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On the Retirement of Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Victoria Nuland - Anthony Blinken / State Department, Mar 5 2024

Victoria Nuland has let me know that she intends to step down in the coming weeks as Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs – a role in which she has personified President Biden's commitment to put diplomacy back at the center of our foreign policy and revitalize America's global leadership at a crucial time for our nation and the world.

...

[I]t's Toria's leadership on Ukraine that diplomats and students of foreign policy will study for years to come. Her efforts have been indispensable to confronting Putin's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, marshaling a global coalition to ensure his strategic failure, and helping Ukraine work toward the day when it will be able to stand strongly on its own feet – democratically, economically, and militarily.

...

President Biden and I have asked our Under Secretary for Management John Bass to serve as Acting Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs until Toria's replacement is confirmed.

Victoria Nuland, a member of <u>the neo-conservative Kagan clan</u>, is only 62 years old - too young to retire regularly.

She will be remembered for handing out cookies to antigovernment demonstrators in Ukraine and for <u>installing the 2014</u> <u>coup regime</u>.

That has been her main project in the State Department. But the 2014 Maidan putsch that turn the Ukraine into a battering ram against Russia, has ended in a complete failure.



<u>bigger</u>

Neither was Russia '<u>weakened</u>' by the war nor has Ukraine any perspective to survive but as some Russian controlled landlocked backwater country in Europe's east.

Given that billions were spent on Ukraine with little controls and nothing to show for Nuland, and her family, have certainly made a bit on the side. One wonders if any of the ongoing and coming investigations into the black hole Ukraine will leave them unscarred. As even *Guardian* commentators are <u>now waking up</u> to the mess they helped create it is high time for European politicians to also finally accept this reality:

Western Europe has no conceivable interest in escalating the Ukraine war through a long-range missile exchange. While it should sustain its logistical support for Ukrainian forces, it has no strategic interest in Kyiv's desire to drive Russia out of the majority Russian-speaking areas of Crimea or Donbas. It has every interest in assiduously seeking an early settlement and starting the rebuilding of Ukraine.

As for the west's "soft power" sanctions on Russia, they have failed miserably, disrupting the global trading economy in the process. Sanctions may be beloved of western diplomats and thinktanks. They may even hurt someone – not least Britain's energy users – but they have not devastated the Russian economy or changed Putin's mind. This year Russia's growth rate is expected to exceed Britain's.

The crass ineptitude of a quarter of a century of western military interventions should have taught us some lessons. Apparently not.

Posted by b on March 5, 2024 at 14:51 UTC | Permalink

Comments

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Posted by: biochar | Mar 5 2024 14:58 utc | 1

This cannot be unconnected to the NYT CIA story or the German 'taurus leak'.

Posted by: JW | Mar 5 2024 14:58 utc | 2

A veiled admission of defeat by Washington.

They lost control over the course of war and now they want out, before the fire comes too close and they get burnt themselves. Expect nasty moves towards Europe and Ukraine. Psychopaths can't help themselves.

Posted by: Lurk | Mar 5 2024 14:59 utc | 3

thanks b... i suppose this was some of the surprise she was talking about... if so - its a good surprise... what a lame ass deluded person she is..

Posted by: james | Mar 5 2024 15:00 utc | 4

You left out the cherry on the cake: her immortal words: "Fuck the EU"! I would gladly contribute a hundred of my hard earned dollars towards a project on erecting a memorial for 'Toria as a caricature of the Statue of Liberty, showing the middle finger, her slogan depicted in LED lights or a laser light show. It could be erected either on Azov steel plant site, turned into a war memorial or the Snake Island when the entire Black sea coast comes under Russian control. You have to hand it to this gal: she meant what she said and walked the talk!

Posted by: sumant | Mar 5 2024 15:04 utc | 5

What think tank will fatso get an overpaid job at?

Posted by: Firestarter | Mar 5 2024 15:04 utc | 6

Ding Dong, the Witch is dead!

Ho Ho Ho, the Witch is dead!

Ding Dong, the Wicked Witch is dead!

Posted by: Petronius | Mar 5 2024 15:06 utc | 7

Nothing will change in terms of policy, she will keep pulling strings from behind the scenes.

What changes somewhat is that this unties the Kremlin's hands to off her in a discrete way, without violating the self-imposed constraints on not targeting official leadership. If someone deserves it, that is her -- how much death and suffering has that witch caused? Preferably something slow and painful too -- e.g. polonium poisoning would be a nice touch.

But for that to happen someone needs to grow a pair -- if they were ever going to do something like that, there were plenty other people not in official leadership positions who could and should have been offed to send a message.

Posted by: shadowbanned | Mar 5 2024 15:06 utc | 8

Nanana nanana hey hey hey goodbye!

To be fair it could be health reasons, Nuland is aging in dog years just like Z-man. Even with the best treatments etc, money can buy.

It's also truly sicking to see the usual suspects, excrete a sanitised version. Of what was obvious from the start.

That Ukraine wasn't going to win. Even if they have to use "stalemate" obfuscation.

Posted by: Urban Fox | Mar 5 2024 15:06 utc | 9

Dammnit b, that's an awful headline! The Cookie Monster was always my favorite Sesame Street character, probably because he resembles me when I get near a bag of cookies.

