

## FEAR MEANS MONEY, SAYS PORTER

“Sixty-six years ago today,” said Dr. Steven Porter, independent candidate for Congress in the third district of Pennsylvania, “the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor and America was drawn into the Second World War. The terror of that day has really never abated. And the wealth gained by what President Eisenhower dubbed ‘the military industrial complex’ has been, because of that fear, in the trillions of dollars ever since—whether or not the fears have been justified.

Speaking from his home, Dr. Porter continued, “It is a great button to push, and Bush people are masters at it. But so are the legions of those in Congress *on both sides of the aisle* who are owned by the military-industrial complex. The harder the button is pushed, the more of our tax dollars goes to making war and the more campaign contributions the special-interest lackeys in Congress get from the industries awarded the lucrative defense contracts. The latest round of fear-mongering has been the now discredited claim that Iran is making nuclear weapons whose mushroom cloud will hang over our heads and the heads of our allies.

“In a very real sense, the misguided adventures of the United States in Vietnam and now in Iraq have resulted from the ability of both government and industry to promote war based on fears which in the end have proven to be unfounded. The so-called “domino effect”—which predicted that if Vietnam fell, all of Southeast Asia would become a militaristic Communist threat—turned out to be rubbish. The threat of weapons of mass destruction in the hands of Iraq similarly turned out to be little more than a prevarication. It might also be argued that the arms race of the Cold War was more about money than the protection of people.

“The reality is that America spends far more on defense than every other nation in the world combined, and that there is enough weaponry in this world to annihilate mankind many times over.

“None of which means that our guard against aggression should be down or that our military should be weak. Human beings are an irrational lot, and defense—especially in an age of nuclear madness—remains a national necessity. However, the use of fear-mongering for either political or economic ends is the worst of policies. It leads to international distrust and unnecessary war. It would be well for the electorate to bear that in mind, no matter which political party the fear monger represents.”

**Dr. Porter’s latest book is currently in production. *AMERICA’S DYING DEMOCRACY* explains why neither major party in our nation can any longer primarily serve the interests of our people. The book will be released worldwide some time in January, and it will explain *in detail* the ownership of Congress to which he alludes to in this press release.**