

THE BIDEN WHITEHOUSE NOT ONLY THREATENS THE PALESTINIANS IT ALSO THREATENS ALL OF US.

It was always going to happen. As the Ukrainian forces face defeat, and as the Ukrainian bargaining chip of Kursk disintegrates, the US was always going to escalate the war to drag it out. This week Biden and British P.M. Starmer gave Zelensky permission to use their longer range weapons to strike into Russian territory, despite Putin making it clear he would consider this an act of war by NATO, as these weapons cannot be used without US and UK technical and targeting assistance. This article discusses the potential ramifications of this reckless and desperate act by US imperialism.

I consider the Ukrainian war to be the US's 1905 moment. 1905 harks back to the time when Russia sent its Baltic Fleet to the Pacific to sink the Japanese fleet only for it to be sunk at the *Battle of Tsushima*. The political consequences of this defeat culminated in the Russian Revolution of 1905. What began as an arrogant venture ended in humiliation exposing the rotten core of the Russian Empire.

There are many parallels with the US today. Their initial arrogant approach to the war prior to 2022 was quite shocking. They underestimated Russia to the point of disregarding it. The official view of Russia was not far off Senator John McCain's observation that Russia was a: '*gas station masquerading as a country*'. McCain did not live long enough to eat his words but this contempt for Russia rivalled that of the earlier contempt towards Japan. On the other hand the US was convinced that their weaponry was so advanced and so superior, that Russia would not be able to counter it.

Instead the Ukrainian war proved the opposite. Like Japan before it, Russia proved its superiority, and the Ukrainian war became a growing humiliation for the Hegemon. But it also showed that the USA like Russia before it, was corroded and corrupted internally, something which Donald Rasputin cannot fix with his populist magic. While Russia was able to ramp up its military-industrial production courtesy of its Soviet legacy, the US could only stumble around showing that most of the trillions of Dollars lavished on its military had been misspent if not wasted on gold plated and vanity projects.

The consequence of a complete Russian victory in 2025, one hundred and twenty years after 1905 and fifty years after 1975 (Vietnam) must not be underestimated. It likely represents a defeat equal to if not exceeding the defeat in Vietnam. And while the country in the 1970s was divided by the war, that specific divide does not compare to what is happening in the USA today which is riven by deep political and cultural divides arising out of its economic degeneration. Thus the defeat in Ukraine, despite not involving US troops, could have a resonance far beyond that of 1975 especially if the US is humiliated in Palestine as well.

Many have said that Trump will end the war in Ukraine when he comes to office as he never agreed to it in the first place. Actually his first term belies his rhetoric when as the agent of the neo-cons he played an active but secret role in arming Ukraine and by [2019 had levied an additional 52 sanctions](#) on Russia as well as withdrawing from the INF (Intermediate Nuclear Forces) Treaty that year. Being driven out of Afghanistan hurt the Biden administration. Being driven out of Ukraine will hurt Trump. There is no way for him to avoid this. No doubt Trump will come up with a peace proposal which will be unacceptable to Putin, then what, will the *art of the deal* simply walk away from Ukraine, putting his and the Hegemon's

whole credibility on the line, clearly not. And he will be forced into this political swerve despite his championing of the strategy of concentrating solely on China.

And to ensure Trump is faced with this Hobson's choice Biden needs to keep the war going to at least the time of the presidential handover. Biden in his more conscious moments must know that these pinprick attacks in Russia are not going to reverse the course of the war let alone slow it down. But the neo-cons see it as a way of providing the Ukrainians with a morale booster by demonstrating that the US has their back. And behind the missile headlines Biden has also forgiven Ukrainian debt, and more importantly, [greenlighted the use of contract soldiers](#) to be deployed to that country for the first time. This is making official what has been going on unofficially for a while, already resulting in the deaths of dozens of US troops. Contract soldiers are nothing more than US boots on the ground wearing different camouflage without insignias. Eventually this could turn into a bigger issue than the missile strikes in Russia.

The Russian response.

Firstly the Russians changed their Nuclear Doctrine. The doctrine was last updated in 2020 and can be viewed [here](#). Here is a [summary](#): *"It outlined four conditions under which Russia would use nuclear weapons, to include receiving data about an incoming ballistic missile attack; use of nuclear weapons or another weapon of mass destruction against Russia or its allies; attacks on Russian nuclear command, control, and communications infrastructure; and attacks against Russia with conventional weapons that threatened "the very existence" of the Russian state."* What has changed? The [basic addition](#) to the aforementioned four conditions is this one: *"Unlike the 2020 version, [the new doctrine](#) separately stipulates that Russia is authorized to use nuclear weapons if jointly attacked by "any non-nuclear state", which is supported by a country possessing nukes."*

This change was agreed on the day Biden authorised the use of US weapons to strike Russia. The inference is clear. Ukraine is the non-nuclear state, and the US & UK are the nuclear states. Will this deter Zelensky? Of course not. Zelensky is the 80 cigarette a day addict who when told by his doctor that he is killing himself, simply shrugs and then smirks because he is getting these cigarettes and his gold plated lighter free of charge.

