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The Editor,

The Chronicle Herald.

Dear Editor,

Paul Schneidereit, [June 8], is at it again. His 'reading' of the facts, of the Israeli attack on the Free Gaza Flotilla and Israel's Gaza blockade, contradicts the basic facts, as identified by international and UN observers. He speaks of 'moulding the facts'. Yet, he is the one who does it in a great style. He speaks of Hamas as a terrorist organisation but says not a word about Israeli longstanding and continuing acts of state terrorism, including extra-judicial assassinations, demolitions of thousands of homes, torture, collective punishment and violation of virtually every article of the Fourth Geneva convention. The murderous attack on the Turkish boat, carrying international human rights activists bringing humanitarian aid to Gaza, in international waters, is a war crime, as defined by international law.

Mr. Schneidereit speaks of the legality of the Israeli blockade of Gaza, basing it on the example of US blockade of Cuba. Alas, the US record of compliance with international law does not bring credit to US foreign policy, be that in Cuba, Vietnam or Iraq, and can hardly be used as a measure of legality.

I think the Herald's readers deserve a fair and better interpretation of the facts.

Yours sincerely,

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