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Letters to the Editor

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Dear Sir,

While arguably many blunders in U.S. policy in the last 20 years - even 60, to include the overthrow of Mossedegh in the 50s - the biggest one of all: the U.S. intervention in the European Civil War in 1916, a/k/a WW I - as suggested in this book: America's Greatest Blunder.

In stark contrast, may I suggest, the wisdom of the European powers, in particular the U.K., to decline to intervene forcibly in the equivalent Civil War on the North American Continent, 1861-5.

Thus, in contrast to Simpson's conclusion, today's conflict in the Middle East needs to be understood as an extension of the French Revolution and, in turn, its extensions, Napoleon's ambitions, and those of his 20th c. acolyte, Hitler, as well as the policies, since the end of WW II, of the European experiment in North America, more commonly referred to as the United States.

Not to say that the European experiment in North America shouldn't recognize its contribution to the mess in the Middle East, by accepting a much larger number of refugees, as Simpson proposes. But in unleashing the forces of modernity embodied in the French Revolution, and not managing them more wisely since, Europe's states bear just as much, if not more, responsibility."

Sincerely,

Stanley Stillman

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