The Price of Inaction

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Consider the war in Lebanon a test scenario, a 'dry run' to test the international response to flagrant criminal actions. Now recall Russia's failure to support Yugoslavia in the Balkans. Russia stalled and now Yugoslavia is no more, just a number of fragmented pseudo States overseen by NATO and the largest U.S. base of occupation in Europe, camp Bondsteel. It is well known today that the USA wouldn't have dared if Russia had supported its traditional ally, but a drunken fool, Boris Yeltsin, was in command at the time, the rest is history.

The flagrant criminal actions of the State of Israel in Lebanon have not only made a mockery of international law but have also reduced the international community to a laughing stock, a topic of scorn and ridicule in Washington and Tel Aviv. Half-hearted gestures and a few protestations from the 'super' powers of China and Russia deserve all the mockery they are presently receiving in the halls of western power.

The issue is not the superpowers dividing the resource rich areas of the globe between themselves, as some have argued. This is a competition for the dominant share of everything available, nothing less than the fourth world war in progress! The international community was faced with a situation that required a strong, decisive response; the failure to adequately respond has cost other powers dearly – relative positions of 'power' and influence have been re-arranged; the next violent scenario will make the criminality of the Lebanon intervention look tame.

New tolerances of criminal behaviour have been set/accepted and the timidity of other powers sets the scene for the accelerated implementation of an existing (PNAC) strategy to dominate the Middle East – those who imagine America will stop after securing Middle Eastern oil resources are dreaming – ultra-right regimes never stop they must be stopped! These regimes are in fact strengthened by the indecision, hesitancy and delay of competing nations.

The USA and its ally now have a reinforced view of the 'correctness' of their criminal strategies – we all bear the responsibility for allowing innocent lives to be forfeited in favour of the violent 'solutions' of madmen. The future crimes and pathological pursuits of these madmen will pale all their prior felonious acts into insignificance. The world will recall with bitter regret that it allowed malignant forces to plunge civilisation into a new dark age of horror.

Today's conservative ruling regimes disguise their real intentions and eliminate resistance on the domestic front by subjecting the public to a steady stream of fear inducing tactics. A frightened, confused population is a very compliant population. It would seem that in the absence of any real opposition, the ultra-right is unstoppable. However, the flaw or weakness of the ultra-right is the transparency of their extremely simplistic strategies. In the present political climate transparency is not only a liability it becomes a lethal debility. The transparency of the current Bush administration is the direct result of the limited intellects of the policy makers and those in positions of influence.

History records that expansionist military nations have all been defeated either by weaker nations with superior tactics or by the overwhelming force of a confederation of nations opposed to military

domination. The defeat of the USA is assured; in the absence of superior strategies America and Israel have opted for the short-term 'solution' of brute force. I would remind the bumbling buffoons in Washington and Tel Aviv that it is not gorillas, elephants and other powerful beasts that rule the world.

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