

Objects to 'propaganda' by Peace Center writers

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Yvonne Small's July 19 blast of criticism against our fine and patriotic congresswoman Beverly Byron is so filled with distortions that I am outraged.

My contempt for dictatorial communism is paled by how I feel about the Frederick Peace Resource Center group, all writing the convictions of their twisted little leftist minds.

Their beliefs are their affair and would not concern me much, except for the propaganda they spew forth in their continued flow of leftist letters, which attempt to contaminate the minds of the less informed, who may then believe the tripe they write.

It is this latter method that the Peace Center writers use. Everything written for the past two years by each of the Peace Center members reports only partial or "half-truths" for their purpose. These writers are sly, in how they write, and they do it

well. They know exactly what they do, and they know why.

For the sake of brevity I will not review past letters and articles by these people, but confine this writing to Yvonne Small's July 19 tirade against Ms. Byron.

She began her letter of that date of suggesting the Sandinista government of Nicaragua is "upset" with us because of our role in opposition to their dictatorial communistic rule, as though we should be heartbroken because we are hated so. She apparently is, but I am surely not. I neither seek nor want the affection of the present government of Nicaragua. Why does she love them so, when they loudly proclaim their communistic convictions?

She thus proceeds to tell us that we are waging an economic war, and a military one too, against the poor people of this small neighbor nation, by aiding Contra forces there, who are in armed revolt against a government that jails its people without a trial; expels church literacy from the country; closes newspapers; shuts down radio stations; and with the help of Russia, arms, feeds, and equips a \$2 million military force. The Nicaraguan military and government forces consume a full one-third of that nation's entire production, and its people do with less and less. But, Yvonne Small doesn't tell us this, in what she writes. She instead blames the United States for the misery the Nicaraguans suffer, instead of placing it where it truthfully belongs, on the Soviet Union and a tin-horn dictator who owns Nicaragua in its entirety. Why does she so favor a communist dictatorship?

She then is critical of our brave congresswoman because she dared meet with the Contra forces there, where she walked the jungles with them along the Nicaraguan-Honduras border; and for voting to support their cause in the Congress of the United States, in spite of the fact that her Democratic colleagues voted down all aid to the Contras.

Of course we are engaged in an economic boycott of Nicaragua, and of course we should be aiding the Contra forces there to bring down this communistic dictator, and we should do so with massive support, instead of the on-again, off-again nothing our Democratic Party confuses this issue with. And we will, because if we don't, Yvonne Small and those of her kind, will have caused a war in spite of their use of the word "Peace" in what they claim to represent.

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