

Netanyahu to Biden: “Well, you dropped the atom bomb.”

Opinion by John LaForge

Israel’s ghastly genocidal destruction of Gaza drags on and is horrifyingly clear for all to see. The Israeli Defense Forces’ criminal mass murder is so blatant and unabashed that in December last year, even U.S. President Joe Biden challenged Israel’s Prime Minister Netanyahu. Speaking to an audience of campaign donors in Washington, D.C., including a former president of AIPAC, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, Biden said Israel was “starting to lose support by the indiscriminate bombing that takes place.”

According to Philip Weiss at mondoweiss.net, Biden went on to say that when speaking with Netanyahu himself, the Israeli leader justified the mass attacks by reminding Biden of U.S. massacres. Biden reportedly said to the donors:

“It was pointed out to me — I’m being very blunt with you all — it was pointed out to me — by Bibi [Benjamin Netanyahu] — that ‘Well, you carpet bombed Germany. You dropped the atom bomb. A lot of civilians died.’”

Such a face-to-face plastering of U.S. hypocrisy by a head-of-state is unheard of. Netanyahu’s smug spanking of a sitting U.S. president over U.S. massacres at Hiroshima and Nagasaki was absolutely unprecedented.

Netanyahu’s mass killing has garnered him an arrest warrant from the International Criminal Court, yet that stinging global stigma is hardly enough of a condemnation in view of the 42,000 civilians his government has killed in Gaza. Netanyahu’s grizzly indiscriminate bombardment of schools, hospitals, churches, mosques, apartment buildings, open markets, and other civilian gathering points is such an open-and-shut case of criminal war-making, that

only blindly obedient sycophants or collaborators can imagine any rationalization of it.

Bibi’s point in slapping Biden in the face with “you dropped the atom bomb” is that President Truman and his administration claimed to have “saved lives” by killing 210,000 civilians at Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The guilt-ridden, self-righteous absurdity of Truman’s claim has always been clear to historians and outside observers. Dorothy Day, Albert Camus, and others immediately condemned the atomic bombings for what they were. Nothing excuses mass destruction of innocent non-combatants. Regardless of the circumstances, deliberately indiscriminate attacks on civilians and civilian objects have been a violation of universal laws of war since 1907.

The truth-telling thrown at Biden is that the United States of Amnesia has no moral authority to brandish, no superior standing of any kind from which to condemn Israeli atrocities or bemoan its multiple massacres in Gaza. Regardless of the IDF’s unjustified, unlawful, and criminal murder of civilians there, U.S. military action in WWII, in Korea, in Southeast Asia, in Afghanistan, and in Iraq, in Abu Ghraib, CIA Black Sites, and at Guantanamo Bay, has permanently erased any claim the U.S. government ever had as a defender of human rights or the so-called rules-based order.

Our U.S. high school history books’ vision of the U.S. as a “shining city on a hill” was always a fiction that drew groans from Native American



Rally outside the U.S. Capitol to protest Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s visit. Photo: Associated Press.

descendants of genocidal U.S. Army raids of the 1800s, and from African American descendants of 300 years of slavery.

No wonder Netanyahu punched Biden in the nose. The U.S. has never even acknowledged the criminality of killing Japanese civilians in order to save soldiers’ lives, much less apologized for it. Yet for Netanyahu to call Biden a fraud is an indirect admission that his government has adopted the murderous metrics of historical U.S. militarism and made them its own. Massacres are just as criminal in Gaza as they were in Hiroshima and Nagasaki.



Are We at War with Russia? Stop Nuclear Threats!

By Mary Beaudoin

Just when we believed that the terrible, grinding U.S./NATO proxy war in Ukraine was winding down, the Biden Administration surprised us with an escalation. On November 20, Ukraine fired six U.S. long-range ballistic missiles into Russia. These Made-in America weapons are called Army Tactical Missile Systems (their clever acronym, ATACMS, is pronounced “At-tack ’em”, as though daring their use).

President Putin had warned in September that if NATO agreed to strikes deeper inside Russia, it’s at war. Russia revised its nuclear policy to say that even if non-nuclear states, when backed by nuclear states, fired long-range missiles inside Russia, it could trigger a nuclear response. Most people did not anticipate U.S./NATO taking the risk.

The expertise of U.S. personnel is required for the operation of ATACMS. The *Washington Post* reported that the U.S. and its European allies maintain the coordinates to fire them. Former UN Weapons Inspector Scott Ritter concludes, as Putin warned, that “the decision to allow Ukraine to use ATACMS missiles in Kursk leaves no doubt that the U.S. is a direct party to the invasion and occupation of Russian soil by NATO-proxy Ukrainian forces. In short, the U.S. is now at war with Russia.”

Joining the escalation, Ukraine fired a barrage of its British-French long range Storm Shadow/ SCALP cruise missiles striking inside Russia. Thus, both

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Pine Gap Readies for U.S. Nuclear War

With Australians still adjusting to the new AUKUS military agreement, the United States has been quietly expanding and refocusing its satellite surveillance base at Pine Gap, preparing to attack China with nuclear weapons.

By Peter Cronau

The rapid expansion of the Pine Gap satellite surveillance base near Alice Springs, Australia from 35 to 45 satellite dishes, is designed to give the U.S. the edge in a potential nuclear war with China.

Where desert oaks and spinifex tufts once baked in the Central Australian sun, three new white domes have mushroomed in a 14-hectare clearing along the western edge of the U.S.’s ‘most important surveillance base’ in the world.

Under huge plastic radomes, three of Pine Gap’s new satellite dishes have been built to receive information from a new generation of U.S. spy satellites that bring a heightened level of surveillance of China’s nuclear missile launch sites at a time of increasing confrontation between China and the U.S. and its allies.

Thermal imaging satellites presently used by the Pine Gap base are able to detect rocket and missile launches in the battlefields of Gaza and Ukraine, as I have earlier reported, but the greatest interest of the new satellite dishes at the base are missile launches from China.

A new generation of ‘eyes-in-the-sky,’ known as Overhead Persistent InfraRed (OPIR) satellites, will soon be launched by the U.S. military to augment the existing satellites of the Space-Based Infrared System (SBIRS). These satellites are designed to detect the thermal signatures of rocket and missile launches, using immensely sensitive infrared sensors.

The Rush to Catch Up

The U.S. Defense Department’s ‘Space Force’ is poised to launch five new ballistic missile early

warning infrared sensor tracking satellites. The first launch had been planned for 2025, but technical difficulties have seen it delayed until 2026. Three of the five new OPIR satellites will go into geostationary orbit at 35,000 kilometers altitude over the equator and two will orbit the poles.

The new Pine Gap dishes will use these OPIR satellites acting as ‘spotters’ to better detect heat signatures from ballistic missiles at the earliest stages of launch, to then send this data to low orbit tracking satellites, which aim to guide the targeting of the launch locations and of the incoming missiles.

They will aim to defeat the latest hi-tech maneuverable ballistic and hypersonic missiles which have been developed by China and Russia. As Declassified Australia reported in depth in 2022, the U.S. has no present infallible defense against hypersonic missiles, which can reach speeds of 12,500 kilometers per hour and carry either conventional or nuclear warheads.

Lacking any defense against the new missiles, developing new surveillance satellites therefore became urgent.

It became evident to U.S. military planners that the older SBIRS satellites were not up to dealing with the advanced hypersonic missiles — developing new surveillance satellites therefore became urgent.

As the new satellites were being developed to face the new hypersonic threat, new satellite dishes and electronics on the ground were also needed. That’s why they need to upgrade Pine Gap.

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