

FIGHTING CHANCE

John 8: 31-32

Proverbs 22: 3

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GEORGE WASHINGTON AT VALLEY FORGE

I am continually asked about the religious viewpoint in our book, *Fighting Chance*. In public presentations this has been especially worrisome.

The most effective weapon of those who advocate unilateral disarmament and surrender of the United States has been a continuous smear campaign directed at certain words and ideas. Each individual or group who rises to oppose them is, if they can manage it, associated with one or more of these smeared concepts and thereby discredited.

"Survivalist" is one such word; "right-wing conservative" is another. The attack upon the word "conservative" is especially interesting, since the dictionary meanings of "liberal" and "conservative" were inverted as well. Misuse of the word "democracy" and elimination of the word "republic" are also important victories for the word-changers.

Now let's try: right-wing, conservative, survivalist, "religious" nut. All that and a message about digging 60 billion dollars worth of holes in the ground as well.

For this reason I have tended to hedge. I talk about the need to write about the morals and ethics of civil defense from the point of view of one's first principles of life. Gary and I wrote from Christian principles, because that is our point of view. I also give examples from our supporters who are not Christians.

I am fed up with this. We didn't pull any punches in *Fighting Chance*, so why do it now. From now on the answer is:

Every American - enjoying the rights to life, liberty, and property which are protected in the United States - should be grateful, thankful, and proud that George Washington was at Valley Forge.

No American - not one - should be ashamed, disgruntled, embarrassed, or put-upon by the fact that George Washington spent a significant part of his time at Valley Forge in prayer.

George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, Patrick Henry and their fellow patriots formed our government from their own first principles of life which were based upon their knowledge of and belief in God. They managed to do this without the "benefit" of modern day hairsplitting theologians and secular humanists.

John Grady, M.D., has written an excellent pamphlet about George Washington. It is available for a non-profit contribution to the American Christian Church, Kimsey Road, Benton, Tennessee 37307. We reprint here an excerpt from that pamphlet:

The Uncommon Man

The great British statesman and four times Prime Minister, William E. Gladstone, once proposed the creation of a grouping of pedestals for statues of history's most famous men. One pedestal stood higher than all the rest, and Gladstone was asked to identify the figure to be given the place of honor. Without a moment's hesitation, he named George Washington.

[At the meeting of Congress] in Philadelphia, December 1799, one of Washington's finest military commanders, the famous cavalry general, Henry "Light-Horse Harry" Lee, now Congressman from Virginia (and later to become that state's governor) upon hearing of the death of our first president, rose to his feet and with tears in his eyes spoke for all Americans for all time when he said of Washington, "First in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen."

Many students of history consider George Washington to be the greatest man who ever lived. Certainly, he was the greatest American - a brilliant, educated, successful man who risked everything for the freedom of our country.

Washington was a man of great moral character. He was forthright, honest, charitable and a gentle man of quiet modesty and proper deportment - considerate, kind and courteous. Washington was also a man of great talent. He was knowledgeable in agriculture, was a surveyor with an established reputation, and early in life became a land owner of some importance and considerable wealth.

He was held in such respect that at the age of 21 he was made a Major and Adjutant of the Virginia Militia, and so distinguished himself that at the age of 23 was made Commander in Chief of the Frontier Forces of Virginia.

Washington had a commanding appearance. He was the most physically impressive of all of our Presidents, and in his prime stood over 6 feet 4 inches tall and was a lean and powerful 225 pounds. In addition, this handsome figure had a distinct military bearing.

Washington was appropriately described by colleagues and writers of the time as ".....straight, tall, wide-shouldered, with head well shaped, large straight nose, penetrating blue-gray eyes, a long handsome face terminating in a good firm chin, clear fair skin, firm mouth, and a commanding countenance; with speech, movement and gestures which are agreeable, differential, engaging and graceful."

Most important of all, Washington was a man with a total sense of responsibility, unquestioned integrity and deep devotion to God.

The Resolute Leader

Among the many outstanding men of leadership in the American Colonies, Washington stood out above all. Once the War for Independence began, he was quickly and logically chosen Commander-in-Chief of the Colonial Forces. Washington had the impossible task of taking a few thousand untrained volunteers and leading them against the armies of the world's greatest empire. Great Britain was a powerful and progressive nation with colonies and influence around the world, and she had mighty armies and fleets to defend her possessions. To add to the difficulties was the fact that the American Colonies were not united, were economically weak, had no standing army and no navy, and had only three million people, who were seriously divided as to whether or not to fight for freedom.