Posted by: Brian Bixby | Mar 5 2024 15:08 utc | 10

President Biden's commitment to put diplomacy back at the center of our foreign policy

ridiculous thing to say, especially in light of deportation of Chinese PhD students who had valid visas and were already studying in the United States, right after a grueling eight hour surprise airport interrogation www.science.org/content/article/ valid-u-s-visa-didn-t-stop-these-chinese-graduate-studentsbeing-deported

Posted by: JR Garcia | Mar 5 2024 15:09 utc | 11

prescient?

"Nuland will be replaced temporarily as under secretary by another career diplomat, John Bass, a former ambassador to Afghanistan who oversaw the U.S. withdrawal from the country." US News

Posted by: joe s | Mar 5 2024 15:11 utc | 12

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In fact, it reads like a eulogy. She been seen in public lately?

Posted by: john | Mar 5 2024 15:11 utc | 13

In the light of this piece of news, the recent activism of Mr. Macron becomes much clearer. "If you want to get it fucked right, you gotta fuck it yourself".

Posted by: neutrino | Mar 5 2024 15:13 utc | 14

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Yes. I recall her last miserable visit to the country she utterly destroyed and left in the lurch. It must have taken industrial quantities of Xanax to face the ukies amidst the absolute hopeless ruin of the country.

It was probably easy, lucrative and fun for her to sneak around setting up the disaster, but then having to actually face Russia in an open fight was likely psychologically difficult and unpleasant. So, she quits and will likely appear again on the think tank circuit where she can promote the same policies but as an intellectual author, at a great distance.

I'm glad it got too hot for her and she had a chance to see the poison fruits of her foreign policy witchcraft, but considering the scale of her crimes, some medieval punishment would be much more appropriate.

Flogging, tarring and feathering, maybe? Simply being forced to work as a nurse in a front line Ukie hospital would be more just that just taking an easy retirement.

May everyone at the bar remember this awful lady's face, name and crimes against humanity!

Posted by: Ahenobarbus | Mar 5 2024 15:22 utc | 17

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Posted by: biochar | Mar 5 2024 14:58 utc | 1

Oh, you think he's being too harsh to this monstrous enemy of humanity, biochair?

Posted by: Ahenobarbus | Mar 5 2024 15:23 utc | 18

Nice news but I have to agree with shadowbanned.

Nothing is going to change, she has probably got a good payed position at MIC.

Ukraine is still very strong. Very strong, still able to destroy Russian fleet.

The West bloody wants that Russian defeat. III world war is a

small price for them.

Posted by: vargas | Mar 5 2024 15:24 utc | 19

Perhaps there is a God.

Posted by: Derrick | Mar 5 2024 15:24 utc | 20

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Posted by: psychohistorian | Mar 5 2024 15:24 utc | 21

But, . . . perhaps celebrations may be a bit premature. In that, where does she go next??

Posted by: Derrick | Mar 5 2024 15:25 utc | 22

Failure?!. The Ukraine project was an all-out success. Regime changed. Baided Russia into a proxy war, and dragged the EU into it too. Billions in profit for military contractors who will keep re-stocking European arsenals. Russia-EU relations at an all time low, for decades to come. Changed Europes dependence on Russian gas to a dependency on US gas. And steal their industry because the US destroyed Europes competetive advantage.

Posted by: Joe Public | Mar 5 2024 15:26 utc | 23

Employing women as cover for the elite's murderous schemes is one of the worst outcomes that fake feminism has given us. Nurturer schmurterer.

Posted by: Bagration | Mar 5 2024 15:26 utc | 24

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Posted by: Elber | Mar 5 2024 15:26 utc | 25

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Yes. Bliken's farewell is the most unconsciously Orwellian thing I've read in a long time.

Posted by: Ahenobarbus | Mar 5 2024 15:26 utc | 26

This is admitting defeat.

Don't let the monster slip away, make her pay.

Posted by: Norwegian | Mar 5 2024 15:28 utc | 27

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Very strong, eh, Vargas?

Posted by: Ahenobarbus | Mar 5 2024 15:28 utc | 28

Nuland's resignation is, for me, good news in that it hints at a crack in the neocon hold on US foreign policy. The disclosure of German discussions regarding Taurus missiles may be one factor; another major factor could be the domestic dilemma that the US ruling elite face regarding policy regarding Palestine. The US neocons are primarily Zionists.

One can hope and pray.

Posted by: Ciaran | Mar 5 2024 15:35 utc | 29

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I think pig might be a better animal analogy. A big voracious, murderous pig runs away from the mass slaughter it intentionally caused for its own fun and profit. Oh, and for the glory of a genocidal empire and likely, in her sick mind, for her superior tribe.

Posted by: Ahenobarbus | Mar 5 2024 15:35 utc | 30

"One might interpret this as the State Department's admittance of defeat in the U.S. war against Russia in Ukraine:"

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been left holding the bag., the elite having bet the farm on the total defeat and breakup of the Russian federation.

The Brits are desperately trying to provoke Russia into striking within Nato countries to pull the Americans back into the fight.

Posted by: Peter AU1 | Mar 5 2024 15:36 utc | 31

Nuland standing down is a bit of a surprise, she was in thick of it in Ukraine, for me she's the female equivalent of Elliot Abrams, a nasty piece of work, her actions (following orders) have led to the loss of life in Ukraine and of RF troops, no doubt she'll give interviews in the future in which she'll sound like Madeline Albright.

Posted by: Republicofscotland | Mar 5 2024 15:40 utc | 32

Will be back as President of USA.

