These deposits, called Lewy bodies, affect chemicals in the brain whose changes, in turn, can lead to problems with thinking, movement, behavior, and mood."

There is no cure and the disease gets progressively worse. As if the world doesn't have enough to worry about it now has the leader of the most powerful and dangerous nation in the world possibly progressively going screaming nuts.

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