

Not very funny

I have just finished reading Larry Haftl's column (*ODE*, Nov. 10), and the word "warmonger" comes to mind.

In historic times, most (but certainly not all) human cultures have had a propensity toward war. We have killed for gold, ground (gold), and gods (gold), though we always find a loftier justification for our actions.

In times of peace, though, war must be billed as a necessity of the human condition, with war-lovers focusing on the *humanity* of war itself.

Haftl and other warmongers would have us believe that war is not only intrinsic to humanity, but also environmentally sound, a wise investment and great fun besides.

The idea that war is a process by which nature thins the human population is absurd. Darwinian theories may apply to two elk antler-warring to the death, but "survival of the fittest" has zero implications for the war machinery humanity has constructed in this century.

War has come a long way from the man-to-man combat it once was and there are few, if any, "warriors" left.

Soldiers who delete thousands of innocent and unsuspecting victims by pushing a button are not "warriors" but are themselves victims of a mechanistic political policy that deprives them of a fundamental aspect of humanity, namely, respect for human life.

The idea that war is good for the economy is equally sophomoric, but I guess it should come as no surprise to us that warmongers would use our existing greediness as a vehicle for affecting their dark desires.

Sure, war is good for the greed-dominated marketplace. After all, weapons are good business, whether for our own use or to sell to others.

Besides, with all those "able-bodied men" off fighting for truth, justice and the American way, there's hardly a hint of unemployment at home.

Warfare (death), we are expected to believe, is superior to welfare (charity).

The idea of war as fun is undeserving of publication in our era. Vietnam veterans have said plenty about how "fun" war is, and anybody whose idea of a good "adrenaline high" is killing somebody else, needs psychiatric help.

Killing people for sport is wrong, period. This value is universal in healthy humans in every culture (at least, every culture I have encountered).

We should laugh at the idea that war is desirable, just as we should laugh at all human folly.

Yeah, I'm laughing, Haftl. But they're hardly "good chuckles."

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Bye-bye Commies

Some years have passed since the Swedish Prime Minister,

Olof Palme, was murdered while walking home with his wife and former UNICEF head, Lisbeth Palme, on the streets of Stockholm.

The shot was heard 'round the world as an assault on peace advocacy, solidarity and an entire nation's democratically elected government. The long-search for a new leader can be hard.

Sweden is currently in political turmoil. No matter what is lectured in a sociology class, the socialist leadership of Sweden is falling to shambles and failing itself miserably.

At the party congress next March, Ingvar Carlsson retires as Prime Minister of Sweden. Contrary to his predecessors, he leaves no legacy to pass on. It is very hard to find anchored leadership beyond the prime minister himself.

Mona Sahlin, the only candidate, resigned the office of vice prime minister last Friday morning. She is pending an ethics investigation on several counts of mismanaged personal finances and frivolous uses of government credit cards.

Carlsson's term has accomplished one great task: to open Sweden's economy to free-trade and the European Union.

The only problem is polls, which indicate a growing opposition to the union.

However, with Sahlin's resignation, things have now changed.

It's an opportune time to wave the Swedish Socialists farewell, bearing in mind that a lot of the imaginative social policies originated with them. It would only be fair to end it all with a devastating alliance with the Communists.

Sweden needs competent people from the market-oriented

party lines. Margareta Winberg, minister of agriculture, will redefine the socialist agenda and in a short time, with her husband, assure Sweden of the final failure to both socialism and communism.

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