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INVITING ARMAGEDDON

• Top U.S. officials talk casually about launching nuclear war

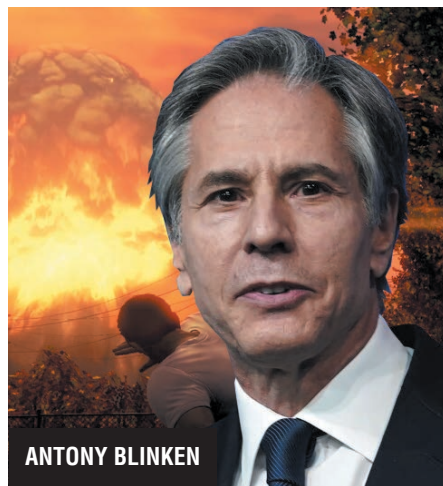
By the AFP Staff

At the 10th UN Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty Conference on Aug. 1, Secretary of State Antony Blinken told attendees, “The United States would only consider the use of nuclear weapons in extreme circumstances to defend vital interests of the United States, its allies and partners.”

It is worth emphasizing here that the United States possesses nuclear weapons that can annihilate all intelligent life on Earth, according to experts and scientists who study these types of armaments.

But why would such a senior U.S. official make such an irresponsible, dangerous statement? As with virtually all the reckless actions, statements, and policies championed by the Biden administration of late, it is increasingly clear that their tough guy rhetoric is designed to maintain U.S. hegemony in international affairs, which clear-minded nations and leaders are becoming increasingly disillusioned and outright resistant toward.

Blinken’s statement came only days after New York City officials were criticized for releasing a public service announcement (PSA) video that advised New Yorkers on how to “survive a nuclear attack,” advice



ANTONY BLINKEN

that included shutting doors and windows and changing clothes, as if that guidance would be any help against the radiation and nuclear fallout that follows a nuclear detonation.

Tucker Carlson remarked that the New York City PSA is “lunacy” and asked his viewers, “We’ve reached the point where some chirpy lady on TV is telling you to prepare for the deaths of tens of millions of Americans?”

The International Campaign Against Nuclear Weapons quickly issued its own statement about the video. “To give people the false impression that a nuclear attack is survivable ... is spreading a lie so harmful that those in charge should issue a formal retraction and resign from their positions,” the organization not-

ed, as if such a commonsense statement needed to be made in the first place. Kyle Mizokami, writing for “The National Interest” website, estimates “335,000,000 people could die” in just the “first three days of an all-out nuclear war.”

It is truly disturbing yet totally predictable that top officials in the U.S. are so cavalier about discussing nuclear war. After all, Western leaders such as Blinken, President Joe Biden, Hillary Clinton, Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.), John Bolton, and other armchair warmongers for years have advocated devastating wars, invasions, special operations, coups, assassinations, and economic warfare with no cost to themselves personally or professionally. Why should they care? When the nuclear missiles fly, they will be whisked away to private bunkers buried deep underground, far removed from the world-ending consequences of their wildly irresponsible bravado.

To this day, they have never conceded the terrible price the people of the world have paid for their wars of empire in Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Syria, and now Ukraine. Russia may be to blame for invading Ukraine, but Blinken and others of his elite status would never concede that it was their scheming and provocations that have brought the world to the brink of World War III.

Contrast Blinken’s casual bluster with UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres’s remarks on Aug. 2. Citing the war in Ukraine, Guterres remarked that “humanity is just one misunderstanding, one miscalculation away from nuclear annihilation.”

It says a lot that the world now relies on dedicated globalists such as Guterres to speak these sorts of truths. ★

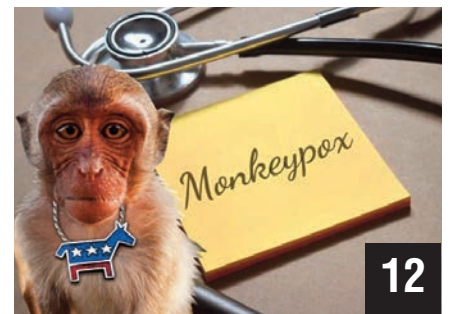
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