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The first five years after the end of war were really a time of hunger, everybody was hungry and food distributed by the Occupation Force kept us on our feet. But there was one more intrinsic hunger equally great. The hunger for books and magazines and movies from abroad. The war had shut us from all for four

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years. When my father and I, the survivors of our family of four, went to an auditorium that was saved from the air raids and that turned to a make-shift movie house, and watched on hard benches the first film from America after the war, the State Fair, we wept.

God bless America and God bless C-Span and God bless Time Magazine.

Sincerely,

A naturalized
American
citizen

February 13, 1991, Ash Wednesday

Attention: Nightfocus
KGO TV - Channel 7
900 Front St.
San Francisco, CA 94111

Dear Nightfocus:

I watched your program on the human side of the Persian war (Feb-9-91, fri) and here are some of my observations.

(1) Prayer:

Let me pray together with you: Peace on earth and peace among men. Peace can come back to the mideast tomorrow and all the people on both sides of the conflict can come home happy and safe and all the children and babies can live and grow up in a warless world for once.

Is there any way Lord to launch Satan Hussein in a space ship onto infinity and tell him, Look, the whole world is under your feet? Satisfied? Amen

(2) Mr. Russ Coghlin:

You were a true American gentleman.

(3) Mr. Richard:

I do pray that you learn from Mr. Mike the art of listening. Please remember that every word counts. St. John said: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." When you speak in the public, please learn to speak from your head and not from your feelings or emotions. When you do from the latter, you lose perspective and so clarity and proportionality; that should be the discipline of

every mass media journalist. When we the public watch TV news, we want the facts and not necessarily TV people's personal emotion or ideology. My small advice because of your potentiality.

(4) Mrs. Nancy Peron:

I would like to ask Mrs. Nancy Peron about (A) the national issue, (B) rationality, (C) ethics, (D) nationalism, (E) death, (F) America and (G) human heart.

(A) the national issue:

On C-Span I watched Mrs. Nancy Peron addressed to a TV camera in the empty House of the Congress, opposing to the war because she did not believe in the war.

I then watched on C-Span the British and Canadian parliaments debate on the war based on UN resolution 678 and then decide on the war as the implementation of the UN resolution. And I could finally catch up with what the issue was. And even I felt I had a glimpse of hope that this UN resolution 678 might be a one-step forward to the future stability of the world.

And I watched Mrs. Nancy Peron on Nightfocus insisted on her own personal view of the war.

(B) rationality:

In one of the viewer call-in programs on C-Span I heard a gentleman from Turkey beseech America to please remember that this war started because Satan Hussein invaded Kuwait.

Mrs. Nancy Peron is very specific about the fates of "civilians" including babies and children supposedly killed or wounded by the allied air raids, but she did not mention about the babies and children, men and women, young and old, who were and might be

still getting killed, tortured, raped, maimed in Kuwait by the Iraqi invaders.

Let alone the Scuds incidents, as Mrs. Nancy Peron knows and everybody knows, Satan Hussein deliberately mingles military defense mechanism with the civilian lives and in this way deliberately creates the havoc in which his own people can get killed in order to spare his own skin and his military might. It shows how cruel and mad a dictator can become.

In my native country, at least our military government gave us, "civilians", the ways and means to evacuate outside the cities. However, since World War II, once a war started, there would be no distinction between military and civilian. The only difference is that the former is armed, and the latter, unarmed. That is why a war must never happen. But once started, there is no civilian nor military.

And the American boys and girls including the son of the Director of Operation Yellow Ribbons are staking their own lives every moment this moment stripped of every prestige that Americans are born to enjoy, to defend the American children and babies from falling into the same fate that Satan Hussein puts his own in because of his own ancient power dream.

(C) ethics:

Many Americans, while worried to their bones about their loved ones in the Arabian desert and on the sky and on the sea, they have to fight their genuine fear for America, for its unity and future of their beloved country. Because such public show of divisiveness is ever evidenced and seemingly ever widened by self-centered politicians who cannot distinct between personal views and responsibility as a public figure, and ever negative mass media; they create an ideological and psychological battle ground right here on home front.

And Mrs. Nancy Peron who as an elected politician has duty to pull the nation together, is instead, propagating disinformation and misinformation and self-indulged hypotheses and speculations favorable to the enemy. I wonder the ethic of Mrs. Nancy Peron as an American political representative.

