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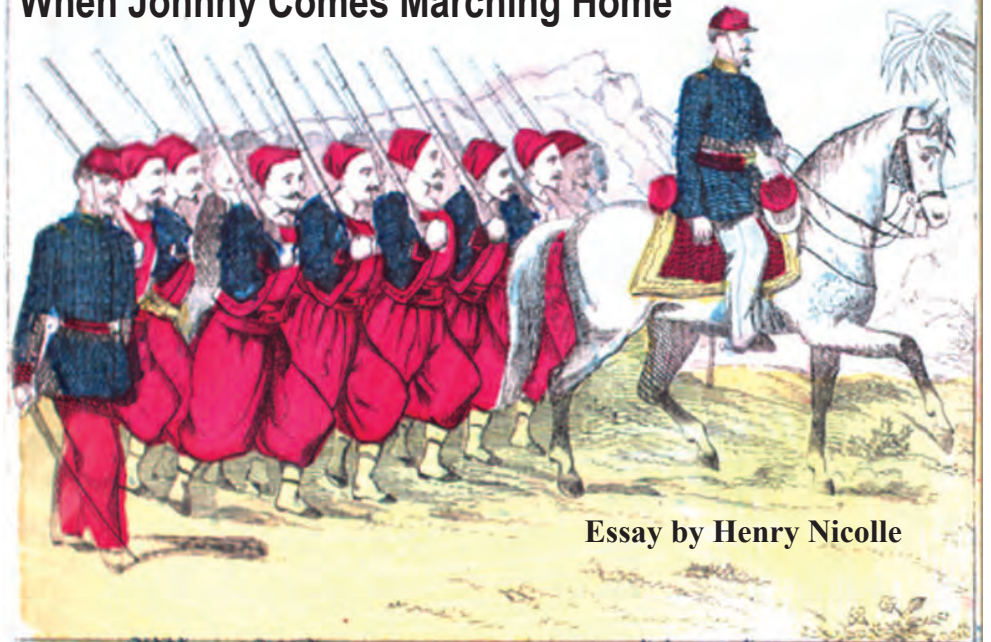
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When Johnny Comes Marching Home



Essay by Henry Nicolle

When Johnny comes marching home.

"We have met the enemy, and he is US!" (Albert the Alligator in the Pogo comic strip)

With so many spinning contexts and creative re-definitions emitting from the organs of government, business and social engineering, I hardly dare a word for fear of exposing my ignorance of the politically correct or expedient meaning of common language.

The American military authorized by our federal constitution consists of the Navy, for common defense on the sea and an army, as a temporary holding force created as necessary to repel invasions. These are deterrent and first response tools. The true armies of the United States consist of two elements, the "organized" and "unorganized" militias of the States.

The Navy and Army are distinct, lawful entities created solely for military purposes on behalf of all the States of the Union, not commanded by any one or group of States.

Any federal military maintained during peacetime can be best defined properly as a mercenary force at the command of the Executive. As a mercenary force, it is rightly to be feared by a Free People and therefore, the existence of the American Army is limited by restrictions of funding to only two years.

The general concept underlying our military forces was that we should have both an instant central defense to counter aggressive conduct against our Citizens and Property at our borders and abroad and an intrinsic, embedded, strategic capacity for those rare failures of statecraft which breed war. The Navy and a small army suffice for the purposes of deterrence and response to armed aggression. The militias provide the core strengths to wage war.

The organized militias are the militias which serve in active duty, whether full or part-time. Militias may be formed and trained to perform any military necessity. Organized militias are intended to be armed, equipped, supplied, trained and exercised as the primary fighting forces of the United States. Militia members of all States should be identically skilled, properly armed and equipped as the Army of the United States. It is a ready force of millions, fit, armed and trained.

The unorganized militias consist of all Americans who will raise a hand to defend our country and society. They are armed, equipped and trained as they each may see fit.

It is this real potential which caused a Japanese Admiral to warn that "If Japan invades America, they will face a rifle behind every blade of grass." He was not speaking of America's army.

In the event of war, invasion or rebellion, a Congress of the People's Representatives would call up the necessary forces from the Organized Militias of the various States. The authority to invoke the great powers of war are withheld from the President and the central government generally.

This also was the Founders' strategy for defending Liberty and self-determination in our country. When the government becomes the enemy of the People or when the People tire of their government, the question of who will rule is always settled by violent processes. It was necessary and prudent in the eyes of the founders to leave America's fundamental military might in the individual hands of our Citizens.

This power is expressed by the existence of the first and second amendments to the Constitution. The first amendment preserving the unlimited right to assemble, discuss, decide and determine the fate of the government. The second amendment to preserve the ready physical power to enforce the decisions agreed pursuant to the first amendment.

If the federal government offends the People and our Constitution, the President's mercenary forces are opposed by the militias of the several States. If the governors of the States collude with the federal government to offend the Rights, Property and Liberty of the People, the Unorganized Militias must outnumber and out-gun the organized militias and the U.S. Army.

Our federal government has usurped our authority to decide to go to war or to maintain peace by emasculating our militias and building our mercenary forces. Our State governments have colluded with the federal government to extend federal control in the States where federal powers are not allowed. Our labor squandered to create an American empire through global economic hegemony and military aggression. Our voices for self-governing have been stilled.

Our lives feed federal ambitions of power. Our laws no longer limit the conduct of government. We can be imprisoned on a whim or killed at the command of the President. Our citizenship and our access to our courts have been denied, our protests broken and our votes limited to government-approved candidates.

Our armies are now deployed upon our own soil, our re-education camps built and today, tens of thousands of camp attendants are being recruited for duty.

Where is our shame, our outrage, our resistance?