

## Yankee Steve's Column

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### **Androcles and the Lion**

Aesop's Fables tells a tale about the Roman slave Androcles who ran away from his master.

Deep in the forest he met up with a sick lion. The fearful beast held out his paw to him as if to say, "Let's make a deal, remove this thorn from my paw and I will do the hunting for both of us, then you won't have to starve in this unfriendly environment." Later they met up in the gladiatorial arena. The happy ending you already know, but it's just a story. In real life that lion would have eaten Androcles the moment he couldn't find food.

Democrats are carnivores. When the right moment comes they will gobble up conservatives, the very people who on numerous occasions have removed the thorn from their lion's paw. We should not as they suggest, "make nice with them."

The debt ceiling fight going on now in Washington, D.C., has prompted President Barack Obama to take to the air waves. Watching him this morning [July 11, 2011] during his news conference I thought he was going to throw a hissy fit. Obama could not hide his revulsion for the *U.S. Constitution*.

The little Bolshevik dictator must have been thinking "Damn that article 1, section 7 of the *Constitution* which says that all revenue bills must originate in the House of Representatives!" He would prefer to just send down orders that the Congress would unquestionably follow, but thankfully this is not Moscow or Peking.

### **Stupid Is What Stupid Does**

Our economic woes are the fault of the Democrats. They plunked their big fat paw on the thorn. In spite of the protests of economists like Milton Friedman [1912-2006], who insisted that America would falter if we put in place entitlement programs like Medicare and Medicaid, the Democrats forged ahead with their madness.

### **Real Conservatives lead their constituents; Democrats suck up to their constituents.**

President Lyndon Baines Johnson got Medicare and Medicaid through Congress even though he knew in advance that these programs could not be paid for apart from some kind of an accounting ploy. This paranormal phenomenon does not just happen. Look at Greece, Portugal, Spain, and Ireland where the bottom line has spoken in a language that everyone in Europe and around the world can easily understand.

Now the voice of reason can even be heard in the halls of Congress where elected officials - in spite of what we are told - do not spend like drunken sailors. Drunken sailors spend the money that's in their pay packet. When they run out of money they go back to their ship. Congress spends money it doesn't have which is why America may default on its loans.

The bottom line is pointing its finger in the direction of a neglected document called the *U.S. Constitution* which says that anyone who tries to squelch the voice of reason when it comes to the national debt is out of order. This means that Democrats are at a fault for trying to silence those members of Congress who months, no years ago, sounded an alarm. Representative and tax lawyer Michele Bachmann of Minnesota or Senator Jim DeMint of South Carolina were openly mocked for stating from the Constitution, "*The validity of the public debt of the United States . . . shall not be questioned . . .*" [14<sup>th</sup> Amendment]

The left has always acted as if conservative economists, like Friedman, were smoking Indian hemp when they called for an amendment to the Constitution that would limit the federal budget to five, yes five, percent of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

If America had listened we would not be in the mess we are in now.

### **The Hands-off People**

Democrats will not let you touch entitlement programs and especially Obama-care, which is why we have reached an impasse in the current budget talks. Obama-care is the sacred cow of the left, and the leading reason why job creation is just about at a standstill.

Now that the Republican Party has witnessed an influx of real Conservatives (the Tea Party) who are bent on making solvency their legacy, the Democrats can act as if they are novel and as such at fault for preventing a solution to our fiscal problems.

The people of the left have even enlisted the likes of columnist David Brooks, a two-faced Janus. He wants us to believe that the conservatives, because they are holding out for real change, are the actual reason why the debt ceiling problem is not being solved. But is he right? Not if you look at what both sides are saying.

**Two different ways of looking at government have collided. The Conservatives are calling for limited government. The Liberals are calling for unlimited government. Never should the twain meet.**

The only explanation for so much dialogue at this time is due to the fact that the U.S. government is on the ropes. Croesus is dead broke because his counselors who long ago said begone to reason.

Democrats with the aid of a bunch of rino's (Republicans In Name Only) got us into this mess and the status quo will not change if they hold on to power because they will not listen to Wisconsin's U.S. Representative Paul Ryan [R], "*America does not have a revenue problem; it has a spending problem.*"

I assure you that if the Republicans compromise with the Democrats there won't be a happy ending to our story. We will be in this predicament again and again. A lion can only be a lion.

Ever yours,

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