Posted by: Surferket | Mar 5 2024 15:41 utc | 33

Nuland may be standing down but the West is still sabre rattling.

With Russia already fighting against Nato forces in Ukraine, Nato denies this but we all know the war against Nato has begun, it looks like Nato might be preparing its forces to go to war with Russia.

Also would China and North Korea be wise to come out fighting on the Russian side? if a full blown escalation occurs afterall both nations are in the crosshairs of Nato, after they've dealt with Russia.

Has Nato sent out the feelers in China to see where China stands if Nato declares war (openly this time) on Russia, surely Nato bigwigs would take into consideration how China might react to an all out attack on Russia, mind you those mad dogs at Nato and the Pentagon probably think that China or NK would dare interfere in an war against Russia.

"Russia raps strongly NATO war games launched by the US-led military alliance on the country's doorstep.

Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Grushko made the remarks on Monday, when the alliance began the Nordic Response exercises that are scheduled to take place across Finland, Sweden, and Norway.

"The military is monitoring, we have all the necessary means for this. Our political position is well known. We believe that these exercises are demonstratively provocative," he said.

"Any exercises, especially [those] that are held geographically close to the contact line, increase the risk of military incidents. Therefore, all necessary measures have been taken in order to ensure the defense capabilities of Russia," the diplomat added.

The 11-day drills enlist around 20,000 troops from 14 NATO countries, including the US, the UK, Canada, France, and Spain. They also deploy more than 100 warplanes, military transport planes, naval surveillance aircraft, and helicopters as well as upwards of 50 vessels, including destroyers.

The drills are part of the alliance's Steadfast Defender 2024 exercises that began on January 22 and are slated to last until May 31, as the biggest war games to be staged by the alliance since the Cold War."

Posted by: Republicofscotland | Mar 5 2024 15:42 utc | 34

the wicked witch

is (as good as) dead

Posted by: michaelj72 | Mar 5 2024 15:42 utc | 35

May everyone at the bar remember this awful lady's face, name and crimes against humanity! Posted by: Ahenobarbus | Mar 5 2024 15:22 utc | 17

I hope humanity remembers her for centuries as a caricature of the bloated, corrupt, evil, and incompetent American empire.

Posted by: Jesrad | Mar 5 2024 15:43 utc | 36

A vile woman largely responsible for hundreds of thousands of totally unnecessary deaths - both Ukrainians and Russians. She has not gone away - she simply knows that President Biden's reign is coming to an end.

This is for all those maimed due to her vile actions:

Liam Clancy - Band Played Waltzing Matilda [7 mins]

https://www.youtube.com/watch?

v=PFCekeoSTwg&list=RDPFCekeoSTwg&start_radio=1

Posted by: Don Firineach | Mar 5 2024 15:43 utc | 37

The fascist NAZI Queen is dead.

Posted by: JustTruth | Mar 5 2024 15:44 utc | <u>38</u>

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Posted by: psychohistorian | Mar 5 2024 15:45 utc | 39

Oh, darn! ;)

Maybe she can go whip ISW into shape. What a verbose and poorly formatted bunch of word salad those updates are! :)

Posted by: Anonymous | Mar 5 2024 15:45 utc | 40

Can they finish this in 2024 is my only concern. I want genocide Joe to fall and this will ensure it

Posted by: A.z | Mar 5 2024 15:49 utc | 41

That does appear to be the case. It can be seen in the desperation of the Brits in escalating strikes against Russia and the angry squeakings of the cornered rats in Europe. They have been left holding the bag., the elite having bet the farm on the total defeat and breakup of the Russian federation. Posted by: Peter AU1 | Mar 5 2024 15:36 utc | 30

I agree with this, but I have few questions:

Why has the elite played this game, and not some more friendly game?

Why is the elite so aggressive?

How can they be so uniform?

What keeps them together?

Posted by: vargas | Mar 5 2024 15:51 utc | 42

She'll be promoted to oversea USA proxy war in Taiwan.

Posted by: timbers | Mar 5 2024 15:51 utc | 43

She will be eventually tried as a war criminal.

Posted by: Exile | Mar 5 2024 15:52 utc | 44

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I'm thinking that if the Dims have enough good sense to dump Dementia Joe, Killary "It's Still My Turn" Clinton will need a running mate...

Posted by: malenkov | Mar 5 2024 15:53 utc | 45

Praise the Lord. I wonder where she will slither to, and who will be the replacement demon.

Posted by: Formerly Miss Lacy | Mar 5 2024 15:55 utc | 46

"What changes somewhat is that this unties the Kremlin's hands to off her in a discrete way, without violating the self-imposed constraints on not targeting official leadership."

She has more to fear from the Ukrainians she used than the Kremlin.

Posted by: Fred777 | Mar 5 2024 15:56 utc | 47

Ding dong the witch is..... Gone.

