



May 8, 2022 77th Anniversary of V-E Day Western Europe.

The end of the Second World War was not May, but in Aug. 1945. World War II in Europe ceased May 8th, however, Stalin did not like that date and instead chose a day later. Don't forget your history and the memories of those who fought to defeat Hitler and the Axis. In 2022, after the COVID years, everyone quoted "but in 2022 events are expected to be back in full swing as restrictions are no longer in place" but looking over the web, I saw nothing big in 2022 that catapulted that May date in Western Europe. There were some events, like a 2-min silence, tiny gatherings here and there, the victory speech broadcast at 3pm of Churchill but by and large it seemed dampened, governments ran out of mula?

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Before the day terminated, 5:29 pm Local time May 8, SECRETIVE, UNANNOUNCED MEETING between U.S. First Lady Jill Biden and counterpart Olena Zelensky (Zelenska) in border town Uzhhorod.

America announced new sanctions May 8, 2022 due to the Russian aggression in Ukraine. New Sanctions: Targeted are the rich executives of 3 entities: MIB (Moscow Industrial Bank, a facilitator of monetary support for the Russian Foreign Intelligence), GPB (Gazprombank, the institution from which Europe buys most of its gas), and the big eight deputies of Sberbank (the largest financial institution of all Russia, holder of 1/3 of all bank assets in Russia; since 2014 some restrictions had been applied on it.) No sanctions have been applied on their attorneys. A ban in advertising revenue from the West on 3 Russian television networks (last yr Rev = \$300 mill) was also instituted, and more export bans of industrial products.



Russian Ukraine War Day 75, May 9, 2022 Brief Recap

Since crossing the border, end of Feb. some 15,000 Russian soldiers have been killed in Ukraine.

8:16 am Monday, Moscow time, May 9 Central European Time (CET): Pres. Putin begins his Victory Parade Speech. Some 10,000 clean, uniformed troops will march across Red Square, Moscow.

8:41 am CET Ukrainian govt. announces 7 people killed in Luhansk, 11 wounded over the past 24 hours, and no possibility of evacuations as shelling continues.

Circa **8:45** am Online encounter: some hackers managed to hit *Russia First Channel* online TV schedule, temporarily messing up the listed events.

Circa 9 am May 9 local Moscow time, big Victory Parade underway, however, Russian forces w/ballistic missiles and combat power superiority under 60-yr old commander Gen. Dvornikov unable to eliminate his enemy troops holding the industrial hubs of Zaporizhzhia and Dnipro on the Dneiper R. Pres. Putin made an aggressive speech with claims he had no choice but to issue invasion orders, no guilt, a continuance of his messages that the West is decaying, and the gigantic claim the West had (an unfounded) plan to invade his Russia. He told his thousands of troops in the Victory parade in Moscow, Russia faced an “absolute unacceptable threat.” Putin stressed the need to continue their ancestors’ fight against fascists. Putin declines to call “his special military operation” a war, and he has no intention of calling it a defeat.

9:23 am Four Russian missiles hit Odesa sector. In the cold Siberian city of Chita, children sang a song for Uncle Cova (Putin) that they are willing to make a last stand for the President. Speaking of presidents, the Pres. Ursula von Der Leyen of the EU Commission tweeted that not til June will the EU consider a candidate status for Ukraine, meaning before any nation becomes a member it is considered “candidate status” a process > than years. Not so nice getting decked with red paint **in Poland**. Finland, Sweden, Ukraine, Georgia, and Moldova are not part of NATO, although all, including Moldova, the poorest country in Europe, are part of the Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council.

9:50 am CET Putin lays a wreath at Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

10:05 am CET The Air Parade over Moscow cancelled, despite good weather; reached 54 deg F (about 11 deg C) with scattered clouds, sunny skies, wind at 5 mph No POW Ukrainian troops are paraded.

10:12 am CET Weird Victory Parade in bombed-out-empty-pavement-wrecked **Mariupol**, led by Denis Pushilin, chief of the pro-Russia rebel Donetsk sector. (courtesy of *news.com.au*)

11:25 am CET China declares imports from Russia hit a record in April 2022.

12:18 pm CET After heated and bitter debate, the European Union will weaken its oil sanctions on Russian oil, namely that oil from Russia on ships flying non-Russian flags will not be hindered nor prevented from delivery. Here are some examples of the technicality issue: a large vessel with Russian crude oil was allowed to



dock in Cartagena, s. Spain on May 6 and on May 9, another ship that carried Russian coal and petroleum coke docks in Gijon, northern Spain. Both waved a Maltese flag, not a Russian flag so the oil sanctions are circumnavigated.

12:33 pm CET Russian state agency *Tass* announces that Russia will find new buyers for oil.

1:21 pm CET When Russian missiles zoom over port city Odesa, European Council Pres. Charles Michel and PM Denys Shymal of UK head for bomb shelter.

1:37 pm CET At a WW II memorial in Warsaw, Poland, protestors douse Russian ambassador with red paint.

3:02 pm CET French President Macron warns of a parallel between the treatment of Russia now and the post- WW I Versailles-era treatment of Weimar Germany.

3:04 pm CET A ban on exports of industrial products, like industrial engines, boilers, bulldozers, wood products. Russian and Ukrainian forces cont battling in the S.E. while Germany, for all the reasons in the world, continues to buy gas-so that their production of plastics, steel and cars do not go kaput. Another sign in Europe: Hungary is planning not to agree with new, greater oil sanctions against Russia, because they are like an “atomic bomb” for Hungary’s economy, according to them. Back on Apr. 21, the Hungarian PM had assured the Pope that Putin intends to end his invasion on May 9th, revealed in the Italian newspaper *Courier della Sera* (May 3, 2022). The Pope fell for it. So, let’s see how weak or strong a “unified Europe” is in 6 months from now. Food for thought: Ukraine’s foreign ambassador to the UK stated May 9 at a King’s College London Conference that the cost of reconstruction, (ie. The post-war reconstruction just like after WW I or WW II) should not fall to “Western taxpayers”, but that “Russia has to pay for everything.” This author feels it v doubtful that it will ever be done. Adverbs and nouns like solidarity, resilience, reassurance, failures, bestiality, betrayals, sympathy, victories will be up in the air for months. Ukraine is too weak to conduct a military campaign to oust Russia.

May 9, circa **4** pm, despite Russia declaring victory in Mariupol, several sources from Ukraine declared Russian troops were still trying to storm the center of the Azovstal steel plant by pounding it with tank and artillery shelling. No news from any Western or Russian reporter inside Mariupol has yet to confirm it. Ever since April, Russian news media has stated it has dropped plans to storm the steel works of Mariupol, but that is not so.

6:24 pm CET 86 of the 90 M77 howitzers have been delivered to Ukraine

6:38 pm CET Ukraine claims \$170 mill is lost in revenue each day due to sea blockade; 10 of 70 vessels are blocked in port of Odesa.

9:21 pm CET Pres. Biden signs Lend-Lease Act. Meanwhile, the easternmost city still held by Ukraine, wi/ a long name Severodonetsk, under fierce and intense battle.