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Why Was General Pace Sacked?

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ARTICLE SYNOPSIS:

Secretary of Defense Robert Gates has announced that General Peter Pace will not be renominated to serve another term as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The official reason he gave was that, because Pace has been so intimately involved in the Iraq war which isn't going well, Senate approval of any extension would be unlikely.

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COMMENTARY:

General Pace, the first Marine to serve the nation as the Joint Chiefs Chairman, has held the post for only two years. Previously, he spent four years as the Marine Corps representative within the Joint Chiefs. In that post, he certainly was involved in the planning and execution of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq from their inception.

Secretary Gates claimed there would be a "divisive ordeal" that would not serve the nation well if General Pace were renominated. But toward the end of several reports about the high-level decision to send Pace packing, mention was made by reporters of his outspoken comments regarding homosexual practices.

During an interview conducted by the *Chicago Tribune* last March, Pace stated rather forcefully that "homosexual acts between two individuals are immoral." Adding adultery to what he considered to be immoral, he summarized, "I do not believe that the United States is well served by a policy that says it's OK to be immoral in any way." He even said that those who engage in such immoral activity are unfit for military service.

Homosexual activists and their supporters immediately claimed that the general was out of order for condemning homosexuality. But that's not what he did. He condemned activity, not a tendency toward it. Additionally, he condemned all immoral conduct. Big difference. He even stated that he supports the "Don't ask, don't tell" program that allows homosexuals to serve in the military if they keep their proclivities to themselves.

Other generals have expressed reservations about the war and haven't been sacked. Lieutenant General Douglas E. Lute, the nation's newly appointed "War Czar," publicly criticized the war effort and was not only not sacked, he was named as the first to hold this new post.

Was Peter Pace victimized by homosexuals and others who won't tolerate any condemnation of their conduct? It certainly seems so. And if that explains why he is being sent to pasture, then the nation has slid down the slippery slope of immorality much farther than most would like to admit.



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