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— or Scoundrels, plotting & omissions —

Sirs:

My lack of a word of affection in the Salutation to you indicates my view of the drawdown in civility as propagated by the "Liberal mentality". Rudeness ad infinitum.

At age 77 and coming from northern Ohio, raised in the Great Depression, entering World War II, serving in the Air-Offensive, Japan (Nov. 44 - 6 Aug 1945) as an aerial gunner aboard a B-29, seeing the post-war era of shortages, then serving as a Stand-by status Reserve officer until 1977 (out by age 55), and now seeing our nation in the hands of those "who very much admire Franklin Delano Roosevelt", I'll try to maintain some "cool" as to why the man is detestable.

I might add that coming from a Republican father, who in turn came from the mold of early Moravian Church (founded by John Huss, burned-at-stake, 1415) settlers in the Tuscarawas Valley of Ohio (2 towns noteworthy are Snodden-hutten and Schoenbrunn), I hold certain historical views against the establishment of any one "The Church" idea.

My "democratic" mother's side had bought their way out of serving in the Union Army (Ohio was 2nd after Massachusetts in wearing the Yankee blue uniform) and in fact were giving aid, at their Ohio farmhouse near Marion, to young Confederate escapees from any of the numerous (and nasty) Yankee federal POW prisons in Ohio. They were "Copper-heads" or Peace Democrats. My grandfather's middle name was Vallandigham (Samuel Vallandigham Millisor), formerly Mühleisen but anglicized. Vallandigham was the THORN in Lincoln's side.

So, basically both parents did not like, nor respect, Big government. Since many values are inculcated

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By age seven, I suppose my value system has seen only a "trashing of America" ever since we made the gross error of entering World War One against the Central Powers,

In fact, the entire century, soon to pass, has been a near disaster for any earlier American set of standards.

May I point out several areas of dastardly conduct?

Apart from the erection of the Statue of Liberty, which Andrew Carnegie was delighted with and the 5¢ per hour labor it brought here (at a time when the progeny of our Civil War dead could have carried Americans forward in a more stable manner), I would say that the lines in the recent book, called "BERLIN", say it best as the beginning of the catastrophic events of say, 1871 - 2000.

In "BERLIN" (a lady author), it is pointed out that Chancellor Bismarck urged Germany to always be locked into treaties as one-of-the-three out of the five strongest European nations (Russia, Austria-Hungary, Britain, France and Germany). Not long after his death, apparently a sour, cynical poorly dispositioned German, whom I call "Minister of Foreign Affairs", allowed the fast-moving French diplomatic corps to pick up the Treaty with Russia. Thus Germany was doomed to lose both World Wars. (I'm really saying that these wars need never to have been fought).

Of course, my father and several uncles served in the U.S. Army and Navy in World War I and survived.

Only my mother's brother died from cancer in 1945. He attended the wounded on the gas-covered battlefields of France and I arrived home in 1945 to hear one more time his best (and worst) story of holding a soldier's head up to verify life itself and then

to hear from each dying soldier (or Marine) "Oh, Mother", or "Ma Mere" or "Ach, Mutter". The concern in my "Uncle Dutch", Abraham Millison, came from working at ground level on those gas-filled areas of contact.

Many separate events and attitudes have ruined the past 150 years. I suppose the one whereby Abraham Lincoln was in correspondence with Karl Marx is the root of much of the debacle.

Secondly, the Roosevelts. While Teddy and FDR had many seemingly good qualities, I firmly believe that Theodore R. was exceedingly anti-German. Why? because of their hard work, their thrift, their beautiful farms and city homes where gardens and flowers abounded?

This anti-German thing even was found in the comments by Benjamin Franklin in an earlier day.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt (named as "that man" in our Ohio home) was infected by the same virus.

To digress a moment. Why in the world could not both Britain and France accept a new neighbor on the block with the establishment of Germany in 1871?

Not very gracious to say the least. Was it because the German overseas colonies in Africa were far better governed than the French, Belgian or British colonies? Was it that the pre-World War One German administration saw to it that the huts and homes of "their" African colonies had solid floors for the "natives"?

Was Belgium jealous because Germany really did not cut off the hands of thieves in her colonies? - a practice I understand as purely Belgian.

But to return to FDR. From all the piecemeal history (and a history buff I am) I believe he wanted to enter

World War One, ^{desperately} on the side of England. FDR was high in position on the civilian side of the U.S. Navy. So was Winston Churchill in a similar position in England.

In their correspondence it is said Churchill constantly urged FDR to enter the war. Seeing no way to do so, they both agreed to promote a plan whereby both the American and British fleets would be called back to patrol their respective coastal waters.

This left an open sea !!

So, one bright morning a young, idealistic German submariner says, "Up, periscope". Lo and behold, an American Passenger liner (the one, he has been told, that is full of weapons to kill his very own people) is in full view. It is the LUSITANIA (shades of Viriato (200 B.C.) who had to be assassinated from within by Roman money because he had been too successful on the field).

To fire or not is not even a question. The young German officer says, "Los" and the torpedo(s) hit their mark. We are full of left-ous indignation, yet the moguls of finance and industry are secretly delighted (Mr. Pat Buchanan's book alludes to this terrible behind-the-scenes planning of Anglo-American money minded managers).

During my several trips to Germany I have had English-speaking Germans ask me, "Why did you of German descent in America not speak up for the Kaiser (Wilhelm) more in 1916-17." I said, because it was useless in America's Mid-West. These things were decided on the East Coast by Anglophilic

people of immense influence and wealth." I said, "My grandmother [redacted] who knew President Harding and his wife Florence on a first name basis since high school days had no influence in 1915-16-17. She and [redacted] sang a duet every Sunday early in the Evangelical Reformed Church in German and then sang an English duet later in the Congregational^{-alist} Church. They were still absorbed in uprooting ~~the~~ stumps to increase the acreage on their land - also about babies, operations and living on a line changing from a frontier to the modern world. Their children spoke no German."

