

Enough is enough

by Bob Coburn

A Newsweek article from June 24, 2021 quotes Joe Biden when referring to limits on the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution: "If you want to take on the government (military) you need F-15s and maybe some nuclear weapons." A recent statement by Gen Mark Milley assured some in the audience that the military was apolitical and had the job of supporting the Constitution. The President's statement is ludicrous and Gen Milley's declaration is a basic understanding of the role of the armed forces.

Why would the President assert, while discussing the limits of the Second Amendment, that American citizens would want to 'take on' the government? That seems a bit paranoid to me, but let's just assume that our President isn't completely brain dead and that American citizens WOULD have a reason to take on the government. What are the considerations for such a confrontation on both sides?

Let's start with the military being the entity that the American public would be 'taking on.' I was in the Marines for 23 years. During that time there were plenty of enemies we studied and prepared for, and not one was in this country. Additionally, most Marines shuddered at President George H.W. Bush's deployment of Marines to L.A. during the Rodney King' riots.' The thought of a 17-year old Marine with a loaded M-16 on a street corner by himself among mobs of angry citizens was a recipe for disaster. It didn't happen, but had that Marine been confronted by that mob and forced to defend himself, he could have done so for just moments before he would have been overwhelmed. Many citizens and Marines would have been hurt or killed. The military is not trained to quell riots. Some National Guard units have some training in this area, but even those would not have been prepared to handle the riots in L.A. We lucked out.

The scary part of this entire scenario is the current state of our military leadership. The fact that the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff would allow National Guard units to 'defend' the perimeter of the Capitol, seemingly at the request of the Speaker of the House, is nothing short of troubling. I guess you have to disregard the military response to violence and mayhem in many of our largest cities over the past year... Oh yeah, there were none, nor should there have been. In fact, there was not even a response by any law enforcement agency. The leadership in these cities called off that response and considered these riots simply blowing off steam and *block parties*. However, when a rally turned into a mob action at the Capitol building, the National Guard was standing by, but were never called. Several other federal law enforcement units were also never called, so it would seem that an effective response was NEVER even considered by the leadership in the Capitol. Wonder why? But after the riot was quelled and most folks outside were getting bored and going home, the Speaker thought it appropriate to militarize the Capitol. What an idiot we have for a third in line to the presidency.

While there have been numerous missteps by government leadership in calling out 'troops' to quell riots; Kent State; L.A. (as discussed above in response to Rodney King) and the most hideous; World War One vets being pushed out of Washington D.C. by active duty military forces ordered by Herbert Hoover in 1932, the military has never had to fight an armed and possibly organized civilian force in this country. Some of our best units have spent 20 years fighting a well-armed yet hardly professional armed Mujahadeen tribal force in Afghanistan with very little progress being made. That's 20 years! A recent talk radio segment had the commentator discussing how some mainstream media types were ridiculing the thought of the Trump supporter with his AR thinking that he could take on a well-armed military. If civilian leaders in this country think that the 70 million gun owners in the USA would simply roll over and let this government take their guns, they are sadly mistaken. We have seen what happens when law enforcement takes advantage of natural disasters in Louisiana and took guns forcibly, and that tactic has been catalogued by gun-owners nationwide who won't let this happen again at least not without a confrontation. More importantly, not only law enforcement, but many in the military too are not keen on having firearms forcibly

removed from their homes. F-15s and atomic weapons are flat ridiculous to cite when dealing with the public and the whole issue of the public's right to pushback against an abusive and overreaching government. I'm sick of morons in high places like President Biden and a host of intellectual equals to him trying to paint real patriots in this country as enemies of the state. There was NO insurrection on January 6th; it was a mass trespass and hundreds of protestors have been charged with that crime. There was no need to militarize the Capitol. The riots and mayhem in the big cities in the name of racial 'equity' by BLM and ANTIFA criminals was disgraceful not just for the rioters, but for the (lack of) 'leadership' in those cities and states. Letting all these looters, vandals, and in some cases murderers free from prosecution, while locking up participants in a rally gone bad and in some cases keeping them incarcerated without charges is truly criminal. When government gets paranoid, all Americans suffer.

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