Will Putin act on the new Doctrine and nuke Ukraine? This is highly unlikely unless Ukraine attacks a nuclear base or nuclear power station which the NATO handlers operating these missile systems are unlikely to sanction. Putin has always been cautious. Despite some of his trust in NATO & Germany being misplaced as evidenced by the West abusing the Minsk Agreements and the Istanbul Accords, he has never deviated from his insistence that the conduct of the war must proceed in a way which minimises the possibility of drawing NATO into the war. That has and remains his greatest fear.

This is why he styled the war as a special military operation. That it is a restricted war limited to securing the four Oblasts who have voted to join the Russian Federation and who are mainly populated by Russian speaking Ukrainians. Had this been a conventional war it would be over by now because the Russians would have flattened every major west Ukrainian town and city turning the country into a wasteland, resulting in more Ukrainians living in Europe than in Ukraine.

In a typical Imperialist manner the West have always cast Russia as the aggressor to hide their own criminal behaviour. They had peddled the lie ad nauseum that the Russians intend to invade and re-occupy Europe when it has been Europe that has been invading the space around Russia via the extension of NATO. This

lie has once again been brought out to justify the use of NATO missile in Russia being an act of deterrence, no more.

Let us now turn to the rocket that was used by Russia and see what we know. Firstly the Dnipro complex in Ukraine which was hit was the industrial base for the construction of a new intermediate range missile allowing Ukraine to hit deep into Russia. It was populated not only by Ukrainian engineers and other workers, but by Western experts assisting this effort. The Russians say the whole area was devastated by their missile including other independently launched hypersonic missiles timed to hit at the same moment.

The launcher for this missile appears to be the SS26. More significantly it appeared to carry a number of MIRVed hypersonic glide bombs that skip along the top of the atmosphere extending their range and lightening the re-entry vehicle which needs to carry less fuel. The new system has been code-named *Oreshnik* (the Russian word for Hazel wood). Thus the 700 Kg lift capacity of the SS26 can be maximised this way. These glide bombs travel at a speed of at least Mach 10 equal to between 3 and 4 kilometres per second or too fast for the eye brain response except at distance. To put this in perspective, these missiles travel at 5% the speed of lighting.

They can reach across Europe with a projected maximum range of 3,000 Km and of course anything that can carry conventional warheads can carry nuclear warheads. This was the point Putin was making with a view to Germany being the site for future deployments of advanced US weaponry. However, the US does not yet have an equivalent. Its hypersonics will only be ready in 2026 when they are due to be deployed in Germany. Thus in the missile age, Russia and China lead the West by at least half a generation.

The jet aircraft has been replaced by the missile and the conventional missile with a top speed of Mach 3 by the Hypersonic missile travelling at speeds above Mach 10. Two consequences flow from this. Their speed makes interception difficult especially when they bounce around on top of the earth's atmosphere. Ballistic missiles flying above the earth's atmosphere or at least through its thinnest regions travel in predictable trajectories which can be calculated creating the window for interception. Hypersonic glide bombs trajectories are too unpredictable. The Ukrainian do claim to have intercepted Russian hypersonics, but this is more of a morale booster and a sales pitch for US weaponry, than authentic.

The most unsettling aspect of these hypersonic weapons is timing, the opportunity to make informed decisions. The whole evolutionary development of the animal brain has been predicated on reflexes, the ability to respond to the outside world in time. With this new weaponry evolution has been turned on its head. As technology develops it is becoming increasingly impossible to respond to threats in time.

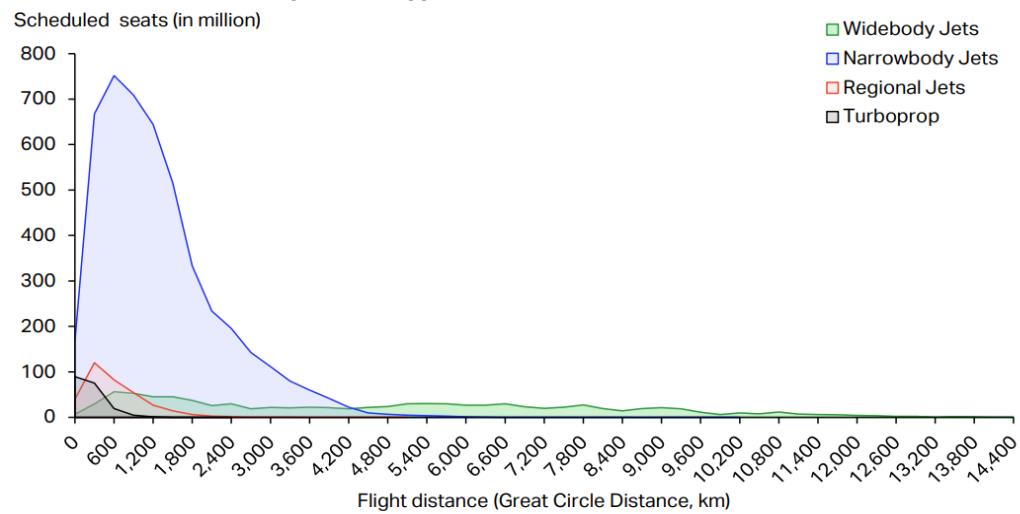
The consequences could be horrific. Clearly the only way to resolve this threat is to remove it. It is to make our world safer by ridding it of the curse of private property in the means of production. As long as there is private property and the drive to accumulate more of this property, there will be competition, and where there is competition, so too present will be its extreme version, military competition.

