

# February 23, 2024 - Weekly Update by Mark Armstrong

Greetings from Tyler,

It's as if it never happened. Farmers erupt all over Europe, blocking various well-traveled sites and it's barely news. They've disbanded, but leaders say they're ready to resume the protest if announced concessions are not forthcoming. This whole thing was to be handled quietly. The photos are dramatic, and if the convoys didn't dismantle the blockades, it would be ruinous for all involved. **So the farmers got their way.** Surcharges on fuel (to save the planet, no doubt) were quickly and quietly dropped. They wouldn't want it to be seen as having to do with their false religion. But there are tractors blocking roads all over the place and all kinds of remedies.

As if flying to climate conferences, preaching to the choir, is a life that should be funded by us. Not only that, we should hang on every word, and feel blood guilty for our part in planetary destruction. Check out this quote:

"For nearly three years, John Kerry has been jet-setting on the international climate conference circuit while sending taxpayers the bill," PTF Executive Director Daniel Turner told Fox News Digital in a statement. "Today, we begin the process of teaching John Kerry and Joe Biden that they work for the taxpayers. No one should have to waste resources on litigation, but that is our only option since John Kerry thinks he can keep his office off the books."

Have you noticed? From global warming dogma to circling the wagons around the first family, there's an air of self-righteousness in the media that's hard to take. They protest over much. The logic they want us to buy is beyond almost anyone's ability to accept.

Now they're **threatening to send U. S. troops if money for Ukraine is not forthcoming** (See statement by Chris Coons). They're also threatening to **release illegals unless everything goes their way.** No third-world country on earth allows an invasion like this. News from the border is nigh unto impossible to watch. As you know, **Texas has exerted State power,** taking control and expelling the welcome wagon you-know-who had in place. Now there are six strands of razor

wire, and it's only re-routed the caravans to points West. You've probably seen reports, people are coming from all over the world. **The media has noticed that many are from China.** How can this be? The speculation is that they're coming with the knowledge and approval of the dictator.

Meanwhile we're treated to the scandals. The polls say that Donald Trump is winning in the crucial states. He's under criminal indictment in four jurisdictions. They've fired all of the guns at once, and it may have been a terrible mistake. You've heard of "death by a thousand cuts?" **The laws have been tortured to charge numerous crimes at once,** with the former president jetting to and fro to appear. The cases are complicated, and they better hope something sticks.

I guess the confused, bewildered act isn't standing the test of time in the courtroom. How these "attorneys" thought they'd be basking in the glory of having brought down the one that everyone on the left despises, is anyone's guess. They might have celebrated too soon.

As far as the war in Ukraine, who knows? It's a quagmire and the primary objective is to deceive people into opposing camps. We know Vladimir Putin is not a good guy, but at this point the posturing is getting old. The whole thing probably could have been worked out through diplomacy. Anything would have been better than an ongoing war, where we're a financial participant. The national debt is beyond comprehension, and they act like they can add to it without consequence.

So **Germany is rising to the occasion and projecting its military power** so as to guarantee that Europe doesn't get invaded. Maybe this wouldn't be a big deal, but it seems Germany is going back on something that was decided in the aftermath of WWII. Will Germany be the guarantor of Europe's security? That might not be the best solution.

The war in Gaza rages on. It's obvious that humanitarian aid was being spent on a labyrinthine infrastructure of tunnels. The Israelis are manufacturing automatic rifles that can see around corners. Sounds impossible, if I hadn't seen it demonstrated. They're manufacturing these advanced weapons, replete with cameras and all kinds of technology.

Hostages are still being held somewhere. Unbelievable that these terrorists think

they're brave.

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