It is not known what percentage of the Colonists genuinely supported the cause for freedom. Many of those who opposed independence constantly gave help, comfort and support to the enemy. Probably no more than 3% of the people in the Colonies actually took part in the fight for American independence. Then, as now, apathy, self-interests, uncertainty and fear prevailed among a large portion of the population.

Once the Declaration of Independence had been signed and Washington's forces were pitted against the British, his army was so greatly outnumbered and so ill equipped that many thought him foolhardy to even attempt to fight the most powerful nation in the world. Seldom in all of history has such a task been undertaken under such unfavorable conditions. However, Patrick Henry in his famous "Give me liberty or give me death" speech hit directly upon his reasons for hoping for ultimate victory when he said, "God will raise up friends to fight our battles for us."

General Washington led his men with a passion, courage and fortitude that could come only from total dedication. When the Continental Congress did not, or could not, send the funds for his soldiers' supplies and salaries, Washington paid for them out of his own pocket. He gained and held the allegiance of his men because he was fair, firm resolute and dedicated. Moreover, he was a devoutly Christian man who made no apology for prayer. He repeatedly called upon God for deliverance and victory in the struggle for freedom.

The Man of God

The paintings of George Washington kneeling in prayer in the snow-covered woods of Valley Forge are based on fact. He believed that God would lead him to victory, and anyone who has read his handwritten letters and documents cannot help but be impressed by his reliance on the Almighty and his deep belief in Divine Guidance.

Strengthened by a sense of duty and honor, driven by a love of freedom and a hunger for justice, sustained by faith and confidence in divine providence - George Washington would not fail. He would fulfill his destiny. This uncommon man would lead the colonial forces to victory, become the father of our country, be unanimously acclaimed our first President, and set the course for what was to become history's greatest nation.

Thomas Jefferson best expressed the relationship between man's highest aspiration and the great Creator when he wrote, "God who gave us life, gave us liberty." Throughout history, as is well documented in Holy Scripture and readily attested to by millions of observant people, God has raised up individuals, usually temporal leaders, to fulfill the destiny of men and nations.

It is the personal opinion of this writer that God moulded, inspired and directed George Washington. He was, indeed, chosen to be a special man, at a special time, for a special purpose.

HAMBURG FIRESTORM AIR RAID

The "Physicians for Social Responsibility" have argued that one reason that nuclear war is unsurvivable is that massive firestorms would engulf American cities and kill everyone in their midst. For example, a PSR debater based his presentation at the American Civil Defense Association meeting in 1986 upon the "fact" that no one survived the firestorm raid on Hamburg.

The PSR also have "hoped" that smoke from these fires would cause a life-ending "nuclear winter", but that scenario has evaporated with the discrediting of nuclear winter and its deliberately dishonest calculations.

Modern cities do not, in general, have a sufficient amount of burnable material per area to support a firestorm. Moreover the effects of nuclear blast render a city into a condition that will not support a firestorm.

But let us look at Hamburg. The PSR says that everyone in Hamburg perished in the conflagration. What actually happened?

There were 1,500,000 people in the general Hamburg metropolitan area on the night of 27th/28th July 1943, the night of the famous firestorm raid. 470,000 of these were within the 22 square kilometer area that was heavily damaged. 280,000 people were within the 13 square kilometers (5 square miles) wherein the firestorm took place.

Of these 280,000, 100,000 were sheltered in public shelters and 180,000 were sheltered in private shelters. The public shelters were of three general types including the standard bunkers which were constructed during the previous two years.

Of these people, 40,000 were killed in the raid. That is less than 15% of those in the firestorm area and less than 3% of those in the Hamburg metropolitan area.

Moreover, virtually all of the people who died were in home-brew, makeshift shelters or were unsheltered on the city streets.

The United States Strategic Bombing Survey states:

"No evidence was found of a single death in a bunker during these large city fires. There was much discomfort, but this was mainly due to overcrowding."

