

### THREE STOOGES GO TO IRAQ

I don't know what to call it. Stubbornness? Naivete? Brainwashing? Incredible stupidity? All of the above? All that, and bad manners as well? Probably.

There are some among us who obstinately – even proudly – refuse to acknowledge reality, to learn from experience, to accept the obvious even when they have personally experienced it. For example, it is quite obvious to me – and to the overwhelming majority of humanity – that while most birds can fly by flapping their wings, human beings cannot. Even someone who is deluded enough to believe that he can defy the laws of physics by flying and then tests this belief by jumping from a tower, will probably accept that he was wrong just before splashing on the ground below.

Furthermore, if by some quirk of fate he survives, he will probably not repeat the experiment as soon as he comes out of the hospital. He will also, probably, be grateful to those who were responsible for his survival – for example, if firefighters caught him in a safety net, he probably would be grateful and refrain from blaming them for somehow being responsible for his jump.

I don't understand those who will not acknowledge the obvious. I am referring to the trio of mentally impaired peace activists who were held hostage by murderous terrorists in Iraq and were saved by our and British fighters. Their American colleague and friend was tortured and murdered, but the surviving trio apparently bears the murderers no ill will – they blame the United States for being the cause of it all. The blown-up school buses, the slaughter of innocents in hospitals and crowded markets, the suicide bombers dismembering innocent bystanders, the destruction of the infrastructure of their own country are not really the terrorists' fault; all is the fault of the trio's liberators who risked their own lives to free them.

And have the peaceniks learned anything from their experience? Apparently not. They are eager to have another chance at using non-violence and love to deal with the fanatically violent; to persuade, to reason, to convert, to affirm the

absurd mantra that violence and war are not the answer. And there hasn't been a word of sincere thanks to the fighting men who saved them from a certain death.

The absurdity of "War Is Not the Answer" bumper sticker infuriates me. I would be willing to accept "War Is Not ALWAYS the Answer", but the bumper sticker does not offer a compromise – War Is Not the Answer": *any war, anywhere, anytime* - and that's that.

I am living proof of the fallacy of this idiotic assertion. I am a Holocaust survivor and I am grateful. I would not be alive if it weren't for the war and the violence that was waged against those who were intent on exterminating me as well as replacing Western culture by an intolerant, fanatical and savage totalitarian system.

Would slavery have been abolished in the United States – or anywhere else for that matter – if it weren't for war and violence? Would humanity be better off if peace activists waving bibles and copies of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" had manned the British warships that stopped slave traders and hanged the captains? Would the Evil Empire be prevented from gulagizing the world if it weren't for the credible threat of violence by the U.S.? Would there be a Jewish state if it hadn't used war and violence to ensure its survival? Can you name even one country that was founded, or an international conflict that was resolved, without violence or a credible threat of violence? And, on a smaller scale, can you securely live in your neighborhood – wherever it may be – without the knowledge that violence, assault, robbery and rape are kept in check by violent armed policemen? I think not!

I would like to print a bumper sticker saying, "Surrender/Negotiation/Compromise Are Not ALWAYS the Answer" but I don't believe that there is a market for it. The reaction of our media to the Iraqi peacenik trio and their post-liberation attitudes proves it. What reaction, you may ask? Right, no reaction at all!

We are at the point where it isn't quite proper to advocate violence – even if it is directed against evil. We are uncomfortable to even acknowledge that evil exists

and must be opposed – not only by words, ideas, good will, love and all the rest, but more often than not - if it is to be defeated - by force.

A Jew being herded into a gas chamber might have pleaded with the German guard that he wasn't guilty of anything, that it was a horrible mistake to murder him, that it was simply wrong to do so. He would have pleaded in vain.

It is just as futile for us to plead, explain, negotiate with today's savages – they want us dead for whatever incomprehensible – to us - reason they have. The time has come to give up the foolishness of those who insist that they can fly until they splash on the ground – if we are to survive, the answer will come from violence.