Besides, their ancestors had left Germany for some good cause - probably the class system and the repetitive wars in middle Europe. May I ask at this point why the Academia-Media elite refer to the "Poor" as such, and the "Wealthy" as such, but label me and all those I know as "MIDDLE-CLASS"? Perhaps I am of a better "class" than any or all of the wealthy.

Or do they, of the elite, really mean to refer to the many of us out here as "those of middle-income". Do we see here some East Coast affinity (even admiration) of the British Class System? How terribly un-American!

It is strange how human nature lends itself to approval of foul and dastardly people when it comes to "good (economic) times". Reference here to the approval of our Impeached President and those near to him. In 1917 I sense the flock of chickens here plucking to death the single all-white chicken which had been unfortunate enough to collect a single drop of oil on his feathers as he walked under an oil-dripping farm tractor.

PROFIT! May I say that the United States had been

furnishing credit and durable goods to both sides in the years 1914-15-16, Suddenly both sides "went broke". Both needed credit. I see neither side as "good" or "bad" and we needed to remain neutral. I'm sure if Germany "won", that with their higher sense of honor, a peace treaty would have evolved far better than the one meted out to the Germans - at Versailles. I'm proud of my "Hyggumot", but not my French.

* On the History Channel (called Hitler's Channel by many of us POOR and Middle "Class") the host proclaims that here is a picture of Kaiser Wilhelm - the person who started World War One! What a farce for the unsuspecting, naive TV audience to believe.

The Kaiser (Wilhelm) in August 1914 was up north on his yacht going to visit a cousin. When Russia MOBILIZED is when and why came the start of World War I (ONE). Even after a year of fighting between all our European cousins. Why, why couldn't the U.S. of A simply have stepped in (as we are now doing in the former Yugoslavia) and said, "BACK up 30 miles to the lot of you"! Both sides could have saved face and there would be no need for the ugliness of an Adolph Hitler to arise and then plague my generation (of World War Two). Germany would today have a very good name and reputation.

My own lot in life (bearing a Prussian name here) would have been more productive, etc, etc. and all sides would not have killed, what - up to or more than one million people (1,000,000) between 1914-1918 - or was it more like seven million⁽⁺⁾ on each side? I will hereby state that I believe every word of "INFAMY" written by John Toland. The "embargo" forced Japan's hand to war - 1941.

On this last page I'll describe the following. In grade school in the late 20's and early 1930's I picked up as "EDUCATION" that the German heritage to America was found in the word HESSIAN (sometimes HUN).

Hello! I am here and my ancestral fellow tribesmen in America are noteworthy in at least these areas,

The first inland "Trek" from Coastal America was done by "Germans" in the Colony of Pennsylvania. They founded Lancaster and York, Pennsylvania and bought the land from the Indians (with whom they expected to trade).

~~The~~ The RIFLE with spiraling grooves (as compared to the smooth bore MUSKET (Brown Bess) was developed by German and Swiss-German colonists. "History Channel" on TV land gives very short shrift to this profound event.

Bear with me for this one. I was 70 years old in 1992 before I learned that the modern U.S. Army Military Police (the M.P.'s) is descended from a continuous line of M.P.'s originating with Major Bartholomew Von Heer's "Leibgarde" (a.k.a. ~~The~~ Independent Troop of Light Horse, and as the "Marechaussee").

With meeting in Washington's camp headquarters in the form of a plot to kidnap, extract ransom and then kill our General George Washington, it was decided after the hanging of one Private Hickey, that Joseph Reed, Secretary to the General, would go north to Lancaster and York Counties (in PA.) to enlist about 65 "Germans" who had to be substantial landowners, etc, etc.

The matter of suppression is so bad that after 3 hours in the Genealogical Section at the U.S. Library of Congress I could only find one reference to this body of General Washington's personal body guard.

Let us note here that the first unit (full of Tories) was called the Commander-in-Chief's Guards. Eight to ten of Von Heer's unit escorted Washington home in December, 1783. All "German".

The scrap of information was handed to me on a plate upstairs in the Rare Book section. It took about 15 minutes to locate it and send it upstairs in the air tubes in use there. I read the words "Leibgarde" and "Von Heer" and left. My attempt later to send copies of the one inch thick collection of papers on the "Leibgarde" was halted by a letter from the Library of Congress saying they could not accept "zerox" type copies of printed material, etc, etc, etc. Huntington Beach Library (CA) had the same attitude.

So it goes - from information on the German pioneer development of the Conestoga Wagon; the name of Pershing probably being Pforching earlier in Germany; the fact that in Huggins's "The War of American Independence", Northeastern University Press, Boston 1971, + 1983, hardly a positive word on anything German and completely ignoring the Protestant "wedge" placed in at least 12 of the 13 Colonies by the King(s) George. His book reeks of "Class" and only highly placed people - certainly not of the Plain People as the "German" Amish call themselves. Does "Ethnic Cleansing" occur among Historian-Writers?

One source ("Palatinates to America" in Columbus Ohio's Lutheran university - Capital University) states that up to one-fourth the Union troops of the Civil War spoke German. (also learned at age 70).

In closing, all I can say is that the Enormity of the Crime is only Exceeded by Man's Arrogance and Stupidity. Let us hope that from 2000 onward things become much better for all of us.

Surely, TV's constant "Remembrance" agenda smacks of, "They doth Protest Too Much". Sincerely,

P.S. May I say that the replacement word, as initiated by Historians, DEIST is entirely unsatisfactory for the Protestant Contribution.