



# Chuck Carlson: Cheeseheads, you don't mess with the mitten

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When the "Great Midwestern Mitten War, Garage Sale and Brat Fry" does start -- and it will -- it will not be pretty.

It will begin with a water assault. You know, sort of like the Invasion of Normandy in 1944 but not quite as big -- and no paratroopers. I'm guessing, as the aggrieved party, Michigan will commence hostilities, you know, sort of like Germany in 1914 but with fewer howitzers.

battleships (bet you didn't know they had any, did you?) will head west across Lake Michigan, probably on a Sunday during a Packers game when no one in Wisconsin is paying attention to anything else. They will land on the thinly defended Wisconsin coast, say around Sheboygan, all stealthy and quiet, and proceed to overwhelm the community, which should take all of 12 minutes.

With a foothold on the coast, the Michigan army will then spread north and south, capturing terrified communities as they go and leaving as their calling card one red mitten with the phrase, "Try this one on for size, Cheeseheads" attached to it.

Milwaukee and Madison will fall, followed by Kenosha and Janesville and Beloit. Up north Green Bay and Appleton will collapse and the army will stop in Door County to pick a few cherries before securing the bay and the Upper Peninsula. Yes, I know the UP is part of Michigan but, really, Yoopers have always wanted to be a part of Wisconsin anyway so why not move the process along.

The assault will continue west until Eau Claire is secured and, after hammering out a neutrality agreement with Minnesota and Iowa, the great glove war will be over.

In a matter of weeks, the marauding Michigan militia will have taken over Wisconsin and forced all its residents to acknowledge the truth -- there's only one state that looks like a mitten and you guys ain't it.

because they move a little slower over there. Besides, when you're on the side on the angels, as Michigan clearly is in this instance, there is no stopping the tide.

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