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A false positive runs through Europe

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It was once claimed that a ghost roamed Europe, "the ghost of communism." More than 170 years have passed since that statement issued by Karl Marx and Frederick Engels in the "Communist Manifesto". That "ghost" was neat in producing great changes in culture, in politics, in economics, also in the Philosophy of War. A new enemy had emerged for the ruling classes and it was necessary to fight it as it came to pass. This was the case, but the "ghost" had already caught on in the minds of the proletarians and in 1917 the first

Socialist State on the planet was born. That would never be forgotten and the bill would one day be passed waiting for payment.



Ukrainian soldiers stand guard at the entrance to the Pereválnoye infantry base in Crimea. / Darko Vojinovic (AP)

For the United States (USA) and its allies, in their battered imperial infula, that moment of collection, they believe, has arrived and Crimea seems to be the pretext to mount an invasion of Russia and thus claim the affront inflicted on their armies when in World War II Soviet soldiers defeated the forces of German fascism, placing the hammer and sickle flag at the Bundestag headquarters. Taking Russia by arguing that this way they save the Ukrainians and preserve their "democratic system" is the worst brazenness that could have occurred to the gringo *think tanks*. Napoleon already tried, and bitter and ashamed he had to return to Paris. Hitler tried and his troops sank into the snow of the cold Russian winter. They think from the Pentagon that by invading Russia they would be able to isolate it from China. It is the development of "the strategy of chaos" in order to maintain its world hegemony.

The press reports daily on the statements that are made in Washington and Moscow. The Chancelleries of both countries are kind of armies with heavy artillery poured into a field of papers and microphones on. The Biden Administration carries a common thread with a specific purpose: to create panic, anxiety, to make the minds of Europeans a huge football field where everyone shouts the word fear in a chorus of tenors, come and save us from the Russians! In that campaign they have mounted a Hollywood-style manufactured black

propaganda operation, creating cinematic scenarios with scripts, actors and placing President Joe Biden as the great director. As the Venezuelan political scientist Manuel Montañez writes, it would be "a false positive with camouflage of Russian clothing, used by its invading army or that of the neo-Nazi (outsourced) mercenaries to justify the beginning of the Third World War and thus, through its system of media war propaganda, capture 'its truth' before the world and thus try to maintain its hegemony."

Moscow also has its media arsenal and uses it to defend its borders and to warn of the planetary hecatomb that would occur in case it is attacked by military forces of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). Indeed, President Vladimir Putin, in statements dated Wednesday, February 9, 2022, noted that: "Of course, the military potential of NATO and Russia is incomparable. We get it. But we also understand that Russia is one of the main nuclear states and by some modern components, it even surpasses many. In a war there will be no winners and you will be drawn into this conflict against your will. They will not even have time to tab when Article 5 (collective defense of NATO members) is executed, he warned." Putin is clear, a war between both nations would be the trigger of the Third World War, only this would not be with chopsticks as Albert Einstein once claimed. It will be with nuclear warheads from which no one would be spared.

Ukraine, for its part, has been stockpiling state-of-the-art military equipment supplied by the U.S. He thinks this way he can match the asymmetry of his army to the Russian, hangman's kick, a writer friend would say. His Foreign Ministry is seeking to meet with his Russian counterpart to "discuss a strengthening and redeployment of our border," Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmitry Kuleba said. In all this framework, it seems, ukrainian citizens count little or nothing, a good part of them Russian-speaking who do not want any conflict and who are in favor of living together peacefully. They, who are the real mourners, do not seem to care about their governments or the international community.

Can any fool want this, we wonder. If the world has already experienced two world conflagrations with a hellish toll of millions of dead and victims who still do not recover from that horror, we repeat: can anyone be doing financial calculations to see how much it adds to their pockets in case a nuclear rain occurs? But not everyone seems to suffer from a fit of madness. The governments of Poland, Germany and France are making diplomatic efforts to avoid war. To this end, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz said: "Through diplomacy and clear messages, as well as the common will to act together, we must work together to preserve peace in Europe." He, like no one else, knows about his country and

Europe's dependence on Russian gas. French President Emmanuel Macron called on both Ukraine and Russia to respect the Minsk agreements, saying: "We cannot underestimate the moment of tension we are experiencing. We cannot resolve this crisis in hours of talks. He noted that President Putin gave him assurances that "Russia would not be the cause of the military escalation." Those same assurances should have been asked of Biden. Apparently, not everyone follows Washington's rulings to the letter. They know that another Marshall Plan is not just around the corner.

The tension before an eventual conflict increases. Several European countries and the US itself have warned their citizens to withdraw from Ukraine. Some have closed their diplomatic headquarters and moved their affairs elsewhere. The presence of a U.S. nuclear submarine in Russia's territorial waters is perhaps the most telling incident that something is cooking on some stove and somewhere comfortable. According to the BBC-World, in an dispatch dated February 4, 2022, in the talks between Presidents Putin and Xi Jinping, held in Beijing, they signed a statement where both countries are opposed to the expansion of NATO military forces, which they accused of "adopting a Cold War ideology" and said they were concerned "about the Aukus Security Pact between the United States, United Kingdom and Australia." Apparently, from Beijing a message was launched: We are united in this and we will face by all means an aggression and, as they say on these Latin and Caribbean sides, the one who understood understood.

This conflict would be of global dimensions and the neutrality employed in other times would be unthinkable. The U.S. is concerned about the presence of Russia and other countries in Latin America and the Caribbean with the establishment of strong trade ties and military cooperation, such as Nicaragua, Cuba and Venezuela. The undersecretary for the Western Hemisphere of the United States, Brian Nichols, expressed in statements given to the Colombian newspaper El Tiempo and reproduced by the Russian agency Sputnik his concern that "Russia and other countries try to introduce conflict in our hemisphere." They dust off the old Monroe Doctrine of "America for Americans" again. For his part, Pope Francis urged the faithful to "... pray for Ukraine and called on politicians to make every effort in their power to achieve peace on Ukrainian soil." He added that "the news coming from Ukraine is very worrying. I trust in the intersection of the Virgin Mary," said her holiness and asked to make every effort for peace.

Regardless of whether the supreme pontiff calls to pray only for Ukraine, his call for the maintenance and achievement of peace has to be shared by world leadership. There are no

good or bad wars. All wars are bad. A nuclear war conflict does have predictable consequences: the destruction of the planet and with it of the human species and of what exists. No one in their right mind wants that. As President Putin has said, in a conflict of this magnitude there would be no winners, we would all lose. With its military might already badly battered by the defeats suffered in recent times, the US Government has no right to send its soldiers to their deaths in order to defend "their democracy and their freedom", as they did in Vietnam with the results known to all. The governments of the European countries have to look in the mirror of the last world war, when they were easy pasture for the forces of German and Italian fascism. They must learn to live autonomously and independently. Defend their peoples, their culture. Learn to be free

without impositions or submissions to anyone. A war is possible, nobody wants it. We

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