

## MEMO FROM THE MAYOR

### SUBJECT: In Truth, the US Government Isn't All That Helpful, Part II

- It is the duty of every patriot to protect his country from its government. —Thomas Paine
- The real rulers in Washington are invisible and exercise power from behind the scenes.  
—Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter, 1952
- Show me a man that gets rich by being a politician, and I'll show you a crook.  
—Harry Truman

Is it possible that we Boomers (1 Jan 46 -31 Dec 64) have been in an abusive relationship with our federal government our entire lives? Is it possible that we have been abused by the pro-Empire enthusiasts, i.e., the globalists in Washington, D.C., as opposed to, say, the real pro-republican enthusiasts (i.e., the since-we-have-a-constitution-we-might-as-well-follow-it crowd) who take the position that all power emanates from the consent-of-the-governed, not those who govern; even going so far as to suggest that “We the People” need to be top priority? To be clear, when the term “pro-republican enthusiasts” is used, it cannot be mistaken for the uni-party establishment politicians having an R after names while yammering on CNN or MSNBC.

Sadly, when one studies the plight of the Downwinders, particularly here in Idaho (and Gem County in particular) and further examines the clear hypocrisy, obfuscation, and sleight-of-hand shenanigans perpetrated on We the People for the last seventy years, especially in the last couple of weeks, the answer has to be, yes! We have been.

It should come as no surprise, then, that in his televised farewell address to the nation, President Dwight D. Eisenhower “warned” us about the dangers inherent in the Military-Industrial Complex. Having watched it live back on 17 January of 1961, this writer didn't think much about it until going on active duty the first time in September 1971, some ten years later. Since then, it appears that Ike (my family Liked Ike) gave every bit an apology as giving us a warning. And rightly so. After all, he helped to build that very complex.

### **Fallout? What Fallout?**

As indicated in February's memo, during the predawn hours of 5 June 1952, the Atomic Energy Commission and military tested a fourteen-kiloton atomic device. Unfortunately, on this particular day, it rained throughout the Intermountain West. Four counties in Idaho received the

highest fallout from this test shot: Gem, Custer, Blaine and Lemhi. So, what did Gem County receive on that day? According to Richard L. Miller in *The U.S. Atlas of Nuclear Fallout (1951-1970)*, Vol. I, the *General Reader Edition*, (hereinafter, Vol. I) and again, borrowed from the private library of Emmett's own "Downwinders Warrior," Tona Henderson, Miller tells us in a chart on page 127 that Gem County received 878.1 micro-Curies per square meter. What does that mean? Essentially, a square of 39 inches by 39 inches having 37,000 radiological disintegrations per second.

Miller goes on to explain on the same page that "This device [Tumbler-Snapper, Shot 8, aka TS8, and sometimes "HOW", which stands for "H", the 8th letter in our alphabet, Ed.] was the first to use the beryllium neutron reflector surrounding the plutonium core. Tumbler-Snapper HOW is ranked 1st for percentage of both Am-241 and Sm-153 in nuclear fallout. In addition, perhaps due to rainouts soon after detonation, this shot resulted in some of the highest exposures of I-131 to the thyroid for Gem County, ID [sic]."

Keep two key words in mind as we unpack this important nugget of information: "rain" and "thyroid".

### **Hypocrisy? What Hypocrisy?**

As Miller further sets out in Volume I at Page 41: "One of the main concerns of the Atomic Energy Commission during the aboveground test series was that a nuclear cloud might come in contact with a storm system and bring high levels of radioactive fallout to earth with the rain. Termed variously rainouts (when the nuclear cloud is *within* the rain or snow cloud) or washouts (when the nuclear cloud is *below* the rain cloud), the potential for high levels of radiation exposure during these events was quite real.... While there have been no government-sponsored epidemiological studies regarding communities exposed to the potentially intense fallout during rainouts, [Do we really need to wonder why? Ed.] the Department of Defense was aware of the problem...."

As the CDC website explains in addressing the radioactive iodine isotope 131—heavily dumped on Gem County during the TS How shot—"Internal exposure can affect the thyroid gland, a small organ located in the neck near the Adam's apple [laryngeal prominence, Ed.]. The thyroid gland uses iodine to produce thyroid hormones and cannot distinguish between radioactive iodine and stable (nonradioactive) iodine. If I-131 were released into the atmosphere, people could ingest it in food products or water, or breathe it in. In addition, if dairy animals consume grass

contaminated with I-131, the radioactive iodine will be incorporated into their milk. Consequently, people can receive internal exposure from drinking the milk or eating dairy products made from contaminated milk. Once inside the body, I-131 will be absorbed by the thyroid gland exposing it to radiation and potentially increasing the risk for thyroid cancer or other thyroid problems.”

That scenario is precisely what happened in 1952 in Gem County, Idaho. In the April memo we will see firsthand how the federal government escapes liability simply by saying the problem doesn't exist; or, when recognizing that it could, simply declares there is no money to cover it. At \$35 trillion in debt, we truly are bankrupt. But the worst bankruptcy concerns our character orientation as a nation: the Feds think we're test animals.

Next time, we will revisit stories of some of the Gem County victims of this terrible catastrophe thrust upon the entire United States, but with particularly deleterious effects in the Intermountain West. This terrible program keeps wreaking havoc on innocent, non-volunteer victims.