

IT'S A COUP DE THÉÂTRE, NOT A COUP D'ÉTAT. YOU FOOL !

One is often able to learn as well as to crystalise concepts when engaged in conversations with others.

Trying to share ideas, even with people of seemingly low intelligence, very often allows one to understand, more clearly, one's thinking processes on specific subjects and to discard that which is irrelevant or is totally wrong.

The keys to learning and expanding one's memory banks are, among other things, honesty, impartiality and objectivity.

After all, a prerequisite to learning is, and always has been, an impartial exchange of ideas.

Recently, a Swiss national, who is a permanent resident of the Hongkong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China (PRC), remarked to this medium that the Russian President had, recently, scored a coup d'état.

TARGET () quickly corrected this mountain man by stating that the Russian President had not scored a coup d'état, but a coup de théâtre.

A coup d'état is defined as being a sudden, decisive exercise of force in politics, such as the overthrow of a government, whereas, a coup de théâtre is defined as being a sudden dramatic effect or turn of events; or, a sudden, sensational turn in a play.

What Mr Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, the President of the Russian Federation, did on Monday, September 9, 2013, was to turn the President of the United States of America, Mr Barack Hussein Obama, as well as his entire Administration, on its ear – a decided and very definitive coup de théâtre.

The wily Russian leader created political havoc in the Administration of the US President, timing his move to the greatest effect – without President Barack Hussein Obama, having had the faintest inkling as to what was about to befall him.

President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin simply proposed that the Government of Syria surrender its entire chemical arsenal to an international team, under the auspices of the United Nations.

The Putin Proposal came on the eve of a much-anticipated plea by the US President to The Congress of the United States of America. The plea was to obtain an endorsement for his plan to launch limited air strikes against the military forces of the Government of President Bashar Hafez al-Assad of Syria.

The immediate result of the Putin Proposal was that President Barack Hussein Obama was forced to delay his speech to The Congress and, instead, went on air to state that Secretary of State John Kerry would talk to high-ranking officials of the Government of Russia.

The President has yet to recover from the political thrashing that he has received from the man whom he has referred to, on numerous occasions, as that *'bored kid at the back of the classroom'*.

In truth, the US President and his virtual army of assistants at the White House never knew what hit them –

until it was too late.

And the political spanking of President Barack Hussein Obama came from a man with whom he has found it exceedingly difficult to engage in any meaningful conversation and with whom he has yet to be able to engage in repartee, try as his might.

Looking At The Obama Administration

It could be said that it would be just for the US to launch an attack on the military forces of President Bashar Hafez al-Assad.

An attack would be unquestionably ethical, not because of the lethal gas attack on innocent Syrian civilians, all of whom were non-combatants on Wednesday, August 21, 2013, an attack that killed more than 1,429 people, 426 of whom were children, but because, during the past two years, more than 100,000 innocent Syrian civilians, elderly men, women and helpless children, have been killed by the forces of the merciless, President Bashar Hafez al-Assad.

Today, the displacement of two million and more Syrians are living in tent cities in neighboring countries, all of whom were forced to flee the fighting that raged throughout their Syria, driving them from their former homes or face the inevitable: Becoming fodder for the Syrian gunners or fighter aeroplanes.

If the US had taken the initiative to invade Syria without the endorsement of the United Nations, it would have been considered an illegal act, no doubt, but there is precedence to support such an act due to the exceptional circumstances with regard to the dastardly situation in Syria.

Today, however, it could be held that any military attack on Syria by Western powers could, very well, be a terrible mistake because the military forces, opposing President Bashar Hafez al-Assad's forces, are known to contain elements of al Qaeda and other fundamentalistic Moslem groups.

Meanwhile, it is fact that the Syrian Government has embraced the fighters of the Lebanese-based, terrorist group, Hezbollah, to join in the killing, raging in the country.

It is nothing less than a murky mess to know which side is committing the most and the most-horrible atrocities on the innocent Syrian population of the country.

Not The Killing Of The Innocents, But The Sarin Gas Attack

The only statement of pith and moment that President Barack Hussein Obama has made with regard to his (former) avowed intent to attack Syria in order to unseat President Bashar Hafez al-Assad and his henchmen is that the Government of this Middle Eastern country had crossed that red line in the sands of time, a red line that states that no country should use chemical weapons in any conflict of arms.

The Damascus Massacre of August 21, 2013, was said to have been the date that President Bashar Hafez al-Assad's forces had crossed that red line, thus, loosening the chains of the well-trained dogs of war of the US.

President Barack Hussein Obama only claims that he – meaning his Administration – wants to punish President Bashar Hafez al-Assad for that President's use of chemical weapons against his own people, mostly non-combatant men and women and children.

Last Friday (September 13), the General Secretary of the United Nations, Mr Ban Ki Moon, made the claim that President Bashar Hafez al-Assad had '*committed many crimes against humanity*'.

Again, another very important personality on the world stage, a man who is dedicated to peace, not war, made mention only of the atrocity of the Damascus Massacre and not the known and proven fact that the military forces, under the control of the Government of President Bashar Hafez al-Assad, had slaughtered

more than 100,000 Syrian people over the past few years.

