

How will the war in Ukraine end?



Wehrmacht soldiers and journalists with German victims of Bloody Sunday in Bromberg, Poland, 1939. The photo was taken during the Nazi invasion. It was used by the Nazi press and was intended to be used for publication. Clearly the Nazis were not concerned that evidence of their atrocities could alienate the German population. The message was to instill fear! Stalin already had assured the Germans that he would allow them a free hand during their Polish invasion. His 'non-aggression' pact included a secret protocol dividing eastern Europe into two separate spheres of influence.



Just one of several hundred civilians killed by the Russians under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Omurbekov Asanbekovich. Despite Russian denials, satellite images confirm the atrocities, clearly showing the corpses strewn over the streets of Bucha. Close-up images taken after the forced retreat of the Russians show that many of the citizens were murdered with their hands tied behind their backs. Residents report how the Russians carried out rampant rape and torture before killing their victims and leaving their corpses to rot in mass graves.

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Of course this is largely guess work, but there are indications that are important to note. Perhaps the most worrying indicator is the obvious parallel between the nazi invasion of Poland in WW2 and the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

At the outbreak of WW2 Adolf Hitler instructed his troops not just to invade and conquer Poland. But he also explicitly ordered his commanders to commit atrocities in order to totally subjugate the population. During the invasion he intentionally maimed and killed tens of thousands of civilians so that Polish people would become demoralized and traumatized. He had cold-bloodedly calculated that this would help him to eliminate any lingering resistance from the population as he set his sights ahead on conquering Russia.

We have seen the same pattern in Ukraine. The rape, torture and massacre of Ukrainian civilians committed by the Russians in Bucha seem to have been carried out by the 64th motorized artillery brigade under the command of Lieutenant Colonel Omurbekov Asanbekovich – a strictly religious person who has in the meantime become known in the media as ‘the butcher of Bucha. It is unlikely that Asanbekovich carried out the atrocities on his own initiative. Most probably the orders came from the top – from the Russian dictator himself, Vladimir Putin. No doubt similar horrors are going to be revealed in other parts

of Ukraine if the Ukrainian army succeeds in dislodging the Russians from regions they currently continue to occupy in eastern and southern Ukraine.

We know that in the end it turned out that Hitler had bitten off more than he could chew. WW2 ended with the defeat of Hitler and finally with the surrender of his Japanese allies. The world reacted in shock and horror after the genocide in the concentration camps was finally revealed. Of course the German people claimed not to have known what was happening and Hitler and those closest to him committed suicide in the bunker in Berlin.

Currently the Russian people are forbidden to report on the war and the propaganda effort is going to absurd levels to deny what is evident to the rest of the world. But it is not the Russian propaganda which is denying the Russians their access to truth about what is happening in Ukraine. It is what they themselves choose to believe. We still remember the German reaction when the horrors were revealed. "Wir haben es nicht gewusst" (We didn't know). Just as the Germans in 1945 the Russians today refuse to be confronted by hard reality.

Can we expect to see something similar to the start of WW2 playing out in Ukraine? Of course that depends on how the western powers react. WW2 could have been avoided if the allies had chosen to stop Hitler in his tracks during German re-militarization in the Rijnland. But regrettably they chose to turn a blind eye in the absurd hope that the Nazi threat would somehow fade away.

Now that the world has seen how Putin is shunning nothing to achieve his ultimate dream of creating a mother Russia to rule the continent from Ireland to Vladivostok, Europe and the US may finally be becoming aware that helping Ukraine to effectively defeat the Russian invader is vital to their own security. But I wouldn't bet on it. Hitler also had a dream of creating a 3rd German empire which would stretch from west to east, embracing the entire continent. After he was initially thwarted by the British he turned his attention to the east, assuming that after taking over control of the huge Russian resources Britain would have no other option than to ultimately surrender.

Despite the obvious signals Putin has been giving the west about his intentions, to date the US and Europe have not dared to face the Russian bear head on. As

far as we know they are supplying the Ukraine with small defensive weapons which have helped the Ukraine stymie the invasion from the north. But from the south and the east it is a different story.

Despite the fact that the Russian army seems to be poorly trained and despite the fact that the Russian chain of command seems to be less coordinated and effective than western intelligence had been led to believe before the Russian attack, the Russian army has nevertheless succeeded in occupying large areas in the east and south of Ukraine. The Russian navy is also mining the Black sea around the coast of Bulgaria which is clearly a serious provocation – if not a direct attack – on a NATO member country. But still NATO is reluctant to give Ukraine the weapons they need to effectively drive the Russians out of Ukrainian territory.

This is likely to lead to a sort of stalemate. The Russians will step up their attacks in the east and the south whilst they continue their withdrawal from the north in order to lick their wounds and refit their weakened forces. During this period, which may last for several months or more, the Russians will continue to recruit and train more conscripts. They will also be producing more weapons and ammunition to refit their newly strengthened army. In the meantime the west will be anxiously looking on but doing little. They will probably continue supplying small defensive weapons and even adding some more heavy weapons such as tanks and drones to the Ukrainians after the shock of learning about the Russian atrocities around Kiev. But they will pull back from a real confrontation with Russia. The Ukrainians themselves will also be upgrading their weapon industry and producing new weapons as fast as they can.

As a result after several months with little actual change in the front lines, the west will begin to lose their feelings of anxiety. A capitulation by the Russians or by the Ukrainians is unlikely. The new situation will gradually be accepted and NATO will look towards creating a status quo in the face of the new reality. Part of the new reality will require helping the Ukrainians rebuild their country but that will be difficult if not impossible without a Russian capitulation.

In the longer term a reinforced Russian army is likely to renew their aggression and ultimately annex large areas of Ukraine into the Russian republic. The

Russian dictatorship under Putin or a successor to Putin will abandon all semblance of government by rule of law. They will probably create a new constitution even though this is unlikely to have any real relevance to government. It will be largely abandoned in favor of government along the lines of the “Ten Principles of the One-Ideology System” which currently lays down the guidelines for North Korea. The new Russian dictatorship will gradually confront the west with their growing strength. They will first of all encroach on NATO’s eastern border using the nuclear threat to further their aims.

If this looks like a new ‘cold war’ then we should not be surprised. This is exactly what it is. But this time round the Russians will have learned from previous experience. Using their huge resources they will also plunder the west and devote attention to nurturing economic growth. At some point, probably during the current decade, they will rapidly expand their control over the rest of Europe. The NATO article 5 will long since have been consigned to the dustbin. That will leave Russian Eurasia, the American continent and China as the three remaining global powers. India and the middle-east will of course have been swallowed up by their more powerful neighbors.

Now where have I read about something like this before? Oh yes, that was the book by George Orwell, “1984”!