## The Brits Are Dragging the U.S. and Europe into a Suicidal Nuclear Confrontation with Russia

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Oct. 23—The full Russian National Security Council met October 19 for the first time since May. Almost no details of their discussion have been made public at this time.

At the same time, today, NATO's "Steadfast Noon" military exercises continued, as did Russia's parallel military maneuvers—both are conducting nuclear warfare drill against the other.

More ominous still, British Defense Secretary Ben Recal Wallace arrived in Washington, D.C.
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ficials, including Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin and National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan, under the public cover of discussing Russia's use of drones (allegedly supplied by Iran) in the Ukraine theater.

One has to assume that drones are *not* the principal topic under discussion; nuclear war is.

Britain's Armed Forces Minister James Heappey would only tell *Sky News* that Wallace's discussions in Washington "were particularly grave," and that "it's beyond belief really, the fact that we are in a time when these sorts of conversations are necessary." Foreign Secretary James Cleverly stressed the "urgency" of the situation and said the high-level conversations could not be carried out over the phone. Asked by the press whether the unscheduled visit was to discuss the nuclear threat, Cleverly deflected: "What we do is discuss a full range of how we help the Ukrainians to defend themselves."

How does Russia read all of this? Top diplomat Konstantin Vorontsov told the UN General Assembly's First Committee October 18 that Kiev had publicly stated they would "attempt to acquire nuclear weapons," and had also made "statements about the need for preventive nuclear strikes by NATO countries on Russia." This, Vorontsov stated, "is doubly unacceptable and categorically impermissible."

Recall that it was Britain's then Prime Minister Boris Johnson who travelled to Kiev last April to meet with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, and ordered him to pull the plug on any possible negotiated settlement between Ukraine and Russia, which at the time was close at hand.

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eled to Sweden and Finland in May, *before* NATO took up the issue of their joining the alliance, to sign bilateral

mutual military defense pacts with both countries, *de facto* putting them under NATO's Article 5 umbrella.

Recall that it has been British think tanks like RUSI (Royal United Services Institute), which argued that a "Crimean Missile Crisis" is the best way to get Russia to capitulate, and media outlets like *The Economist* that have insisted on playing a nuclear chicken game with President Vladimir Putin, to get the Russian "problem" out of the way before turning their attention to the bigger "threat" of China.

Recall that it was King Charles III—good Malthusian that he is—who demanded, when he was still a mere Prince, that "warlike measures" had to be adopted to deindustrialize and depopulate the entire planet, emphatically including the United States.

And above all, never forget that it is the City of London–centered financial system, bursting with \$2 quadrillion in unpayable derivatives and other speculative assets, that is demanding the full economic "decoupling" of the West from China, Russia and India. This policy is already leading to the *intentional*, physical-economic levelling of continental Europe, with the U.S. following close behind.

Scott Ritter, the outspoken former UN weapons in-

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spector and military expert, hit the nail on the head in an Oct. 18 interview Cynthia Pooler conducted with him and LaRouche New York Senatorial candidate Diane Sare, who so far has been kept out of the Oct. 30 scheduled debate between the two other candidates for Senate from New York. Insisted Ritter:

The single issue that she [Sare] raised to get on this list [the ballot], the single issue that motivated 66,000 New Yorkers to sign their names to a petition, was the danger of nuclear war. And here we are today, on the brink of a nuclear conflict.... Right now, there's a NATO nuclear exercise taking place that is literally practicing how to drop bombs on Russia. Now, Russia responded with their own nuclear weapons exercise that is literally practicing how to drop

bombs on NATO. The difference here is that Russia does not have a doctrine of preemption; the United States does.... It's imperative that we get people like Diane put in positions of authority where they can bring this issue to the forefront.

Turning to Sare, Ritter addressed her directly:

I'll tell you what. I endorse your presence on the [debate] stage. I endorse your message. I endorse the fact that you alone seem to understand what's important to this world, and that is having a future for our children, for our grandchildren, and their children and generations to follow, in the future that'll be denied to everybody, if we have a nuclear conflict.