

This is war, or is it?

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Never in my lifetime, did I think it would happen again. The tinderbox of Europe is ablaze. War in the Balkans ... this time, it's not a crazed Bohemian corporal sending his Panzer Divisions and seasoned storm troopers into a prima-facie meatgrinder. Instead, it's an impeached President of the United States; an American Boy Wonder who is the aggressor, armed with a vision of a new world order of global government and a reckless and ill-thought-out policy with no contingency planning.

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Against American's long-standing policy of non-aggression and international law, not to mention our own Constitution, Bill Clinton has invaded a sovereign state without U.S. interests being attacked or provoked. The Boy Wonder and his supporters claim that Serbia, because of its internal policies of "man's inhumanity to man" or "ethnic cleansing" they are no longer entitled to the protection or status of sovereignty.

Clinton's "ABC Gang" (Albright, Berger and Cohen) makes a sanctimonious claim to high moral purpose and a moral right of NATO, led by the U.S., to violate its own charter and international law by bombing Belgrade and attacking Serbia. Clinton says, it's a "war for peace." How's that for a contradiction in terms?

As expected the Serbians protest, quicken internal violence against Kosovo, and, in anger, burn Old Glory and the Union Jack. Serbian television describes the NATO action as "a criminal war of aggression" and our president as a "war criminal" and a "Hitler." Legitimate criticisms?

The president has no constitutional authority to unilaterally initiate a war on behalf of the United States, except to defend against imminent attack, nor does any other individual officer of our

government. The only war powers our Constitution grants to the President is the military command of U.S. forces when "legitimately" employed.

Only Congress has the power to declare war and then, the Constitution provides only for a common defense against invasion. It says nothing about an aggressive offensive war or intervening in religious civil wars on distant continents where there's not conceivable threat to U.S. security.

The fundamental question is whether the lives of American servicemen and women are worth interfering in the internal affairs of a sovereign nation when no vital U.S. interests are at risk? History tells us the Balkans are prone to conflict because it's where Islam and Christianity collide, a collision that's been going on for more than 600 years. If the Boy Wonder thinks he can end "man's inhumanity to man" by starting this war, then perhaps he should be sending our cruise missiles to blast abortion clinics and against all the other sources of genocide around the globe.

In the late '20s and early '30s, National Socialist Herr Hitler gathered around him a strange personal band of thugs. Every bit as effective as Clinton's ABC Gang, Dr. Goebbels, Albert Speer, Hermann Goring and Heinrich Himmler went all out to deceive the world, to re-arm Germany, to implement the NAZI "final solution" and to spin its "super race" propaganda of a Third Reich that "will last a thousand years." It didn't happen, but had Eisenhower waited for a "permissive environment" to send in ground troops, "D-Day" would never have occurred. World War II could have been lost.

A system of just laws and obeying them is vital to a civilized existence. Republicans must speak up supporting the rule of law and keep all international treaties, but oppose poor planning, paltry leadership and our pathetic President who is dedicated to circumventing the Constitution and remaking our armed forces into imperial storm troopers for his

global new world order.

Bill Clinton's not alone to blame. He is joined and supported by a liberal Democrat party who has abandoned truth and honor in favor of nullification and disgrace. A party of hypocrisy and mindless demagoguery that stands firmly behind the illegal aggression of our unbalanced president ... after resisting every use of military force designed to stymie expansion of Soviet communism on our own continent. A party that has staked its future on deceit, lies and spin control. This once great party is now reduced to promoting a violent war disguised as a "campaign for peace." Roosevelt and Truman must be spinning in their graves.

Has our president just added another title to his ongoing legacy? In addition to draft dodger (Clinton's letter to the draft board), adulterer (Gennifer and Monica), molester (Kathleen and Paula), perjurer (lying under oath), criminal delinquent (obstruction of justice), rapist (Juanita Broaddrick ... "better get some ice on that"), traitor (selling technology to China for campaign contributions), has he now added "War Criminal" by engaging in aggression using NATO to attack a sovereign nation (despicable as the acts of that nation may be) and turning NATO against its own charter, from that of a defensive alliance into one of illegal invasion?

Against grave doubts by the president's military brass, our young warriors are now committed and we, as a people, must support them with sufficient force to gain the upper hand and to impose a peace of just design. We must oppose Serbian President Milosevic's ethnic cleansing but, by all legal means. We will do whatever it takes. We must replenish our military forces. We now have two nations to save — theirs and ours!

Is this a war of illegal aggression? Is this a war for peace? Is this a war to end "crimes against humanity?" Is this Clinton's War? Maybe it all depends on what the definition of is ... is.