

WAS WORLD WAR II WORTH IT?

This time maybe Pat J. Buchanan really has gone off the deep end.

Buchanan questions whether the freeing of all of Western Europe, Northern Europe including Denmark, Greece and Italy were worth it because we could not simultaneously destroy Stalin.

Buchanan, an isolationist, suggests that defeating Hitler, saving Europe and England and destroying the worst tyrant in history was meaningless because Stalin triumphed.

The ignorant Buchanan (or does he deliberately mislead people) forgets that Stalin would have been a *tour de force* no matter what we did. Once the Russian people aroused from their slumber and defeated Hitler in the East, it was only a matter of reality that the Soviet Union was going to control Eastern Europe. Historical revisionists would like to blame the iron curtain on a weak Churchill and Roosevelt at the Yalta Conference. Nothing can be further from the truth. Yalta was merely a recognition of where the allied troops were going to end up at war's end. We gave nothing to Stalin and the Soviet Union that they had not already conquered.

Once Hitler attacked Stalin, the allied forces were joined in a historic struggle to save Western civilization including all of the traditional allies of the United States, including England.

Buchanan really unmasks himself when he says, "Why destroy Hitler?" Buchanan blames the United States for drawing Hitler into Western Europe. Buchanan, flush with his own paranoia and blindness, forgets Hitler wanted to take over the world which of course meant Europe, England, Eastern Europe, the Soviet Union, Asia and North Africa. Hitler would stop at nothing to destroy Western civilization while

Buchanan will stop at nothing to rewrite history in his own distorted image.

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