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Like all of you receiving this mailing (who range in age from mid-90s to late teens), I've never known a time when my country wasn't either at war (declared or undeclared) or paying some client state or states to do the actual combat.

Discouraging thought, that, from the time it first occurred to me, during the Korean conflict, to today's replay with a new twist or two in Ukraine.

War is a Racket has had, as the cant phrase goes, an honored place on my bookshelf for more than half a century, the thriftstore copy in its dullish red paper wrappers easily found when I go looking for it. On many bookshelves. Millions of copies have been put in circulation since it was first published in 1935.

So I was glad when a friend emailed a pdf of it, and am glad to forward it. As applicable to today's lucrative mayhem as it was in the inter (though of course not non) bellum days when Butler wrote it.

https://www.heritage-history.com/site/hclass/secret_societies/ebooks/pdf/butler_racket.pdf

"The object in life is not to be on the side of the majority, but to escape finding oneself in the ranks of the insane." Marcus Aurelius

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