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Edward Gibbons

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A Dog-Eats-Dog World:

At another place and time, the pack of dogs chasing our jeep down the dirt road might have been considered humorous. But after a long afternoon in the field the humor was lost on the two whose legs were hanging out the back as tempting bait to the determined canine pirates.

“It’s democracy in action!” we shouted to the scrambling unfortunates as they struggled for a few more inches of distance from the teeth of the hairy mob. The driver pressed the accelerator to the maximum speed allowed by the pothole ridden road. Yet still the mob came on seemingly frantic with greed, each one trying to outdo the others for a share of the booty.

“Don’t hurt ‘em, they got rights too!” we yelled with a hearty laugh. But the intended victims weren’t amused and, having exhausted all attempts at reasoning with the mob, were now throwing threats, pleas and nabs, hoping to achieve by bribery or intimidation what reason could not.

One last time we offered our encouragement from the safety of the front seat: “Anyone want to stop and negotiate?”, we shouted. “How do you negotiate with social cannibals?” came the frantic reply. And, as if by divine intervention, in an instant, the solution was at hand. In a moment of triumph the leading dog sunk his teeth into the front tire of the jeep. The quick ‘thump-thump’ of the wheels attested to his success.

At the very moment of their imagined victory, the pack made the final plunge into social barbarism. Deprived of passive victims they fell, first upon the leader, then each other as the enlightened canine society found equality under the Law of the Jungle.

The Shadow War:

Three-fifths of the planet is covered by water, a unique medium for clandestine travel, surveillance and warfare. Despite their size, the oceans’ obviously remain strategic and hotly contested territory both politically and militarily. Which brings us to the Kursk incident which is both.

Russian spokesmen continue to maintain the nuclear submarine Kursk sank after colliding with another submarine. Demands for surveys of foreign vessels and information have been uniformly refused. The drama will presumably peak when the wreckage field is surveyed and the solution of the puzzle revealed when politically expedient. Why, after all the incidents during the “cold war”, would another incident raise such ire, or is it opportunity?

On land, we observe yet another kind of “opportunity”, this time with increasing numbers of attacks on US Border Patrol agents inside US borders by elements of the Mexican military. The Chinese too appear to be seeking opportunity if reports are correct that they are assembling intermediate range ballistic missiles in the Panama Canal Zone.

At home internal and external attacks continue on the Constitution. Elected politicians including our newest senator from New York, who have or will swear oaths to uphold the constitution, have called for an end to the electoral college. Professional politicians who do know better are intentionally thumbing their elitist noses at the stupid American public by continuing to debase our republic in name and concept by calling it a democracy. And hardly a soul recognizes the insult.

Then we have the bombing of the USS Cole in Yemen. Particularly intriguing were the conflicting reports. The explosion occurred while the USS Cole was entering the harbor,

evidently it occurred again some two hours after arrival. The “assault” vehicle was a rubber boat which amazingly grew into a larger fiberglass craft.

The variety of official stories were almost as interesting as the event itself. The photographs suggest the damage was the result of both primary and secondary detonations which were initiated at or below the water line. Looking back at the Kursk incident helps us understand why the word ‘torpedo’ might be so politically unpalatable. Even more damage has been done by the mere appearance of vulnerability.

No doubt the official US report will confirm the attack was carried out by two men in a rental boat using a homemade fertilizer bomb. The official Russian report may well include some version of the exclamation ‘Remember the Kursk!’ regardless of the language in which it was originally spoken.

The primary purpose of government is to provide for the defense of a nation and its citizens. When the military becomes irrelevant the nation is in peril. So it is for want of an oiler from the state a ship and crew are placed in peril. For lack of a ballot, the ship of state flounders. In the best tradition of Sun Tsu does the word ‘destabilization’ come to anyone’s mind?

The Elections:

The year 2000 election gives renewed meaning to the term “choose your own poison.” As expected, the presidential choice narrowed down to the greater and lesser of two evils. What a deal. Assuming there is a new one, we get to substitute a president who won’t tell the truth for a president who can’t tell the truth. Regardless of the final electoral vote tally there is absolutely no question about the outcome. That is, the only people who “won” the election are the “fellow travelers” that selected the candidates. And we can be absolutely certain that the votes will be counted as many times as necessary until the we get the *right* answer.

“Those who cast the votes decide nothing. Those who count the votes decide everything.” Josef Stalin

Perhaps two key points are worth remembering. The first is that regardless of superficial differences, both candidates were selected because they support the concept of a socialist world government under a US dominated United Nations. If that were not so they would never have made it to the ballot.

A second point can be derived from the massive and obviously orchestrated program of election fraud throughout the states. That is, any dirty, underhanded, subversive deed is justified if it will ensure that a certain candidate(s) will prevail. Immorality is so infused into the political arena that camp followers everywhere are willing to do whatever it takes, even sell their souls, to make sure the entire nation gets what they deserve. The hundreds of thousands of military personnel throughout the world denied the opportunity to vote no doubt appreciate the coordinated efforts required to ensure the late arrival of their absentee ballots.

