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Reader Comment

Up the revolution

by Nanker Phledge

I would like to discuss with you many of the favorable effects of war. Through the ages these have shown themselves in various ways:

- Hunting and gathering societies turned to agriculture, and the men used war as a form of entertainment.

- The Civil War introduced canned foods.

- The First World War brought about new advances in areas of technology such as naval and air.

War has served as a form of societal evolution, eliminating those societies that have failed to adapt in either manpower or technology. It has also resulted in forms of economic as well as white expansion, and the spreading of knowledge, technology and religion to primitive peoples.

As a result of war, not only is power transferred to more just leaders, but also from the ruling class to the working people. This provides the downtrodden with an opportunity to gain a position of power.

War is a most effective means of population control, particularly in the cases where women and children are directly involved.

When not being threatened by war, a country may be in a position to be destroyed from within. A working government tactic is to direct the peoples' attention from domestic problems to a war, thus creating feelings of national pride, unity, and a general "rallying around the flag". This causes an economic boom by boosting employment, curbing down inflation, and increasing the moral of the workers.

During a war, advances are made in such areas as emergency health care, technological food production, transportation and communication.

Women have taken many steps forward during a war, such as the W.W.F. They found themselves "maintaining the home front," and as a result of this, realized their capabilities in organization. Since this realization they have demanded rights and recognition.

The members of a society are taught important skills and disciplines in preparation for war and during wartime.

Presidents and other people of leadership have often risen to their places from positions of responsibility in the militia, where the roles of leadership and authority were taught to them. Take note of Lester B. Pearson and Sir Winston Churchill.

Where would those great battles, those great leaders, and those earth-shattering moments of war - our heritage - be, without war? Where would our parks be, without heroic stone

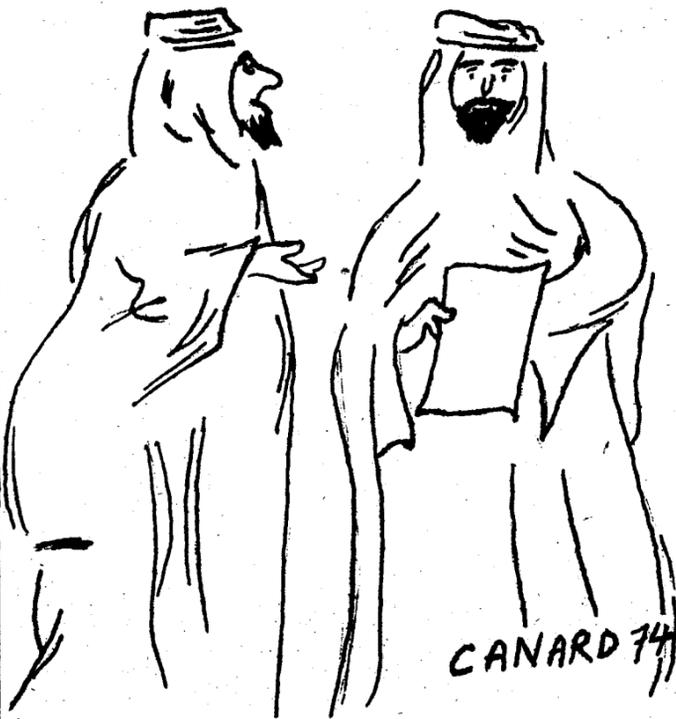
warriors to gaze upon, idolize and admire? Without war, how could we give a Nobel Peace Prize to the one who earns it? What need would we have for that institute of brotherly love and harmony, the U.N., if it were not for the threat of war? Without war, where would Joan Baez, Woodstock and the peace generation with its love-beads be? Think of all the books written about war, the poems dedicated to war, the songs sung for war and the movies produced for war? Where would one get the clothes that war has contributed to the clothing industry - battle jackets, p-jackets and bell-bottoms, if it weren't for Army Surplus Stores? Most phrases such as "V for Victory," "A-OK," and "Aye, Aye, Sir," and those catchy words such as "veteran, manesty and napalm", would never have enriched our language had it not been for war.

How would little boys know what to do with their toy guns, their battleships and their GI-Joes if we didn't have war? What about those fun and entertaining games like Risk or chess? War can be fun as well as educational.

We couldn't do our bit for faith, hope and charity if it weren't for war, because there would be no countryside to restore, no refugees to aid and no starving people to feed.

Poppies and November 11 would have no significance, were it not for war.

War gives meaning to our lives. Its time that war was taken out of the war-planning rooms and given back to the people.



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Philosophy

The idea that science is a dialogue with the unknown and a man steeped in wonder over the nature of things is beautiful; and those who believe this to be the case today are romantic, but naive.

Scientists and engineers researching scientific technology are personnel bound to the universities as to what programmes are instituted and to the corporations as to what

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* Well here we are, caught once again in the perils of test week with little or no recourse but to suffer through it and hope for a miracle or anything else of that magnitude to pull us through. It's too bad the University doesn't do something to ease the tension, because it's obviously getting to some people.

For example, the other day up in RATT this engineer was trying to relax by drinking himself into a stupor. After quaffing down a few, he headed to the can for relief. He was still not relaxed though, because he whipped down his fly, pulled out his shirt-tail and proceeded

to wet his pants. Although his slide rule now works better, his set-square is rusted and he still has tests to write. You just can't win.

* And speaking about the cans, Hank wanted me to warn everyone about those coin machines that are strategically situated on the walls. Don't buy that bubblegum, it tastes like rubber.

* The preparations for the first Gateway staff party are complete. All staffers can get the time and party address from the office (and their liquor from the vendors). Special appearances at the party include guest sets by

the Rolling Stones, the Grateful Dead, and the Indonesian Symphony Orchestra. Art displays are compliments of Salvadore Dali, and a special feature called Don't Smoke That Shit, It's Dynamite, is also expected. Make sure you're there to see the dildo.

* This whole women's liberation thing comes down pretty heavy on something called male chauvinists, but who the hell needs all these female chauvinists? and further, what are the good people of Chauvin, Alberta supposed to think of this mess?
(p.s. Hello Waiter!)