Posted by: Tom_Q_Collins | Mar 5 2024 15:57 utc | 48

People who think that policy won't change are missing the point. First they start changing the narrative, then the faces, then the policies. There is certainly an over-arching 'policy' of the ruling class that won't change: the policy of protecting and expanding their power as best they can-but the way they go about it changes according to circumstances. The neocon technique has done as much as it can, it's being replaced by 'adults in the room.' Hot war is being de-escalated into cold war. The financialization of the Global economy, and the gutting of the US industrial base, is giving way to Fortress America, the gutting of Europe, and the rebuilding of the domestic industrial base. These are all VERY different policies from the previous ones, but they have to be seen as markers of SUCCESS by the ruling class: they have concentrated the power of global capitalism into a single base- the US- which now has no rivals within the Empire. They have asserted an unprecedented level of control over the domestic political process- the rabid in-fighting of the American two party system is kayfabe. The technological control of political and cultural expression is overwhelming. The superficial aspects of this are being rolled back- but not very far. 'Free speech purist' Musk is censoring X with increasing vigor, entertainment companies that were 'too woke' are collapsingbut the core assets are simply being shifted toward a new narrative. Technofeudalism here we come.

Posted by: Honzo | Mar 5 2024 15:57 utc | 49

@Exile | Mar 5 2024 15:52 utc | 43

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If there is any justice left in this world this will happen. Line her up in front of the queue with Boris Johnson, Jens Stoltenberg and many others.

Posted by: Norwegian | Mar 5 2024 15:58 utc | 50

millions of dead for kagan khazarian askanazim crime syndicate nice name A

new lands

nulands

give me your property or i burn you out

the daughter love child of madeline allbright and henry heinrich himler kissenger cared for by Zbigniew babylon talmud Brzezinski.

breast fed by bill clinton sexually abused by bills husband hitlery clinton.

the queen of the oded yinon new khazaria plans working empire building behind the scenes just like evelyne and jacob rothschild the not dead undead.

these slugs this disease needs darkness and quite to scheme find her burn the witch burn her feed her to baal and molech.

Posted by: todd | Mar 5 2024 15:58 utc | 51

Republicofscotland | Mar 5 2024 15:42 utc | 33

US preparations for war with China are in full swing. US plan

appears to be to bog Russia down in a war with Europe while it attacks China. Chinese preparations for the oncoming attack have been ongoing for some time.

Perhaps Russia will erase Britain from the map which would end Euro attacks against it instantly, and perhaps US would not respond, but still, a risky business.

I see Russia just tested its S-500 against submarine launched ICBM which I think is all the Brits and French have. That system is now being deployed yet it will take some time to achieve complete coverage of Russia's borders.

Posted by: Peter AU1 | Mar 5 2024 15:59 utc | 52

Interesting Rumors re: Nuland

The resignation of Cookie Nuland is primarily due to the upcoming investigation by the FBI and the Office of Special Operations. Investigations of the US Department of Justice, where 10.5 billion dollars were spent on Maidan in Ukraine (the public was told about 5 billion), as well as where 120 billion dollars were spent on various items and almost the same amount on secret items on the CIA budget and the Pentagon.

The fourth command inspection from the United States in six months in Kyiv is still at work. The results of their work and reporting are strictly classified. They are transferred immediately to the Secretary of State under the supervision of the FBI.

The fun is just beginning. —Condottiero

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Analysis: Victoria Nuland the US Deputy Secretary of State is leaving her post

The news of Victoria Nuland's departure came from the US

Secretary of State Blinken, which in itself is significant. Nuland is allegedly being forced to announce her resignation in this way. Nuland herself is still silent, but the decision is indisputable. To prevent Nuland from changing her mind, Blinken officially announced the news.

Most likely, Nuland will leave as ambassador to Israel or plenipotentiary representative to the UN. She will definitely work for Joe Biden's campaign on a voluntary basis, as an integral part of the team of the current US President. You don't get off this boat just like that.

But it is an obvious sign that a conflict is brewing in the camp of deep state democrats, and this conflict is over Ukraine. Nuland is a key supporter of the White House's unbending pro-Ukrainian position at any cost. And the price now is... the seat of the President of the United States.

Nuland believes that for Biden to maintain the current course, he needed to leave the race and give way to Michelle Obama. She categorically opposed the new nomination of the Biden - Harris tandem.

The Democratic Party HQ decided not to initiate the 25th Amendment and to let the current tandem go to the elections, so that after this Biden would leave for health reasons and be replaced by Harris (the process underway). Key sponsors of the Democratic Party are in favor of her candidacy (and, accordingly, this election scenario).

It is believed that Harris' vice president will be none other than (the shadow president) Barack Obama himself. — Octagon

https://t.me/theorientalview/5296 https://t.me/theorientalview/5298 Posted by: Alexis Ricer | Mar 5 2024 16:02 utc | 53

Maria Zakharova on Nuland's resignation:
"Nuland notified Blinken of her intention to resign in the coming weeks.

The reason won't be told to you. But it's simple - the failure of the Biden administration's anti-Russian course. The Russophobia proposed by Victoria Nuland as the main foreign policy concept of the United States is dragging the Democrats to the bottom like a stone.

By the way, remembering the candles in Orthodox churches, if there is suddenly a desire to seek refuge in a monastery to atone for sins, let's put in a good word."

https://t.me/DDGeopolitics/103464

Posted by: Norwegian | Mar 5 2024 16:02 utc | 54

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Posted by: Republicofscotland | Mar 5 2024 15:42 utc | 33

Sigh again no, just no.

NATO had its only theoretical chance to intervene openly in early 2022, when the AFU was as strong as it was ever getting, the RF had a peacetime army & gaslit Z-man Ukrophilla was as high as it was going to get.

They don't have the military, morale or armament to go all in. Particularly not with the paltry forces that could be mustered on short-to-mid term notice.