Despite the feigned sincerity of the candidates, the potential for increasing social and political turmoil is tremendous. It doesn’t have to be that way; there are mechanisms in place to ensure order in the electoral process. As evidenced by the continued distortions of the media and the meaningless court challenges of the candidates, we conclude that the confusion, or apparent chaos, must be intentional and by consent of both parties. Once again we reflect that to acquire the ‘benefits’ of a globalist society we must first have chaos... and a degree of terror

sufficient to compel decent citizens to give up the virtues essential to a republic [morality, honesty, honor, trust].

No matter which of the two enlightened Trilateralist/CFR politicians manages to steal the White House their primary goal will be to lead America by any means to a socialist utopia. Once there, citizens will have no need for the classical education which informs them that the perfect society, the 'utopia' popularized by Sir Thomas More is derived from the Greek words for "no where". Once the sheep learn the true nature of their destination, they will no longer have the means or will to resist.

Gun Control Insights:

Perhaps the most remarkable commentary on the issue of gun control was recently published by the Jews For The Preservation of Firearms Ownership web site [www.jpfo.org]. The article is entitled "Raging Against Self-Defense: A Psychiatrist Examines The Anti-Gun Mentality" written by Sarah Thompson, M.D. The article presents a fascinating and scholarly look into the mental, or emotional defense mechanisms of anti-gun advocates which limit their ability to make rational decisions regarding firearms use and ownership. Similarly, readers might learn something about why some gun owners fail to comprehend and react to the threat of confiscation in a constructive manner.

Such "problems", explains the author, do not constitute mental illness but nonetheless may involve an unhealthy distortion of reality which poses a threat to our personal security and freedom. If you review only one article on preserving firearms rights, read this one.

"There are two things necessary for the people's defense: to be forewarned and to be forearmed... for the listing of soldiers and taking up of arms after the blow is given is too late..." Thomas Hobbes

Second Chances:

Many have become impatient, wondering why "something" has not yet happened, something which polarizes the nation and which justifies massive, inconvenient preparation for national and international chaos. Y2K didn't do it although *somebody* built *their* secret places; fully stocked bunkers to which *they* could retreat when disaster strikes. Obviously *they* knew something that justified billions for the construction of over half a hundred secure and fully stocked *government* bunkers.

Perhaps the massive election fraud will do it. More likely, nothing short of a nuclear attack will stimulate awareness in the minds of most Americans. In times of abundance, apathy, a disease of the mind, is generally not recognized as a terminal condition. Throughout history it has always been the mentally aware, thinking minority which has anticipated, prepared for, and survived hard times.

Providence dictates that the affairs of men go slowly. If it were not so no one would have foresight to see the trend or the time to prepare. Our greatest problem is to avoid being lulled into complacency. The assault on our republic is unceasing and a physical struggle appears inevitable. Once major changes begin there will be no returning to "good" times, no relief, scant opportunity for re-supply, and absolutely no second chance.

Thank God it takes so long for tyranny to mature... it takes years to prepare. Yes, there is a constitutional crisis brewing but its not over this election. It will center around the question of whether our constitutional republic and inalienable rights will survive at all, not who is selected to paint the White House pink. The signs are inescapable; the lunatics are running the asylum. Who among you has the gumption, foresight and the wisdom to continue doing what you know needs be done?

The Witching Hour:

Not unexpectedly, with the pending election, the oft discussed possibilities for an October "surprise" failed to materialize. However, given the internal political turmoil and external tensions, the waning days and hours of the Clinton presidency are rife with opportunity for massive mischief. Little remains but a contemptible caricature of a president and an administration of degenerates desperate to leave some legacy other than of political and moral corruption.

In large part owing to the ineptitude and depravity of what passes as leadership in the United States many parts of the world lie at the precipice of war. Clinton's government has alienated the world, making America the target of international terrorism. Russia and China practice nuclear blackmail with impunity. We respond by manipulating our allies by bribery, extortion and intimidation. Our military technology and nuclear secrets have become political commodities. Our southern borders with Mexico are in turmoil with budding conflict and invasion. Our armed forces are at a deplorable level of readiness, demoralized and scattered over 141 countries. No doubt with a sense of foreboding, competent military command and technical staff are leaving the service in record numbers.

As our military fades into the shadow of a New World Army, supplanted by an unconstitutional National Police Force, we note with a sense of foreboding the October 6th takeover of FEMA by Janet Reno and the so-called Department of Justice. As observers to the inexorable cycle of nations perhaps our most difficult challenge is to retain a sense of balance, perspective and patience. We are moving toward a different world, not a "New World Order" but an Old World Disorder of tyranny and dictatorship.

We can, however, take a great deal of comfort, not only in our faith and preparation, but in our understanding that the lawful solution for internal sedition is to be found plainly written in the owners manual for the republic. In the final witching hours of the Clinton presidency it might be a good idea not to stray far from our shovels.

"We live in a place where there is no mercy for the weak or second chances for the defenseless." Prime Minister Barak of Israel, October 8, 2000.

GENERAL CUSTER'S LAST THOUGHTS

Certain Consequences

We can only speculate about the final moments and thoughts of General Armstrong Custer. Few Indians would talk and the lone US army survivor from the Battle of the Little Bighorn, a horse, could not. An establishment historian might suggest that Custer may have recalled the words of Colonel John Gibbon as he departed the cavalry landing point on the Yellowstone, leading his column of the 7th Cavalry toward the Rosebud:

“Now, don’t be greedy, Custer, as there are Indians enough for all of us.”