Mr Ban Ki Moon went on record, stating:

'I believe the report (prepared by and for the United Nations) will be an overwhelming report that chemical weapons were used (in the suburbs of Damascus).'

Then, just last Monday, New York time, Mr Ban Ki Moon said, inter alia, that there was 'overwhelming and indisputable' evidence that chemical weapons had been used in an attack inside Syria in a suburb of Damascus.

He explained, after having studied the findings of the United Nations's team that investigated the situation in Syria and especially at the site of the gas attacks:

'The report makes for chilling reading. The team gathered testimony from survivors, medical personnel and first responders. They collected biomedical evidence and dozens of soil and environmental samples.

'The results are overwhelming and indisputable.'

Lawful and Unlawful Use of Force

Lawful military force, imposed on one country by another, has long been accepted as being an act of last resort – only when all else fails.

Unlawful military force, as was perpetrated by the US Administration under President George W. Bush when he ordered the launch of a massive military assault on Iraq, claiming that that country had weapons of mass destruction and that it had been using them against helpless Iraqis – these weapons were never found because they did not exist – can only be condoned under exceptional circumstances.

As this medium pointed out in [TARGET Intelligence Report, Volume XV, Number 169](#), published on September 9, 2013:

'It could be held, also, that the situation in Syria meets the "exceptional circumstances" criterion and, in fact, the prime facets of that criterion must have been met some two years ago.'

Be that as it may, today, for the US or any coalition of Western forces to attack Syria, militarily, it might well be a tragic mistake, not just for the US and its allies and the Government of Syria, but, also, for the world.

Such an attack could tip the scales of peace in the Middle East into a bloody conflict in which the governments of certain countries would go to the extreme left, while others would be forced to join a coalition with the governments of countries that do not embrace similar political beliefs.

President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin's Long-Term Planning

President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin of the Russian Federation is nearly 62 years old (born on October 7, 1952) and he looks upon himself, today, as he did when he engaged in competition in his favourite sport of judo: That of a tough individual.

Which, in fact, he is in more ways than one.

He believes in an autocratic form of government for his country and, thus far, he has had much more than a modicum of success.

He does not suffer fools gladly and woe betide those who oppose him: Many are still languishing in Russian prisons.

He has held the reigns of power, either as Prime Minister or President, for the past 14 years; and, it is quite likely that he will hold onto power for some time to come.

Between 1975 and 1991, he was an officer of the KGB (the intelligence and internal security agency of the former Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the long form of KGB, being **Komitet Gosudarstvenno Bezopasnosti**), rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

He entered Russian politics in 1996, joining the Administration of President Boris Yeltsin where, within three years (1999), he rose to the position of Acting President.

It was not luck that caused this gentleman to rise up through the ranks of the KGB and then in the halls of power in the Kremlin.

He is as smart as a whip and employs his opponents' strength to fight against them when called upon so to do. He holds a Doctorate in the Discipline of Law from Leningrad State University.

President Barack Hussein Obama learned, only too late in his relatively short career as the leader of the largest and most-powerful nation of the world, that President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin is a tough opponent, one that should be respected, not berated and/or be the object of scorn or of contemptible mirth.

President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin's long-term political planning is very evident: When he endorsed an agreement with Belarus and Kazakhstan to form a Eurasian Union by the year 2015, it tipped his hand.

This is because the Eurasian Union is, quite likely, to lead to the integration of the three founding countries, resulting in the Commonwealth of Independent States that comprises many of the post-Soviet countries.

No doubt, President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin will become the first President of the enlarged Eurasian Union if he determines that he wants to take up that position.

As for Russia's relations with the People's Republic of China (PRC), it is, today, stronger than ever.

The **Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO)**, founded in 2001, was signed by the leaders of the PRC, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

The SCO is a mutual security cooperation of the PRC and Russia and included all members who signed the Accord.

The potential exists, today, for Russia to become the leader of quite a number of Asian and Eurasian countries and to create a bloc that could well rival that of the US.

With Russia and the PRC, refusing, steadfastly, for the past few years, to agree to allow the United Nations to endorse the proposals of the Western Powers that have wanted to take definitive military action against Syria, as it turned out, it is Russia that has become the winner.

Conclusion

It seems very obvious that the grand plan of President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin is to take on the might of the United States of America, both as an economic power as well as a political one.

Whereas the US is, only too often, stymied by layers of bureaucracy in its Government whenever it wants to carry out a plan, posthaste, as is the United Nations, to an even larger extent, in Russia, its autocratic government can move smartly, President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, whipping the horses of action.

The human population of Russia, at about 143 million, appears to be very much in favour of the country's leadership because, among other things, the economy of the country is booming and the people have regained a great deal of the pride in being citizens of The Russian Federation, a pride that they only

remembered in days of yore. Further, the days of the cold war have long since have been relegated to history.

One may look to an expansion of The Eurasian Union to include, inter alia, Turkey, and the member states that signed the SCO Accord of 2001, as well as those countries that want to be passengers on the Putin Express.

The Russian bear is growling, not out of anger, but out of glee.

And so, President Barack Hussein Obama has come to learn that that bored kid, sitting in the back of the classroom, actually was never bored, at all, but was just waiting for his opportunity to replace what he considers the self-righteous, would-be teacher, sitting at the front of the class – who is endowed with a full helping of mediocrity.

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