

The Paris Peace Conference 1919 Remembered... 100 Years on 18 January to 28 June 2019

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Open Letter to:

Members of the Public in the Cathedral City of Salisbury

27 June 2019.

Dear All

Re: Armed Forces Day – 29 June 2019

I had intended to communicate with you through a one page 'Public Benefit Notice' in the Salisbury Journal for which I was prepared to pay a five-figure sum. The Publisher did not respond to my letter of 18 May '19 (which was signed for), despite my offer to verify each material fact in the Notice and my taking full and sole responsibility for its contents.

On 28 June 1914 the assassination of an archduke and his wife precipitated the Great War. More hopefully, on 28 June 2000 the English Court of Appeal emphatically endorsed, at my behest, the public benefit of the education of the public in the differing means of securing a state of peace and avoiding a state of war. Called 'an irenical perspective', it had been defined by a Chancery judge on 9 October 1998. Every English Attorney General has opposed this legal principle since 2000 so in 2019 I have had to take on the role of *de facto* Law Officer for Public Benefit ('LawPB') as the *de jure* Law Officers will not. The attempted political assassination in Salisbury in 2018 by a weapon of mass destruction has increased the risks of another Great Power war. *Education can avoid it, but only if the principle stands.*

On Armed Forces Day we celebrate their courage especially in dealing with the aftermath of the nerve agent attack. Yet at the same time a veteran from the Northern Ireland 'Troubles' (1968-1998), Soldier 'F', faces prosecution for murder. My Communique No. 1 explains why this is *not* for the public benefit from an irenical perspective. In 2019 do we have confidence that politics alone can secure the peace, as it did not in 1919? The choice is yours...

Yours faithfully,

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Sponsor's Purpose:

To forewarn the public one more time that the world is heading for another Great Power war.

As in 1919, the reason is the failure of political institutions to apply 'an irenical perspective' even-handedly. Post-Cold War, the term was first defined in English charity law on 9 October 1998, drawing on a United States case of 1917, and affirmed by the Court of Appeal on 28 June 2000.

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This letter of 27 June 2019 is also available at www.directionofconflict.org/what-we-do

Additional Information

These documents on my website provide further information:

- The Public Benefit Notice explains more fully the subjects covered in this letter:
 - It is the final version of the advanced draft sent to the Publisher of the Salisbury Journal to be considered for publication ahead of Armed Forces Day 2019
 - It contains a 'Call to Action' for members of the public who support both
 - Military means of promoting national security; and
 - The application of a judicially defined 'irenic perspective', to help ensure that politically impartial education plays its primary role in securing a state of peace and avoiding another Great Power war.
- A linked Article No. 7 entitled 'Forecasting Peace or War: A Layperson's Guide' explains why this is possible. It draws on relevant parts of the Sponsor's six previous letters and five articles and provides the references relating to facts in the Public Benefit Notice.

These documents will be uploaded to www.directionofconflict.org/what-we-do on 28 June. My Communique no. 1 of 19 April 2019 on the decision to prosecute 'Soldier F' is also there.

Those who are not on the internet can request printed copies of the Public Benefit Notice and article no. 7 from me. (A small charge may need to be made to cover printing costs.)

The earlier letters and articles are readily available from my website for those who would like a more academic treatment of the subjects raised.

Notes for Correspondents

Responses/questions invited to me at: consultant@directionofconflict.org for written reply. If I cannot reply to all individually, I will try to answer common points raised on my website.

The lack of any telephone number is deliberate. The sponsor prefers written to oral communication outside of a public audience.

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