

THE FUSE IS LIT

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As these lines are drawn, the “negotiation” war between Greece and Europe’s “central powers” led by Germany [escalates](#) by the minute. It is now obvious to all but the most unjustifiably optimistic that Greece is, most likely, en route to breaking her “eternal bonds” with the European club one way or another. Whether it will be by “Grexit” or some other “accident” remains to be seen.

Few could foresee this development despite the glaring nature of the most fatal miscalculation in Modern Greece’s entire history perpetrated by George Papandreu in 2010: the hitching of Hellas to a “bailout plan” that was, from day one, a suicide pact certain to produce the lethal brew of politico-economic malignancy presently consuming the country with plenty of help from her “friends.”

The catalyst in all of this was the election to power of the radical left SYRIZA party on January 25, 2015.

Entirely predictable to all but the blind, SYRIZA’s accession to power triggered immediate alarm throughout “democratic” Europe. Germany, first among all others, saw her worst political nightmare emerge in that godforsaken corner of Balkan “Europe” and now watches in disbelief as what she perceives as political dwarfs and hopeless clowns challenge the Germanic austerity scripture -- and, thus, threaten to stir trouble elsewhere in a Europe chafing under Berlin’s demand for ever more brutal austerity euphemistically called “fiscal consolidation.”

History is full of examples of maniacal convictions on “right” and “wrong” promoted by those with increased power over others. Germany’s present “strategy” has already sentenced the European economy to slow death and *nothing in this world, short of another world war, appears capable of changing her mind.*

And here’s the crux of the matter: SYRIZA -- hopelessly “red,” demanding a sea change in how the *true costs of the humanitarian disaster* that has engulfed Greece are assessed, refusing to accept the inevitability of debt bondage -- has literally thrown the proverbial (political) wrench into the German-made European innards.

In classic Teutonic fashion, Berlin is both enraged and disbelieving toward what it sees as something that, very simply, cannot and must not happen.

This unbending German attitude regarding the “rules” of how European “union” politics **must develop**, German style, has a hue of permanency quite familiar to those who care to delve into German history as far back as the First World War. Simply put, Berlin says there is no other way. And we all know where such “strategy” leads (hint: history of the years 1933-45).

The fuse is therefore lit.

SYRIZA must be crushed completely if only because it offers an admittedly flimsy threat right now which, however, must not be allowed to blossom in any conceivable way.

Demands for restitution of democracy, return to sovereignty, and efforts to help millions of Greek people driven into poverty by the “rules” may not be put on the table since, as the president of the European Commission Jean-Claude Juncker [put it](#) "there can be no democratic choice against the European treaties. One cannot exit the euro without leaving the EU". In plain English, what the EU “leadership” tells us is this: “Screw your democratic elections because the ‘union’ is inviolable and above it all.” Enough said.

There is little doubt that the combined might of Berlin and its European cohorts leaves no room for maneuver to the Greek “reds.”

Although the facts of Greece’s ruin are now [clearly laid out](#) for all to see, no European “partner” would publicly admit that the Greek calamity was both avoidable and unnecessary.

In the end, *Greece must be sacrificed* lest “others” in the “union” begin to think that, yes, challenging austerity and demanding shifts in the maddeningly corseted German economic blueprint are, indeed, alternative routes to be followed (footnote: the myth of the ‘lazy Greeks’ is easily debunked with facts and figures as in this latest, well-measured, candid [report](#)).

The format of the ancient Greek tragedy fabulously weaves together tales of suffering and catharsis. As we speak, “negotiations” between Europe’s bosses and “red” Greece evolve in the part of suffering -- dominated by Germany’s assertions, dutifully parroted by the rest of the obedient crowd, not to mention [“authoritative analyses” by pro-“free market” media](#), that Greece may take her leave at any time she wishes since, today, the “union” is well prepared to weather any such “incident” and continue to ride unopposed toward victory and glory. [More somber views](#) on the whole macabre charade have little hope of being of consequence in this current, Berlin-led, we-shall-win-over-the-Marxists state of maladjusted euphoria.

But, as always, a word of caution is due.

All best laid-out plans tend to disintegrate once war begins, Thucydides warned more than four hundred years before Christ.

And all those who believe themselves bulletproof from history’s dynamics ignore such wisdom at a terrible price.

The fuse is now lit -- and we should all watch with bated breath.

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