

Smoldering Hatred

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On February 28th, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy visited the White House, ostensibly to sign a treaty that would have granted access for American companies to mine Ukraine's rare Earth minerals. This was a brilliant and novel idea of the Trump Administration to reimburse the U.S. for the \$250 Billion that Ukraine has already received in U.S. military and humanitarian aid to fight Russia's invasion of their nation. It was intended to be the first of several steps in resolving the war between Ukraine and Russia.

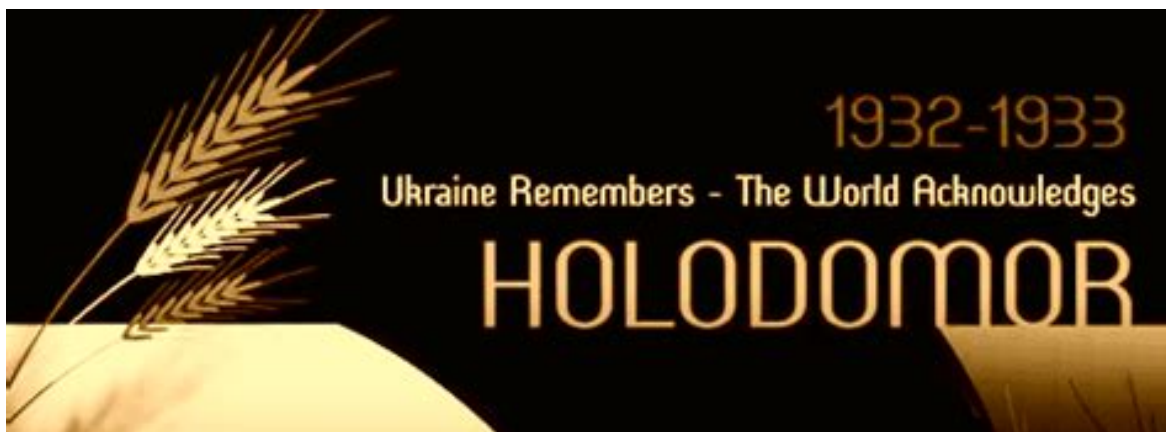
Instead of signing that agreement, Zelenskyy seized the opportunity to engage in an impromptu debate with President Trump in the Oval Office, and did so in front of the fake news media which he knows are hostile to Trump. Zelenskyy fears that Ukraine will ultimately have to concede its Russian-speaking Eastern provinces to Russia to end the war. In his own words, Russia will be "**rewarded**" for its brutal and unprovoked invasion of Ukraine, and the Ukrainian lives lost in that war will have been in vain.

President Trump and Vice President Vance gave Zelenskyy a good double-teaming in front of the fake news media for having the *chutzpah* to broach the issue of Ukrainian land concessions to Russia, since no such provision exists in the "*minerals treaty*." Requiring Ukraine to concede territory to Russia is an issue that must be ironed-out in closed-door diplomatic negotiations, not debated in front of a hostile fake news media that will gleefully use it as ammo to attack Trump.

Trump and Vance were right to point out that Zelenskyy has no legitimate options remaining because neither the U.S. nor Europe are willing to continue funding a hopeless and unwinnable war that only Zelenskyy apparently believes he can still win. The administration is

trying to end a war in which both sides have already lost nearly one million citizens. In response to Zelenskyy's rudeness and lack of gratitude for his efforts -- not to mention previous U.S. assistance -- President Trump ordered Zelenskyy to leave the White House.

President Trump was justified in acting as he did, and sent a message to the world that America is no longer governed by corrupt, incompetent and traitorous fools, which was been the case for the past four years of the Biden Administration. **Still, it's impossible to understand Zelenskyy's stubbornness without recognizing certain historical realities, which are just as real to the citizens of Ukraine as the attack on Pearl Harbor or 9-11 are to all *real* Americans. We need to revisit those events which Ukrainians refer to as "*The Holodomor*."**



Ukraine remained a region within the Soviet Union until it gained independence in the early 1990s. For decades, it had remained the breadbasket of Europe owing to its fertile soil and enormous capacity to grow wheat. After Josef Stalin imposed Soviet agricultural collectivization in the early 1930s, middle-class farmers in the Ukraine (so-called "*kulaks*") resisted this collectivization scheme. They had

remained fairly free of dictates from Moscow in the past, so they began to withhold large portions of their agricultural output from Soviet commissars in order to feed themselves and their fellow Ukrainians.

When Stalin learned of this, he sent a message to everyone else in the Soviet Union demonstrating exactly what would happen to those who resisted his authority. In Ukraine, that message was to confiscate the entire agricultural output of Ukraine's kulaks, which left them to starve to death. In fact, an estimated seven million kulaks starved to death during the winter of 1932-1933. For Ukrainians, that will remain a wound that never heals. In Ukraine, it is referred to as the *Holodomor*, which translates as "*death by starvation*."



Stacked Bodies of Victims of the *Holodomor*.

Of course, the fake news media's predecessors -- like ***NEW YORK TIMES*** correspondent Walter Duranty -- never reported this tragedy. Instead, they sent back glowing dispatches praising the success of Stalin's bold and innovative collectivization schemes. Yet, even Stalin and the

communists at the NYT couldn't hide such a tragedy for long. To his eternal credit, Malcolm Muggeridge and a few others were able to expose it, and courageous and brilliant historians like Richard Pipes of **Harvard** have thoroughly investigated and written extensively on it for the historical record. (Richard Pipes. **Communism: A History**. The Modern Library, New York, 2001.)

In the case of the Trump Administration's efforts to end the war between Ukraine and Russia, both sides have legitimate points of view. It may take Zelenskyy some time to recognize this reality, but he cannot win the war he is currently fighting, no matter how much he and most Ukrainians hate the Russians and Putin. There's only one party willing to help end it, and that's Donald Trump and his administration. As a brilliant former high-ranking CIA official named James Burnham once wrote, ***"if there's no alternative, there's no dilemma."***



Memorial to Victims of "The Holodomor"