

'The Evil Empire'

This history promises never to end. The empire will continue chopping off sovereign nations and anoint the parceled colony as an "independent" statelet. Hacked out of Serbia, Kosovo, in the heart of Balkans, caps the destruction of Yugoslavia. Russia, thus under siege, would be elbowed out of Eurasia's huge energy resource. Permanent US military bases there would encircle Russia and protect US-sanctioned oil pipelines.

This sets the stage for future wars. Kosovo will become a beachhead for the US to foster secessionist turbulence in Russia and China. Russia will like, but may not be able, to retaliate in the Balkans and Eastern Europe.

Kosovo's "independence" is the culmination of Clinton's relentless bombing of 1999 and the resultant dissolution of Yugoslavia, meant to cut off Russia from the Balkans, surround it with US and NATO bases, and secure the Macedonian pipeline delivering Eurasian oil and gas to the EU to squash its dependence on Russia.

Militarily, the US has carried off the day. But liquidating Russia's influence has not been that easy. The first summit on regional energy, held in June 2007, with former Yugoslavia, Greece, Bulgaria, Romania, and Albania as participants, had Putin as the guest of honour.

Smashing Russian grip on European energy has proved even more intractable. Last year the US was chagrined when Putin signed energy deals with Central Asian republics and thwarted the US bid for direct access to their oil and gas. EU felt frustrated too in its similar bid.

Putin kept on entering deals with Eastern European countries to build new pipelines, underground gas deposits and hubs to augment delivery to EU, sidelining Ukraine and Belarus, both unstable and undependable transit points. These and similar deals with Turkey, Greece, Austria, Italy, Germany, and Serbia considerably increased EU dependence on Russia.

In view of this, the struggle for Eurasian reserves would become intense because the post-WW II plan for global domination is getting frayed. Strategic oil reserves of Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and Gulf States may be in the empire's possession. But Iran and Venezuela may slip out. West Asia is in turmoil even as Saudis have refused to pump more oil.

Iraq's oil being welshed by the US has boosted its morale. A militarily repressed Iraq will be the ideal conduit to carry trillions of dollars worth of energy to EU and the rest of the world. Thus, they calculate, Russia can be made dependent on the US; and recalcitrant Iran and Venezuela would feel forced to capitulate. But the other possibility can become a reality too: a China-Russia-Iran alliance against the aggressive US dominance.

The vast US military base in Kosovo is, strategically enough, just 15 miles from the US-planned Macedonian pipeline. The projected Russian pipeline will run through Serbia. Confrontations will be inevitable.

It is a chilling thought that in the impending Devil's Compact India has chosen to join the habitual war-mongers and historical predators ranged against the global humanity. This stance would facilitate wanton plunder, genocide and

enslavement in all of Asia, violate its ancient ethos, compromise its sovereignty, and desecrate and irreparably destroy its democratic and republican credentials.

Energy and markets will prod violence and launch the third world war. Did the WW II ever end? □□□ *[Contributed]*