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Stop the world, I want to get off

To think that just two decades ago we embraced each other convinced that "another world is possible"! Naive, we never thought this would be that new world.



The reconfiguration of the world order was interrupted by Russia's military intervention in Ukraine, which kicked the board of an exclusive hegemony of the United States, which arrogated to itself the prerogative of intervention, interference or invasion of territories outside its borders.

The final scenario of the war should reorder international relations... and stories will emerge to justify the hegemonic mutation. That unique franchise of imperial tone that Washington thought itself to boast is watering down, it was perimid.



The world right never hesitates, it has everything clear: the equation is more bombs, more dead, it equals fewer problems. Meanwhile, almost all progressivism and the left remain perplexed by the war, not knowing what to do. The state of shock has endured since 1989, when the Berlin Wall fell, when the Soviet Union ended.

And on the other side, a left full of words and slogans, but not knowing what to say. Some bent on finding ways to return to peace, which was not so peaceful either. But these efforts are buried day by day by those who build the collective imagination, public opinion, the large conglomerates that manage the hegemonic media and the so-called social networks.

Everything is as the pessimists love: the war in Ukraine could spread to all of Europe, Russia could resort to nuclear weapons, the US announces that Russia would also be destroyed. The world is as the devil likes: wars, epidemics, ecological catastrophe, rampant misery, threats, the worst possible forecasts. It takes a spark for everything to catch fire, says Brazil's Emir Sader. Someone or something can get out of control and that's it: the much-heralded end of the world.

Shedding blood to atone for guilt for crimes against humanity committed over five centuries has been the West's way of solving its crises. A cultural reason born of the union of the Judeo-Christian religion and the tradition of Greco-Roman thought imposes its worldview on the planet, explains the Chilean Marcos Roitman.

"There is no distinction, Putin is Russian, Russians are Putin, all together they are enemies of the West, their lives are worthless. The irresponsibility of the West, its arrogance, its desire to dominate the world places us on the edge of the abyss. But in the meantime, they call us to exterminate the Russians," he adds.

Mexico's Alfredo Jalife-Rahme talks about the Pentagon's 46 biolaboratories of biological weapons in Ukraine. Vladimir Putin accuses Ukraine of experimenting with anthrax, cholera and African bovine fever. The accusations of the Global Times, of the Chinese Communist Party, point to the fact that the investigations of the United States, after the experiences in Vietnam and Korea, focus on the R-781 project, which involves bats as transporters of potential biological weapons. Friction science.



Ukrainian laboratories located near the territory of Russia have been developing components of biological weapons, Russian Defense Ministry spokesman Igor Konashenkov said on Sunday.

Today we live in the realm of lies, of so-called fakenews, of post-truth. Western capitalism's domination of the mass media and social media has imposed a version of the tragedy now being experienced in Ukraine. When the economy finally bursts even if they dress it in green, they will know how to say the opposite.

Russia is currently the second largest producer of hydrocarbons on the planet. 40% of the gas consumed by Europe comes from pipelines managed by Gazprom. Liquefied gas – which Washington intends to export to supply Russian exports – cost eight dollars per million BTU last year, and today it trades at 55 dollars. Europe joined Washington's offensive and is bracing for a harsh winter after freezing the Nord Stream II gas pipeline project. Masochism or blind faith in Washington?



Argentina's Jorge Elbaum points out that Washington feels partially victorious because it dragged the European Union towards Russophobia, but now it needs Russia to lose the war in the format of discredit and discredit. While urging Ukrainians to resist in the face of one of the most powerful armies on the planet, they plan arms sales and the future reconstruction of Ukraine.

A full Russian victory carries the danger of a new world order with a Moscow-Beijing axis. After fabricating the conditions for war, the State Department focuses on the need to impose a demonizing narrative of Putin.

Elbaum points out that his credibility, however, was exposed on March 5 when Biden officials visited Caracas to process the purchase of oil with whom they do not know as President, Nicolás Maduro. As the Marxist of the Groucho tendency put it: "These are my principles, and if you don't like them, I have others."



Among the many things one learns over time is that there are two kinds of invaders. There are the good ones, as when in the eight years of Barack Obama's government they passed without a single day without war or invasions, with soldiers, planes, tanks, drones, missiles ... Of course, always in the name of freedom and democracy. And there are the

bad guys, like "Satan" Putin, who in his conquering march orders to invade a "defenseless" Ukraine.

It is that again, after 75 years, war comes to Europe and suddenly it is as if Europeans wake up and discover the monster of death and desolation. The last generations of Europeans had only seen the wars on television, at best, or had never seen them, nor did they want to know about them, that they had the European imprint or of their "greatest protector", the United States.

Many of these Europeans, with their theorists and thinkers at the head (Jurgen Habermas, Tony Negri, among others), even to justify the massacres, such as that of the Iraqi people or that of the Palestinian people, spoke of "just wars" and even "humanitarian wars", and the pro-Zionist intellectuals of which Europe is full justify the crimes of the State of Israel with the argument that that country has the right to defend itself and needs to be protected. provide security, says René Vega Cantor.