Any attempt to actually mobilize in earnest in terms of the NATO economies, would simply create massive dislocations and efforts to mobilize manpower would result in mass-disobedience.

None bar a handful of mercs (and even they're only in it for money or adventure) is willing to die for these neo-s**t-lib regimes.

Posted by: Urban Fox | Mar 5 2024 16:05 utc | 55

Only the scourge of communism/socialism did more damage to former USSR than Nuland and her neocon ilk.

The abandonment on a silver plate of a people unaccustomed to free enterprise, and unprepared for market economy, by a party of naive, aloof and incompetent oligarchs, no different from what still happens in Ukraine, allowed all this.

Let this serve as a lesson for the people of Russia, that the best place for socialists/communists is the cemetery, least new pogroms and Gorbachiovs appear.

Posted by: Phariah | Mar 5 2024 16:06 utc | 56

@ Ahenobarbus | Mar 5 2024 15:22 utc | 17

agree... there is a special place in hell for people like this..

Posted by: james | Mar 5 2024 16:07 utc | 57

Posted by: Honzo | Mar 5 2024 15:57 utc | 48

You got it right Honzo.

Only problem is, that is not so easy if you are losing. In October 1941 everybody in Europe cheered for A.H. Turkey and Japan were about to jump to get their share.

In 1944 even close allies deserted him. Finland made peace

with the Soviet Union, there were coups going on in many countries, Spain's Blau Division went home...

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The interesting part of the Carlson Putin interview was that Russia does not deal with the whitehouse as that is not the decision making center in the US. Instead they deal with the CIA who if not the decision makers, speak on behalf of the decision makers.

If we look at Carlson as being CIA or acting in the interests of the CIA, plus a number of other factors - US ceasing funding for the Ukraine project ect, Then add on the Nuland resignation, it does look as though the US decision makers have pulled the plug on Ukraine. Russian federation still intact but Europe destroyed economically and separated from Russia so a partially successful operation.

Posted by: Peter AU1 | Mar 5 2024 16:08 utc | 59

Slowly, slowly the ghoul's fingers get pried off the rudder.

Soon the rotting albatross will get wrapped around her neck, and all the world will despise her well.

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The albatross metaphor comes from "Rime of the Ancient Mariner", by Samuel Coleridge. A sailor shoots an albatross, symbol of good winds and good fortune for a ship, the ships then suffers unspeakable calamity. The surviving sailors hang the dead albatross to rot around the neck of the sailor that shot it, as public condemnation.

Posted by: Tom Pfotzer | Mar 5 2024 16:09 utc | 60

Well this is certainly news but I have no idea what it portends. Though it does look bad for the pro-Ukrainine DC hard liners - at least at first blush. DC Kremlinology is not my thing, but it certainly is a message to someone. And I am sure it was not her choice.

I hope she has a long and happy retirement, with her Grand Kids and family, until the fateful day when she is summoned to pastures new and eternal, and which will no doubt prove much warmer...

Posted by: marcjf | Mar 5 2024 16:13 utc | 61

Well, she certainly fucked the EU, which was, and still is, I suspect, one of the main aims of US foreign policy.

Posted by: Dave Pollard | Mar 5 2024 16:15 utc | 62

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If Tucker was a proxy of the CIA, I tend to doubt they'd allow him to be railroaded out of an MSM job at Fox. All the CIA agents at CNN and MSNBC seem very secure in their new media careers.

Posted by: Ahenobarbus | Mar 5 2024 16:16 utc | 63

take a close look at its face study it examine it look into the eyes that is israel that is a dead thing was it ever a man or a woman a living being with hopes dreams emotions. the light just makes them scurry into the shadows for child blood transfusion resupply regroup then back to conspire.

stop with the ding dongs this ghoul is far from dead. what is needed is a common law arrest a short man and woman trial and a cleansing with fire a cleansing not for khazar filth victoria but the planet

Posted by: todd | Mar 5 2024 16:17 utc | 64

At last the West is starting to believe Putin's 'line in the sand' after all the promises made to Russia that NATO will not spread east of Germany. The West's 2014 coup against the elected Ukrainian government and the Ukrainian people's wishes are just a continuation of the West's belief "We know best" attitude that is destroying our world and killing millions of people either through guns or poverty.

Posted by: Bill R | Mar 5 2024 16:18 utc | 65

Posted by: Joe Public | Mar 5 2024 15:26 utc | 22

You call it an economic success for the US. I would take the counter of that argument.

It is true US has stolen EU industries, managed to get contracts etc. But looking on a more broad perspective, all the sanctions have seriously hurt US currency on its global stand. Also, a dead EU economy won't be of 'assistance' to the US economy very long - it will become a drag.

Alas, on the level of the total west, it is not even a zero sum game but a net minus game.

Posted by: unimperator | Mar 5 2024 16:21 utc | 66

Victoria Nuland is a vile and disgusting partially humanoid, noting the ruin she has helped to cause, the hundreds of thousands of deaths that are partly her legacy, along with the Congressmen laundering money, the transnational corporations that are profiting handsomely off of the deaths and destruction, the NGO's that are profiting from their interference. She knew the biolabs and their work. She personally negotiated with neo-Nazis to fund them and by doing so supported a failed US policy that was meant to profit the elites.

