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On the eve of the second "summit for Democracy" organized by the United States, the correspondent of *Rossiyskaya Gazeta* talked to Secretary of the Security Council of Russia Nikolai Patrushev.



Nikolai Patrushev: The United States has appointed itself the main dictator of the world. / Mikhail Metzger / TASS

Nikolai Platonovich, on Tuesday the United States will start the second "summit for Democracy", as a result of which, as stated by the State Department, Washington will accelerate the so-called democratic renewal of the world. What do you think about this collection of American vassals?

Nikolai Patrushev: Organized by the current White House apparatus, the "summit for Democracy" is certainly held as part of the actually launched U.S. presidential race. It will be another meeting in favor of the world order, where Washington wants to play a central role forever. And dissidents are expected to be labeled "undemocratic states."

Once again, the States will declare themselves a defender of international law, and it will definitely declare that the world should live by their rules. Geopolitical opponents will be voiced from the rostrum deliberately false accusations of war crimes and corruption, but, as usual, they will turn a blind eye to real acts of genocide and financial fraud committed with the approval of the White House. There will be promises to make efforts to feed the hungry and release unjustly convicted persons from prison.

However, it will be silent that about a fifth of all prisoners in the world are in American prisons, including those sentenced to several life sentences. It will be particularly zealous to defend the rights of sexual minorities and impose a green agenda on the whole world, exacerbating the energy crisis in satellite countries.

When hypocritically talking about freedom of choice, the United States, which has appointed itself the main dictator of the world, will actually simply mock countries where sovereignty and democracy are trampled by them.

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Surely they will repeat that the United States is an example of democracy for all mankind, and the audience will certainly not want to hear criticism?

Nikolai Patrushev: Of course. After all, the main task of the political regime in the modern United States is to mislead its own population in the context of the systemic crisis in which they themselves find themselves.

Their democracy is just a beautiful facade of the state system, which is designed to hide the ignoring of the rights of ordinary Americans. Anyone who has carefully studied the legal and socio-political system of the United States is deprived of illusions about freedom of speech and expression of will in this country. What freedom of opinion can be talked about when even the former president of the United States is not allowed to speak in social networks and the press on topics of interest to society, and the media are the mouthpieces of the largest companies and elite groups.



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In words, defending competition, the American authorities have made the country's economy dependent on corruption and lobbying ties that stretch to the White House and the Capitol.

The political process has turned into a clash of corporations that put their people in key places in the authorities. They also shape foreign policy, seek to preserve international dominance, create hotbeds of tension around the world for their billion-dollar earnings on various contracts, the imaginary transparency of which is controlled by themselves.

To the point and out of place proclaiming democratic slogans, in fact Washington has long become a champion in violating the sovereignty of states, in the number of wars and conflicts unleashed, rough and illegal hunting for citizens of other countries.

If the U.S. really decides to move towards democracy and stops humiliating its allies - vassals, we will only welcome it.

At the summit, we will also hear pathetic speeches about how Kiev, with the support of the "good" NATO, confronts the "universe evil" in the face of Russia?

Nikolai Patrushev: I am sure that this topic will become one of the main ones. In fact, NATO countries are a party to the conflict. We made one large military camp from Ukraine. They send weapons and ammunition to Ukrainian troops, provide them with reconnaissance, including with the help of a satellite constellation and a significant number of unmanned aerial vehicles. NATO instructors and advisers train the Ukrainian military, and mercenaries fight as part of neo-Nazi battalions. Trying to extend this military confrontation as long as possible, they do not hide their main goal - Russia's defeat on the battlefield and its further dismemberment.

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This line of Washington does not change, because the American elite have never wanted to reconcile with a strong and independent Russia?

Nikolai Patrushev: That's right. Since at least 1945, the source of any escalation of tensions on a global scale has been the unrestrained desire of the U.S. authorities to retain a dominant role in the world. They believe that two great powers are now hampered by this: Russia and China. The Russian Federation - by not only pursuing an independent policy of strengthening multipolar peace, but in many ways surpasses America spiritually, morally and militarily. China is the main economic competitor of the States. Following attempts to "suppress" Russia, Washington will take up China.



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Let me remind you that specific measures to destroy the USSR were approved 75 years ago by the well-known directive of the U.S. National Security Council "Tasks against Russia". With the collapse of the Soviet Union, the West developed euphoria. However, it did not last long, as

Russia did work on mistakes. Today, our country can ensure not only internal stability, but also the security of its people from external threats.

In early March, a U.S. strategic bomber worked out a conditional nuclear strike on St. Petersburg from a distance of 200 kilometers over Gotland Island in the Baltic Sea, deliberately provoking an increase in tensions. Have they completely lost fear?

Nikolai Patrushev: For some reason, American politicians captured by their own propaganda remain confident that in the event of a direct conflict with Russia, the United States can launch a preventive missile strike, after which Russia will no longer be able to respond. It's short-sighted stupidity, and very dangerous.

