



Severely wounded, orphaned child - China 1937

Peace, Peace, When There Is No Peace

"I have lived in a time when men have turned Jews into soap. I have been, I must admit, ever since those days, a wee bit confused about the godly nature of the human creature".

- Sidney Michaels, "Dylan"

Unless Ukraine mobilizes its entire citizenry into its army, and the West supplies Ukraine with the offensive hardware it needs, including planes and long range missiles, Ukraine cannot win the war with Russia, and it may not even be able to secure much of its territory.

In any event, in a few more months Ukraine will be a destroyed nation.

The West is playing a cruel game in Ukraine.

The effects of the sanctions have not had the stated results; and, in fact, the sanctions are not fully implemented on those Russian entities that would truly harm the Russian economy. As of this writing, Russia is still pumping gas and oil to European countries and has increased its energy supplies to those countries who are not especially aligned with the West. Russia has many customers for its energy products. The Russian Ruble has remained stable up to this point.

While Ukraine is slowly but surely being destroyed, the cost to the West will also be massive if it continues on its present path and later decides to support Ukrainian reconstruction.

Russia, meanwhile, but for the loss of blood and military equipment, has suffered relatively little. The higher gas prices have offset some of its losses. The higher gas prices, on the other hand, have hurt Western economies, and coupled with Europe's Green energy policy, the energy situation does not portend well for the West, at least over the short term, even if the US and Europe were to come to its senses and jettison Green energy policy, energy self reliance is in the future.

The only way this war will have a positive outcome for Ukraine without destroying the West, (which may just be part of the Globalist destabilization strategy) is if Russian military bases and equipment manufacturing facilities, highways and bridges carrying military supplies, and their Black Sea fleet is destroyed; and as important, if commercial gas production and storage facilities are destroyed.

This appears to be a very odd war - Russia can bomb the hell out of Ukraine, but Ukraine is not allowed to bomb Russia - as if not bombing Russia has stopped Russia from bombing Ukraine. There seems to be some odd rules at work here.

Ukraine does not need to target the Russian population, but only with a massive amount of destruction laid upon the Russian military and industrial sectors will Ukraine be able to rid itself of Russia.

The most horrific aspect of this war is that the West is willing to support the fighting, but, it is not willing to support a victory. Western leaders are saying that they are being restrained to avoid a larger conflict. This is said in spite of the one obvious effect of this policy, the death and destruction being carried out by Russia every single day that passes.



Ukrainian girl who lost her legs in train station bombing

For better or worse, the West seems committed to fighting Russia from the sidelines. The only way this policy can prevent more and more carnage and stop the war, would be if the West were to lay down an ultimatum to Zelensky to concede the land bridge to Crimea that Russia has taken. That message has just been given by former US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger. In fact, he demonized any Ukrainian attempt to kick Russia completely out of Ukraine.

Aside from all the rhetoric about a contained war, Western leaders know that, unless they force Zelensky's hand, a larger conflict is inevitable, because they have planned it that way. It is evident in Germany's rearming and returning to non-green energy sources and supplying

Ukraine with heavy weapons. Proof of the inevitability of a wider conflict is Sweden and Finland's urgency to join NATO. It is not that Finland and Sweden particularly love Europe. After all Europe let Finland be defeated by Russia in 1940, and did nothing to help Finland regain its territory after 1945. More so, it is that Sweden and Finland know there may possibly be a war and they will be Russian targets just like everyone else in the West; and would rather be part of a larger military. They are trying to avoid what happened to the Benelux countries in 1940, happening to them now.

Comparisons are not always faithful to the original; but there are patterns to history, especially to war, which is usually based upon some economic foundation.



Chinese man on busy street being beheaded with sword.

Putting aside Manchuria, Ethiopia and Spain - and just looking at Japan's 1937 invasion of China, China was subjected to some of the most horrific cruelties ever seen in war. The horrors inflicted upon China were ignored by the US, even when Japan attacked and sank the USS Panay on the Yangtze River in December 1937. For what it was worth, the US

accepted Japan's apology for the obviously intentional attack. The horrors in China seemed to have little meaning for the US, even though Japan was the most Western and most industrialized nation in the Orient, and what it did affected half the world.

Only when Japan took over French Indo China in 1940, did the US take Japan's actions as a threat. That threat was eventually attended to with massive sanctions in the form of cutting off Japan's access to oil. The US also stopped the supply of scrap iron to Japan, which was too late in coming, considering that by 1941 Japan had already built a massive navy, army and air force.

Japan saw the US issue condemnations for aggression, but only to Hitler, not to Russia, who had invaded Poland and Finland. Japan saw that the US and the West were selective about its enemies and its condemnations; and possibly Japan felt that the US might not respond forcefully when it decided to bomb Pearl harbor. After all they sank an American ship when they invaded China and later took French possessions with impunity; and when the world became angry over their actions, the Japanese just walked out of the League of Nations.

The same horrors perpetrated upon the Chinese, were soon perpetrated upon the British in their colonies and on the Americans in the Philippines.

Like Hitler with Chamberlain, the Japanese talked peace in Washington, while it prepared for war in the Pacific.

America's response to Japan's aggression was sanctions and moving its fleet to Pearl Harbor. While the US built defenses in the Philippines it was half hearted. MacArthur never received all that was needed. The same was true with Guam and other American outposts. The US supplied England with munitions, equipment and ships. And when an American destroyer *USS Reuben James* was sunk by the NAZIs in the North Atlantic while on convoy protection duty, the US continued to remain "out of the war." So, when December 7th rolled around, the United States was still not yet on a war footing. It was still preparing - and, therein lies the reason for the several missed signals and bumbled communications just

hours before the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. The Americans continued to act as if there were peace, while the war was all around them.

Today, we are not prepared for war. The Armed forces are not large enough. Our munitions supply is low. Our Navy is too small for a major war and too many sailors are poorly trained for the positions they hold on ships, and half the citizenry are potential fifth columnists

If Japan thought it had an edge in 1941, it would be surprising if Russia and China don't think they have an edge in 2022, especially when former US allies in several parts of the world will no longer support either the US or the West in a war.

Most probably, the destruction and carnage in Ukraine will not motivate NATO to act in some more forceful manner; and only when a NATO nation is laid waste will the West step in and put an end to the horror in Ukraine; but by then whatever NATO does will only be the beginning of a major world conflict, rather than the ending of a regional conflict.