

## As We Honour the 15 Million Dead of 1914-1918, a Demented US President Flies into Paris with Plans to Attack Iran

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As the leaders of Europe and the world gather in Paris to honour the millions of war dead of WW1, 100 years ago, the current US President together with his counterparts from Saudi Arabia and Israel, are even now finalising plans to attack and bankrupt Iran in a precursor to a devastating war in the Middle East that would escalate into Europe and beyond.

Trump is determined to abdicate any responsibility for peace, denuclearisation and democracy in his megalomaniac bid to rule the world in a storm of strident nationalism.

As we remember the 9 million military personnel and 6 million civilians who tragically lost their lives during the Great War in order to ensure peace in Europe and the world, we are treated today to the unedifying spectacle of an American president, who has never worn a uniform, strutting about Europe like a cardboard fuehrer mouthing nonsensical platitudes about climate change propaganda and American greatness.

The fact that this trumped-up autocrat with television credentials but no concept of political leadership, international diplomacy or economic strategy could have emerged as the apparent leader of the free world, is a parody of political common sense that ridicules democracy, freedom and morality.

Today is arguably the most dangerous moment for the world that at any time since the Cuban missile crisis of October 1962 when we were one minute to nuclear midnight. That was averted by the then US President Kennedy, who whatever else, was a leader of his country. Now we have to contend with an elderly, lumbering, womanising, self-publicist whose only expertise is apparently in dealing with the Internal Revenue Service.

How the US and the world arrived at this position is not readily understood other than the fact that American democracy is predicated upon money – from casinos or any other source – instead of leadership, statesmanship, truth and integrity, unlike democratic government in the vast majority of European states.

The international community has to make a decision: appease this dangerous political nonentity from New York or cut loose; establish a European army and an alternative global reserve currency to eliminate or reduce trade and military dependence upon America.

If the world is to be a different place, let us ensure that it is not in the image of this pretentious parody of a politician.

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