

The American way of war

Editor, The Recorder,

It's a natural thing; whenever you stand up to be counted, you can always depend on someone to question your arithmetic. Honest debate, it's the American way and so it is with Glen Taylor who responded to my recent article "This is war, or is it?" He identifies himself as a "political science major" from the elitist Johns Hopkins University. I suppose I should be duly impressed, but as a minor liberal arts student from the obscure College of William and Mary, alma mater of Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe, for now, I'll just have to "think on it." Besides, I've forgotten most of what I learned there ... it was more than 45 years ago. Subsequently, I served 26 years in three military services; in Army olive drab, in Marine Corps green, and Navy blue. During which time I learned about duty, honor and what it means to put your life on the line for God and country.

My nemesis, obviously a liberal, points out that Republicans support unconstitutional "prayer in schools and the banning of abortion." While I don't pretend to speak for all Republicans, I will say he's partly right but, our liberal political science major might consider the flip side, it's not unconstitutional to refrain from killing unborn children in their mothers' wombs or within moments of taking their first breath. As for prayer in schools, it's not unconstitutional to pray

in school, it's only unconstitutional for the government to mandate it. Perhaps if prayer was still common practice in schools, along with teaching Judeo-Christian ethics in the classroom and displaying God's ten commandments in lunchrooms, libraries, the principal's office, etc., maybe, just maybe the recent school shootings in Littleton, Colo. would not have happened. In any event, I'm for restoring it.

Today's liberal left prefer to throw three thousand years of human experience and moral wisdom concerning "God's Laws" on the trash heap of history in favor of secular logic ... I believe, they do so at their own peril.

Mr. Taylor seems eager to fight and die and spill "blood of patriots" in the Boy Wonder's war of moral imperative ... "our children need and deserve a peaceful stable, free Europe," says Clinton. We must bomb Serbia into oblivion because of "The Children?" Should Mr. Political Science Major sign up immediately? The Kosovo Liberation Army needs volunteers to reclaim the land that NATO and our impeached president helped accelerate their departure from.

Before Mr. Taylor puts his physical frame where his mouth is, he might want to think about the following: The ethnic cleansing in Kosovo is not genocide; if it were there would be no refugees just dead Albanians and Kosovars. In

reality, it's forcible eviction of nearly a third of the province's population. Americans should note that during the fighting in Bosnia, Croat forces drove an estimated 300,000 Serbs from the Krajina region of Croatia. The aged and infirm who couldn't move were shot.

More people were killed in one month in Sierra Leone than in Kosovo all last year; more people were murdered in a single massacre in Afghanistan last December than died in Kosovo in all of 1998; in one three-day battle between Tamil guerrillas and Sri Lankan troops last fall, as many died as in Kosovo in the past year; and Turkey, a NATO member and a U.S. ally, in the last decade used U.S. weapons to kill 37,000 Kurdish guerrillas and to level Kurdish villages; in 1956 when Soviet tanks rolled over Hungarian freedom fighters, NATO did nothing; in 1961 when the Berlin Wall went up, NATO did nothing; and in 1968 again Soviet tanks crushed the "Prague Spring" in Czechoslovakia, once again, NATO did nothing. Truth is NATO has never attacked a sovereign state run by communists, but when the Boy Wonder regards Serbia as a "right-wing dictatorship" NATO invades their sovereign borders. Mere sovereignty has been the basis of international law for over a thousand years. Today, we're giving away our national sovereignty and military resources to NATO;

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tomorrow to the New World Order, but the invasion of sovereignty of a single nation is the extinction of its protection for all.

Having said that, Mr. Taylor is right about "helping people in need" but, use of brute force to achieve humanitarian goals is perilous at best. Our pacifist liberals, now willing warmongers, are repulsed by ethnic cleansing in Serbia, but unmoved when half a million Rwandans are hacked to death with machetes. A government that attacks its own people, gasses them and burns alive innocent women and children is indeed out-of-control and must be stopped ... but, that happened in Waco, Texas not Kosovo, Serbia. Hypocrisy reigns supreme!

Bill Clinton, the American Boy Wonder, is hoping to hide his shameful impeachment and overshadow it with a legacy of bringing to the Balkans "Peace through War." I'm reminded of the old adage, "The floggings will continue until morale improves." With a liberal concept of war, the Boy Wonder is attempting to wage it Hollywood style; images of burning empty buildings on TV, downed bridges, only with airpower and without bloodshed or capturing and occupying terrain or killing the enemy. Clinton wants Belgrade to surrender a proud nation to foreign troops who will colonize its soil ... divide the country or NATO will "bomb you into the stone age!" It's easy to bully little countries.

It appears that Clinton and his foreign policy team have transformed NATO from a defensive alliance into a brotherhood of invaders. So far, every outcome has been the opposite of the Boy Wonder's goals. Right again Mr. Taylor, thank God Bill Clinton is not the Pope ... he was only elected president as was Milosevic, both are dishonorable but, neither are dictators ... yet. What Clinton calls "degrading Belgrade's ability to make war," Milosevic calls "illegal acts of interna-

tional terrorism." In real life, Clinton's the aggressor and Milosevic's the defender.

There's a similarities list of the two showing up all over Washington. The list says both are famous for telling lies and reneging on their promises, both resort to demonizing their critics, both fear criminal prosecution, each has the sole mission to wield power and avoid taking responsibility for their crimes.

Finally. Republicans do not oppose Clinton because they are humiliated by the failure to remove him from office. To the contrary. Republicans are proud of the performance of Henry Hyde and the House managers. They presented a convincing case and proved Clinton's guilt beyond any doubt. Judge Susan Webber Wright's findings of Clinton "in contempt" make it official. The president was judged by a federal district court to be a perjurer and guilty of obstructing justice.

The Republicans took their place in history on the side of truth and honor. In contrast, the 45 Democrat senators voted in partisan lock-step, nullifying Clinton's crimes, violating their own solemn oaths to render fair and impartial justice ... leaving their honor on the altar of lying "under oath" and obstruction of justice. Moreover their humiliation was not saved by cover of a censure motion, drafted by them, that simply stated the same crimes Clinton was impeached for. The truth is painful isn't it?

My advice ... stay in Johns Hopkins, Mr. Taylor, continue studying political science, protect your emotions from manipulation by liberal spin and leave war to the military brass who are trained to wage it.

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Sources of facts: "The Washington Times Weekly," "The Conservative Chronicle" and "Human Events."