The Police President of Hamburg reported:

"Many air protection bunkers and splinter-proof surface shelters were situated in the middle of extensive area fire and fire-storm zones. The heat around these buildings was more than human beings could stand. Nevertheless in no instance either in bunkers or surface shelters did shelterees come to any harm from the heat, nor did they have to leave the buildings prematurely. Shelterees remained in many of these structures until the morning after the raid and until the fires surrounding them had abated. In some cases a covering of [cooling] water had to be supplied at the exit by the Fire and Decontamination Service in order to get the inmates out. This was the case especially in buildings situated in narrow courtyards. Often the ventilating plant could not be operated on account of heat, smoke and fumes and had to be abandoned."

The British Home Office Report concluded:

"Thus it can be concluded that all those sheltering in bunkers survived."

They not only survived, but, according to the United States Strategic Bombing Survey, they had restored half of the industrial productivity of their city within 5 months.

These are the facts as reported separately by American, German, and British authorities. The German reports come from people who were there during and immediately after the firestorm .

If any American city should suffer a firestorm during a nuclear war (which is very unlikely for physical reasons), then the only way in which the PSR scenario of mass slaughter could become reality is if they are successful in preventing the construction of public shelters in American cities.

In order to prevent that construction, the PSR is spreading outright lies about what actually occurred in Hamburg (and in Dresden).

It is estimated that about one out of twenty American physicians is supporting the PSR and that a larger number have been influenced by PSR propaganda. Most of these men and women are well-meaning Americans who just hear the unchallenged PSR claims.

Give a copy of this newsletter and the book, *Fighting Chance*, to your physician. It has been our experience that physicians who learn the truth about the survivability of nuclear war immediately stop supporting the PSR.

The oath of the medical profession demands that physicians do their best to provide for the health and well-being of people. This includes disaster planning and preparation.

If the truth is adequately distributed, only the few people who form the anti-American leadership of the PSR will remain in that organization; and its potential for destroying American lives will be ended.

GOD WILL TAKE CARE OF ME

In *Fighting Chance* we retold the story of the Christian in the flood. God sent him two boats and a helicopter, but he wanted more. Presumably he would have accepted help if an angel had descended in a pillar of fire and removed him from that roof.

I am astonished by the number of pastors and theologians who are claiming that we need not prepare defenses against the Soviets, because God will take care of us.

God has given us an incredible "land of milk and honey" in which to live. He has given us patriots like George Washington who preserved our opportunity to live here in freedom.

He has given us scientists and engineers who have determined ways in which we can build strategic and civil defenses to protect our families, communities, and civilization in the nuclear age.

He has given us the richest industrial and economic base on earth. The construction of homeland defenses would be very easy for us. It would even put many of our steel workers, construction workers, and farmers back to work.

America has been sent boats, helicopters, and even the knowledge required to stop the nuclear rain itself. What more can her people demand of God?

The Bible, especially the Old Testament, is filled with examples of the gruesome fates that befall people who fail to fulfill their responsibilities to provide for their families and civilizations. Secular history teaches a multitude of similar lessons about the past two millennia.

Still we have pastors and theologians who are unsatisfied. They refuse to accept God's gifts of knowledge and resources for defense.

If they wish to demand more of God; if they wish to perish unless God will personally send angels and pillars of fire to their liking; then let them suffer the consequences.

They have, however, no right to condemn America, its children, and its God-given freedom and civilization to a fiery nuclear death, because of the arrogant additional demands that they feel qualified to make of God.

If your pastor is preaching that there is no need to prepare defenses, because "God will take care of you," tell him about the gifts that God has already provided to do just that.

If he continues to preach this suicidal nonsense, find another pastor. Ignorance is tolerable sometimes, but not when it serves to lead people into horrible suffering, bondage, and death.

COMMUNITY ACTION

Let us consider the people of Josephine County who have a strong local civil defense organization with passive community support. Regular meetings of like-minded people are enjoyable. It has been my experience that the kind of Americans who participate in these groups are people who are interesting to know and work with. But this is no social club. It faces problems that are not solved by charity events and enjoyable meetings.

Lets look first at the problems which the Rogue Valley group must solve and then at their initial actions toward solving them.

In Grants Pass the general population has very little practical knowledge about nuclear weapons effects. They may receive substantial fallout from an attack upon the Medford airport which is nearby. If the Soviets attack civilians, Grants Pass will receive an attack with airburst nuclear weapons. They are, however, likely to be attacked by a second wave of ICBMs or by bombers, since they are not a primary target.

