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Making War With The New People's Army!

While I was minding my own business the other day, the phone rang. It was some guy from a fund raising company wanting me to donate to the Army. Right away I wondered whose army he was talking about. Was it the Egyptian or Libyan army needing more money to further squelch the uprisings by the oppressed peoples of those countries? No, I'm pretty sure it was the U.S. Army needing the funds. First, I wanted to know for what company he was soliciting "donations". I'm not sure exactly who the outfit was, but it sounded like "I.D.I.O.T.S." (**Imperialists Doing Investigations of Other Taxation Schemes**). Since I'm slow on the uptake, the only thing I could say to the voice on the phone was, "Why don't we bring our troops home to the United States from around the world? Think how much money we would save and you wouldn't have to make ludicrous appeals like this!" Bam!, I hung up the phone in a huff. "Well, I guess I told him so!" I said to myself smugly.

After some cooling down, I got to thinking about the concept of donating to the Army. Being a recovering hawk, it was difficult to wrap my small brain around all the implications of this novel idea. "Don't we need to defend ourselves?" I queried my self. "Yes", I thought, "but do we really need 700 military bases in over 130 countries around the world to be the policeman for the world?" "But what about all

those bad dictators out there that the United States of America needs to put in there proper places?", said my inner hawk voice. But then I thought, "Didn't the United States support Hosni Mubarak, the Egyptian dictator for 30 years with billions of dollars of military equipment before he was recently ousted by the people of Egypt?" The voice of reason swelled up again in my mind and asked, "Wasn't the United States supporting Saddam Hussein in the 1980's with military equipment and training before we decided to go to war with him two times?" Back and forth the battle in my brain was making a bulge. It was a World War II *deja vu* moment!



Christian Zionist preacher, John Hagee, has called for a preemptive strike on Iran. As commander of the **New People's Army**, he could become a self fulfilling prophet!

"Eureka!," I told myself, "What we need is a compromise for both the hawks and the peace folks. Let's

bring all our troops home and close the bases around the world and only worry about defending our own shores. The savings will be tremendous. We could probably cut the military budget in half. Think of what that would do to help the current financial crisis in America." To make everyone really happy about this plan, one other key ingredient is needed. It was now all so simple to me when I thought back to the phone call that started this episode. For those blood-thirsty, avenging, Americans who want to conduct wars, let them collect all the funds with donations just like the guy on the phone was trying to get me to do for the Army without any strings attached. Just as we have a voluntary Army, why not have voluntary wars conducted by the New People's Army, supported entirely by the segment of super patriotic, United States of America citizens bent on having their way around the world!



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