

Geopolitical Chess-Moves in the Ukraine

“The Ukraine, a new and important place on the Eurasian chessboard, is of key significance geopolitically, because its mere existence as an independent state contributes to the transformation of Russia. Without the Ukraine, Russia is no longer a Eurasian entity. It can still strive for imperial status, but it would then become a predominantly Asiatic state, most likely drawn into paralyzing conflicts with rebellious central Asians, who ... would receive support from the other Islamic states in the south ... However, were Moscow to regain control of the Ukraine with its 52 million people, its significant natural resources and access to the Black Sea, Russia would automatically acquire the means to become a mighty empire embracing Europe and Asia.” Zbigniew Brzezinski.¹

The enemies of human civilization are in ceaseless activity in the setting up of one “building site” after another. Now it is the turn of the Ukraine, after the machinations in Syria, despite the usual gigantic propaganda effort, did not, in contrast to Libya, achieve a fully satisfactory outcome. The geopolitical thought-factory/think-tank Zbigniew Brzezinski describes (above), what purpose could be served by the “democratic” transformation of the Ukraine into a gangster-republic. The reports given out to us in the West about the chaotic situation were never designed to help towards a real understanding of the problems and the social upheaval – on the contrary. We will therefore, for the present, quote a few central statements, the first from a private report, which can help us to understand better the constellations and interplay of forces active there.

Background of the Revolt and its Orchestrators

That there were good reasons to protest against the politics of the weak president Victor Yanukovich is not questioned by anyone ... From the beginning, the EU and USA have meddled in the internal affairs of the Ukraine in a brazen and shameless way ... According to reports of the Russian secret service the USA and EU invested around 3 billion Euros in the financing of the Ukrainian opposition ... There was never the slightest doubt as to the aims of the USA and its satellites: The Ukraine should join NATO, so that rockets can be stationed there, with which Russia can be threatened directly. As Yanukovich, who did not pursue a strongly pro-Russian policy but did not let himself be hitched to the U.S. wagon as its instrument, could not be won over to this, he had to be removed. Of the 3 leaders of the anti-government movement – Klichko, Tymoshenko and Yatseniuk – the latter was the candidate favoured by the West. This fact emerged from the tapped phone conversation between Victoria Nuland of the US Foreign Ministry and the US ambassador in Kiev, Geoffrey Pyatt. ... The most radical force among the Ukrainian nationalists, the “Right Sector”, ... is simply a gang of thuggish criminals. Its leader, Dmitri Yarosh, boasts of having fought against the Russians in the Chechen war, side by side with the Chechen terrorists ... The English edition of the Israeli newspaper *Haaretz* reported on 7th March that a telephone hotline had been set up between Yarosh and the Israeli embassy ... The campaign of lies in the western media, under the motto already known to us from Libya and Syria: “Help! A dictator is slaughtering his own people!”, can be refuted with no trace of a doubt by means of video recordings, some of which are already circulating in the Internet. ... The democratically elected president Yanukovich had categorically forbidden the use of force against the demonstrators. It is a proven fact that the lethal shots fired on the Maidan were the work of snipers who were hired by the opposition, and who fired both at the police and the demonstrators. This was confirmed e.g. by the Estonian foreign minister in a tapped telephone conversation ... Unfortunately there are in Germany nationalists who regard the Svoboda (‘freedom’) party led by Oleh Tymoshenko, as partners and wish to join up with them ... This shows a frightening degree of naivety. One of the political demands of this party is entry into the EU and NATO. Its nationalism manifests almost exclusively in the form

¹ Zbigniew Brzezinski „The Grand Chessboard: American Primacy and Its Geostrategic Imperatives“ (New York, 1997)

of russophobia and opposition to the Russian language.

Geo and Financial-political goals of the World Hegemonists

Regarding the geopolitical aspect, the 'German Economic News' bears the following heading on 5.3.2014! "The IMF hands over the Ukraine to the Plunderers." In the Ukraine the plans of the IMF and the EU seem to be working: social disturbances push prices down and make privatization cheaper. The Russians will also get their share of the cake. Interim financing will be effected through of the assets of the German taxpayer. The Ukrainian tragedy has barely begun ... According to the economist Joseph Stiglitz the IMF in pursuing a simple plan for the plundering of the world's resources: through a mix of debt and social disturbances the people are being put under such pressure that nations' wealth falls like ripe fruit into the hands of the international companies ... The first act is already behind us: fear among the population, radicalization, social unrest. After this, a compliant government is installed: head of government Arseni Yatseniuk declared that "the government will fulfil all the IMF conditions" – including privatization of the oil and gas sector. As recently as 2009 the *Kiev Post* quoted Yatseniuk with the announcement to his electorate that he was firmly opposed to privatization. He cited the example of the Kryvorizhstal steel works where, after privatization, 4 billion dollars had vanished without trace. Things were not much better in the case of the privatization of Ukrtelekom, where hundreds of millions disappeared via Cypriot bank accounts. ... The German EU commissar Günther Oettinger said on Tuesday 4th March in Brussels that the total of 1.1 billion euros from the European taxpayer, which had now been agreed, was being used to pay Ukraine's unpaid bills from the Russian gas company Gazprom ... The Swiss *Tagesanzeiger* reports that the oligarchs agree that the people continue to turn up for work and the industries are suffering no damage. The idea is said to come from Yulia Timoshenko. She was the reason for the escalation of violence, because the EU had made her release a condition for entering into a "deal" with the Ukraine, despite massive corruption offences. Now we see why Timoshenko was so important for the plunderers.