Who pays for the broken dishes of the era of disorder and rearrangement of the world power that we have to live? We, the ordinary ones. Some more and others less, some now and others later. It is up to the Ukrainians at this moment, along with the Iraqis, the Afghans, the Syrians, the Libyans and the Yemenis, to pay the greatest amount of the broken dishes, recalls the Costa Rican Rafael Cuevas Molina.



"We, in Latin America, have paid for the broken dishes many times. We have been and continue to be collateral damage, victims of the tug-of-war between the big interests. We put the emaciated faces, the crying, the material so that the screens from which they look at us are nourished while we have dinner or take a refreshment to calm the embarrassment," he adds.

The Ecuadorian Paz y Miño Cepeda points out that the "America for the Americans" (paraphrasing, no one can think of a "Europe for the Europeans" or "Asia for the Asians") no longer has the original meaning, unless the Latin American countries stop expanding relations with Europe, cut with Russia over the issue of the war in Ukraine and renounce to strengthen economic relations with China and so many other countries "outside" the continent.

It's business as usual, when we thought we had all the answers, the questions change us. Meanwhile, urban myths begin to run, they impose themselves and the false remains as truth with the passage of time. Lies are the murderer of truth, and this is the first victim of all war.

No doubt the world is wide (it is also alien, the Peruvian Ciro Alegría would say), but 'the West', that is, the United States and its henchmen of the European Union, which together do not exceed twelve percent of the world's population, arrogates to itself the exclusivity of the opinion of the 'international community'. It does and does undo in the name of that "international community", which does not include South America, India, China, Malaysia, and a long list of countries and regions of the world, but which monopolizes the monopoly of planetary opinion.

Since the war in Kosovo, NATO has developed the concept of engineering mass population movements. In 1999, the CIA orchestrated the displacement – in just three days – of more than 290,000 Kosovars from Serbia to Macedonia. We still remember the chilling videos of those long lines of people walking for tens of kilometers along the railways, which created the imaginary that the government of Slobodan Milosevic had unleashed an ethnic repression, as justification for the war that the Western powers wanted to start.



Now, in the case of Ukraine, what is sought is to move the world audience by showing women and children fleeing, but without the men leaving, because they need to fight against the Russians. It's always about manipulating our emotions. No, it is not about justifying the Russians.

But when we are told that Russia bombs a nuclear power plant, I remember George W's lies. Bush on the weapons of mass destruction of the tyrant Saddam. When they explain that the Russians bombed a maternity ward in Mariupol, I remember the Kuwaiti babies taken from their incubators by Iraqi soldiers. And when they tell me that Putin is insane and looks like Hitler, I remember how they treated Libyan leader Muammar el-Qaddafi or Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.

The European Union opened its doors to all those who present themselves as Ukrainian refugees. According to Germany, a quarter do not have Ukrainian passports but Algerians, Belarusians, Indians, Moroccans, Nigerians or Uzbeks, who try to take advantage of the open door to legally cross the borders of the EU. It is business for German companies to disguise the disguised regularization of a large mass of cheap labor force.

Those of us who watch the war on television, as we saw in Kosovo, Libya and Syria, would have to ask ourselves why the Ukrainian people do not massively express their support for the government of President Volodymyr Zelensky, as did the Kosovars, Libyans and Syrians in Belgrade, Tripoli and Damascus. We should have learned by now that the first casualty of war is always the truth.



The truth is that the situation in Ukraine remains dramatic, with a war that is dragging on longer than Russian strategists assumed and where the sanctions imposed by Washington and the European Community have not deterred Vladimir Putin. Everyone seems worried. Even U.S. President Joe Biden called his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping, who not only failed to condemn Russia, but demanded immediate diplomatic negotiations.

The seductive tome of the almost octogenarian American president did not captivate the Chinese leader, despite Biden assuring him that the United States does not seek to have a new Cold War with China, or change the system, or revitalize its alliances against China. He added that the United States does not support Taiwan's independence and does not seek conflict with China.

The Argentine Atilio Borón comments that Xi Jinping seems to have also known Che Guevara's phrase ("you can't believe him even a little bit like that, nothing!") because he told him, verbatim: I take your comments very seriously.



The new world order that will become will include China as one of the great victors. And it will surely require endless Hollywood productions to disguise or hide this hegemonic mutation worldwide.

"And why, having more evolved worlds, did I have to be born into this one?" And isn't it that in this world there are more and more people and fewer people?" "It turns out that if you don't rush to change the world, then it's the world that changes you!" All these existential reflections and questions are not from any philosopher, but from Mafalda, the caricature of the Argentine girl created by the cartoonist Joaquín Lavado, better known as Quino, who got off the world in October 2020.

But the most famous phrase of the character ended up being one that he never said: *Stop the world that I want to get off.* "I would never have put that phrase in Mafalda's mouth, because Mafalda does not want the world to stop and she wants to get off, she wants the world to improve. Then he could never have thought of that," Quino told Colombian radio station W.



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