But Custer was an arrogant SOB with an immense ego, desperate for battlefield glory. The expedition against the Sioux was a tremendous political opportunity. The Democratic leadership in Washington was looking for a strong, popular hero to run for president in the upcoming election. Custer was determined to win the endorsement. In 1876 as now, the politics of power pre-empted reason, treaties, the Constitution, and the interests of the people and the country in general. And, of course, there was gold to be had in the Black Hills.

Unknown to Custer, camped on the Little Bighorn was probably the largest concentration of Indians ever assembled during the Indian wars. These were not simply Indians gathering for a summer social; almost constantly provoked, they were ready for war. Commanding General Alfred Terry, as well as his subordinates, Colonels Custer and Gibbon, didn’t just blindly march into a military disaster by accident. There were clues enough; they chose to ignore them.

The army knew that the Indians were arming at an alarming rate, acquiring ‘modern’ rifles at every opportunity, focusing on new mobile [cavalry] tactics, and well-motivated to fight. Crow and Arikaras scouts warned the Cavalry that the huge trail they were following indicated a tremendous gathering of hostile Indians. Bloody Knife, an Arikaras scout, reportedly warned Custer personally that there were more Sioux in the area than the soldiers had bullets. In response Terry irresponsibly divided his forces. Custer, over-extending his demoralized and exhausted men, expressly disobeyed orders intended to ensure security and support from the other columns. He brashly allowed his troops to leave a clear trail, telegraphing his location, size and intentions. Shortly before his assault he then re-divided his forces, trusting success to his history of remarkable luck and an overabundance of self-assurance.

At some point in the battle, as “luck” would have it, Custer found himself and his little command surrounded by all the Indians he hoped to find, and many more. In less than one hour the U.S. Army realized its most decisive defeat in the Indian wars.

Upon realizing that he had found sufficient hostiles to satisfy his political ambitions it is unlikely that Custer, or any of his command, celebrated their “luck”. Words and thoughts more likely felt or expressed in those few critical moments were likely in the form of four letter expletives. Even then, perhaps not more than a handful, with sinking comprehension belatedly realized that eventually someone would pay the price for Custer’s strategic and tactical stupidity. Those few privy to the political aims of the expedition might even have finally understood that there were sure and certain consequences associated with military exploitation for political gain and financial profit. But then it was too late.

Up to a point it must have been a grand adventure. Sponsored by political bureaucrats and implemented by military opportunists, the public at large was enamored with the crusade to rid the west of the Indian threat. The deception was easy to accept. It assured fame with minimal risk for the participants and guaranteed prosperity with minimal investment, preparation, foresight or effort to its supporters.

In ways both large and small history repeats. The campaign of our millennium by the political and military elite is nothing less than the creation of a “New World Order” through the unlawful usurpation of the old. Once again there are two rival factions. For convenience we might call them the “chiefs” and the “indians”. If you need a scorecard to tell which group you are in, you’re an “indian”, and your fate as intended by the “chiefs” is already documented by history.

Once again the mechanism of change involves a projection of both political and military force. The method of implementation has been well telegraphed: "Order out of chaos."

The trail is "huge" report our scouts. The intent and commitment of the "chiefs" has been telegraphed by their perseverance, manipulations, and deceit. They are training and arming their troops as never before, orchestrating chaos from both within and without. The envelopment action is almost complete, skirmishes are increasing, little remains except the actual execution. While some continue to negotiate, even plead, for relief even the slowest cannot deny the inexorable advancement of the enemy.

It's been a grand adventure. We've been privileged to wallow in an illusion of perpetual prosperity and engage in wild adventurism with little thought to the consequences or our responsibility. We've been irritated, but entertained by a long line of colorful generals all cast from the same mold, selected by the same power brokers, every one a "Custer" in his own way.

Sometimes its not good to get what you wish, especially if you wish for something at the expense of others. Sometimes you don't get what you wish, but you do get what's coming to you. When that moment of sinking comprehension arrives will it find you desperately writing that one last letter of pleading for your rightful birthright. Or will it find you with eyes wide open, satisfied that you have made every possible provision for the inescapable consequences of a society in decline.

"War is the evidence of the failure of men to cooperate with each other. War is the full manifestation of the natural man, man the animal, in the ultimate struggle of the survival of the fittest. Since government is religion applied to economics, war is the evidence of the failure, the bankruptcy, of man's religious, political and economic institutions." R.E. McMaster, Jr., No Time For Slaves, 1986.

THE MILLENIUM SUMMIT

Surveying The Wreckage

The much heralded UN Millennial Summit Conference and its companion World Forum meeting sponsored by the Gorbachev Foundation, was the largest meeting between heads of state and Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) representatives ever assembled in history. Over 1300 of the world's socialist elite assembled with hopes of consolidating substantially more power and influence within the political sphere of the UN. It closed on September 8th with a whimper instead of a bang.