The surrounding hills have numerous limestone caves and mine tunnels suitable for sheltering the population if substantial preparations for ventilation and water supply are made ahead of time.

Since Grants Pass is not near an important grain-producing region, there is very little bulk storage of food commodities nearby. Starvation during the year following the war would be a serious problem.

In summary, Grants Pass will probably get plenty of warning of an attack. Natural shelters augmented by public shelters near schools and businesses could prevent most deaths during the first two weeks. Then, during the next year, much of the population would simply starve to death.

The Rogue Valley Civil Defense Council has initiated several efforts to solve these problems.

Regarding shelters, their Natural Shelters Committee has identified sufficient caves and tunnels and is contacting owners regarding their cooperation in a master plan for use. They are also checking into the old fallout shelter marking program with interest in re-marking the previously identified suitable structures.

Their Schools Committee has offered to build and fully install a 200 psi blast shelter suitable for 100 children at a local 300 student public grade school. This token effort to begin providing for the kids has generated a great deal of public interest and was even carried by the national wire services.

Six members of the group are planning neighborhood-sized steel tank shelters near their homes or businesses. Used fuel tanks are being obtained for these, with the civil defense group making plans for cooperative installation similar to the frontier barn-raising events.

Public awareness of these activities is being raised by their Public Information Committee. So far, this has primarily attracted new members, but later it will communicate plans to the community at large. Radio communications are assured by a group of about 20 ham radio operators who have protected their radio equipment from EMP voltage spikes.

Individual efforts by the members on behalf of their own families are extensive.

This group has made, therefore, a realistic beginning on most of the problems except for food. Grants Pass has plenty of food for the first few weeks. In any case most people can go without food for up to 30 days if necessary. During the first year, before transportation and commercial agriculture are resumed, however, these people will starve.

They can garden and they have an ideal climate. They will, however, starve before they can expediently grow sufficient staples.

A proper food storage program for this community would cost about 6 million dollars or about \$100 per person. What can be done?

The group could work toward a local bond issue or tax to raise the money. They could initiate contacts with the federal government about storing part of the national food surplus in Grants Pass. They could begin a local charity campaign to raise the money through donations from individuals and businesses.

They must not, however, rely on individual initiative. Most of the passive members of the community are just not going to store food on their own behalf. They will, however, happily support the local authorities if food confiscation by the government begins.

A local sheriff's deputy charged with disaster planning in Grants Pass told the civil defense group that food would be sufficient unless people from the larger cities migrated into the region. He plans to close the freeways and preserve the resources of Grants Pass for the local people. He spoke also of plans to immediately take public possession of the food in supermarkets. You get the idea.

This planner estimates that there is enough food in Grants Pass to feed its local population during the initial two week post-attack period. In fact, no food at all would be sufficient for that period.

In formulating the proposal in *Fighting Chance*, we decided to allocate one-third of the entire expenditure for a years supply of food stored within walking distance of the shelters.

In the event of war, all sorts of scenarios are possible for your community. You may or may not receive direct effects from blast or fallout; you may or may not need defense against invading armies or populations; your medical facilities and personnel may be there or they may be gone. Disease may be rampant or it may be minimal. One thing is certain, however, in the aftermath of nuclear war and before transportation is resumed, food will be very hard to obtain.

If every member of your community is within walking distance of food reserves (primarily grain) sufficient for his or her needs for a year which are uncontested by other nearby populations, then shelter is your highest priority. If not, the question is debatable.

The nation already has a year's supply of food in the farm surplus. Both the surplus and the civil defense requirement could be solved by distribution of that food storage throughout our local communities. This brings us back to congressional action. Congress, unfortunately, is too busy with important things like TV witch-hunts.

We do not know the best approach for a community group to take concerning the food problem. Probably they should explore each of the possibilities mentioned above and some others besides. We shall be watching with interest the efforts by the Grants Pass group to complete this aspect of their program.

LIES IN THE CLASSROOMS

The June 1987 *Reader's Digest* has an excellent article on the efforts by the "Educators For Social Responsibility" (sound familiar?) and the National Education Association to introduce pro-appeasement, anti-American defense propaganda into our nation's classrooms.

In Oregon, for example, House Bill 3223 would require the Department of Education to develop a comprehensive nuclear age education curriculum for Oregon public schools. Dozens of peace-through-disarmament and surrender organizations have sprung up in urban Oregon to help with the development of this "curriculum."

