OF BIG MOUTHS AND GRAND ILLUSIONS

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Past midnight last Sunday Benjamin Netanyahu flew in a military helicopter to Ercan International Airport in Turkish-occupied northern Cyprus. The Demented Twins—Bezalel Smotrich and Itamar Ben-Gur-- were in tow. Their limousine headed to the Northern Cyprus Caesar Resort where Recep Erdogan and his Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan were waiting. Following quick greetings, the Gang of Five got down to business.

Erdogan: Welcome to Turkish Cyprus.

Netanyahu: It seems as if it's a suburb of Tel Aviv.

Erdogan: As agreed by our intermediaries, today's agenda is about dividing the Arab Middle East between our countries.

Netanyahu: Obviously, Shiite Iran has to be eliminated before we can proceed with our division.

Erdogan: Have you persuaded the Fat Orange Balloon to raze Iran?

Netanyahu: We are almost there. The Balloon is negotiating with Pakistan: he is promising them a chunk of Eastern Iran. Once that's done, you will see the installation of the late Shah's slow-witted son on the Peacock Throne. The over-grown boy will take his orders from us.

Erdogan: I remember the good old days when Turkey, Israel, and Iran were covert allies and scuttled Gamal Abdel Nasser's dream to unite the Arabs.

Netanyahu: As Foreign Minister Fidan knows, Israel played a large part in wrecking the plans of the Hitler of the Nile.

Erdogan: We keep hearing of your plans to expand Israel to include all the lands between the Nile and the Euphrates.

Bezalel Smotrich: It's nothing new. It's a three-thousand year-old plan. Have you wondered what the two blue bands on our flag stand for?

Hakan Fidan: According to social media mavens, the strips stand for the Nile and the Euphrates.

Erdogan: Please be more specific. What about Jordan and northern Saudi Arabia? Do you plan to take them too?

Netanyahu: For more than three decades, Jordan has been a diplomatic province of Israel. We can walk in and fly King Abdullah-Madullah and his entourage to London, their shopping arena. We might also carve a sliver of Saudi Arabia.

Despite our Biblical pledge—"from the Nile to the Euphrates," we will not touch Egypt. Why would we want to govern a failed state of 115 miilion, including 40 to 50 million Blacks?

Erdogan: Egyptians are not Arab. They are various tinctures of Black Africans. Modern Egypt was founded by an Albanian rebel. But tell me about Lebanon.

Netanyahu: You can have Lebanon but the South will be ours. Let's talk about Kuwait, Iraq and Syria.

Erdogan: Remember these lands were Turkish until that fat drunk Churchill gave them to the indolent Arabs. You may keep the Golan Heights, but the rest of Syria plus Iraq and Kuwait will be ours.

Netanyahu: Up to a point. I want part of western Iraq abutting Jordan. By the way, what happens to the idea of independent Kurdistan? Kurds have been our staunch allies since the Fifties. We have to give them something.

Erdogan: We can set up a Kurdistan Authority…like your toothless Palestine Authority.

Fidan: If Israel takes the mentioned Arab countries, it will have 120 to 150 million Arabs under occupation. You are having difficulty controlling six million Palestinians. How will you control 150 million hostile Arabs with your population of 7 million?

Netanyahu: We have a two-part plan. There are ten million Jews outside Israel. We will offer them free land and commercial concessions all over the Middle East and other bonuses to lure them to Israel. Twelve million Israelis can easily control 150 million Arabs through heavy police surveillance, a no-nonsense army, intelligence services, judges, and through modern surveillance technics. We would know even when they blow their noses.

Erdogan: A few months ago your former prime minister… Naphta something… said we are Israel's number-one enemy. We understand he will succeed you.

Netanyahu: He is blowing hot air. No Israeli shares his perspective.

Erdogan: But a few months ago, you yourself said we had committed the Armenian Genocide.

Netanyahu: Let me quote an Egyptian phrase…"kalam fadi." Empty words.

Erdogan: I am glad we are of the same mind. It's no surprise. After all, many historians say European Jews descend from the Turkic Khazar people.

