

VENEZUELA. IT'S WAR, WAR; NOT LAW, LAW.

The initial bloodless coup in Venezuela offers up two lessons. First that might is right. So much for the fools-based global order. Secondly, that the most devastating and decisive weapon of war is treachery. The combination of sanctions and bribes neutralised any response to the US military invasion of Venezuela. Now we wait to see how the masses will respond to this humiliation.

Venezuela, then Cuba, is the fulcrum for Trump's revival of the Monroe Doctrine in the western Hemisphere. The Trump administration has three imperatives now that the US can no longer dominate the world economy. Firstly, to ensure that no other country, aka China, can dominate the world economy. Secondly, to secure the Western Hemisphere solely for the USA, and thirdly to bottle up China in the South China Sea. The first imperative is the crucial strategic one. And the more the US fails to prevent China dominating the world economy the more reliant it becomes on the other two.

By the month the profitable US technological edge is being blunted. [In mid-December Reuters](#) confirmed that China had built its first EUV lithography machine. Reuters authenticated this report by declaring, that as expected, China had simply reversed engineered an ASML machine. The West is simply unable to acknowledge China's technical advances and merits. Huawei's lithography machine will be an improvement on the ASML product and more importantly it will be much cheaper. Already scattered reports indicate this machine has produced demonstration chips below 3nm.

The same applies to the other technical bottle neck, commercial jet engines. "[Comac's C919 production shortfall in 2025, delivering only 13 planes versus the 75 planned, laid bare China's reliance on Western-made aircraft engines.](#)" Again, China is within two years of replacing its dependency on Western jet engines and when that happens it will no longer be Airbus which dominates the skies just as it will not be Nvidia which dominates Hi Tech but that colossus, Huawei. I have used the two most exacting pieces of engineering, Lithography machines and jet engines, to measure the technical gap between China and the West.

Clearly while the first half of the twenty-twenties was all about catchup, the second half of the twenty-twenties will be one of growing Chinese dominance in every commercial sector. And as this progresses the declining economic superpower will continue to build walls to shield its remaining assets. **The scramble for Latin America has begun.** The US needs the Western Hemisphere, including Greenland, as its exclusive market where it can sell, produce and acquire materials on its own terms.

Crucial to this was Venezuela. Trump needed this win to assert himself in the region and to disguise his failure in the Ukraine. Now he expects the rest of the continent to fall in line, to exit BRICS and purge China from their respective economies. Latin America has become the front line in the war between the US/EU and BRICS. It is likely that the US will make gains here due to its proximity and established connections. It is likely to fail elsewhere including Iran where once again the US and Israel are stirring unrest.

In the meantime, the Ukrainian army continues to collapse. The political crisis in Kyiv is accelerating. Gen. [Kyrylo Budanov](#) Ukraine's intelligence chief has been promoted as Zelensky's minder. Trump's attempt to broker peace has failed once again which is what made a win in Venezuela essential.

It is likely that once the Western Hemisphere is secured, the Whitehouse and the Pentagon will focus on the South China Seas. The Pentagon's war gaming has revealed it [will lose every military scenario](#) in this region. This is predictable, it is industry which wins conventional wars and China's industry is three to four times larger than the US's.

Unfortunately, this does not stop a desperate adversary driven by economic imperatives. [The US](#) has continued to try and amplify, consolidate and structure its Ground Forces, Navy and Airforce in the region. It has continued to build buffers to absorb Chinese blows. This pre-occupation with fighting a war against a much more powerful adversary, is very worrying. The US knows what is at stake. If China keeps ascending the global value chain, if it comes to monopolise its commanding heights, its game over for the EU, Japan and the USA, in short, the previous world order. Accordingly, the US has everything to gain and nothing to lose from war even if this means nuclear war.

Conclusion.

The opening salvo to the second half of the twenty-twenties was fired in Venezuela. The twenty-twenties was always going to be *make or break* for humanity because of the confluence of historical factors. What is equally true is that the second half of the twenty-twenties will be the decisive phase, the actual make or break phase. We don't live in interesting times; we live in the most dangerous of times.

When provoking war, the ruling classes of our world have always looked over their shoulder, fearful that their workers may rebel in the face of war. Trump is aware of this through his Maga base which is leery of yet another *forever war*. We should draw a lesson from this. Wars only happen when the international working class says yes or is passive, they cannot happen, when and if, the international working class actively says No.

Let our active slogans be:

The enemy is at home not abroad. When workers turn on their own ruling class their exploiters cannot wage war on each other.

This approach is summed up by this slogan.

NO WAR BETWEEN NATIONS
NO PEACE BETWEEN CLASSES.

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