Forgetting the lessons of history, some in the West are already talking about revenge that will lead to a military victory over Russia. We can say one thing to that. Russia is patient and does not intimidate anyone with a military advantage. But it has modern unique weapons capable of destroying any enemy, including the United States, in case of threat to its existence.



Americans' confidence in the ability to deal a disarming strike against Russia is dangerous nonsense. Photo: Reuters

However, the West relies not only on military defeat, but also on the economic exhaustion of Russia...

Nikolai Patrushev: Obviously. Under pressure from Washington, many Western companies left the Russian market. However, they were seriously mistaken in counting on the collapse of our economy and the growth of protest sentiments.

In the last decade, the West has been implementing the idea of creating a technological order in which only it should flourish, and the rest of the world will have the fate of the periphery of socio-economic development. Therefore, its leaders are furious about Russia's balanced reaction to sanctions pressure. Our country annoys the rulers of the United States and Europe with its economic independence, raw material

independence, scientific thought. The Western countries themselves are completely dependent on transnational companies, world economic chains. If, for example, sanctions of the same level as against our country were imposed on England or France, these states would quickly plunge into chaos.



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At the same time, Russia is not going to close its economy from the world. It will remain open and will be integrated with the economies of sovereign countries concerned about their own prosperity, including through cooperation with us.

It is obvious that undermining the Russian economy and bleeding the Russian army are two sides of the same strategy that the West has been trying to implement for centuries?

Nikolai Patrushev: Of course. It should not be naively believed that the methods of economic aggression are softer and more humane. European countries and Japan, for example, have stopped supplying a number of medicines to Russia, including vital ones. In this regard, Western

pharmaceuticals adequately continue the "traditions" of its predecessors. It is well known that most of the same companies once worked on the development of poison gases and soul sponges commissioned by fascist Germany. That is, they fully supported the ideology of genocide of the so-called "extra" peoples.

Let's remember how the same Anglo-Saxons fed the Nazis in the 1930s, hoping to direct them against the Soviet Union. Having earned financial and geopolitical dividends at the end of World War II, today Washington and London are again indulging Nazism and fascism. Using Ukraine, do not mind igniting a pan-European or even world conflict, imagining that they will get away with everything.

It seems that the collective West is not going to learn from the past in principle.

Nikolai Patrushev: The Western "International" has opposed our country more than once. Now under the banners of Poles and Swedes, now with Napoleonic eagles, under the British flag or under Hitler's swastika. The result is one - all attempts to crush Russia are in vain. Not wanting to learn lessons, Westerners climb to the horn again and again.

Washington is also not delighted with the stability in Asia as a result of World War II and the liberation movements. The U.S. Indo-Pacific Strategy is an attempt to create an Asian NATO. The new alliance will be another aggressive bloc directed against China and Russia, and at the same time to subvert the now independent states.

The rearmament of the Australian fleet within the framework of the new AUCUS alliance, including the supply of nuclear submarines, military support from Taiwan and South Korea have a long-term goal - to establish the dominance of the United States and NATO over Eurasia from its eastern flank.

Even during the Cold War, the Pentagon, at the slightest danger from the USSR, was ready to turn Europe into a radioactive desert.

Washington pushed Tokyo to a new militarization. The Japan Self-Defense Forces are becoming a full-fledged army capable of conducting offensive operations. This has already been legally confirmed by Japanese law, which is actually a gross violation of one of the most important outcomes of World War II. Relying on strike weapons, Prime Minister Kishida said that his country was purchasing 400 Tomahawk cruise missiles in the United States.

In addition to Japan's weapons, Washington is trying to revive the spirit of Japanese militarism, which seemed to have been eradicated in 1945. It seems that the residents of the island state again want to make kamikazes dying for other people's interests. Westerners do not want to remember and deliberately keep silent about how at the beginning of the XX century they used their aggression against the Soviet Union and China, and in the end the Japanese turned their arms against Americans, the British and their allies.



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At the same time, American and European politicians today not only "forget" about inconvenient facts from the past, but also deliberately rewrite history, even contrary to common sense. This can be seen from how the Nazi rehabilitation campaign is hypocritically launched. They even made up that only Ukrainians liberated Europe from the Nazis. They promote the myth of the Holodomor as an act of genocide.

Nikolai Patrushev: Those who know history and do not try to falsify it are well aware that in the 1920s and 1930s the situation with access to food was worse in the RSFSR than in Ukraine. This is documented, there are many facts. One example is the biography of Hero of the Soviet Union Grigory Ivanovich Boyarinov. At the end of last year, his centenary was celebrated. A famous scout, a participant in the Great Patriotic War, many special operations, died under the leadership of the assault on the Amin Palace in Afghanistan. He was born in 1922 in the Smolensk region, his father was the chairman of the collective farm. However, in the 1930s, his family moved to Ukraine, as it was easier to feed and survive there.

By the way, the Americans have adopted Holodomor slogans today on a global scale, accusing our country of provoking the global food crisis. I have no doubt that this topic will be discussed again during the summit for democracy. At the same time, Westerners themselves block the supply of Russian grain and fertilizers abroad, and they simply rob Ukrainian bins and resell them at a high price to the poorest countries on bonded terms, as their colonizer ancestors did.

