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## Editorial

### *‘An Act of War’*

Recent action by Gen. Martin Dempsey, Chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, should remind us that it is not just the threat of extermination by economic genocide that we face. The Obama Administration, in line with the British oligarchs who sponsor it, continues to press forward for regime change in Syria—an “act of war” that puts us on a path to thermonuclear extinction, if it is not stopped.

General Dempsey, who is on record as opposing such a confrontation ever since the Obama-British-French atrocity in Libya, clarified the matter in his responses to challenges from the Senate Armed Service Committee. In a July 19 letter outlining five military options for the U.S. in Syria, Dempsey concluded:

“All of these options would likely further the narrow military objective of helping the opposition and placing more pressure on the regime. We have learned from the past 10 years, however, that it is not enough to simply alter the balance of military power without careful consideration of what is necessary in order to preserve a functioning state. We must anticipate and be prepared for the unintended consequences of our action. . . .

“I know that the decision to use force is not one that any of us takes lightly. It is no less than an *act of war*. As we weigh our options, we should be able to conclude with some confidence that the use of force will move us toward the intended outcome. We must also understand risk—not just to our forces, but to our other global responsibilities. This is especially critical as we lose readiness due to budget cuts and fiscal uncertainty. Some options may not be feasible in time or cost without compromising our security elsewhere. Once we take action, we should be prepared for what comes next.

Deeper involvement is hard to avoid. We should also act in accordance with the law, and to the extent possible, in concert with our allies and partners to share the burden and solidify the outcome” (emphasis added).

Cries of outrage from lunatic warhawks like Sen. John McCain, and Obama Administration repeated assertions of its intent to support the jihadi Syrian opposition have followed Dempsey’s statements. And there are reports that Congressional opposition to arming the rebels is beginning to crumble.

Clearly, many in Congress are content to sit back and let the Administration once again violate the U.S. Constitution by making a unilateral decision to go to war.

Noted journalist Marvin Kalb warned of just that in a July 19 op-ed in the *Washington Post*. Obama “now sits like a European monarch of old, in command of his own all-volunteer army and in total charge of the nation’s foreign agenda,” wrote Kalb. Obama can get away with this because, “Sadly, Congress has become largely irrelevant in making and executing” U.S. foreign policy.

“For this and other reasons,” Kalb warns, “we would not be shocked if, say, Obama went on television tonight and announced that he had decided to bomb Damascus, set up ‘no-fly’ zones near Jordan and Turkey and send a limited number of Marines to turn the tide of battle and help the rebels defeat Bashar al-Assad.”

What Kalb doesn’t say is that the consequences of such action, are to put us on a fast track to thermonuclear confrontation with Russia.

Could there be a more compelling reason why Obama and his controllers must be crushed now, starting with passing Glass-Steagall?