Already funded by seemingly unlimited money from obscure sources, these organizations will soon have a flow of money from Oregon taxpayers and a stranglehold on indoctrinating the kids with their propaganda.

Why is this being done? Clearly the kids will, for the most part, not even be of voting age before America's fate is decided. Why regale the gradeschoolers with more horror stories about the "unsurvivability" of nuclear war and the necessity of surrender.

There are, I think, two principal reasons.

First, and most important, the kids will put pressure on their parents, and the parents do vote. As America reaches the end of the road there will be increased awareness of the need for homeland defense. This process is accelerating rapidly now. It is a major reason that *Fighting Chance* is a best seller and the **Fighting Chance** organization is growing so rapidly with a "30-year-old dead issue."

During our final few years, there is a danger that America will wake up; that she will build homeland defenses before it is too late. The "peace" (peace of the grave for all except our ruling elite) organizations are positioning themselves for maximum opposition to a revival of American defenses during this end-game. The kids are to be pawns in this effort.

The secondary reason is to pave the way for child acceptance of American Sovietization. The "curricula" of these groups is always laced with a heavy dose of American misdeeds compared with the beauties of the peace-loving Soviets.

When America falls, it will be better if the kids go along more easily with the process. Tens of millions of "reactionary" adults will need to be slaughtered, but the kids can be re-educated if they have been given the "right start."

There is an answer. It is the dissemination of truth; especially truth by example.

The offer of a donated and fully installed 200 psi blast and radiation shelter by the Rogue Valley Civil Defense Council to a local, Josephine County grade school has been met by howls of hysteria from local peaceniks and growls of approval from area parents.

How can you possibly teach the kids that nuclear war is unsurvivable if they have the means and training required for survival right on the school grounds? Obviously, you cannot.

Many of you are building your own shelters. For some of you that alone is a major financial burden. For others, however, the burden is less and two shelters can be afforded. Moreover, some of you live close enough to schools that you could take advantage of your shelter even if it were installed on the school grounds.

Each of us should give serious consideration to offering our nearest school a donated, fully installed steel blast and radiation shelter.

Immunize the kids from the NEA and ESR propaganda; set an example for the community; and, in the event of war, save some lives.

There are hundreds of thousands of American families with the capability to do this on their own. Also, nearly everyone who cannot afford it knows someone who can.

It is one thing to shake one's head about these problems and the treasonous individuals who exacerbate them. It is quite another thing to take action. Try it. You'll be surprised by the satisfaction derived from being a "trouble maker for America."

SOVIETS CONTRIBUTE TO AMERICAN CIVIL DEFENSE?

A new Federal Emergency Management Agency study concludes that only 112 million Americans would initially perish in a Soviet first strike rather than the 156 million estimated by an earlier, 1975 study.

The studies assume that civilians are not directly targeted, but just get in the way of a strategic first strike. The civilians are assumed to have the civil defense facilities which they have today - essentially none.

Why the improvement? FEMA says the Soviet weapons are more accurate now which allows them to use smaller warheads with greater efficiency and fewer side effects.

We should, I suppose, give an award to the crowd of anti-American industrialists like Armand Hammer who have aided the general and specific improvements in Soviet technology which make this all possible.

Just think, they have saved 44 million lives, except, of course, those among the 44 million who will be liquidated later to "cure" anti-Soviet tendencies like free speech and religion.

Eugene Rostow, former head of the US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, as quoted in *Daily News Digest*, gives the military scenario associated with such a benevolent Soviet surprise first strike which, incidentally, only kills 112 million unprotected Americans:

"It is now mathematically possible for the Soviet Union to destroy all of our Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles (ICBMs), our submarines in port, and our planes on the ground with something like a quarter of its ICBM force, holding

the rest of their missiles in a paralyzing reserve that would make it nearly inconceivable for us to use our submarine-based or airborne weapons at all."

Now, pretend you did not read that. If you are of middle-class wealth, buy a new car - forget the shelter for the school kids or your family.

If you are quite rich, forget the country which gave you opportunities and the 200 years of patriotic heroism which preserved life, liberty, and property for you to enjoy. Even though you could buy shelters for all of the kids in your community (some of whom won't be among the "lucky" 44 million) with the money you'll let fall off the end of the table next month:

Don't do it! Buy some more adult toys instead.