(D) nationalism:

The present Polish Prime Minister and the Czechoslovakia President quoted Thomas Jefferson in their addresses at the Congress and a man on Moscow streets quibbles, "In socialism people are created equal to be poor," etc. The whole world is looking up America for their future to be. And there is no single politician in America who can quote, "This is my country, better or worse."

Politicians like Mrs. Nancy Peron and mass media pundits will snigger at this as an archaic rhetoric. But what the above gentleman is talking about is unity, a national unity. And what politicians like Mrs. Nancy Peron and mass media pundits are advocating is their own rhetoric of disunity. No sense for the country they belong to and no sense for the future America is heading for. Just me, me, me, the almighty.

I left in my native country a copy of Mr. Norman Mailer's book, "Advertisement for Myself", and cannot quote him verbatim, but what Mr. Mailer says in his book stands up in my mind; Mr. Mailer says that he owes America his talents. That Mr. Mailer.

(E) death:

Mr. Mailer's "The Naked and the Dead" starts with this irrevocable reality of the war:

"Nobody could sleep. When morning came, assault craft would be lowered and a first wave of troops would ride through the surf and charge ashore on the beach of Anopopei. All

over the ship, all through the convoy, there was a knowledge that in a few hours some of them were going to be dead."

The American boys and girls in the Persian Gulf are living this intensity every moment. "Every death is sacrificial," a great mythologist of yours says. If death has no meaning, as a tinsel-town priestess, Mrs. Jane Fonda, preached through the Vietnam conflict past, as if no war dead is unforgivable, then life itself can be meaningless. Coming out of the ashes of the ravages of World War II, I for one can never forget that I live on the borrowed time from those war dead including my own kin.

If death is only acceptable as the end story of one's old age, and every other death is a meaningless waste, what about the AIDs and HIV people or drug users who are here among us? They don't even have a strength to raise a gun to even protect themselves, not to mention others. And a million of young Americans, the cream of America, are already said to be affected by this incurable disease and going through a horrid and prolonged passage to a totally senseless death without a cause. Or is there? And they are also involving others including children, babies, born and unborn. Still they are being poured with such public show of support and understanding and endearments and sympathies and money from politicians and mass media alike to the point that the American health system for the poor and the ordinary are already cracking down under the weight of these massive, pitiful, prolonged, expensive, wasteful deaths. Why then do these American boys and girls in the Gulf conflict have to be treated something totally offensive like a plague, with such public hostility and rejection and denial, like a herd of sheep incapable of deciding their own fate? And they are staking their lives in the Arabian desert and on the sky and on the sea in the conviction that because of their sacrifice, their fellow human beings might live?

(F) America:

The true spirit of America is out in the Persian Gulf, fixing their gaze beyond the Arabian deserts, beyond their beloved country, America, the world of peace and unity where every child and baby can live and grow up in a warless world.

America tried it in World War I and tried it in World War II and tried it in Vietnam War and is trying it again, hoping that this time, this time, it will be the last war at long last, an opening to the global world of peace.

I watch on Channel-32, a TV classic, The Ascent of Man series by Mr. Jacob Bronowski. According to Mr. Bronowski, "the ascent of man" is the cultural and intellectual development by individuals with "forward-looking imagination". The remarkable things about these men are that they all belonged to some institutions and never formed a public demonstration for their own conviction, and yet they were the movers of mankind. With several episodes behind, I begin to think that this man's on-going development that Mr. Bronowski is talking about needs three things: stability of well-structured society, wealth, and man's freedom and courage to creativity. And America is it. America speaks and when America speaks, you must listen, if you are Americans, if you are human beings with heart and soul and decency.

(6) human heart:

What hurt me most in watching the program was Mrs. Nancy Peron's heartless denial for a fellow human being, a mother with her son in the firing line in Saudi Arabia with whom she is sitting at the same table. Because Mrs. Nancy Peron does not believe in the war. I cannot understand why a human being can be so unkind and so cruel to a fellow human being because one's personal view is different from one's own?

My wish is that the Nightfocus in the future will try to find lady guests who have human hearts if not amply educated, sophisticated minds. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Sincerely,

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cc: Mrs. Nancy Peron
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