But I am not so sure that she is leaving due to overt failure. She may be leaving due to her covert success. The sanctions have isolated, not Russia, but the US, Canada, and Europe, Australia and Japan. And that may be what she and they intend to do. Cleave the world into two entities with US citizens frightened of the "other" poles. Then they can institute their green policies to transfer wealth from the middle and working classes to the energy companies which produce higher cost and unreliable energy, increasing the cost of all goods and services, penalize any "overuse" of energy through carbon credits, and put the population under severe controls on speech under hate speech laws and especially control all finances through Central Bank Digital Currencies. Having given billions to increasingly ineffective military industries, which will have the power and pocketbooks to fund future Congressmen, to fund future wars with increasingly expensive equipment that doesn't work efficiently and a military subverted with DEI and LBGTQ ideology.

The ordinary people of the west seem to be unaware of the full import of all that is going on and in those instances where some are aware, are made to feel powerless.

Posted by: Belle | Mar 5 2024 16:21 utc | 67

[Quote]... a role in which she has personified President Biden's

commitment to put diplomacy back at the center of our foreign policy and revitalize America's global leadership at a crucial time for our nation and the world [unquote]

Diplomacy:

- Regime changes
- Blackmailing
- Racketeering
- Sanction against the RoW including its allies, no limits
- Lies

Etc.

Diplomacy yeah.

Posted by: scc | Mar 5 2024 16:21 utc | 68

She achieved the objective of getting Slavs to slaughter each other...probably a MILLION combined Russian + Ukrainian deaths...and she will enjoy a long, comfortable and top-0.1% level of prosperity retirement.

Paid for by American Goyim tax-cattle...heheheh...

Posted by: Zion Rules Goyim | Mar 5 2024 16:24 utc | 69

Ahenobarbus | Mar 5 2024 16:16 utc | 62

Take a look at his ratings jump when he left MSM. He reaches a far far larger audience now. Musk - starlink I believe is around 30% owned by the US military. Musk gave him a guaranteed platform with twitter.

How did Musk get so big and stay outside the control of the deep state? He didn't. Somebody like that must work for the deep state or lose everything.

My guess is the US deep state is now dumping the woke faction in the US and going with the conservative faction for its ongoing wars in the middle east and its coming war with China.

Posted by: Peter AU1 | Mar 5 2024 16:24 utc | 70

Thank you b. I have a post at the weekinreview thread second page that quotes Lavrov on "people orchestrating things from their apartments". Too tired to go there now, but it belongs here as well, (that quote from karlof1's second link at 45 is there.) Off to celebrate,(and rest) I am -- very good news. They used to, in the US, let us see on our tv's the movie "The Wizard of OZ" at Easter. Time to bring us back that classic tradition!

Posted by: juliania | Mar 5 2024 16:24 utc | 71

I read they were going to fit glide wings on the fat bitch and launch her at the Kerch bridge.

Posted by: Guy Thornton | Mar 5 2024 16:26 utc | 72

The court ruling for Trump, the court ruling on the Texas border the woke are anti Israel so the Biden/Obama faction that rely on the woke vote are out and 'conservatives' who cheer war against the middle east and China are in.

Posted by: Peter AU1 | Mar 5 2024 16:28 utc | 73

I want the big fat rat to be prosecuted for war crimes.

Posted by: psychohistorian | Mar 5 2024 15:45 utc | 38

I do too want the big fat rat to be prosecuted for war crimes.

Posted by: AI | Mar 5 2024 16:28 utc | 74

Posted by: vargas | Mar 5 2024 15:24 utc | 19

How do you do... Zorge?

Posted by: scc | Mar 5 2024 16:30 utc | 75

Posted by: Peter AU1 | Mar 5 2024 16:24 utc | 69

Yeah, it's always dogshit wrapped in catshit, the Nuland-Kaganites are a bunch of provincial inbreds whose crackpot Russophobia was the right tool for the job.

Posted by: anon2020 | Mar 5 2024 16:31 utc | 76

I like this observation of Dmitry Orlov's...

I carefully looked at Victoria Nuland, because I've been watching her for over a decade. She was always a crazy one, but I sort of looked at her face, and umm, her eyes look absolutely crazy. She's a maniac, but what struck me was that her eyes look sufficiently different from each other, that it is clear that the two hemispheres of her brain are thinking different things, which is frightening

Posted by: john | Mar 5 2024 16:31 utc | 77

Asking Russia to attack with nuclear weapons is asking for America to retaliate. So not going to happen.

Russia's strategy is limiting the conflict to Ukrainian territory. US strategy is saying "we're not involved, don't shoot at us" while doing the opposite. Strategy of Baltics and Poles is trying to get as many other countries involved as possible.

If you look at the Ucrainian conflict, neither US Air Force wants to measure itself against Russian air defenses; nor is the US army interested in trying the Russian army on for size. The US Navy is absent. Ucraine is a land war with a navy side dish.

If you look at the Red Sea, the US Navy is unable to impose itself on Yemen.

Unconventional weapons at the US' disposal is overthrowing governments using a mix of soft power and hard deaths. This no longer works in Russia. Russia suppresses any attempt at 'color revolutions' - harshly. Ask Navalny.

So, in spite of recent failed missile tests, NATO/US might use nuclear weapons first. US are weak in conventional weapons. When conventionally outmatched by Russia, nuclear is just about the only thing left in their toolbox.

Russia has the advantage of having non-nuclear unconventional weapons. Where the US only has the choice of escalating from conventional to nuclear, Russia has the possibility of escalating from conventional, to hypersonics, to nuclear.

