

EXPOSING THE BIG LIE

U.S., NATO Maneuvers Show Intention for Global War

Nov. 18—While the Western media scream about how Russia and China are allegedly carrying out provocations for war with the West, U.S. and NATO military maneuvers over the past month reflect just the opposite. It is the West, dominated by British geopolitical thinking, that is preparing for war, even nuclear war.

Take Steadfast Noon 2014, a nuclear-strike exercise held in late October in northern Italy. The exercise coincided with a Strike Evaluation nuclear certification inspection at Italy's Ghedi Torre air base, and with the sharpest rise in tensions between NATO and Russia in decades. Also of note is that, for the first time, the maneuver included a NATO member from Eastern Europe, namely Poland, which participated with F-16s—and at the same time that Poland announced its intention to rebase thousands of its troops closer to Russia and Ukraine.

Then there's Valiant Shield 2014, a U.S. Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps exercise conducted off the island of Guam, to practice "defensive counter-air missions, strike missions, suppressions of enemy air defenses, maritime interdiction, air-to-air refueling and command and control operations." The explicit aim of this exercise was to rehearse the techniques of Air-Sea Battle, an operating concept developed for war with China.

So, who's preparing for war? That is a question which the Russian and Chinese governments have already answered in their own minds—and begun to take the relevant flanking and defensive measures to stave

off the threat. However, until the bankrupt British oligarchy is deprived of its power—especially over the actions of the man with his finger on the nuclear button in Washington—there is no guarantee that these provocations will not touch off a conflict that could end in the incineration of billions.

Delusions of Power

Barack Obama openly expressed the delusional state of mind of the West and NATO during a speech to a group of students in Australia Nov. 15. "As the world's only superpower [sic!], the United States has unique responsibilities that we gladly embrace," Obama said. "We are leading the international community in the fight to destroy the terrorist group ISIL. We are leading and dealing with Ebola in West Africa, and in opposing Russia's aggression against Ukraine, which is a threat to the world, as we saw in the appalling shutdown of MH17—a tragedy that took so many innocent lives, among them your fellow citizens."

Does Obama actually forget that Russia and China, not to mention India, are also nuclear powers? Does he think he can get away with the lies that the U.S. is leading the effort against Ebola in Africa, when that credit goes to Cuba, or that it has *not* been established that the Russians were responsible for the downing of MH17? These are dangerous statements of unilateralism that push the world further toward nuclear war.

Nor should anyone dismiss them as mere words. Through the entire course of Obama's Presidency, those

words and intentions have been matched by relentless NATO expansion, and military doctrinal changes, such as the adoption of a Prompt Global Strike aimed at using non-nuclear means to overcome certain defensive technologies developed by Russia and China.

To underscore his hostile intent, Obama chose to have a special meeting with Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Australia's Prime Minister Tony Abbott at the G-20 summit, dedicated to "deepen the already strong security and defense cooperation" among the three nations, including "maritime security building." Such a meeting can only be seen as a hostile message to China.

This meeting occurred despite new U.S.-China military agreements reached by President Obama and Chinese President Xi Jinping at APEC, agreements proclaimed as means of avoiding confrontation between the two. Yet, a Pentagon spokesman confirmed on Nov. 12 that the agreements don't cover U.S. surveillance flights off the coast of China, something which the Chinese have complained about repeatedly.

Ukraine at the Brink

The much-publicized lying rhetoric against Russia, and President Vladimir Putin personally, for alleged aggression in Ukraine, pales beside what the Western-backed Nazi government in Ukraine is doing on the ground, to try to provoke total war.

While claiming to still adhere to the September Minsk agreements, the Kiev government is escalating its military offensive, and moving to economically cut off eastern Ukraine from pensions and other government payments, according to an RT report. In the press conference he held before leaving Australia, Putin sharply criticized that Nov. 14 decision, noting that even during the height of the Chechen crisis, when Moscow was in armed combat with the rebels there, Russia did not cut off transfer payments, because of its "moral obligation to the common people."

According to a statement issued Nov. 15 by the People's Council and the Federation of Trade Unions of the Luhansk People's Republic, as reported by Sputnik news, Kiev is also shelling hospitals, kindergartens, power sources, and other civilian locations in eastern Ukraine. A Nov. 14 report by the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs states that the intensity of the fighting in eastern Ukraine is at the highest level since the ceasefire in September. It estimates the number of internally displaced people to be more than

460,000, while more than 508,000 people have fled to neighboring countries.

Meanwhile, in Kiev, negotiations to form a coalition government in the wake of the recent parliamentary elections are underway. According to an Interfax-Ukraine wire dated Nov. 15, the coalition agreement under discussion explicitly puts the country on the path to NATO membership.

The draft agreement says that, among other things, "the Military Doctrine should contain the term 'potential enemy' and clearly determine criteria for recognizing a certain state or a group of states as a potential enemy." In addition, the draft coalition agreement suggests amending the laws on the foundations of domestic and foreign policy and on the foundations of national security, including "the annulment of Ukraine's non-aligned status, the resumption of a political course toward integration into the Euro-Atlantic security space and membership of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and also the restoration of Ukraine's national sovereignty over the territory of Crimea as one of the strategic goals."

Can any honest person say that this Ukrainian government, put into power by a coup, and riddled with Nazis, is not an intentional provocation and threat against Russia?

A Way Out?

Despite NATO's provocations, Russia has refused to take the bait for military action, preferring to try to maintain diplomatic ties and keep negotiations underway, while pointing out that the measures being taken by the West are more destructive for their own economies, than Russia's. But Russia is also increasing its own readiness for defense, as indicated by its announcement of expanded air surveillance flights, military modernization, and joint maneuvers, particularly with China.

The current visit by German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier to Russia shows that some in Germany still seek to step back from confrontation as well. It is also reported that it was Germany, along with Austria, Cyprus, and Greece, that prevented the European Union from going ahead with expanded sanctions against Russia Nov. 17.

Ultimately, however, the policy of confrontation has to be stopped at its source—London, and its junior partners in Wall Street, whose control over the U.S. Presidency threatens the globe.