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You Maniacs! You Blew it Up! Damn You! Damn You All to Hell!

With Apologies to Chuck Heston

by Gary Haden

I noted a recent post on the Paracast Forum that claimed an attack on Iran is forthcoming. The writer cited a document he/she found on WikiLeaks. I was not able to find that document.

The writer is not the only one sounding the alarm, however. Other sources are chatting about the likelihood of an attack as well. [Antiwar.com](#) has been forecasting an attack for months. Michel Chossudovsky is touting the advent of the [third world war](#). People have been calling the [Emergency Committee for Israel](#), a site set up by William Kristol, a propaganda front designed to defray criticism of Israel. Its existence is taken as prima facie evidence of an attack. The site is seen as an informational war room in support of the coming effort.

Kristol, you may remember, was the point man for the much discussed [Project for a New American Century](#), widely seen in conspiracist circles as the founding document and webservice of the current war obsession we are all bogged down in and which wastes trillions of dollars in military industrial complex welfare programs. I once heard an interview with Frances Fukuyama about Kristol and PNAC. He didn't seem to take very seriously the idea that Kristol was some sort of crackpot leader of a right wing wacko coup.

I would tend to agree with Fukuyama but for the fact that everywhere this guy Kristol shows up he's mouthing off about war. He hangs out in military think tanks and gives wonderful speeches and eats at the buffet. But he is not going to bleed in any of the wars he markets to the military high muck-a-mucks. He is always ready to send in the marines—as long as the platoon is not populated by himself or any of the other brainy hawks who threaten the world with American guns. The name John Bolton springs immediately to mind.

And this rumor would be even less believable had former Bush mouthpiece Stephen Hadley not written a piece in the [Sunday Washington Post](#) essentially advocating military absorption of civilian resources. Why do these Pentagon Panhandlers need even more money now when the wars that have been breaking the bank since 2001 are supposedly drawing to a close? Could it be they are out begging alms because there is another war they want to fight and they need beaucoup bucks to do it?

And beaucoup bodies? Have you noticed, in your local paper, how many DoD contracting jobs are out there? In my hometown, the only people hiring are defense contractors. You can't even be a janitor without a stinking security clearance.

Look, Israel has a right to exist. It has a right to defend itself. Whether it has the right to conduct preemptive war on the basis of the rhetorical stupidity of the Iranian Leader is open to question. Rhetorical stupidity does not constitute armed attack. You return rhetorical stupidity with precision rhetoric and not precision, white-phosphorus bombs.

There is also the matter of just who would conduct the attack on Iran. There has been some babbling contending that Netanyahu has been lobbying Obama to order a U.S. assault as he is seeking re-election to offset criticism that Obama is weak, thereby improving Obama's re-election chances.

This all assumes that the World would support the attack. My feeling is that there are states who will have big problems with it. Some of those states are not the failed-state weaklings the U.S. is used to mopping up. Some of them are capable of striking the continental U.S. Some of them are quite reasonably concerned about the

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love affair the American Military has with the concept of preemptive war and just might indulge in a bit of preemption themselves.

To be quite frank, the World is not as in love with America as America is. We do not have the resources—civilian or military—to fight World War III. We would not survive it no matter how much the Joint Chiefs blivate about our wondrous might.

Why would you want to survive it?

Attacking Iran would be a stupid, deadly, tragic mistake.

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