

Editorial

On military and other matters

On January 25, the President of the United States met with the top Pentagon brass in emergency session. Was this to discuss the U.S. military strikes against Iraq—where the Pentagon now admits that the last U.S. air-strike, at least, was entirely unprovoked, and that the pilot had mistakenly *thought* himself to be under attack?

Was it perhaps to review the situation in Somalia, or had someone in the Clinton administration taken note that the world is moving rapidly toward a third world war, and convened the meeting to discuss how Serbian aggression might be checked? No, dear friends, other more serious matters had to be discussed first. Bill Clinton met with two U.S. military leaders to discuss his insistence that “gays” be allowed into the armed forces. This and his reversal of U.S. government policy on abortion appear to be the only two campaign promises that the new President has committed himself to keeping.

Not so surprisingly, a vast number of Americans, not least the Joint Chiefs of Staff, have responded quite negatively to this initiative. The proposal is completely ludicrous from any sane point of view.

That the armed services have had at least their share of closet and not so closet homosexuals is well known, and, in many circumstances in which officers were “gay,” the same kinds of sexual harassment complained of by women, have prevailed. This is particularly the case in the close living circumstances on many ships. Clearly, where shared living quarters are assigned, and one is not free to walk away from homosexual abuse, the idea of even more latitude being given to homosexuals in the military is nothing less than grim for the heterosexual who wishes to join the armed forces.

It is no secret that Bill Clinton has not benefitted from serving in the military himself, but one wonders at his vision of the new army which he wishes to bring into being. Will our troops be subjected to sensitivity sessions to learn to live together without offense? Will political correctness be the rule in the military as on campuses? Will the influx of “gays” be counterbal-

anced by the influence of lesbians who come out of the closet, or will the new tenderhearted American armed forces blanch at the tough exigencies of war!

We note with amazement that Bill Clinton plans to appoint Roberta Achtenberg, an avowed lesbian and former assistant to the mayor of San Francisco, as assistant secretary for fair housing and equal opportunity at the Department of Housing and Urban Development. What a farce it all is!

Perhaps the new President believes that these antics are a useful diversion from the more serious business at hand, which not only includes fighting wars but also managing the devastated American economy in the context of world economic collapse.

We are reminded of the insanity of a Roman empire in which emperors such as Nero, who fiddled while the capital city burned down, were the rule. A point to be noted, however, is that it was not only the Roman rulers who were demented, but the entire population. Beguiled by violent pornographic spectacles, and deprived of the possibility of doing honest work, they became functionally mindless pawns of their rulers.

Clinton seems to be following in the footsteps of George Bush when it comes to military objectives, which is no joking matter. Yes, Clinton’s aggressive posture of support for the homosexual subculture should be opposed; but the real point is that he is the President whom you allowed to be elected.

January 27 marked the fourth anniversary of the imprisonment of Lyndon LaRouche. When we fight for his freedom, we are fighting for the very soul of the United States and the fate of the billions of people of every nation who are affected by U.S. foreign and economic policies. LaRouche’s was the only voice for sanity in the last election campaign, yet he remains a political prisoner.

If you are tired of the clown-show of American politics, then the most important thing you can do is to fight to free LaRouche and his associates, who are also serving unjust prison sentences.