So my guess would be that, all things being equal, Russia will first use hypersonics before escalating to nuclear. Also, that the most promising target need not be military. In the West, nothing happens without money changing hands. So the most obvious targets are banking datacenters. Without interbank communication, the West grinds to a halt. And you don't retaliate a drone attack with nuclear weapons - not after you've spent the better part of two years sending drones to bomb Russia.

Posted by: Passerby | Mar 5 2024 16:33 utc | 78

psychohistorian | Mar 5 2024 15:45 utc | 38--

Nuland now becomes a target as she'll soon lose the protection of being a "diplomat."

The grossly corrupted Empire has no chance against Russia in the form of NATO because its MIC is where that corruption is heaviest. Two years ago I predicted NATO having no weapons capable of defeating Russia, which has proven correct two years later. Yes, it can still buy people like Pashinyan, Sandu and their deputies, but they won't last as long as the Ukie Nazis.

Posted by: karlof1 | Mar 5 2024 16:34 utc | 79

She'll almost certainly get a new job with either the Atlantic

council or the council on foreign relations within the year and keep advocating for war. lots of people made good money off of her warmongering. So, they'll be sure to keep her hanging around if nothing else but to push the new narrative that Ukraine only lost because they didn't get even MOAR money and arms. The only way to prevent her causing problems is tossing her in a prison cell or a grave, otherwise she will keep stirring the pot, perhaps in a less direct way or waiting on the bench for a new US regime to put her in, but she's not going to leave the game.

Posted by: Kadath | Mar 5 2024 16:35 utc | 80

A success? Of course it was! Just keep resetting the bar lower and lower...mission accomplished. Anything it takes to forget how Europes economy is crushed, NATO is exposed as a fraud and murica is humiliated. Simper fool!

Posted by: nook | Mar 5 2024 16:39 utc | 81

Urban Fox (54).

The western media today playing down Nato's ability to up its war against Russia by saying it will take a decade for Nato countries to return to full armament, believe that at your own peril, I don't believe that Nato will wait ten years, by then the economic tables will have further turned against the west, and it hegemony will decline even further than it has today.

The Global South is watching and although those nations might no admit it, they respect power, and they will be watching very closely to see what develops.

Posted by: Republicofscotland | Mar 5 2024 16:44 utc | 82

I'm sure it was completely unintentional, but the greatest beneficiaries of Nuland's tenure are Russia (accession of Crimea and other new lands and 10M new citizens, plus economic autarky unimaginable before 2019), the BRICs organization, and non-aligned countries everywhere unyoking from dollar hegemony.

Well played, Vicki! Let's hope America has a dozen more like you ready to go.

Posted by: Figleaf23 | Mar 5 2024 16:45 utc | 83

Jenkins' article in The Guardian mentions that the growth of Russian economy now exceeds the one in Britain. One can elaborate on that. UK has now going through two quarters of mild decline, with very mild growth to follow (perhaps decrease per capita, in any case, the growth by a fraction of a percent is not hard to notice).

My conclusion is that UK does not lack areas that could be improved with fewer unproductive expenditures like "defense" and more productive investments leading to economy growth etc. And the same can be said about most countries enlisted in anti-Russian crusade.

In the wider context, the core of the West has hard to resolve economic issue: having high wages, its economic model could be sustained by higher productivity, i.e. a combination of investments, infrastructure and education, with possible addition of protectionism. But those advantages are receding, and the rulers should think what they can do to avert the decline. Militaristic adventurism, support of Israel etc. is diverting scant mental resources and wastes material resources.

Posted by: Piotr Berman | Mar 5 2024 16:49 utc | 84

I'd be careful on crowing over Nuland's dismissal.

Posted by: MAKK | Mar 5 2024 16:49 utc | 85

Pushed out at 62, but by whom?

Which swamp creature had the muscle to have Nuland removed.

Posted by: too scents | Mar 5 2024 16:52 utc | 86

She was the center of gravity at the State Department.

Posted by: Norwegian | Mar 5 2024 16:55 utc | 87

Everyone leaves office eventually.

So tell us how this will change policy.

Posted by: Feral Finster | Mar 5 2024 16:56 utc | 88

Anthony Blinken meant to say:

"Vicky is perhaps the evilest c##t I've worked with in my life, her actions over the past ten years in Ukraine will be studied for centuries to come. Thanks to Vicky's satanic and inhumane work, a country of 50 million people has been destroyed forever and Russia has lost thousands of civilians and soldiers. There has never been a woman so determined to leave her mark on history as the evilest c##t of all. Thank you Vicky and congrats on achieving your mark on history. Enjoy living on your island eating boiled alive children."

Posted by: Eoin Clancy | Mar 5 2024 16:57 utc | 89

Maybe she can get a job playing the role as Divine in a remake of the movie Pink Flamingos .The resemblance in a recent photo is striking.

Posted by: Bartholomew Cubbins | Mar 5 2024 17:00 utc | 90

Passerby | Mar 5 2024 16:33 utc | 77

The start of your comment revolves around US being the movers and shakers behind the war on Russia. US is the economic and military power but US and UK have an equal allegiance. UK working with the fanatical anti Russia faction in the US has been the main influence in this war against Russia. While the US was loud and in our faces, UK was quietly going about the main business of separating old Europe from Russia by forming allegiances and agreements with eastern block countries, primarily Poland and Ukraine that physical separated Russia from Europe. Since the Ukraine project has not5 gone as well as planned, UK have set more agreements in place with countries behind Ukraine, a second line of defence so to speak in keeping Russia separated from old Europe. Nordstream - UK was very much a part of that. Cutting the umbilical cord from Russia to German industry and economy.