Proposals for a world UN tax were relegated to future study. The proposal to make the Security Council more "democratic" by eliminating the veto power of members or expand its size apparently never made first base. (The biggest dog always keeps the bone.) The plan to create a standing army was warmly accepted, but without big bucks this dog will be more bark than bite. At least for the moment the monopoly on force will remain with the willing participation of member countries. Support for many other socialist causes, including environmental controls to ensure "sustainable development", creation of an International Court, and the cancellation of all third world debt among others, were reaffirmed by a 32 point United Nations Millennium Declaration. For the pragmatic, this warm fuzzy document summarizes the unrealistic goals and hollow promises of government benevolence under a totalitarian world government. For intransigent believers in mediocrity, the picture it paints of a socialist utopia beckons like a sirens song.

While the primary objectives of the Summit failed to materialize, most items were tabled, not for lack of will or intent, but for lack of finances, competing goals of the east-west globalist factions, and for want of the knowledge of how to implement these goals while maintaining the illusion of a free society. No doubt the few “rich” countries balked at adopting the most radical socialist programs. It is, after all, the financial ties-that-bind which allows them to retain a modicum of control over the direction of the United Nations.

This does not mean the lion is ready to lay down with the lamb. On September 5th, the first day of the UN Millennium Summit Conference, three UN employees were killed in Indonesia (East Timor) by rioters, an act promptly blamed on the militia which continues to obstruct UN occupation and control.

The event was immediately followed by UN demands for Indonesia to disarm and disband their uncontrollable “rogue” militias in East Timor. The stick to compel this act of sovereign suicide is the balance of \$5.5 billion promised by the IMF to bail Indonesia out of hard financial times and the threat of more UN military intervention.

Two billion in loans have already been issued yet Indonesia is not out of the grip of the Asian financial crisis. Lured into debt years ago by an IMF eager to loan Indonesia the monetary rope to hang itself, the additional funds are necessary for financial survival. The president of the World Bank has promised to turn off this financial spigot unless guaranteed certain financial and political concessions. Hence the ultimatum, crush the militias, concede to financial demands or face financial ruin.

On September 14th the South China Post reported that a defiant president claims Indonesia was set up for financial manipulation; as a sovereign country they cannot accept UN intervention. Further, claims Indonesia, the killings were part of international conspiracy aimed at discrediting the country and timed to politically humiliate the president of Indonesia who was conveniently attending the Millennium Summit.

Indonesia, like other states before it, demonstrates the pattern for UN “peacekeeping” and the methodology for achieving political conformity with the globalist agenda. That is, implementation of a systematic application of financial, covert and overt military intervention to force capitulation of Indonesia into the globalist “society” and not so incidentally, ensure the destruction of independent militia in that country.

We need look no further than the recent intervention in Kosovo to speculate about how much more efficient these transitions could be arranged with a UN monopoly on military force. While that is the intended purpose of a permanent UN army, we can probably agree that the cooperative military efforts of oppressor nations has been fairly effective in imposing their internationalist will on isolated nations.

The Millennium Summit may have stumbled in realizing its objectives, but make no mistake, the program for world socialization is firmly in place.

“Statism destroys individuality and freedom to choose. Its only method is force. One degree of force invariably leads to another until rivers of blood result. The Creator required the blood of one Man to atone for the misdeeds of many, thereby bringing

peace to all. Statists require the blood of millions, and yet they are never satisfied. This is another hallmark of the statist religion – insatiable blood-lust.” www.thewinds.org

“WHY DID IT HAVE TO BE ... GUNS? By L. Neil Smith

The following is an excellent article by author L. Neil Smith [www.webleyweb.com/lneil] which talks about trust. Talk show host Steve Quayle quite correctly notes that the trigger, play on words, in this country is the second amendment. With elections only a few weeks off the issue hits to the heart of the issues at hand. Remember: not simply “grabbing” guns, their “grabbing” power. The article begins:

“Over the past 30 years, I’ve been paid to write almost two million words, every one of which, sooner or later, came back to the issue of guns and gun-ownership. Naturally, I’ve thought about the issue a lot, and it has always determined the way I vote.

People accuse me of being a single-issue voter, but it isn’t true. What I’ve chosen, in a world where there’s never enough time and energy, is to focus on the one political issue which most clearly and unmistakably demonstrates what any politician – or political philosophy – is made of, right down to the creamy liquid center.

Make no mistake: all politicians – even those ostensibly on the side of guns and gun ownership – hate the issue and anyone, like me, who insists on bringing it up. They hate it because it’s an X-ray machine. It’s a Vulcan mind-meld. It’s the ultimate test to which any politician – or political philosophy – can be put.

If a politician isn’t perfectly comfortable with the idea of his average constituent, any man, woman, or responsible child, walking into a hardware store and paying cash – for any rifle, shotgun, handgun, machine gun, *anything* – without producing ID or signing one scrap of paper, he isn’t your *friend* no matter what he tells you.

If he isn’t genuinely enthusiastic about his average constituent stuffing that weapon into a purse or pocket or tucking it under a coat and walking home without asking anybody’s permission, he’s a four-flusher, no matter what he claims.

What his attitude – toward your ownership and use of weapons – conveys is his real attitude about you. And if he doesn’t trust *you*, they why in the name of John Moses Browning should you trust him?

