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Crime and punishment

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The war that will come is not the first. / There were other wars. / At the end of the last one / there were winners and losers. / Among the vanquished, / the common people / were starving. / Among the victors / the common people passed it too.
Bertolt Bretch (1898 – 1956)

The economic and political decline of the US and, therefore, strategic, explains the aggressive conduct of NATO in Europe, whose sustained provocation has triggered the announced war between Russia and Ukraine. A war induced by the Suffocating Encirclement of Russia by the West and the atrocities of Ukraine's neo-Nazi regime in the Donbas region.

While Russia has tried unsuccessfully to protect its legitimate interests, the so-called Maidan regime – still existing in Ukraine – has lent itself to an unsustainable provocation, encouraged by NATO, which more than a defensive alliance is a military instrument of dominance at the service of US interests.

Ukraine will pay a heavy price for this, as so-called economic measures against Russia will not alter the course of events. On the contrary, economic measures are likely to rebound strongly against the countries of the European Union, which will have to acquire

energy - gas and oil - at a higher cost, with the consequent rise in inflation and the inexorable aggravation of the economic crisis.

Russia will be forced to strengthen its strategic ties with the Chinese superpower, which will benefit, to the detriment of the interests of the vulnerable and decadent European Union, unable to assert its strategic interests against its arrogant American partner.

Ukraine is now desperately knocking on NATO's doors to intervene militarily in the war that Russia has been forced to start; which it will not do, leaving Ukraine finally abandoned to its fate.

Just as the European Union would be left to its fate, if there were a certain danger of nuclear confrontation, with the risk of thermonuclear devastation of the imperial metropolis, that is, of the USA of America.

Ukraine has been vilely used by the US and so is the fragile European Union, putting its population and infrastructure at serious risk if NATO's encirclement of Russia were to be maintained indefinitely.

In October 1962, during the famous missile crisis, the U.S. demanded the withdrawal of Soviet military equipment installed in Cuba. The USSR immediately withdrew its missiles, located a few hundred kilometers from Washington. He understood that, if he persisted in his efforts, he could trigger a thermonuclear conflict of definitive dimensions.

Mutually assured destruction, the strategic basis of the so-called balance of terror, could jeopardize the very survival of our species, because, if military tension increased, a direct clash between the two nuclear superpowers became inevitable.

On the contrary, the adventurous behavior of the US, seconded by the European Union, is antagonistic to that maintained by Russia in those dismal days, which I still remember with horror.

I was then in my third year as a student at the Naval School of Marín (Pontevedra), when the news broke. My readings as a young midshipman, clandestine at the time, had

prepared me to understand the gravity of that moment. Inescapable reflections that I debated amicably with some of my comrades in arms.

The Russian blood spilled in the Donbas has deeply wounded the nationalist pride of the Russian people, which Fyodor M. Dostoevsky (1821-1881), one of the great geniuses of European narrative, claimed in *Diary of a Writer*.

The urgent need to stop the expansion of NATO, which, in serious breach of its commitments, has reached the Russian border, a few hundred kilometers from Moscow, puts life on the planet at risk.

It is outrageous, hypocritical, the little number mounted by some delegates at the UN, posing with the flag of Ukraine next to a mural of the "Guernica", by the great Pablo Ruiz Picasso (1881-1973).

Perhaps, at this tragic historical juncture, the sanity that would derive from European peoples cruelly martyred in the past will demand from the military command of NATO, that is, from the USA, the immediate containment of its warrior and expansionist ardor, which endangers us all. A new partition of the world, giving assurances on both sides of the Atlantic, home to gigantic nuclear superpowers, seems inevitable.

The European Union must face its journey with courage, together with its neighbouring Russian Federation, since both are part of the same continent, and must forge in the future a friendly alliance between its workers and peoples.

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