We have reached the stage where the survival of humanity and that of its planet is no longer compatible with capitalism, particularly when a change in the world order of capitalism is in progress. Which brings me to China. In terms of Dollars rather than patents the US monopolisation or domination of industries has been reduced to only three sectors, chip design, aerospace and pharmaceuticals.

Its dominance in aerospace is about to be challenged at a time when Boeing is on its knees. The latest COMAC C919 is starting to make waves. This narrow bodied plane albeit powered by western engines is cheaper at a list price of just \$99 billion for the basic model while being just as capable as its western counterparts. Narrow bodied or single aisles airliners are the [bread and butter](#) of the industry as this graph shows.

The dominance of narrowbody jets in airline operations

Global scheduled seats by aircraft type, 2024, millions



Source: IATA Sustainability and Economics, OAG

More troubling for Airbus and Boeing is the projected future production schedule for this airliner, bearing in mind the bulk of future global demand will come from China and the surrounding region. [COMAC](#) faces pressure with the delivery schedule for C919 aircraft and plans to reach an annual output of 150 within five years. To put that in perspective, that production schedule is equal to both Boeing's and Airbus's current production of narrow bodied jets. [Boeing](#) will not survive the loss of so many orders. And worse, while Biden made a half-hearted attempt to block engine sales, within that time scale China is bound to have developed a capable and efficient engine of its own, given the recent advances it has made in the field of military aviation with its WS-15 engine.

Further technical advances include the new Huawei operating system called *HarmonyOS NEXT* which represents a clean break from Android. Being based on modern [microkernel](#) software architecture with fewer bolt on updates weighing it down, it is faster, more energy efficient with more [connectivity](#) than its competitors as well as incorporating more user friendly features. Huawei is now the world's third largest software provider after Android and Apple. And it was released to coincide with the launch of the newest additions to the P70 range of phones. Most importantly Huawei's software will maximise the performance of the slower chips Huawei is forced to use narrowing the gap with Apple and Samsung.

Thus we can add Boeing to the prominent list of US champions feeling the pain of Chinese competition namely Apple and Tesla. With regard to Tesla there is a twist to the tale. Tesla depends on Chinese Battery technology for its ageing range of cars. CATL the new Standard Oil, has just signed a new licensing agreement with Tesla to provide it with more advanced batteries. Its blade technology is more efficient and safer than Tesla's modular design while providing more flexible solutions. The same applies to BYD's and Geely's blade technology. In 2023 China produced three quarters of the world's EV batteries.

It appears that with western companies becoming more dependent on Chinese battery technology as well as production protocols, the Chinese authorities are seeking to politicize these battery technologies in the same manner as Trump and Biden have done with chip production. There are rumours that the Chinese authorities are threatening to break up CATL unless it starts weaponizing its licensing agreements. Without these licensing agreements Tesla will fall further and further behind because it has squandered resources on Starlink, SpaceX and Twitter at the expense of battery development. Let us be clear, let their be no doubt, batteries are the future and much more important and consequential for society and the planet than micro-chips. Measured in Dollars the same applies. Batteries have migrated from cars to busses, soon to lorries then to trains, then to ships and finally to planes. It will bankrupt the oil industry.

Liquid batteries have given rise to hybrid solid state batteries and soon [pure solid state batteries](#) will follow in 2026/7. Solid state batteries with capacities of 450 watt to 550 watt per kilogram, once in production and with economies of scale reducing their price, will make fossil fueled mechanical locomotion obsolete. And by then with range no longer a consideration, it will have overcome that capitalist stupidity formed out of competitive sectional interests, the non-exchangeable battery.

Conclusion.

With each passing year the world is becoming a more dangerous place because the Hegemon is losing its grip on history as China rises. Desperate politicians make more mistakes, and given the technological advances taking place straining decision making, the probability that these reckless stupids will make a catastrophic mistake increases by the day. In every way technology has outgrown capitalism. The capitalists are like children playing 'catch' with a hand grenade unsupervised in their bedroom.

We are on a knife edge and the only way to blunt it; is to fight for workers' control. Only workers, always the victims of war, have the collective interest and the sanity to save the world. We need to redouble our efforts and put aside our differences. The West, by playing 'chicken' in the Ukraine, has issued a universal wake up call.

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