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DNC's message: **WAR! WAR! More WAR!**

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In record time, the Democratic Party establishment dumped Joe Biden, crowned Kamala Harris, and put on an unprecedented show-stopping convention spectacle Aug. 19-22.

Over a billion dollars was likely spent (more than \$76 million was paid to the Chicago Police Department for "overtime" and equipment). With that amount of cash, a lot can happen, and quickly.

Vice President Kamala Harris's acceptance speech summed up the core of the DNC's program. Once you strip away the platitudes and emotional appeals for a better "future," you'll find the heart of the message: war and more war.

Harris promised the Pentagon generals, bankers, and arms manufacturers, which include the artificial intelligence and high-tech companies that are floundering, that war will continue whether it's the U.S./NATO proxy war in Ukraine, the not-so-cold war on China, Venezuela, Cuba, Iran, Lebanon, Yemen and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

She stated, "As commander in chief, I will ensure America always has the strongest, most lethal fighting force in the world."

On the question of Palestine, these are Harris's direct remarks:

"I will always stand up for Israel's right to defend itself, and I will always ensure Israel has the ability to defend itself, because the people of Israel must never again face the horror that a terrorist organization called Hamas caused on Oct. 7, including unspeakable sexual violence and the massacre of young people at a music festival."

Those standing behind the curtain who crafted the DNC spectacle had hyped-up participants erupting into



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Close to 20,000 people participated in major marches called by the Coalition to March on the DNC on Monday, Aug. 19, and Thursday, Aug. 22. Actions took place all week, including a march to the Israeli Mission. Representatives of Struggle-La Lucha for Socialism marched and participated in the protests outside the convention.

chants of "USA! USA!" during Harris' presentation, mirroring a Trump MAGA rally.

Vice President Harris also proclaimed, "I promise to be a president for all Americans." But one very major voice was missing from the "all" — the Palestinian people.

The uncommitted delegates had fought for the DNC to grant just one Palestinian speaker. This included an all-night sit-in before the last day. They even promised the DNC that the message could be pre-screened. But their pleas were crushed in a city that boasts the largest Palestinian diaspora in the United States.

There was also no family of Sonia Massey to call for Black lives or to remind

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