If he doesn’t want you to have the means of defending your life, do you want him in a position to control it?

If he makes excuses about obeying a law he’s sworn to uphold and defend – the highest law in the land, the Bill of Rights – do you want to entrust him with *anything*?

If he ignores you, sneers at you, complains about you, or defames you, if he calls you names only he thinks are evil – like “Constitutionalist” – when you insist that he account for himself, hasn’t he betrayed his oath, isn’t he unfit to hold office, and doesn’t he really belong in *jail*?

Sure, these are all leading questions. They're the questions that led me to the issue of guns and gun ownership as the clearest and most unmistakable demonstration of what any given politician – or political philosophy – is really made of.

He may lecture you about the dangerous weirdo's out there who shouldn't have a gun – but what does that have to do with you? Why in the name of John Moses Browning should you be made to suffer for the misdeeds of others? Didn't you lay aside the infantile notion of group punishment when you left public school – or the military? Isn't it an essentially European notion, anyway – Prussian, maybe – and certainly not what America was supposed to be all about?

And if there are dangerous weirdo's out there, does it make sense to deprive you of the means of protecting yourself from them? Forget about those other people, those dangerous weirdo's, this is about you, and it has been all along.

Try it yourself: if a politician won't trust you, why should you trust him? If he's a man – and you're not – what does his lack of trust tell you about his real attitude toward women? If "he" happens to be a woman, what makes her so perverse that she's eager to render her fellow women helpless on the mean and seedy streets her policies helped create? Should you believe her when she says she wants to help you by imposing some infantile group health care program on you at the point of the kind of gun she doesn't want you to have?

On the other hand – or the other party – should you believe anything politicians say who claim they stand for freedom, but drag their feet and make excuses about repealing limits on your right to own and carry weapons? What does this tell you about their real motives for ignoring voters and ramming through one infantile group trade agreement after another with other countries?

Makes voting simpler, doesn't it? You don't have to study every issue – health care, international trade – all you have to do is use this X-ray machine, this Vulcan mind-meld, to get beyond their empty words and find out how politicians really feel. About you. And that, of course, is why they hate it.

But isn't it true?"

End of Neil article

"And it came to pass, when our enemies heard that it was known unto us, and God had brought their counsel to nought, that we returned all of us to the wall, every one unto his work. And it came to pass from that time forth, that the half of my servants wrought in the work, and the other half of them held both the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the habergeons; and the rulers were behind all the house of Judah. They which builded on the wall, and they that bare burdens, with those that laded, every one with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other hand held a weapon. For the builders, every one had his sword girded by his side, and so builded. And he that sounded the trumpet was by me. And I said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, The work is great and large, and we are separated upon the wall, one far from another. In what place therefore ye hear the sound of the trumpet, resort ye thither unto us: our God shall fight for us." Nehemiah 4: 15-20 KJV.

MAKING CHRISTMAS MERRY

By Brian Keith

Long before most of us made our last turkey sandwich from the Thanksgiving leftovers the North Carolina Citizens Militia, Mountain Division, 44th Regiment, 1st Company were making preparations to ensure that needy children had a merry Christmas.

For the seventh year in a row, Jeremy Davis coordinated the even and said “it’s a whole lot of hard work and costs us a lot of money, but if you could see these kids with their toys on Christmas morning smiling from ear to ear you would understand why we put so much effort into this program”.

The 44th Regiment, 1st Company starts making the preparations for the toy drives in August. Amy Honaker said “we don’t just provide toys, we provide a complete Christmas with food and clothing”. The exact number of families that will be provided for is not known at the time of this writing. Jeremy Davis said “we expect to help at least 40 families this year”.

The North Carolina Citizens Militia could not make this Christmas miracle a reality if not for all the public support they receive. This year we would like to thank a few of the businesses that made our toy drive a roaring success. Special thanks to the Daily Bread Café, W-K Fabrics, Carvers Cloth Shop, Blue Ridge Pawn and Gun, Waynesville Supply, the Waynesville Police Department, Sovereign Grace Baptist Church, Dave’s Home Repair, Ed’s Painting and Pressure Washing, and Great Smoky Mountain Graphix. All of these businesses are located in Haywood County and we would like to ask our readers to let them know that they are appreciated. We would also like to thank all the other units throughout the state of North Carolina for making our seventh annual Christmas drive a reality.

If you would like to make a donation please contact:

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End of Keith Article

CAROLINA SOCIALISTS ON THE MARCH

Bonfire For The Fourth In Gaston County

“The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated; and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched and the persons or things to be seized.” Fourth Amendment

As reported in several news articles, on Tuesday, September 5th, the Gaston County school board voted unanimously to authorize random searches of cars belonging to high-school students who park their vehicles on school [public] property. It bears repeating, these that these are *random* searches, conducted without suspicion, cause or warrant. The purpose is to

find and confiscate drugs, guns, alcohol, tobacco products and presumably whatever else those who so casually debase the law decide to criminalize.

Regardless of the almost negligible threat, the justification is, of course, the [physical] safety of the *children*. Presumably little attention was given to the much more serious threat to the children, that is, the safety of their inalienable God-given rights articulated in the Constitution.

