

Ukraine Election: Now Mayhem, EU Rule

May 27—Petro Poroshenko, the candy manufacturer elected President of Ukraine on May 25, throughout his career as funder of the Orange Revolution, Central Bank official, Foreign Minister, and National Security Council Secretary under President Victor Yushchenko, Economics Minister under President Victor Yanukovich, and financial backer of the 2013-14 Euro-maidan, has followed the British/Obama-USA/EU agenda of wrecking Ukraine's economy, and confronting Russia. The continuation of this posture is evident in Poroshenko's own statements, and the actions of interim government officials, who continue to exercise power until Poroshenko's inauguration planned for June 8 or 10.

Most blatant are the decisions announced by Prime Minister Arkadi "Yats" Yatsenyuk at today's first meeting of the Cabinet after the Presidential elections. Yats pushed through a decision to institute, within each government ministry and agency, the post of "Deputy Minister for Eurointegration." In a related decision, the government resolved to have one direct representative of the European Union, a "specialist" in the relevant area, on site within each ministry and agency, "to help Ukraine implement its agreements with the EU and bring us closer to the European Union and to European standards."

Thus, as much of Europe rises up against the EU bankers' dictatorship, Ukraine's coup-installed authorities are turning the country over to that same EU.

At the same time, Kiev has sharply escalated military actions in eastern Ukraine, the Donbass. Poroshenko, after his first-round victory (with whole swathes of the electorate in the east either unable or unwilling to vote at all), declared that the so-called anti-terrorist operation (ATO) to wipe out the pro-federalization or independence forces in the southeast will escalate. He said that the ATO should succeed, not over a period of months, but in a matter of hours.

Accordingly, overnight on May 26, and into today, Ukrainian Army forces blasted the city of Donetsk, capital of the Donetsk Region and the major city, with a population of over 1 million, in the Donets Basin

(Donbass) as a whole. There was heavy fighting around the main train station in Donetsk. Then Ukrainian Army helicopters attacked the airport, which had been held by forces of the self-proclaimed Donets People's Republic (DPR). Dozens, if not hundreds, of militia members have been killed, as well as civilians. Major hits included an attack on an ambulance that killed 20 or 30 people, and arson against the city's soccer arena.

Both DPR head Denis Pushilin and Internal Affairs Minister Arseni Avakov claimed today to have control of the airport. The Foreign Ministry issued a foaming denunciation of "the Kremlin" as the cause of any and all fighting in the region, citing an alleged incursion attempt last night by 40 vehicles full of armed men, coming from Russia.

'There Is a Real War Going On'

Russian President Vladimir Putin discussed the escalating crisis in the Donbass, during a phone call today with Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi. After expressing condolences for the death of an Italian journalist killed near Slavyansk, Putin "stressed the need to immediately stop the punitive operation conducted by the army in the southeastern regions of Ukraine and establish peaceful dialogue between Kiev and representatives of the regions," according to the Kremlin.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, during a press conference after talks with his visiting counterpart from Turkey, also addressed the escalating crisis. He noted that Poroshenko has announced that his first trip after his inauguration will be to the Donbass, where "there is a real war going on." Lavrov continued, "He himself says that the 'ATO' should be finished rapidly through its intensification. If the plan is for the Army, using heavy weapons, the National Guard, Right Sector, and the like to crush the resistance in the Donbass before the expected inauguration of P.A. Poroshenko, so that he can arrive in the Donbass as a victor, this is not exactly the way to create good conditions for a hospitable reception in the Donetsk Region."

Lavrov called for an immediate halt to military action and implementation of the Geneva agreements of April 17, as well as honest investigations of the numerous, horrific mass killings in the southeast (Odessa, Mariupol, and elsewhere), involving Kiev forces as well as private armies that have been springing up.