

Yankee Steve's Column

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You're Fired - Maybe Not

What does it feel like to be fired? House Speaker Nancy Pelosi found out on Nov. 2nd when the lady with the eerily plastic smile was told to clean out her desk. Many angry voters in both red and blue states sent Pelosi the pink slip, "Your services are no longer required."

Now that the Republicans have taken over the U.S. House of Representatives Pelosi is no longer the majority leader of the House.

Of course this kind of a woman does not go quietly. She is running for House Minority leader. Her opponent will be Gabrielle Giffords of the 8th congressional district of Arizona. Those who would like to see a cat fight may not be disappointed. Giffords is a ladder climber, too.

As much as I dislike Pelosi, I hope she wins. I will tell you why and while explaining I will need to transport you back in time to Paris, France.

Ideologue that she is, opportunist that she is, nefarious as she is, Pelosi has not been able to hide the fact that she is a European-style Socialist; and as a consequence she has allowed us to focus in on the fact that the Democrats have been fully, and as far as I am concerned finally, radicalized. The infection is to the bone.

Giffords on the other hand hides her Socialism behind much flag-waving. Indeed she must because the Arizona district in which she serves shares a 114-mile border with Mexico. There are some people in this country that would like to erase the border with Mexico. However Giffords knows that will not sit well with most Americans.

Giffords, like a many Democrats, would like you to think that she is in her heart of hearts unaffected by the slow steady encroachment of Socialism, and that if ever there was a centrist, it is Giffords. But how can you be a centrist in a political party that is so far to the left?

You see it all depends on your starting point. A centrist in the Democrat party would be a leftist in the Republican Party, that is, if the Republicans come back to their Conservative roots as in the days when Calvin Coolidge was our president. The Tea Party is doing its level best to return the Republican Party to what it used to be, but it may not succeed. We may get another candidate like George W. Bush or John McCain in 2012.

Paris

The French Revolution, followed by what historians call the "Reign of Terror," took place at the close of the 18th century. From that time until now the French have never really been able to put it together. The French have never learned that you cannot have a government that is both democratic and Socialist. A house divided teeters on its foundation. Eventually it will fall.

Lincoln said that this nation could not be both slave and free. I am saying that this or any nation cannot be both Socialist and democratic.

French society was divided into what is called The Estates General. There were three Estates in all. The First Estate was made up of the clergy, the Second the nobility and the Third and largest Estate was comprised of commoners. The Estates General met at Versailles in May of 1789 in order to discuss the future of France. There were 300 clergy in attendance, just as many noblemen, and 600 commoners.

The Third Estate began to make demands. The King, Louis XVI, realized that if the 600 commoners joined forces with even a few liberals from the other Estates they could form a majority. The King realized that would mean that France would change and adopt a constitutional monarchy. Then commoners will have a say in government. Not only that, the constitution will have more authority than the king!

Interestingly, when the French Assembly met in 1789, the delegates sat in the hall according to their political viewpoint. The Conservatives, who wanted things to remain much as they were sat on the right; the more liberal delegates who were calling for radical changes sat on the left. This “left” and “right” designation has remained to this day.

I look forward to the day when we will finally realize that we can no longer parlay with Democrats like Gabrielle Giffords who could not be a Democrat if she had not warmed to Socialism, patriotism notwithstanding.

Let the House of Representatives be divided against itself. Draw a line right down the middle of it - to the left the Democrats, to the right Conservatives. Let us divide the House. All that talk about being bi-partisan is profane.

It is one or the other, democracy or Socialism. Left is left and right is right, never the twain will meet. We will either be democratic or Socialist. This is why I say, let Pelosi be the House Minority leader. She has many things she would rather keep hidden, but her Socialism is not one of them. At least you know what you are getting.

Give Me Dignity OR Give Me Servitude

We have the minutes of a crucial meeting that took place in Paris just 60 short years after the French Revolution. In the meeting aristocrat Alexis de Tocqueville argued against the encroachment of Socialism because of the way it *dehumanizes* the individual. Obviously it cannot share the same space with democracy because democracy purposes to *elevate* the individual.

Tocqueville reminded his fellow countrymen about the reason why the French Revolution had taken place. Was it just to make the French more prosperous, or was it to give each and every Frenchman dignity?

He asked this because Socialism does not elevate the individual. It turns people into automatons, or what he called beavers and bees. We are the bees and the state becomes the queen bee. We live only to satisfy the queen bee.

Step back with me and listen to the great Tocqueville pours out his heart.

AND AFTER this great Revolution, is the result to be that society which the socialists offer us, a formal, regimented and closed society where the State has charge of all, where the individual counts for nothing, where the community masses to itself all power, all life, where the end assigned to man is solely his material welfare - this society where the very air is stifling and where light barely penetrates? Is it to be for this society of bees and beavers, for this society, more for skilled animals than for free and civilized men, that the French Revolution took place? Is it for this that so many great men died on the field of battle and on the gallows, that so much noble blood watered the earth? Is it for this that so many passions were inflamed, that so much genius, so much virtue walked the earth?

No! I swear it by those men who died for this great cause! It is not for this that they died. It is for something far greater, far more sacred far more deserving of them and of humanity. If it had been but to create such a system, the Revolution was a horrible waste. A perfected Old Regime would have served adequately.

What Tocqueville said to his fellow countrymen is applicable. We did not rebel against England so that we could replace the tyranny of George III with the tyranny of the State, a state that says you will find your purpose in serving its interests. You will busy yourself supporting the programs that the state now will force down your throat because there is the promise of prosperity for all.

On the home front it took America more than 225 years for us to come to where Socialism, under the aegis of Messieurs' Lyndon Baines Johnson and Barack Hussein Obama, cast its dark shadow over the future of our democracy. LBJ's Medicare/Medicaid entitlement was the mean, and Socialism was the end.

President Ronald Reagan saw this coming. He knew that LBJ's Medicare/Medicaid would lead to Socialism. It has arrived on our doorstep. The Democrats have traveled abroad and on returning they have imported into America European-style Socialism.

Now if that is the case, let them sit on the left. We will sit on the right. We stand for dignity. They stoop for servitude.

Ever yours,

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