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Subject: eggmac the pacifist

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I see what you mean joroe. And yes, I agree with you and with K9 that the response to the Nazi-German aggression is more than justified.

But today we do not have a response to an aggression, but an aggression itself. You rightly say that dictatorships like Hussein's must be controlled and contained. This is the duty of the international community in order to prevent ethnic cleansing, aggression etc. But I do not believe that Iraq is a real threat to the United States or any other country. There is no evidence for that, furthermore there is no evidence that Iraq had anything to do with the attacks of Sept. 11th. And even if there was, an attack on such a country is irresponsible because the first victims of that war will not be the 'bad' guys but the innocent civilians. Such conflicts must be solved by any other means but not by war, because a 'Military humanism' is not possible, it is a contradiction in itself.

It is often said that pacifists are irrational and far away from reality. But I cannot agree on that (how could I), especially at the moment. The USA is the most powerful country in the world, it has the possibility of acting however they like. So it is in their responsibility to start a war or to solve a problem with other means such as diplomacy, sanctions, containment (the case of the Soviet Union proves that containment policy and human rights activities DO change the world) etc. Pacifists before the First World War were laughed at and during the war even imprisoned. Later they were proved right. Same was in Nazi-Germany before the Second World War. Hitler justified his war by saying that Poland suppresses German citizens and that Jews are the evil tyrants of the world being responsible for horrible crimes. Everyone tries to justify his actions by defaming (sp? sorry) his opponent. But one has to ask oneself whether there is much truth in it or not.

K9, I did say the truth. I do not have any desire to lie to you in any way. Why should I? There is nothing very special about my backgrounds.

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