

## **MEMO FROM THE MAYOR**

**SUBJECT: Are We Czechoslovakia? Part 2 and Final**

### **At a Glance:**

- "We are either a United people, or we are not. If the former, let us, in all matters of general concern, act as a nation, which have national objects to promote, and a national character to support. If we are not, let us no longer act a farce by pretending to it." — George Washington (1785)
- The most powerful country in the world is falling so fast, that it makes you rethink what are the real lessons. Something so big and powerful can't be destroyed so quickly unless the enemy comes from within. Nayib Bukele, President of El Salvador
- "A nation can survive its fools, and even the ambitious. But it cannot survive treason from within" Cicero

### **How Did We Get into This Mess?**

We're examining the feasibility of states seceding from the United States. Why the frustration? Let us simply examine the Pledge of Allegiance:

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

It occurs to me each first Tuesday of the month at VFW meetings and on the second and fourth Tuesdays before the council meetings begin that it's possible nothing in that pledge is accurate. It seems our republic has slowly, incrementally, yet deliberately, been allowed to expire under our ruling class. We're simply feeding off its corpse.

Clearly, we are not One Nation—the Marxist doctrines of Identity Politics in the Public Square and Critical Race Theory in public schools, particularly in blue states, have seen to that. Are we under God? Not in the sense that as a nation we corporately seek His favor or guidance.

Did you know the phrase "under God" did not exist in the pledge until 1954? Rev. George Docherty, a Scotland-born and proper Presbyterian pastor arrived in the US in 1950 to shepherd the main Presbyterian church in Washington, D.C. He was astounded to learn the pledge his children recited in school did not contain any mention of "God". Even the Brits asked God to save their monarch—King or Queen—it didn't matter. After a Docherty sermon heard by President Eisenhower, with reinforcements from the Knights of Columbus and various veterans' groups

seeking to resist the communist takeover of the world, the words “under God” were added on 14 June 1954 when Ike signed the law making it official (also Flag Day and the US Army’s birthday).

Said Docherty from the pulpit on one particular Sunday, “To omit the words ‘under God’ in the Pledge of Allegiance is to omit the definitive factor in the American way of life.” Today, Docherty would barely recognize his adopted country. Mentioning a Divine Creator in the Public Square is considered at best, gauche, and at worst, verboten; because just about everything forbidden in the Hebrew and Christian scriptures are celebrated as the “true” American ideal by the far Left, today (ignoring the dietary/purity laws).

None of us, however, should be surprised. All of this was laid out in a series of lectures given by Yuri Bezmenov, known in Canada as Tomas Schuman, a Russian ex-pat and former KGB agent. YouTube still has many of his lectures. Just type in Yuri Bezmenov. His lectures are the moral equivalent of Hitler’s *Mein Kampf*, which laid out how the former Austrian corporal intended to attain world domination. Bezmenov lays out what Khrushchev meant when he told the West in 1956, “We will bury you!”

As Bezmenov opined, “It takes from fifteen to twenty years to demoralize a society. Why 15 to 20 years? This is the time sufficient to educate one generation of students or children...which is dedicated to shaping up the [ideological personality outlook.]”

What areas are attacked by these purveyors of subversion? Bezmenov lists the targeted areas they infiltrate as follows: religious organizations, education at all levels, the media and simply culture. Infiltrating culture accomplishes the subversive technique by setting up false heroes and role models resulting in addictive fads and even mass psychosis. Do you really think looking at Androids or iPhones throughout the day is a kid-healthy technique?

### **If the Constitution is the Answer, What is the Question?**

If three generations of American college under- and graduate students and no less than one generation of K-12 students have been taught the United States is a terrible place to live and must be fundamentally changed—e.g., our own cultural revolution—how in the world can we undo such nonsense? Is secession the answer as suggested by conservative commentator Tom Woods?

For the purposes of this analysis, let’s assume it’s legally possible for states to secede from the United States, provided Congress agrees. Why in the world would we do so? The Free and Independent Republic of Idaho would be a mere shadow of its former self. About 62% of Idaho is owned by the federal government. We’re number three on the list of the most land owned by

the Feds. Let's say Utah and Nevada wanted to secede as well. 63 % of Utah would be left behind and 80% of Nevada would be gone, too.

Moreover, what if one condition for secession set by Congress was for each state to pay its "fair share" of the \$30 trillion-plus deficit before the exit? As the grandkids say, "Not hapnin!" So, what IS the answer? Simply what the veterans returning from World War II desired: a world that sought freedom, not totalitarian group think; a bottom-up system driven by We the People, not a top-down driven dictatorship of elitist "experts".

We might insist that schools teach what our foundational documents say on their faces and what that meant to the Founders. It's exceedingly easy. The documents themselves and the Federalist Papers do just that. History classes can teach and rate the faithful application of each American generation thereafter. Our generation would seriously fail.