The New Leadership Squad

And in the Kopp Verlag author F. William Engdahl reports: *Ukraine appoints Oligarchs and Gangsters as Governors and Ministers*. The new, self-appointed government of Ukraine reshuffles all power institutions, dissolves the special police units and appoints their croneys to important political posts. Especially revealing as to the true character of the new regime is the appointment of new governors, who are to take on the political representation of Ukraine's regions. They include Israeli-Ukrainian nationals and notorious gangster-billionaires. This appears to be the "democracy" which Victoria Nuland, the European delegate of the U.S. Foreign Ministry, had in mind when she rejected earlier compromises with the EU with the curt comment "fuck the EU". The unelected provisional government of the Ukraine under the leadership of 39-year-old prime minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk has appointed important governors for the industrial regions of pro-Russian eastern Ukraine. They include three billionaires who are among the richest men in the Ukraine. They are taking on important regional political posts or will serve as advisers. Igor Kolomoyskij, a metal, bank and media magnate with estimated wealth of three to six billion dollars, will be the new governor of his native region Dnipropetrovsk. He made his billions as a croney of ex-prime minister Yulia Timoshenko, who is accused of fraudulent dealings. He is a business oligarch ... with dual Israeli-Ukrainian nationality, although dual citizenship is not recognized in the Ukraine. Up till now he has wielded control of his business empire from Switzerland.

Who will finance Ukraine's Bankruptcy?

As was to be expected, the EU – i.e. Germany – will also have to carry the debts of EU-candidate Ukraine. The corresponding measures are on the way to implementation, and it is probably no exaggeration to say that what is about to happen is the biggest act of theft in history, aimed at the German people. The German social State will be transformed still further into a Slave State. And one should sympathize with any German who tries to put his hard-earned wealth out of reach of this State.² For, as time goes on, the more evident it becomes that this German Federal Republic Co. Ltd. has assumed the nature of a crime syndicate whose goal, hidden behind a façade of "humanism", is the plundering of the German working population and the starvation of the pensioners and unemployed. Here, the spheres of politics, economy and finance work hand in hand. Alexander Dibelius has been, since

² While Merkel self-righteously pursues Germans anywhere in the world who have stashed away as little as 10.000 euros abroad in a „tax haven“, those people who rake in billions through destroying the livelihood of Germans, are left alone by the tax authorities.

December 2004, the sole CEO of the U.S. investment bank Goldman Sachs, with responsibility for Germany, Austria, Russia as well as Central and Eastern Europe, and at the same time an advisor of German chancellor Angela Merkel. The intention for some time of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), which works in cooperation with Goldman Sachs, has been to impose a compulsory mortgage – called a “tax on assets” – on the assets of EU citizens. The IMF had, in view of the growing indebtedness of many countries, suggested a 10 % tax on assets, *Die Welt* reported on 27.1.2014. German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schäuble, who serves the interest of Goldman Sachs, appointed in December 2011, at the request of Merkel’s advisor Alexander Dibelius, Levin Holle as head of the ‘financial market policy’ department of the Ministry of Finance. The former Senior Partner of the “Boston Consulting Group” had the suggestion put forward in September 2011, that German savings should be taxed on a ‘one-off’ basis, in order to provide the Federation with 6 trillion euros, as *Die Welt* reported on 21.1.2012. In other words, Levin Holle,³ who has been installed in the Finance Ministry, wishes to expropriate the Germans, and even take away their fixed assets, as their savings amount to a “mere” 5 billion. This was confirmed in *Die Welt* on 27.1.2014: The impact to be felt by Europe’s savers comes a step closer ... The Federal Bank now demands a tax on property ... The Federal Bank claims that its suggestion only applies to situations of bankruptcy – but it is eagerly taken up by advocates of a general property tax. Thus, even German Federal citizens cannot feel safe ... In Germany a 10 % tax would bring around 930 billion euros. In the ARD-Documentation “Money Rules the World” of 13.1.2014 a number of conclusions were drawn: In fact the gigantic investment and property funds are in the possession of the well-known mega-bank Goldman Sachs & Co. ... And the net is spun ever wider. In addition, the big money concern has moved into the shadow of commercial businesses – where no-one can see the cards they are holding. The interlacing of the financial network is a huge threat, because big money subjects the whole globe to the profit principle. This affects millions of people in many places. Financial concerns obstruct anything that involves regulation and continue to line their own world with gold.⁴

