

Winston, where are you? – Eric Newell

The parallel of Putin's strategy/behaviour with Hitler - and possibly Stalin, could be made. As a caution, NATO and the Western democracies should not echo the British PM, Neville Chamberlain's "peace in our time" proclamation prior to the start of World War II. Putin will continue taking over former USSR territory, Georgia and Crimea, now the Ukraine, with Finland next as long as NATO and Western leaders like President Biden continue to declare they are unwilling to resort to military action.

Limiting the response to economic sanctions - even very tough ones, may not stop Putin's aggression and could well cause an economic recession and much suffering due to "spiking" energy prices, energy shortages in the EU, food shortages to developing countries, a growing and unhealthy China/Russia alliance, etc.

I am concerned that Putin is a real and dangerous "throwback" to Stalinism. Where and who is our Winston Churchill?