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Letters to the Editor

What “Iran Deal”?

This is in response to the Letter to the Editor by Russell W. Haas entitled “Why Leave the Iran Deal?” in The New American magazine dated June 4, 2018.

Haas’ first questions, “Why Leave The Iran Deal?” and “How can Trump justify this?” These questions have clear, simple, direct answers: It was not, never was, and is not a “deal” or agreement with Iran since Iran never signed it!

Iran did not sign it reportedly because then-President Obama did not require Iran to do so. Further, it was not a constitutionally legitimate treaty sent to, and ratified by, the U.S. Senate.

Haas goes on to inaccurately state Iran is unable to pose any danger to the United States, though the particulars of the paperwork clearly allowed Iran to develop nuclear weapons, albeit after a delay.

Remaining in this so-called agreement and behaving as if the United States were subject to it would have been granting nuclear carte blanche to a Muslim nation with an unacceptable, continuing recent history of numerous and ceaseless proclamations of “Death to Israel,” our very close ally, and, even worse, “Death to America.”

Should someone tell me he is going to kill me and commence to draw a firearm, it would be considered folly to not take the declaration most seriously and act accordingly.

Haas also name-calls, vilifying “almost all Republican lackeys.” Yet he specifically identifies neither these so-called lackeys nor their explicit actions and/or inactions, nor does he castigate Democrats, even one whit, for their previously successful support of what seems to me to be a suicide pact.

To me, Haas’ opposition to President Trump’s negation of President Obama’s totally unconstitutional act seems to be a defense of unconstitutionality, internationalism, globalism, or whatever term you prefer, and be a call for a multi-national rather than a bilateral treaty. And the establishment of another international organization, smaller but not unlike the UN in that it can impose anti-American requirements on our Republic, is completely unacceptable — the antithesis of a “bottom up” government of, by, and for the people!

Haas asks finally: “Now, what nation would ever again consider negotiating with us?” The apparent, well-documented answer is North Korea, another nuclear cohort, one with whom we’ve been in a state of war for 68 years!

Maybe the effort to “Make America Great Again!” will include a constitutionally legitimate bilateral nuclear treaty with Iran, ratified by the U.S. Senate, from which both sides perceive benefits, especially including the U.S. goal of an Iran that is not and cannot be nuclear armed. If ever the United States had a president in the White House who would “Make a deal they can’t refuse,” this may well be him.

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Guns Only Sometimes Work

Dennis Behreandt's article on gun control in the April 23 issue, was very informative. It brought to light how power gradients between the monopolies of force and their subjects need to be as narrow as possible. I got excited when he started to quote *The Federalist*, No. 46, penned by Madison. However, I was a little surprised the author did not show how Madison essentially uttered a somewhat false prophecy.

Madison argued that the central government could never gain enough power to successfully attack the states. Well, that very thing happened in 1861. Two or more factions were not fighting for control of a central government. One section wanted to peacefully leave — originally seven states and then four more when Lincoln called more troops. So this was not a "civil war" but a second war of secession. Even with the people as armed as they were in the 11 legally seceded states, they were attacked, burned, and subdued, and hundreds of thousands needlessly died.

I still believe Madison's quote gives support to Behreandt's anti-gun control patriotism. If Southerners were not as armed as they were then, they may not have been able to hold off the invaders for four years.

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