Netanyahu: We will go back to Tel Aviv and consult our cartographers, ethno gurus, and the Chief rabbi. Once we finalize the details, we will present you the new map of the Middle East. As a sweetener—lagniappe--we will instantly recognize the Republic of Turkish Cyprus when you take over the whole island.

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Fact is a Four-letter Word in Turkey

Turkey has always had an uncomfortable relation with facts, especially when they pertain to their identity, history and culture. It follows that when Turkey doesn't like a fact, it changes the words—the basic unit of communication to fit its preferred iteration. Thus, words are Silly-Putty, Play-Doh, and Crayola to Turks who run the country, including their mercenary "historians."

Consider Sultan Abdul Hamid II's order to erase ARMENIA from the map and replace it with KURDISTAN. Consider that Ararat has become Aghri Dagh. Consider that there are no Kurds: Kurds are Mountain Turks. Which mountain? Does it matter? Consider the Hagia Sophia Cathedral's reincarnation as a mosque. Consider how Istanbul's numerous large mosques are hailed as examples of Turkish architecture when it's apparent that many are mini Hagia Sophias with obtrusive minarets. (Minarets originated in the Roman Empire where government declaration were read from a high spot.) The few original Istanbul mosques were built by Armenian Sinan, the court architect who was responsible for the design of more than 300 buildings…mosques, baths, garden, forts, city walls, bridges…

Since Tsar Nicholas I's description of Turkey as "the Sick man of Europe" nearly two centuries ago, Turks have been exerting themselves madly to change their image. That Sisyphusian climb continues. The most recent example of it is Turkish Education Ministry's (TEM) revised dictionary for textbooks.

Here are examples of what TEM is up to this year.

"Crusades" will be replaced by **"Crusader Attack."** That is, the Crusaders were Christian invaders of Muslim Middle East. The fact that the Crusades were Europe's response to the mistreatment of Middle East Christians by Muslims, often Turks, is neither here nor there. The Christians of the Middle East begged the Pope for help. Christian pilgrims to the Holy Land were also often robbed and killed in the countryside. Thus, the Europeans formed the Hospitalar and Templar orders to defend Christians and tend to their wounds (Hospitalers.)

Central Asia ("Orta Asya") becomes **Turkistan**. How about the Uzbeks, Kazakhs, etc.? Are they also the progeny of the Grey Wolf?

Age of Discovery becomes **Colonial Policy**: a clumsy and meaningless phrase. Of course, the Turkish language experts are ignoring certain details: Several years ago, their dictator-for-life Recep Erdogan claimed Columbus had sighted a minaret in northern Cuba; they also forgot the Ottoman

Empire was a colonial empire as ruthless as the Conquistadores and that as late as the early 19th century, Barbary pirates preyed upon Christian travelers and often sent captured Christian women to their master in Topkapi *harim.* These Turkish fabulists forget that the Turks were a colonial entity who left the deserts of Central Asia and preyed on the Middle East and Eastern Europe. They dominated the Eastern Mediterranean and twice lay siege to Vienna, hoping to conquer all of

Europe.

Byzantium bites the dust and becomes **Eastern Rome.** That the language and culture of Byzantium was Greek and that nearly forty emperors were Armenian and that the brightest eras of Byzantium were when Armenian emperors ruled.

There is also a **new map** of Erdogan's realm which include 150 Greek islands.

The Genocide of Armenians changes from "**Relocation Law**" to **"Resettlement Law."** The ignorant world was unaware of the kindness and generosity of the Turks who moved Armenians from the theatres of war for their protection into safe grounds. One-million and five-hundred thousand Armenians were moved with superb efficiency, via the sumptuous Berlin-Baghdad Railway trains, to the lush pastures of the Syrian Desert. They were settled in three-bedroom villas, given fields to cultivate, and provided fully-equipped shops. The government even donated money to build churches and schools. Unfortunately, many ingrate and Turk-hating Armenians refused these commodious accommodations and preferred to wander in the desert without food or water, prey to bandits and wild animals. Go figure Ermenler.

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