“Necessity is the plea for every infringement of human liberty; it is the argument of tyrants; it is the creed of slaves.” William Pitt

In the March/April issue of the CFP we alerted North Carolina citizens of the new children’s “create-a-snitch” political indoctrination program called Working Against Violence Everywhere (WAVE) program. If you’ve forgotten, you better read it again. The article warns about the continuing encroachment of socialist indoctrination in our public schools and notes the progressive nature of this political subversion.

Unfortunately, most Carolina parents just don’t get it.

Not so many years ago we entrusted our children to the school system, confident they would learn by lesson and example the responsibilities of citizenship, the importance of character, the nature of our republic, and of the natural and God-given rights documented in our Constitution. Unfortunately, they’re learning by hearing and seeing. The more intelligent will hear the faint sound of goosesteps in the halls; those willing to see will recognize the erosion of the Republic and their inalienable rights firsthand.

While unspoken, the Board might just as well said “to Hell with literacy, mathematics and history, lets teach them political correctness, submissiveness, and subversion”. Make no mistake, this act is no less than a betrayal of our uniquely American heritage and values. In exchange for some tiny bit of ephemeral security, these “enlightened” leaders in their ideological and intellectual arrogance are doing their bit to stifle liberty in America. In doing so they are implementing what Diane Alden has aptly termed a “tyranny of little minds”

Two hundred and some years ago real Americans went to war over such radical ideas as the right to privacy, the security of persons and possessions, and arrests and seizures without probable cause. Many colonial “Americans” of the time were more inclined to cling to the security of a tyrant over the discipline of the law and liberty. They were called Loyalists or Tories. Their decedents are still with us today, in Gaston County.

Where, we ask, more than anywhere else in America, should the natural, Constitutionally guaranteed rights of all citizens be taught and respected than on public property? If not there, where? Where will it end, when will the “do-gooders” find nothing else to take away from students? They’ve taken their pride, almost every vestige of privacy, encouraged immorality and denied them a basic knowledge of civics. As they now move to revoke the inalienable rights to privacy and property will they also submit to such invasion? And if such invasion is warranted for a little security, is it not but a short step more to the doorsteps of our homes?

The search for security and “justice” which recognizes no limits should scare the Hell out of us as well as our children. Our conclusion is inescapable. If they are to avoid the inexorable outcome of pervasive socialist indoctrination our children are no longer safe in public schools.

“... truth is the best propaganda in time of war.” War Through The Ages, Lynn Montross, 1960.

BARNYARD FABLES #42

The Skirmish

“Just git that crazy militia notion outta your head, Jerry”, stated Rosie matter of factly. “If”, she continued, “you’d quit hangin’ round them Birds maybe you’d stay outta trubble.”

Giving the sleek Rooster a peck, Rosie concluded “You hurry back with that Indian corn fer the dance and we’ll see about that dosey-doe... but you better stay outta trubble!” she shouted at his feathered rump.

Mindlessly shuffling off toward the barnyard his cold-blooded heart seemed to freeze as he heard the question materialize in his consciousness.

“Of course you know about sustainable development”, said the Fox pacing him a few yards to the left, “It’s the new rule that says since there’s lots of you Birds, and too few of us deprived Foxes, you owe me a living”, he continued matter of factly.

“We can discuss a donation next week”, replied Jerry as he nervously picked up the pace.

“No need to waste time negotiating”, said the Fox, “In this here new social order every body got a job... yours is victim”, salivated the Fox as he broke into a run sure of his quarry.

“Give up Rooster, four legs beats two every day of the week”, panted Fox bounding over the bog at the feed trough.

“Ain’t worth yer trouble,” puffed Jerry. “Even if ya catch me you’ll be too tired to eat”, he grunted as he leaped across the hay feeder to a slam dunk in a puddle.

Mere minutes into the convoluted chase a frantic Bird and a determined Fox each screeched to a stop facing each other across an empty barnyard.

“Thank you for your donation”, grinned the Fox sensing a moment of capitulation, triumph gleaming through his steady eyes.

“Snap!” clicked a frozen thought behind the beady eyes of the Bird suddenly understanding the true character of the natural Predator. “I suppose”, Jerry panted to the Fox, “that any appeal to your good nature would be a waste of breath?”

“Let’s get it done!”, barked the Fox, jaws wide, dashing across the barnyard.

“Awwwwk!”, crowed Jerry with new determination and a gleam in his eye, as he raced across the clearing, a brown streak, straight as an arrow and drawing a deep breath....

“Thock!” came the sound of the collision as the sounds of Animals thrashing drew a curious crowd to the ball of fur and feathers dancing around the barnyard.

“Ahhhh,” gasped Jerry a few minutes later as he was pulled from the limp Fox. “Stopped by the wishbone”, he croaked to the amazed Flock.

“No wishin’ about it, Jerry,” observed an Old Bird. “That sly ol’ Fox committed suicide, bit off more than he could chew and choked to death on his own ambition.”

“Thank goodness you wasn’t part of that ruckus down at the barnyard today, Jerry”, declared Rosie to the returning Bird, “See what you can do if you just go along to git along?”

“...never allow an enemy to fight in a situation of his own choosing; use whatever tactics necessary to throw them off balance.” Louis L’Amour, *The Rider of Lost Creek*.