Since the US has pulled out and its in your face trash talk moved away, it is much easier to see the part UK is playing as the main mover and shaker of the war on Russia.

Posted by: Peter AU1 | Mar 5 2024 17:00 utc | 91

The Guardian has it wrong again, Britain for centuries and now NATO have a very real ' strategic interest' in controlling Crimea or Sevastopol to be more precise, control of the Black Sea. Donbas and the whole of Russia for mineral wealth and finally, no military competition anywhere.,

NATO is arrogant and is led by ignoramus' so whatever they do next shouldn't surprise anyone, it won't surprise Russia.

Posted by: Mark A | Mar 5 2024 17:00 utc | 92

Thanks for the update, b.

She will wind up with a sprawling estate on the Gazan seashore overlooking the gas infrastructure.

Posted by: earthling1 | Mar 5 2024 17:02 utc | 93

Posted by: Figleaf23 | Mar 5 2024 16:45 utc | 82

Hard to argue with the points you make, though I would add a revitalised and battle hardened military, along with a new sense

of Rodina amongst the Russian population. No doubt there are other achievements of hers that have helped Russia greatly.

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Posted by: marcjf | Mar 5 2024 17:02 utc | 94
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(I have only read through # 51. With limited time I post partially uninformed.)

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I agree with Honzo
and PeterAU.
and some others . Thank you.
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We've seen how this system functions — through kayfaybe, playing the elements of the uniparty off against each other to keep USAn people gaslighted and supporting, usually through opposing the other false option, one of the ruling class' positioned puppets.

Tucker Carlson's interview with President Putin was possibly an opening signal of the deep state's shift to the other warmongering party just in case... Because it was clear then of deep state's policy failure to take down the RF with sanctions and bleed it out in a proxy war, also clearly failed.

Speaking metaphorically, when creatures like the Cookie Monster gaze into a mirror, there is no reflection. (Double meaning: no mental reflection, no reverse gear; no morals, no recognizable human ethics).

As european folklore goes, unless an oaken stake is thrust into the vampire's heart, and garlic strewn densely over its body, another manifestation of the same evil will arise in different, shapeshifting, guise.

The Deep state actors will double down, in part by preparing to

disengage, shapeshift away, from Genocidal Joe Adm for repositioning. Just in case. They have not abandoned their mission. Of that they are constitutionally incapable imv.

May a comet of justice come and place them where they belong according to the fellowship of humanity...

Posted by: suzan | Mar 5 2024 17:03 utc | 95

Maybe she wants to run for President

Yarhoweebeyelzebublensqueaky.

She who laughs last , laughs loudest

Hahaha ha. I'm going to eat you Mr b.

Posted by: Giyane | Mar 5 2024 17:04 utc | 96

Posted by: unimperator | Mar 5 2024 16:21 utc | 65

You call it an economic success for the US. I would take the counter of that argument.

You're on the right track, and those that say the deterioration of Europe as a consequence of it becoming totally submissive to the USA in the conflict with Russia is a partial success of the USA, are wrong.

Europe is an extension of the USA, an ideological-politicaleconomic-military defense built in depth. The USA used Europe to try to stop Russia and it so doing wore Europe down to a certain extent. But that is the utility of Europe for the USA. The USA does not want Europe destroyed or diminished in the same manner that Russia did not want its first defensive line to be destroyed during the Great Olde Ukrainian Spring-Summer Counter-Offensive (GOUKSSO, IoI!) of 2023.

A strong and united Europe is very much to the advantage of the USA. Since the 50s and 60s of the past century the USA wanted

Europe united. The USA sought to federalize Europe but it failed then as a fallback project it promoted the political and monetary union that exists today. Europe as a political conglomerate and the euro as currency are buffers of the USA and the US\$.

Posted by: Johan Kaspar | Mar 5 2024 17:05 utc | 97

@sumant | 5 "I would gladly contribute a hundred of my hard earned dollars towards a project on erecting a memorial for
'Toria as a caricature of the Statue of Liberty, showing the middle finger, her slogan depicted in LED lights or a laser light show"
If somebody's willing to manage the project, I'll put up another
\$100

Posted by: Shahmaran | Mar 5 2024 17:07 utc | 98

If Tucker was a proxy of the CIA, I tend to doubt they'd allow him to be railroaded out of an MSM job at Fox. All the CIA agents at CNN and MSNBC seem very secure in their new media careers.

Posted by: Ahenobarbus | Mar 5 2024 16:16 utc | 62

It gave him massive cred with his audience- that they helped him build. He bounced right back, with significant money behind him, and then- boom, Elon Musk, MIC bad boy, gives him the big platform for the big narrative turn. Carlson's dad was CIA (off book) and he was groomed to be what he is now over many years, including his 'awakening' from right-wing true believer to his current 'rebel journalist' status. He's about to become the new normal.

Posted by: Honzo | Mar 5 2024 17:07 utc | 99

The Guardian... unreal

Posted by: goldhoarder | Mar 5 2024 17:08 utc | 100