SHELTER VENTILATION PUMPS AND FILTERS

We have been stalling on making a specific recommendation about a ventilating pump and air filtration system for a family or small neighborhood shelter.

The references in *Fighting Chance* give a workable and effective system. Also, the double action piston pump in *Nuclear War Survival Skills* is very effective for those with a workshop and some spare time.

But where does one buy an off-the-shelf, turn-key ventilation system for the least price?

One **Fighting Chance** supporter is president of a large American company which manufactures industrial CBR filters and ventilation systems. His company also manufactured civil defense units in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

When we asked his advice and help in fashioning the most cost-effective solution, he offered to research the problem and make recommendations and perhaps prototypes.

By letter of 16 June 1987, he has replied:

"In principle, the hand-operated blower (which we purchased from Buffalo Forge) and the prefilter/hepa filter/carbon absorber package which we manufactured was not unlike the filtration units which we saw recently in Switzerland. But, in comparing the older Flanders system with what is currently available in Switzerland, it is obvious that the Swiss

have progressed considerably beyond the products that we produced in 1960. Theirs is a polished, well engineered, finished product.

The Luwa VA 20 currently sells in the U.K. for about 400 pounds or at today's exchange rate, \$640. Given the fact that every home in Switzerland must be equipped with one of these units it is not difficult to see that the manufacturer has brought his price down to a more affordable price than Flanders could offer. We could not imagine ourselves producing a similar product for less than several thousand dollars."

He states that some other European firms offer similar units. The Luwa unit is available from Luwa(UK) Ltd.,36-38, Goldsworth Road, Woking, Surrey GU21 1JT or from Luwa Ltd., Anemonenstrasse 40, CHH-8047, Zurich, Switzerland. You should write for literature first, since you probably want one of their larger units.

Each shelter should have ventilating equipment for maximum crowded occupancy in case that becomes necessary. In the event of a national shelter system, it is clear that American companies like Flanders would be the sources for this equipment.

If, however, you want a turn-key unit with Swiss quality and the lowest price for a small shelter today, the advice of their most logical American competitor is to buy the Swiss unit.

For do-it-yourself solutions, consult *Nuclear War Survival Skills* and bibliography reference number 124 in *Fighting Chance*.

From a **Fighting Chance** supporter comes this tip: Master Mechanic Manufacturing Co., P.O. Box A, Burlington, Wisconsin 53105, telephone 800-558-9444, has some 300 CFM, 60 RPM, 6" intake hand-crank blowers left over from the shelter stocks of 30 years ago. This is their item C-34 or Burnsomatic TX-950.

We have not yet seen one of these, but the price is a ridiculously low \$14.95. Surely they are worth that much even as a spare. Their salesman, Jerry, says they have about 200 of these blowers left.

NUCLEAR INSURANCE

Civil defense, for most people, should be thought of as an insurance policy.

I have term life insurance. I keep this policy, because I might die and my wife and children should be provided for. In order to provide this insurance, we spend about \$700 per year. As I grow older, the premium will increase.

This \$700 is typical for an American family. Yet the probability that an average middle aged father will die before his children are grown is much lower than the probability of nuclear war or terrorist attack.

On a community basis, that \$700 is sufficient to provide permanent nuclear war insurance for two family members each year. This is not an annual cost. It need only be incurred once. The shelter and stored food remains available indefinitely with only token maintenance cost.

On a family basis without the efficiencies of community-wide procurement and large shelters, the \$700 would provide for about one person each year or four years to accumulate protection for an average family.

I don't get my insurance policy out and admire it each evening. We are not called "insurance-ists", nor do political groupies complain that this planning makes my death more likely.

Each person must have nuclear insurance in the nuclear age. Once each person has it, the policy should be put out of mind. A single purpose blast shelter is inexpensive. The stored food will keep for decades.

Buy the insurance, then forget it and go on about having a productive and enjoyable life. Don't make nuclear war, or even fear of nuclear war a way of life.

I know it is annoying that the United States government is already spending \$1,500 on each person in the United States every year on a military budget that includes virtually no civil or strategic defense. We are paying several times over for the cost of this insurance already, but our politicians are refusing to provide it.

This injustice will not, however, protect our families and communities. We must vote out of office the politicians who are violating their oath to "provide for the common defense", but we should also buy ourselves some family and community insurance while we are doing it.