Putin’s Guru

In the “free press of the West” Vladimir Putin is increasingly portrayed as an enemy of the wonderfully “liberating western democracy”. According to ‘The Economist’ he also venerates a guru, whose thought is said to influence him profoundly. It is a philosopher who once had to emigrate from Russia and produced his most important works in exile. The last years of his life were spent by Ivan Ilyin (1883-1954), the man in question, in Switzerland. Putin’s thinking is strongly influenced by the ideas of Ivan Ilyin, says ‘The Economist’. Putin often quotes from Ilyin’s works. One of his works, in particular, shows where Putin feels at home spiritually. There it says: We know that western nations do not understand and do not tolerate Russia’s identity. They will break up a united Russia ... singly, bit by bit ... The Russian leader was evidently so taken by his works, that the highest ranking members of the Kremlin leadership were given an Ilyin anthology as a gift at Christmas. Among those who influenced Ilyin were German philosophers such as Edmund Husserl, and he wrote numerous studies on Hegel. In his work “The Form of the State”, he says that the best government is “a national, patriotic, in no way totalitarian, but authoritarian – educative and at the same time awakening – dictatorship.’ Ilyin foresaw quite special problems arising in Russia’s relation to the Ukraine and to the peoples of the Caucasus. Ilyin’s works were censored during the Soviet period, and he remained largely unknown during his lifetime. His mortal remains were buried in a cemetery near Zürich, where he had spent the last years of his life, in exile. In 2005 one of his admirers, the Russian director Nikita Michalkov, arranged for the transfer of his mortal remains to Moscow. We would like to point out that Gennadi Bondarev, in his now out-of-print book of research “Crisis of Civilization”(Basel 1996), referred to Ivan Ilyin. We read in Chapter 18, Russia in the conflict between ‘Eurasians’ and ‘Atlantists’:

History is said to happen twice: once as tragedy and a second time as farce. But only if we are speaking of history. However, of the ‘history’ which has already ceased to exist, everything that once was history becomes a deeply

³ Levin Holle, *The Moment of Truth: After the election, the great expropriation. From Monday onwards, the European debt crisis will be at the centre of the policy of the new Federal Government. Debt profiteering and bank rescues will inflict heavy losses on German savers and taxpayers. A grand coalition of “Boston Consulting” and “Goldman Sachs” will tell the Germans what’s what. The plans have reached an advanced stage. In Dept. VII of the Finance Ministry there has been at work for a considerable time a high-ranking expert who is to carry through the expropriation in a controlled way.* German Economic News, 13.2.2014.

⁴ The German Economic News reports on 2.3.2014: A citizens’ association is planning a communal lawsuit against Austria’s banks. According to this, all credit business is based on fraud. While citizens have to offer a security as entitlement to credit, the bank creates money out of nothing ...

tragic farce – and so it would be good, therefore, if people would start to reflect a bit and to understand who is leading us to what destination. For those who underestimate the religious renewal in Russia or who cannot understand it, we are including in the appendix to this book the final chapter of a work by an unknown Anthroposophical author who signs only with the initials S.C.R.⁵ The mature reader can find in this description given in 1956 the ur-phenomena of what is happening to us **now**. He can learn through this to understand what is concealed behind associations like the “White Brotherhood”, the “Centre for the Mother of God” or e.g. the religious unrest in Kiev in 1994 etc. For an understanding of the purely political and economic changes hidden behind the camouflage of the term ‘perestroika’, one can draw a great deal from Ivan Ilyin, the outstanding Russian thinker and émigré. Already at the end of the 1940’s – i.e. right at the beginning of the ‘cold war’ – he described the essential nature of what is happening to us **today**. In a collection of writings that appeared for the first time in Paris in 1952 under the title “Our Tasks” he wrote:

“Already in 1919 the council of Soviet commissars formulated the following directive: ‘The essence of the Revolution consists in the open flouting of all law, including the revolutionary edicts themselves.’ And now, on the basis of these directives, the officials become robbers that are subject to bribery, corruptible people, and the scum of society is raised to the rank of officialdom. However, the Russian citizen, driven into a corner, has made ‘croneyism’ into the natural and unavoidable means of survival under the conditions of revolutionary robbery. From above, everything has been done to mix up ‘mine’ and ‘thine’, ‘mine’ and ‘the State’s’ and throw them together in a confused heap, in order to eradicate from souls any notion of right and honesty in the question of ownership. What sort of democracy, then, can emerge from this ‘theft’?”