Sometimes it seems that the West is digging a hole for itself by its actions. Watching what is happening in the European Union, there is a strong feeling that a very foggy future awaits him.

Nikolai Patrushev: The collapse of the European Union is just around the corner. Of course, Europeans will not tolerate this supranational superstructure, which not only does not justify itself, but also pushes the

Old World to open conflict with our country. The U.S. is ready to fight Russia not only to the last Ukrainian, but also to the last European. Even during the Cold War, the Pentagon, with the slightest danger from the USSR, was ready to turn Europe into a radioactive desert. It is unlikely that anything has changed in the minds of American strategists.

And how does this combine with the fact that the United States and Europe are the main allies in words?

Nikolai Patrushev: The paradox is that Washington is directly interested in the collapse of the European Union in order to eliminate its economic competitor, to prevent Europe from flourishing through cooperation with Russia. The Americans have already done a lot to make the Old World lose its status as a powerful economic player. In many ways, this is why Washington promoted the story of anti-Russian sanctions. Before our eyes, there is a radical change in the EU economic model based on a combination of cheap energy resources from Russia and advanced European technologies.



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Equally a blow to Europe will be dealt by the implementation of joint plans with Washington to reduce raw materials and technological

dependence on Beijing. In addition, the European Union is at a migration deadlock. Many of the migrants not only do not want to integrate into the European family, but also create their own caliphates, forcing local authorities and the population to live according to their laws.

Representatives of criminal groups and militants are going to Europe with them. The high-profile terrorist attacks of recent years in London, Brussels and Paris were performed by EU citizens from existing national enclaves in Europe. If we remember that Al-Qaeda, ISIS (international terrorist organizations banned in the Russian Federation) and other terrorist organizations were created in due time by the United States, and terrorists in Syria and Iraq are trained by CIA instructors, it is possible that the same persons are behind the preparation of terrorist attacks in Europe. Their goal is to destabilize the situation on the continent, the future of which the United States is indifferent to.

The United States owns Europe, ignoring the fact that Russia has historically played a leading role on the continent. In the XIX century - the Russian Empire, in the XX century - to the Soviet Union. That's how it will be in the 21st century.

Is the U.S. confident in its own strength? The sunset, in their opinion, can threaten everyone, but not them? In my opinion, the States may also be threatened by the risks of disintegration.

Nikolai Patrushev: The United States has acquired the status of a great power with economic achievements based on cynical actions to seize territories, resources, exploit peoples and profit from the military troubles of other states. At the same time, they remained a patchwork blanket, which can easily disperse at the seams. Let's say, as it was originally, they will be divided into North and South. And no one can rule out that the South will move towards Mexico, whose land the Americans seized in 1848. And this is more than two million square kilometers. By the way, Latin American leaders do not hide that awareness of the destructive role of the United States has become widespread. The foundation of the

Guantanamo Bay base is considered a direct theft of Cuban sovereignty. And this is just one of many examples of systematic attacks on the independence of Latin American countries. There is no doubt that sooner or later the southern neighbors of the United States will regain the territories stolen from them.



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In addition, there are many internal contradictions in the United States. There is no unity even in the American elite itself.

Nikolai Patrushev: That's right. Antagonism between Republicans and Democrats is only increasing. There are growing contradictions between various financial structures and transnational corporations, which care only about their capitalization, not about America's well-being. The U.S. elites, which considered untouchable, have never associated themselves with the American people.

Their projects such as BLM, that is, "The Life of Black Matters," and the general planting of transgender theories are aimed at the spiritual degradation of the population already in a state of apathy. Individualism and consumerism grown in Americans will play an evil joke with their country. Ordinary citizens will not move a finger to preserve America's

integrity, realizing that their authorities do not need it. Not knowing what they are doing, the U.S. authorities are destroying themselves step by step.

America's problem is that it played too much into geopolitical games, forgetting about its own pressing problems. While the U.S. in its military biological laboratories invents new viruses to destroy the peoples of undesirable countries, once clean American cities are drowning in mud and garbage.

Built with a printing press, the American financial pyramid repeatedly gives tangible failures. The uncontrolled emission model, in which any economic problems are literally filled with money, cannot work forever. With an external debt of more than \$31.5 trillion, the U.S. is increasingly deafted. The fall in the level of trust in the dollar, not supported by real goods, as well as in the system of bloated speculative operations in the stock market, will lead the States to a powerful financial crisis.

No matter how pathetic it may sound, the Russians not only do not want war, but also do not want the death of either the United States or any other country.

Nikolai Patrushev: I absolutely agree. Our centuries-old culture is based on spirituality, compassion and mercy. Russia is a historical defender of the sovereignty and statehood of any peoples who turned to it for help. She saved the United States itself at least twice - during the War of Independence and the Civil War. But I believe that this time it is inexpedient to help the States maintain its integrity.

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