

War sometimes justified -- reader

Dear Editor:
After reading Audrey Green's article headed "War Seldom Justified", I would like to put forward some views of my own. Wars, on the whole are fought on religious, economic or expansionist grounds and down through the centuries few have been justified. However, moving into the twentieth century World War II was, in my opinion fully justified so far as the Allied Powers were concerned. If Germany, Italy and Japan had been allowed to continue unchecked in their bid for world conquest, it is not too difficult to imagine how the world would be to-day.

Another campaign that in my opinion was justified was the re-taking of the Falkland Islands and their dependencies. Here the Argentinian Government was the aggressor and no thinking per-

son can come to any other conclusion. These Islands had for almost 150 years been British, its inhabitants were of British stock and they were therefore British subjects. The Falkland Islands had no desire to become Argentinians and be ruled by a military dictatorship. Apart from the British Government's desire to re-capture their territory, the financial of self-determination was at stake, and on which all freedoms are based. If the Argentinian Government had been allowed to get away with it, all other countries who coveted some of their neighbors territory would have tried it and the result would have been International anarchy.

When a burglar comes to steal your property you don't sit down with him and discuss the best way he can have it, you send for the police. In this case the

policeman (the United Nations) was woefully lacking in its determination to oust the burglar. This world body is so inept at enforcing its own resolutions that nowadays any State bent on a military venture knows it can disregard the resolution and continue its aggression with impunity. To regain its own property the British Government and the people of Great Britain have to pay the bill. One wonders if it pays to defend one's property and to stand up for International Law. Morally, the United Nations should help to pay the cost, they failed to get the aggressor out; and the Argentinian Government should be charged with retribution in some form or other; however it is impossible to get blood out of a stone.

Vietnam in my opinion was an unjustified war. American security and terri-

tory were not directly threatened, the South Vietnamese Government was riddled with corruption and was in no shape to defend its country against the efficient and dedicated Army to the North. What was the result of American intervention and aid? Many thousands of lives were lost on both side and the southern half of Vietnam was virtually destroyed by the ravages of war. This war accomplished nothing.

Regarding Lebanon, where everything is in such a chaotic state, it is difficult to determine if any action in the country is justified. An international "Peace" Force has been put in place, presumably to enforce a peace. What peace? My idea of such a force is to place itself between the opposing forces and prevent further fighting. All we have are four small armies sitting in prepared defensive positions in and

around Beirut and not contributing one idea to the peace of the countryside. In his eyes of some of the factions in Lebanon this peace force is the aggressor because it has taken sides. The soldiers of this peace force are just sitting ducks for anyone who wants to have a pot-shot at them. The Lebanese Government asked the peace force into the country to bolster their practically non-existent authority and in so doing have increased the occupying forces to six from the original two (Israel and Syria).

In the recent case of the invasion of Grenada all I can say is "Caesar was murdered because he MIGHT have become a tyrant".

Sincerely,
Adam Johnstone,
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P.S.—The evil of war is justified when it defeats a greater evil.

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Applicant: Remo Chiavatti
 File No: 19-20-032-83-09
 Proposal: To permit residential development on two (2) proposed severed lots and the remaining parcel of land; more specifically Part Lot 2, R.P. 2196; municipally known as 138 Helen Avenue.

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