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No money for school lunches but plenty for World War III

By the AFP Staff

n June 24, Mike Pompeo, the former secretary of state under President Donald Trump, spoke at the neoconservative Hudson Institute to little fanfare, delivering what foreign policy insiders have referred to as the "Three Lighthouses" speech. In it, Pompeo weaved together the neoliberal and neoconservative agendas that seek not just to boost U.S. involvement in the bloody Russia-Ukraine war but to provoke China as well, essentially advocating for a third world war that pits Europe and the United States against a more populous and technologically advanced Asia.

"I consider it an enormous responsibility to speak to you about a matter of the utmost urgency and significance," Pompeo told the audience of U.S. elites. "It involves war, Ukraine, and the necessity of forming a new global alliance for freedom ... which must contest both Russian and Chinese aggression.'

Since the war in Ukraine first began four months ago, the results have been devastating. Nearly 75,000 Ukrainians and Russians have been killed, and, according to Ukrainian



Wants to start war with China.

Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal, his country's infrastructure has been destroyed and Ukrainians will likely need a trillion dollars to rebuild it.

Washington has already forked over \$60 billion in U.S. taxpayers' money to Ukraine at a time when Congress and the White House are slashing domestic programs, such as the popular child tax credit, because they say the United States cannot afford them. Joe Biden shamelessly said he is willing to give Ukraine even more U.S. taxpayers' dollars, telling

reporters in Madrid on June 30, "We are going to support Ukraine as long as it takes."

In his speech at Hudson, Pompeo does not explicitly call for U.S. boots on the ground, but he doesn't shy away from offering any and all forms of Western support to Ukraine to continue the war despite the fact that Ukraine has already suffered terrible losses including Russia now occupying a quarter of the country, a critical area that is widely considered to be Ukraine's industrial and agricultural hub.

Should the U.S. take a much more active role in Ukraine, the death toll there would surely spike as the war expands beyond Ukraine's borders into neighboring countries and threatening the entire world with the possibility of a nuclear exchange between the two superpowers.

And if that isn't bad enough, Pompeo in his speech also called for provoking China by officially recognizing Taiwan as a sovereign nation and renewing a 1970 U.S. defense treaty with the island country that would force a war should China ever decide to invade Taiwan.

The fact is, it should not matter whether someone supports Russia or Ukraine or what they personally think of communist China. If the United States were to take Pompeo's advice and wade further into Ukraine and the south Pacific, there can be no doubt it would provoke responses from both Russia and China and lead to a war between the West and the East that would consume the entire Earth, something no sensible person should want no matter how much it enriches the bombmakers and the Deep State. \star

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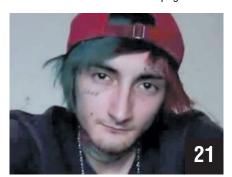
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