

Levinson Productivity Systems, P.C.

Official Statement on the War between Israel and Terrorists, October 13 2023

### **(1) War is a Dysfunctional Anachronism**

It is the position of Levinson Productivity Systems PC that modern industry allows the creation of far more wealth and affluence than any rational person or government can possibly expect to gain from war. The last time a country was collectively better off for having fought a war (for the dead and wounded are never better off) was probably in 1905, when Japan made territorial gains at the expense of the Russian Empire. The First World War had no winners; Britain, France, Italy, and the United States just lost less than Germany, Austria, Turkey, and Russia. The outcome of this war also created the background for an even worse conflict twenty-one years later. Nobody was better off for having fought the Second World War, although the civilized world would have obviously been worse off had it not fought and defeated the Axis.

Henry Ford's position was that nobody who could earn money from a good job would ever want to steal, or risk his life by waging war on others. Israel put this into practice by, among other things, giving Palestinians in Gaza greenhouses so they could grow food for themselves and for export. NBC News reported (<https://www.nbcnews.com/id/wbna9331863>) "American Jewish donors had bought more than 3,000 greenhouses from Israeli settlers in Gaza for \$14 million last month and transferred them to the Palestinian Authority." Palestinian looters trashed the greenhouses, much like somebody who was given forty acres and a mule might poison the soil and kill the mule. This underscores the dysfunctional nature of the society in question and goes a long way toward explaining the violence that began last week.

### **(2) Peaceful Nations Must Remain Armed**

This depiction of war as a dysfunctional anachronism, and the worst imaginable waste of human lives and resources, is by no means advocacy of pacifism or disarmament. While Henry Ford, who tried to shut down the First World War in 1915, was depicted as a pacifist, he wrote in *Today and Tomorrow* (1926), "To arm the bandits of the world and disarm its law-abiding citizens is not the way to stop international holdups. Counseling the decent citizen to disarm himself as an example to the thug indicates unfounded confidence in the thug's susceptibility to Christian example. It is just a pious fiction."

Treaties subsequent to the purported War to End All Wars, including the Kellogg-Briand treaty that outlawed war, proved Ford correct. This article at the U.S. State Department (<https://history.state.gov/milestones/1921-1936/kellogg>) points out that Germany, Italy, and Japan (the Axis) were all original signatories to the Kellogg-Briand Treaty, which turned out to be a scrap of paper. The Soviet Union, which also helped start the Second World War, signed the Kellogg-Briand treaty in 1929 and violated it by invading Poland ten years later.

Germany signed yet another scrap of paper with the United Kingdom in 1938, which Neville Chamberlain depicted as "peace in our time," and then violated it within the year (<https://historylearning.com/world-war-two/causes-of-ww2/scrap-of-paper/>). Vladimir Putin proved the Russian Federation's guarantee of Ukraine's security in exchange for Ukraine's agreement to disarm the nuclear weapons it inherited from the USSR to be yet another worthless scrap of paper. Every peace agreement the inhabitants of Gaza ever signed with Israel has been a meaningless scrap of paper. *Scraps of paper do not stop Qassam rockets; the Iron Dome missile defense system does.*

### **(3) Israel Must Destroy the Terrorists**

Hamas did not think even one move ahead when it fired thousands of rockets into Israeli cities, and sent in terrorists on the ground to slaughter Israeli families in their own homes. They killed about 1000 people which, given the population differences between the United States and Israel, would correspond to 35,000 Americans or close to our losses in the entire Korean War.

Now Israel has mobilized well over 300,000 well-armed and disciplined soldiers, who probably outnumber the terrorists and are also qualitatively superior. Israel must use this overwhelming force without restraint regardless of the likely calls for moderation or a cease fire from, among others, the United Nations and also Communist China which is itself a menace to regional and world peace as well as a foremost human rights violator along with the governments of Russia and Iran.<sup>1</sup> As stated by Admiral John Fisher, the man behind the Dreadnought battleship program, "*The essence of war is violence. Moderation in war is imbecility.*"<sup>2</sup>

Israel must take permanent corrective action to ensure that nothing like what happened on October 7 2023, or even one single rocket attack or terrorist bombing, will ever happen again. Hamas and Islamic Jihad must be utterly destroyed and outlawed, just as it is illegal to be a Nazi in modern Germany. The Palestinian educational programs such as "Tomorrow's Pioneers," in which a Hamas Mickey Mouse clone named Farfur teaches Arab children that they are the Great Ones (Herrenvolk or Master Race) who will annihilate the Jews and rule the world, must be eradicated the same way the Hitlerjugend (Hitler Youth) was taken out of Germany's educational system.

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<sup>1</sup> It is also the official position of Levinson Productivity Systems that manufacturing jobs should not be offshored to Communist China, nor should this country be trusted with American intellectual property or indeed anything else. Mainland China is well known for the sale of counterfeit and substandard electronics, tainted active pharmaceutical intermediates, counterfeit N95 (KN95) respirators, melamine-tainted food, and other shoddy and dangerous goods and is simply not to be trusted. Manufacturing is the backbone of military and economic power, and concession of that power to the Chinese Communists is reckless and irresponsible.

<sup>2</sup> The United States' failure to fight the Korean and Vietnam Wars the same way it fought the Second World War, namely with overwhelming force and everything else subordinated to the war effort, cost us about 36,600 and 58,200 Soldiers, Sailors, and Airmen respectively, failed to remove North Korea as a threat to regional and now world peace, and lost the Vietnam War with a subsequent Communist genocide of millions. "Moderation in war is imbecility."

This will indeed "free Palestine" from terrorist control, just as Germany was freed from Nazi control, so those Palestinians who really want to live in peace will be able to do so the same way Germans were able to live in peace without having to fear their own government.

While Israel, and probably more so than almost every other country on earth, bends over backward to avoid harming noncombatants, some collateral damage will be inevitable just as it was during the Second World War. As stated by Charles Trumbull in this article from the Lieber Institute at the US Military Academy (<https://lieber.westpoint.edu/collateral-damage-innocent-bystanders-war/>),<sup>3</sup>

"The law of armed conflict (LOAC) permits soldiers to carry out attacks against military objectives with the knowledge that civilians will be killed, provided the attack is consistent with the requirements of the principle of proportionality. ...The LOAC principle of proportionality only prohibits attacks against military objectives if the attack is expected to cause incidental harm to civilians or civilian objects that would be excessive in relation to the concrete and direct military advantage anticipated."

It is also a violation of the laws of war to use civilians as human shields for combatants or material, which the terrorists do routinely. *The terrorists are solely responsible for any noncombatant losses under those conditions.*

*One is either with civilized humanity* (Israel, US, Ukraine, Taiwan, ordinary Iranian people), *or one is with the terrorists* ( Hamas, Islamic Jihad, Al Qaida, ISIS, Hezbollah, and the current governments of Russia, Communist China, and Iran). As stated by Rudyard Kipling long ago,

Once more we hear the word  
That sickened earth of old:—  
"No law except the Sword  
Unsheathed and uncontrolled."  
Once more it knits mankind,  
Once more the nations go  
To meet and break and bind  
A crazed and driven foe.

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<sup>3</sup> Named for the Lieber Code from the American Civil War, a forerunner of the Hague and Geneva Conventions whose purpose was to define rules for warfare.