BOOK REVIEW

The Road To Guilford Courthouse

Written by John Buchanan and published by John Wiley & Sons in 1997 [ISBN 0-471-32716-6] “The Road To Guilford Courthouse: The American Revolution In The Carolinas” is not an ordinary book. It is a verbal video of the Carolina’s of 1780 and 1781. It’s principal task is to describe the events in the War of Independence during that brief but crucial period of history. But it’s much more than a documentary. Buchanan describes the people, the society, the political and social climate of the period. He relates each to the military conflict lending meaning to the perils, sacrifices and triumphs of the men and women who, willing or unwilling, were participants in the conflict.

Some might consider the book a tedious read, filled with unnecessary detail about family histories and cultural backgrounds. Yet, it is this detail that lends color and character to the description of the times. Those who have seen Mel Gibson’s’ movie “The Patriot”, will recognize key leaders, localities and battles, and identify with the moments and mood of the period. Reviewers of both will appreciate both the artistic license of the movie and its dramatic parallels with historical fact described in the book.

Quoting from Frederick P. Bowes in “The Culture of Early Charleston”, Buchanan begins with the campaign for the control of Charleston. Early on we get a glimpse the complex economic, social and emotional motivations which led the prosperous Charleston merchant class to resist British domination. It was a concept of self-worth and self-respect which had grown of necessity out of the need for self-reliance to become embraced by all classes of Carolina society.

“Theirs was an intellectual decision, founded on their concepts of right and honor and the best interests of their class. Proud, cultivated, sensitive, they could not tolerate interference or accept the inferior status imposed on them by the British government. Rather than submit to this indignity they resolved to take up arms, fortified in their minds with the conviction that they were defending the inestimable Rights of Life, Liberty, and property.”

“The Road To Guilford Courthouse” is a story of war but not just between organized armies. It was in large part also a brutal civil war between the British sympathizers, the Tory militia, and the American “Rebels” which the author maintains was unsurpassed in history for brutality. Through Buchanan’s eyes we become witnesses to the bloody battles fought at Kings Mountain, Ramseur’s Mill, Cowpens, Guilford Courthouse, and the siege of Charleston. We are privy to dozens if not hundreds of deadly skirmishes, often between an unbalanced mix of regular and

militia troops fought at distances of tens rather than hundreds of feet, or hand-to-hand in conditions and situations which would strain the mettle of soldiers of any period in history.

Buchanan describes a struggle of profound proportion to the citizens of our Carolinas. He characterizes the inhabitants as “hard, independent men and women, forged in the hardships of their time”. Yet the affects of war imposed almost unbearable conditions of fear and privation on a large segment of the population. Initially a land rich in agricultural production, in only a years time army foragers of both sides stripped the land “naked” of food and supplies.

As the struggle escalated, the British responded to Rebel resistance with the “application of terror”, placing civilian populations throughout the Carolinas in the “awful” position of victims in a protracted guerilla war. Burning homes, seizing and looting property, leaving civilians with little more than clothes on their backs, the British and their Hessian mercenaries participated in “tireless plundering and mistreatment of civilians”.

Buchanan offers numerous insights into the disposition, floundering, vacillation and sometimes brilliant and heroic leadership on both sides of the struggle. For the British he cites their staunch determination, loyalty and stoicism in battle. He admires the tactical precision and discipline which intimidated the population and Rebel militia alike.

The men who made up the Rebel militia Buchanan describes as “belligerent, loyal, bigoted, valiant, crude and tough.” Independent minded to a fault, they were “largely unorganized, undisciplined and inexperienced”. They fought as they pleased, furnished their own clothes, equipment, and arms and provided for own re-supply. They carried virtually no camp equipment, living off the land, depending on chance for their provisions and fought without any expectation of payment. The men of the militia were “not regulars and never would be” explains Buchanan. They resisted attempts to train and discipline them and, unlike continental soldiers, required explanation and approval prior to battle.

Yet for all their faults, the American militia were tenacious and determined fighters, at home in the woods, practiced marksmen, and well schooled in Indian fighting techniques. Organized and unorganized militia leaders alike cursed their shortcomings. The militia were always too few, too unreliable, and fearfully undisciplined, but they were of inestimable value.

“No matter what a militia’s officer’s rank, he could not give an order to other officers, especially from other regiments and counties, and expect unquestioned obedience. They were citizen soldiers, and they brought to war their civilian way of doing things. Consultation, persuasion, and agreement were absolutely necessary.”

The outcome we know from history; the “why” is hidden in the origins of the conflict. Buchanan provides us with an explanation of why a tenacious but unruly army composed largely of unorganized militia would prevail over elements of the best army in the world.

From the start, British general Cornwallis, faced several serious problems that could not be remedied by force of arms. First, it was a matter of allegiance, of winning hearts and minds. It was nearly impossible to determine who was loyal and who was disloyal. Moreover, given British proclivity toward arrogance and continental superiority, motivating second class citizens, the “Kings’ Friends [Tory militia] to make the stern sacrifices necessary for victory” remained somewhat less than inspirational. As Buchanan explains it:

“Physically tough the Tories might be, as inured to hardship in the field as their foes and as skillful with their weapons, yet from the beginning they had not shown in a consistent manner the moral qualities critical to a cause.”

