

Obama/NATO Policy Leading to WWIII

The following statements are among the most direct condemnations by qualified Western sources of the Obama/NATO policy—shaped by the British Empire—that is leading to World War III.

Germany

Gen. Harald Kujat (ret.), former German chairman of the NATO military committee, March 4:

In an interview on Germany's state-run DLF radio, General Kujat said that Russia wants to protect Russian nationals in the "Near Abroad," and if need be, even by military force. If Ukraine or Georgia became members of NATO, that would cross a red line for Moscow. Furthermore, the Black Sea Fleet base in Crimea is a crucial issue for Russia. NATO cannot and should not intervene militarily, since Ukraine is not an Alliance member, Kujat said.

A further escalation, potentially into a war between Ukraine and Russia, would be "a catastrophe for Europe and for the world," Kujat warned.

Carlo Masala, professor at the German Army College in Munich, March 4:

In an interview with the Munich tabloid *Abendzeitung München*, Masala warned, "If NATO entered into a military conflict with Russia, we would instantly be standing at the brink of potential nuclear war. No human being can have an interest in that."

Sahra Wagenknecht, deputy chair of the Left Party in the Bundestag, March 13:

In a press conference attacking the German government for its unholy alliance with a Kiev government that is illegal and includes Nazis and anti-Semites, Wagenknecht charged the West and NATO with having a confrontationist approach, warning that any military intervention would escalate into a "Third World War."

Alexander Rahr, German-Russian Forum, March 19:

Speaking with journalists in Berlin, Rahr said a "conflict of unimaginable dimensions over the future

of Europe” is threatening now, with Crimea being only a secondary crisis spot. If the West continues to try to pull all former Soviet states in the Community of Independent States, minus Russia, into NATO, “we are at the brink of the Third World War,” Rahr warned.

France

Jacques Attali, former advisor to several French Presidents, wrote in his blog March 26:

“It is crazy, for the West, to turn the Crimean problem into an opportunity for confrontation with Russia....

“Today’s ongoing confrontation will get us nowhere. But it will give meaning to those who had long predicted that the situation here today could get to what we have seen in the immediate situation before the First World War, when a series of absurd events resulted in the outbreak of a world war.”

Denmark

John Scales Avery, the Contact Person in Denmark for Pugwash Conferences, member of the Danish Peace Commission of 1998, and chairman of the Danish Peace Academy, March 14:

In an article entitled “Ukraine and the Danger of Nuclear War,” Avery writes, “The current situation in Ukraine and the Crimean Peninsula is an extremely dangerous one. Unless restraint and a willingness to compromise are shown by all of the parties involved, the crisis might escalate uncontrollably into a full-scale war, perhaps involving nuclear weapons.”

Norway

Floyd Rudmin, professor at the University of Tromsø, March 30:

In an article on the “Need To Re-Perceive the Crisis in Ukraine and Try To See a Russian Perspective,” published in *Counter Currents*, Rudmin says that European nations, which have suffered two world wars on their territory, must tell Americans to cut out the drive to demonize and attack Russia, “before an incident turns into conventional war, turns into missile war, turns into nuclear war. Those transitions could take 30 minutes.”

United States

Paul Craig Roberts, columnist and former Treasury official in the Reagan Administration, on

his website, PaulCraigRoberts.org, Feb. 17:

“What I object to is the lack of awareness on the part of the [Ukrainian] protesters that by permitting themselves to be manipulated by Washington, they are pushing the world toward a dangerous war. I would be surprised if Russia is content to have U.S. military and missile bases in Ukraine.

“It was fools like [State Department official Victoria] Nuland playing the great game that gave us World War I. World War III would be the last war.”

March 3:

In a column on his website titled “The End Is Nearer than You Think,” Roberts claims that Obama continues the policies of the neoconservatives who “believe that nuclear war can be won, and that the U.S. has the advantage to destroy Russia in a first strike.”

“War will be the result of the ignorance, gullibility, and stupidity of the American population, its prostitute media, and the hegemonic ambitions of the evil neoconservatives,” Roberts writes. “The corrupt rulers of Europe will sell out their peoples for American money until they are all vaporized in nuclear explosions.”

March 28:

In a column on his website, “Pushing Toward the Final War,” Roberts attacks Obama’s recent trip in Europe and says: “Obama doesn’t say what effect the U.S./NATO military buildup and numerous war games on Russia’s border will have on Russia. Will the Russian government conclude that Russia is about to be attacked and strike first? The reckless carelessness of Obama is the way wars start.... Why are people so blind that they do not see Obama driving the world to its final war?”

Stephen Cohen, Russian studies professor at New York University, to CNN, March 9:

“I think we’re two steps from a Cuban Missile Crisis and three steps from war with Russia for the first time....

“We need to get a negotiation going on.... Over the last 20 years we’ve moved NATO right to Russia’s borders. Ten years ago Putin announced very clearly, I don’t like NATO on my borders, but looking ahead, I have two red lines. One is Georgia, the former Soviet republic. We crossed that red line, he thinks, and we had a war. Now he thinks we’ve crossed the red line elsewhere, in Ukraine.”