

MEMO FROM EMMETT MAYOR GORDON W. PETRIE

SUBJECT: THE UN-UNITED STATES; A HOUSE DIVIDED IN A THREE-FRONT WAR (COUNTING THE PRC)

... "A house divided against itself cannot stand." I believe this government cannot endure, permanently half slave and half free. I do not expect the Union to be dissolved -- I do not expect the house to fall -- but I do expect it will cease to be divided. It will become all one thing or all the other. Abraham Lincoln, June 16, 1858, in a speech to the Illinois State Republican Convention.

As the current administration fights on two fronts: the Wuhan novel coronavirus itself (dumbed down to COVID-19 by mainstream media so as not to annoy the Chinese Communist Party) and the radical Nihilistic-Left now destroying some of our larger cities, I thought of Lincoln's famous "House Divided" speech; portions of which school children used to learn. Lincoln's law partner, William Herndon, heard Lincoln's speech first because Abe tried it out on him. Following the rehearsal, Herndon complained to Lincoln about its political incorrectness. Later, others close to Lincoln complained the speech lost him the US Senate seat from Illinois in 1858 then up for grabs.

Years later, reflecting on the occasion, Herndon concluded it may have lost Lincoln the senate, but in 1860 it won him the presidency. Indeed, Lincoln knew it was a "dangerous" speech, if for no other reason because the concept came from the Bible. Although Lincoln's druthers at that time centered on being right as opposed to being a senator, as it turned out, not only was he right: later, he became our 16th President.

Just as Thomas Jefferson discovered unalienable rights to be a universal truth naturally flowing from our birth—that is, not granted by civilization or political systems—with Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness (read, property) being chief among them, Lincoln similarly found a universal truth in Christ's response to the scribes when they attributed His Divine healing powers to the work of Beelzebub "the prince of the devils". Lincoln needed a commonly recognizable basis for awakening the people of Illinois and ultimately our nation. He intended this speech to awaken the "slavery agnostics", namely, those live-and-let-live lukewarm thinkers on the slavery issue. The Abolitionists had awakened long before. Hey, maybe Abolitionists comprise the first Woke folk in our history!

Regrettably, there exists too little respect for Biblical authority today among the citizenry to even attempt such a new awakening from that standpoint. Imagine trying to convince non-

churchgoing, Biblically-illiterate supporters of the destruction now occurring in cities coast-to-coast, let alone the Marxists and Anarchists doing the destruction, with this gem: “Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; Who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!” (Is 5:20 KJV) They’d bop you on the head faster than the NYC Police Chief who bent his knee to them a week or two before his bopping.

Yet, how could this chaos in our cities spread world-wide so fast? (Hint: unconfirmed reports indicate the PRC is helping fund it; nevertheless, no dispute exists in the worldwide press about the Chinese Communist Party giving BLM positive lip service while it engages in rank racism at home.)

The scenes on the nightly news have the feel of those B-grade black-and-white Flying Saucer movies I watched a lot during my misspent youth. The alien invaders typically landed in major cities throughout the world because they could, and the film would show rioting in the streets of New York City, London, Paris, Cairo, Tokyo and Washington, D.C.

Of course, in the fifties, the US mayors of those cities didn’t mind when the Army showed up with (typically) World War II era-equipment—only to shoot up the cities with little or no effect on the alien invaders. Obviously, those movie mayors, perhaps veterans of World War II, did not possess the enlightenment of today’s true-life big-city mayors who have accomplished little during their lives other than successfully running for office. The aliens in the 1950s meant business while they destroyed property, killed Americans and took over whole sections of a city. Today, Woke social justice warriors are “peaceful demonstrators” while they destroy property... injure Americans and kill retired policemen...while taking over whole sections of a city.

It should be remembered by those of us old enough that in the original *War of the Worlds*, the common cold virus killed off the invaders. Today, the invader IS a virus, perhaps getting even for our wronging its distant relatives in those movies. (It would be so much easier if viruses could separate fact from fiction—but even more so if politicians could.)

On that note, I’ve had a belly full of puffed up major sports league CEOs, sports franchises, star athletes, Nike, Apple, Disney and other “Progressive” crony capitalist organizations lecturing me about my white privilege and the systemic racism all the while, having been seduced by the “cheap labor” costs in China, whose factories make overrated sporting goods, electronics and tools.

Systematic racism is against federal law; it’s a serious crime, too. If it exists today it must have existed during the previous administration. Why didn’t that administration’s Justice

Department file RICO (Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations) Act complaints against the systemic racists: colleges and universities, big cities with their mayors and councils, corporations and their executives, even big city public schools and their administrators? If it's SYSTEMIC, that's where to find it. We've all seen the hellish conditions those poor inner-city children are expected to endure. It's criminal. Write AG Barr today to file actions against systemic racism!

By the way, there is a reason the labor costs are so cheap in the PRC. For decades it has enslaved Uighurs, Kazakhs and other predominantly Muslim minorities. Perhaps as many as two million are in camps right now. In many instances, they and their children fashion "products made in China". The PRC's modern slavery turns out millions of products purchased by the world's population. Its child labor laws are suspect, as well. Photos of putting special netting around their skyscraper-style factories beginning on the third and each upper floor thereafter appeared several years ago in the international press. The netting was designed to prevent workers, many children, from committing suicide due to the conditions under which they worked. Not so Woke now, are we?

Recently, a drone video leaked from the PRC showing Uighurs having their heads shaved preparatory for train movement to a camp. Compare that video with the films coming out of Poland after Nazi German and the Soviet Union invaded that hapless country and rounded up the Jews.

Can we expect our union to no longer be divided? Certainly not if legacy broadcast news organizations and big city print media continue their Pravda-like ways. And clearly not if all cultures are deemed acceptable, except, of course, Western Culture. Can we expect the union to become one thing or all the other? If so, what will it be? A more perfect union, striving for a proper balance of freedom? Or a socialist Hell like Venezuela, Cuba, or the PRC, where Chinese Communist officials reportedly welded families into their apartments to "flatten the curve." We will either all be free with less government diktats or all enslaved to the state.

We the People, all too often, get distracted by something shiny. Do you think the Marxists now tearing down our cities, taking over police stations, establishing "autonomous zones" and funded in part by no less than the NFL, Disney, and just maybe, the Chinese Communist Party, comprise an existential threat to our society? To paraphrase the Progressive's own Joe Biden, "If you don't know the answer to that question, you ain't a critical thinker."