The critical difference then was motivation, a firm belief embraced by a significant cross-section of the population that theirs was a just and moral cause. Perhaps, we might conclude that these early Carolinians, for all their jealousies, greed, and obstinacy, still stand a little taller and straighter than us if only because of their unequivocal beliefs in such archaic concepts of right and honor and willingness to stand for principle.

This is a book for the modern unorganized militia, those researching the art of war and anyone drawn to a study of the history of the Carolina's. It's about something Americans lost sometime during the last 200 years... an idea worth dying for.

“Necessity is the plea for every infringement of human liberty; it is the argument of tyrants; it is the creed of slaves.” William Pitt

IN THE WIRE

Jury Handbook:

The Citizens Rule Book is a very handy little booklet which outlines a jurors duties and responsibilities and provides valuable references to the essential documents of liberty. Everyone should own at least one. If you don't, not to worry. The problem is easily remedied by accessing the internet [www.geocities.com/Heartland/7006/rulebook.html]. It's not enough to simply download the file as a reference document. It must be read ...more than once.

Firebase Network:

“You should not enlist in the U.S. Military at this time” warns the volunteers at Firebase Network [www.firebase.net], a veterans oriented source for news and information on veterans oriented topics. So many militia supporters are ex-military or inclined toward military-related topics it's natural thing for us to gravitate in that direction. We don't know these folks personally but they seem to provide a lot of common sense in an increasingly chaotic world.

Smith \$ Wesson:

In an article dated October 19th, the Associated Press [<http://dailynews.com/h/ap/20001019/bs>] reports that Smith \$ Wesson is cutting some 15% of its workforce and has fallen at least to #2 in firearm sales. At least part of the slump in sales is directly attributable to the boycott by gun owners in response to their “deal” with the government to subvert the Second Amendment and force capitulation in dealers to BATF demands. We might suggest 15% is hardly sufficient to demonstrate revulsion at blatant attempt to subvert Second Amendment rights in America. Let us be bound by principle more firmly than they are bound by government contract to aid in selling out our Constitution. Let our contract to principle and freedom continue to prevail over a contract to subversion. There is no wavering, Smith \$ Wesson Must Die; continue the boycott.

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READERS COMMENTS:

Carolina Free Press:
Sir:

"I spend many hours on the internet and have found several websites that claim to be affiliate sites of the North Carolina Citizens Militia. I feel as if most of these websites are put up by individuals who belong to the NCCM and most if not all of them are very professional in their design and content. My question is a simple one. With all of these web pages bearing some affiliation to the NCCM how can I trust the content of these pages, where do I go to find out the real story. Thanks, J.P.

Editor's Response:

Sir: Since you are on the internet so often, I am sure you understand the nature of the world wide web. The web has become a haven for free speech advocates and most anything can be posted without restriction. We would do nothing to change this seeing free speech as an integral part of American society, just like the right to keep and bear arms, or the right to free enterprise. The North Carolina Citizens Militia has only one official web page. It can be found at www.ncmilitia.org. If you ever question the content or material you find elsewhere we encourage you to visit the official page and use the contact information provided to direct your questions or comments to the public affairs official.
Thank you. The Editors

To The Editor:

I have talked to the North Carolina Citizens Militia Public Affairs Officers at gun shows from Asheville to Fayetteville. In all honesty I was very impressed, it is nice to know that such dedicated, professional young people are out there carrying on the fight for us old soldiers. My problem has been contacting the NCCM either by phone or e-mail. I have been trying for about two weeks now, I was wondering if there is any other way to reach the NCCM Office of Public Affairs.

Editor's Response:

The NCCM has one Public Affairs Officer that coordinates promotional efforts, gun shows, public awareness meetings, and helps organize new units. He does not have a paid position, it is all volunteer, which means he has to work for a living. By the time the PAO finishes work each week, responds to the hundreds of e-mails and phone calls he has very little time to do anything. We understand that it takes a couple of weeks in most cases for him to get caught up. Due to the fact that we are a closed cell organization we understand that we have a few shortcomings. It is my hope that the positive benefit of professionalism and security make up for the small delay. Thank you. The Editors

"Under comparable conditions Washington and Greene had shown what could be accomplished by untrained troops. The difference lay in the fact that each of these revolutionary commanders realized the necessity of keeping at least a small force of regulars in the field. Such a nucleus may be compared to the hub of a wheel, and the various guerrilla bands to the spokes. For the lessons of history make it plain that irregular warfare leads to anarchy unless it is supported by a central establishment of

dependable soldiers. A few of the strategic spokes may be broken and replaced, but without the hub the entire wheel collapses." Lynn Montross, War Through The Ages, 1960, p 566.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Some units have been asking NCCM representatives where they can find descriptions of field exercises which may be useful in their basic training efforts to supplement military field manuals and the military experience of members. At this time we are not in a position to endorse training programs recommended by others but some units may find the Minuteman Skills [www.afn.org/~mpress] articles available from the Minuteman Press through the Alachua Freenet both informative and useful. Units are strongly encouraged to follow prudent safety practices during all field exercises.

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