*The Communists are doing everything in their power to deprive the people of a historical sense for Russia as a nation-state and replace it with a world-wide revolutionary frenzy, with the pride and self-confidence of international adventurism ... One needs to know nothing about history and understand nothing of politics if one wishes to build up a democracy on this ramshackle basis. Russian man has never lived off the thoughts of others. He has always preferred to think ‘stupidly’ but independently – to walk alone and drown in contradictions, but never to place blind trust in an alien authority. And now it is nearly four decades that the ability to think independently has been beaten out of him through revolutionary ‘training’, hunger, fear, through relentless propaganda and the Party’s monopoly of the press. His education is totally devoid of any deeper content, distorted and pervaded with lies; in his individual ‘world-view’ everything is dead, schematic, godless, immoral. Through entire generations he has already been cut off from true knowledge – from knowledge of himself and of other nations. He is blind in politics and frequently oblivious of the fact, and regards this blindness more and more often as the highest understanding – ‘seeing’. **To entrust this human being with the rulership of the nation is only possible for one who hopes to replace the totalitarian system of the communists with a new, equally totalitarian party system.** What can be more abhorrent to a true democrat than such a distorted form of ‘government by the people’? Or will they try to create a new ‘democratic Fascism’, in order, as praises are sung to freedom, to trample it underfoot in the name of a new pseudo-democracy that is historically without precedent? ... What sort of psychological naivety is needed, to persuade anyone that the Russian people, who have forever lacked character, will-power, self-discipline, mutual respect and mutual trust will now, after these long years of slavery and moral decline, summon up this incredible self-control, this incredible will and prodigious solidarity needed in order to build up in practice a democratic State?*

*All the spiritual and social foundations of democracy are in a state of upheaval – including the connection to one’s native soil, belief in work, respect for possessions acquired through honest labour. The fabric of national solidarity has been torn to shreds. Whenever one looks, the thirst for revenge has been building up below the surface. The masses dream of casting off the hypnosis of base anxiety and responding to the **decade-long organized terror with passionately disorganized terror. And this is the moment when the following proposals are made to them:***

1. ‘democratic freedom’;
2. the ‘right to self-determination’ in whatever sphere;
3. the ‘doctrine of national sovereignty’.

Who will bear the responsibility for the unavoidable consequences? (emphasis G.B.). Ivan Ilyin wrote this in

⁵ Bondarev is referring here to the article reprinted in instalments in our ‘Archive’: The World-Historical Significance of the proclamation of the dogma of the “bodily ascension of Mary”, on 1st November 1950, and its occult background.

1948 and we see from it that, already then, he could understand what was bound to take place at the end of the century – which most of our thoughtful contemporaries are still unable to do.”

However, one must also reflect on that which Ilyin could not foresee: the aims of the perestroika programme, and what follows from this. And if, here, one raises oneself above the details, above the thick blanket of lies spread constantly by the mass media, then a picture arises of the totality of events in Russia, which could be described as follows: It is the horrendous illustration – extending over decades and woven out of the immeasurable suffering of countless millions of human beings – of the “correctness” of the “one and only true doctrine” of Marx-Lenin-Stalin. Over the course of 70 years, tens if not hundreds of thousands of preachers of the Marxist-Leninist faith have depicted in hellish colours the “hydra of capitalism” and the “illusion of Western freedom” – that “freedom to die of hunger and without employment” etc. And it is this very “hydra” that embodied itself in the years of perestroika. Before this, it had only glared in the delirium of those ideologues as the antithesis of “global happiness”, but now it could be realized in practice. No-one denies that capitalism is an instrument of exploitation and plunder; but never before was it allowed to assume the form that it now has in Russia: **consciously** severed from any creative principle. But the goal of this experiment is obvious: once the people have been virtually deprived of the basis of their existence, their “happiness” will be restored through the return to the earlier socialistic experiment, the return of the planned State economy, to total control of the spiritual-cultural life and other special features of the “earthly Paradise” or the “millennial age”, which is essentially the same thing.

And the only way to free the peoples of the world from this torment will be to adopt the thought-forms of social threefolding. We must do our utmost to embody these thoughts in practical life, and thereby restore to history its real meaning and to human existence the natural laws.

The powers of evil have brought history to a standstill, **in order to eliminate the autonomy of the human personality**. Thus, the most urgent task in our time is to help the free human spirit to come into its own again. For the fulfilment of this pressingly urgent task, social threefolding offers the best possible conditions in our century. (Supplement to Chapter 18).

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