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# OPINION...

## Let's Nuke Libya

by Manuel Skoulas

Everyone wants to see Khadafi (however he spells it) and his country destroyed anyway, so let's nuke'em shall we? Think of all the advantages in giving them the old mushroom treatment.

First, let's consider the Economic benefits. If we didn't nuke them, we would have to spend millions of dollars on salaries and equipment and transportation costs for all the soldiers needed to invade Libya. And that's just the beginning. Since those eager American lads will be attacking anything that moves there, everything they shoot off, (bullets, shells, and conventional bombs,) will have to be replaced with more. Also, some of those fine American planes and tanks are going to get blown up; they will need to be replaced. And some young Americans are going to get shot, maybe disabled, maybe even killed. Think of all the compensation money that will have to be spent on the families of those men, especially if those killed actually had a wife and kids. Their families would receive cheques for a very long time. If we nuke Libya, we won't have to put such a drain on the economy; those weapons are sitting there just waiting to be used. No extra expenses at all.

Now let's look at some social advantages. Since no invasion force will be needed, families will not be broken up by men being called to serve. And since nobody will have to leave his or her jobs for the privilege of serving, businesses will not suffer. Thus Reagan will be seen as a humanist.

There are many Political benefits to be gained in nuking too. The Economic and Social benefits gained from not sending troops will score political points in the domestic political game. And Libya would be wiped out so fast that the Soviets wouldn't have any time to send a large counter-invasion army to "protect" Libya. The Soviets and Americans wouldn't meet on the battlefield, thus saving the world from a confrontation between the Superpowers which might trigger a World War, which might end in a nuclear war that would destroy all humankind. Reagan would be seen as a great man of peace.

Above all, the best Political benefit of quickly destroying Libya is that Khadafi would have time to start a Mediterranean or perhaps World War

that he keeps threatening to do, since he would be destroyed quickly (in a nuclear explosion, the precise figure of time for every cell in the body to be "vaporized" is one millionth of a second). Khadafi is really stubborn and pig-headed, so just to be safe, double that figure - two millionths of a second. This is hardly enough time to start a war of any kind, thus the US would save the Mediterranean, and perhaps the whole world from a war.

One of the best reasons to nuke Libya is that it would give the US a *practicaltest* of their weapons. For many years they have been testing their bombs underground or underwater, quite *impractical* when you think of their purpose. These weapons exist solely to destroy utterly nuclear missile launch sites, military installations, industrial capacity and cities full of people. I know, I know - Reagan told us, "We have them (nuclear bombs) only to guarantee we'll never use them." But since when could you use something if you *didn't* have it? That would be the best guarantee that they would never be used; if they didn't exist. I think Ron was just kidding when he said that.

Really, when was the last time the US tested their space-  
 age equipment on a *real* target? - Nagasaki 1945. That is a long time to go without practice tries. For all they know their super new fantastic bombs don't cause as much death and destruction as they thought. This is their chance to try them out. This is the best Military Reason.

Then there is a fifth good reason to consider this business. Think of the ease of programming a few coordinates, pressing a few buttons, and turning a few keys. That's all that is required to launch a few bombs Libya's way. Then in less than an hour: no more Libya.

We would save many many people the trouble of planning, organizing, training people, and actually launching an invasion. The easy way is the American Way. Think of the great nuisance of a conventional war against Libya. So many Americans would have

to miss Miami Vice just to go to a country that doesn't have many TV's. No, that just won't do.

What better solution to this problem is there than the  $E = mc^2$  formula? We shouldn't put ourselves through too much effort to rid the earth of this nuisance call-

ed Libya. It's such a pain in the .....(put in what you like) country; it's like a man that thinks he can push you around a lot, hoping you'll let him have it his way. Go get'em Ronnie - show them the American Way of dealing with people who killed some innocent people at two airports in Europe. There is only one logical solution: Nuke Libya. We know they did it.

BUT WAIT! What happened to the American Way of "innocent until proven guilty"? Did they really do it Ron? Where's the proof - the evidence. There isn't any. But the Prez and the Press aren't telling us that part, they're just saying Libya is responsible and that's good enough to justify whatever happens next.

Well, it's not. Last summer when a TWA flight was hijacked out of Athens, Ronnie told Americans not to fly to or out of Athens anymore, "it's not safe" he said. He didn't wait for any proof that the weapons entered the plane in Athens. Then when the proof came - that the weapons were loaded in Cairo - Reagan still did not lift the ban on Athens, nor did he impose one on Cairo. Ronnie was just twisting the truth to hurt tourism in Greece, thus hopefully hurting the economy (tourism is Greece's # 1 industry, and the largest number of tourists come from the US). The result, in Ronnie's dreams, would be that the current socialist government would be disfavored in Greece and fall from power. They are trying to get rid of the American military bases in Greece, and pull out of NATO, because the US has nuclear weapons in their bases in Greece. The opposition party is quite right-wing; they would bend over for Ronnie, and they would love nuclear weapons and Democracy American Style.

Now Ronnie is thinking of trying something on Libya to get what he wants. Again he has no real justification, except that his country is more powerful than Libya. What America wants, America gets. But in Greece this game didn't work. The government did not fall, it strengthened; the opposition crumbled. Many Greeks now hate America. America lost.

But Ronnie just wants to bring the American Way to Libya. I know that Khadafi is a madman, but he will be more dangerous if the Americans try anything than he is now. Leave Libya be, or really risk a Mediterranean or Worldwide War.

So much for the American Way...