

## Yankee Steve's Column

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### Rep. Henry Waxman: Public Enemy No. 1

*Congress shall make no law . . . abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to . . . petition the Government for a redress of grievances.*

The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

The average American is not a Socialist. He defends free speech, welcomes opposing viewpoints, does not like to move in the shadows (lousy at espionage) and he agrees with 22<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> President Grover Cleveland, "The government should live off the people; the people should not live off the government."

Henry Waxman [D] of California, who has now reached the ripe old age of 70, is not your average American. Waxman is a relic, a thing dragged up from the past that would have us believe that he is a practicing Jew because he is involved in politics. However, he advocates Socialism (a thing which the Jewish Bible criticizes).

Waxman comes to us from a time when Europeans were not allowed to speak their minds or chart their own course, though they did make their way to America. Subservience of one form or another was all they had ever known and so they found it easy to adapt to Marxist Socialism which has an appeal to those unaccustomed to self-governance, those who would prefer that their government do their thinking for them.

In 1869 the immigrants to which I am referring, mostly German, formed the first American branch of the **First International**, an organization that under the guidance of Karl Marx had been formed in London five years prior. Notice that they did not call themselves Socialists. Believe it or not Waxman and his Washington cronies were there. They were present in the hopes these immigrants had for the New World. Waxman and his gang of brown shirts were members of a future generation, when America would allow itself to be turned into that elusive utopia which had been denied to Socialists in Europe.

They were going to build a utopia in which the government would see to it that justice prevails, which according to a Socialist has to mean that no one will have anything unless everyone else has the same. In Socialism justice is a synonym for equality. This may explain why commentator Jane Chastain says that everyone in Waxman's office is paid the same wage. I would suggest however that Waxman is paid a good bit more than the others. As you may have discovered by now, Socialists will only go so far with their ideology.

The above mentioned immigrants may have been looking to build a utopia in the New World but they were going to use blueprints from the Old World. Historian Theodore Draper [1912-2006] wrote, "These German immigrants brought with them a degree of trade-union and political

consciousness then unknown in the United States. No sooner had they arrived than they set about duplicating their old-world allegiances in their new homeland.” [*The Roots of American Communism*, Viking, 1957, p. 11]

Except for unionism, ideas emanating from groups like this never really took root in America until the Wall Street Crash of 1929. The crash opened the way for FDR and a gang of utopians, the Brain Trust that surrounded him, to spawn a generation of Socialists who were set against free speech, namely that the rest of us have little or nothing to say because we are so terribly average. Enter Plato.

Waxman, a living breathing anachronism, a throw back to Prussian state rule when the first reflex of a citizen was to look to government, has never imbibed the prepossessing free spirit of the American. In respect of free speech and self-expression Waxman is the quintessential Socialist. It is as if he walked off the pages of Prussian history into America. His government will speak, and we will listen. That is how it should be because the government only employees smart people.

Waxman is so far out that in 2007 he advanced the Executive Branch Reform Act [HR 984] which would mean that not only will lobbyists undergo scrutiny, but any ordinary citizen who by letter, e-mail or phone call, etc., has the audacity to speak to his or her representative. [cf. *1984* by George Orwell]

It has been reported that -

Under H.R. 984, thousands of Executive Branch officials would be required to file quarterly reports containing the timing and substantive details of “any significant contact” they receive on a policy matter - not only from lobbyists, but from any “private party” - a term defined in the bill to include “any person or entity” other than other government officials, or representatives of such officials such as congressional staff persons . . .

H.R. 984 contains substantial penalties for failure to report a “significant contact” from a “private party” on a policy matter: administrative sanctions “up to and including termination of employment” for any violation, and for anyone who “deliberately attempts to conceal a significant contact,” a civil fine of up to \$50,000 per infraction. Covered officials will also be mindful of the anticipated costs of mounting a legal defense against even an erroneous charge of noncompliance (“the process is the punishment,” as they say).

Oh America, this man must be watched! As a matter of fact he is being watched by all freedom-loving patriots. Waxman makes all the sacrifice of our troops in wars past and present count for nothing, for if given the chance he will find a way to control the right of petition.

Do we think that our democracy will long endure if we do not guard the guardians of free speech, the politicians we send to Washington?

All we hear about is the economy but there are things more important than the economy. If we guard the economy (our stomachs) while not guarding those who should be defending free speech, the end result will be that self-rule pass into history. We must never forget that if America goes out into the night all others will follow.

There are some things more important than our stomachs. The American Puritan William Bradford quotes Seneca to that effect, “That a great part of liberty is a well governed belly, and to be patient in all wants.” [Epistle 123] And, “Beans in freedom are better than cake in slavery.” [Aesop]

The founders of America were convinced that a patriot always has to be on the lookout because democracy or self rule, epitomized as it is by free speech and the right of petition, is always being threatened.

On March 10, 1787, George Washington wrote to John Jay from Mt. Vernon,

Dear Sir: Among men of reflection, few will be found, I believe, who are not beginning to think that our system is not more perfect in theory than in practice; and that notwithstanding the boasted virtue of America *it is more than probable* we shall exhibit the last melancholy proof, that mankind are not competent to their own government without the means of coercion in the sovereign. [emphasis added]

## The Alias

A careless or naive electorate will always pay a heavy price for indolence. Does the reader really appreciate the fact that America has within it a powerful group of political leaders who detest grassroots movements because they are loath to respect or honor what they cannot control?

It is fascinating, those who rule are themselves ruled. Now that is ironic. Observers have noted that the Democrat/Socialist party has now come under the control of a ruling clique. In respect of this Chastain provides us with some valuable research. Her remarks, though written ten years ago, indicate that a shadow government made up of Socialists has been in place for some time now.

Chastain declares, “The Democrats have put socialists in charge of their members on the Ways and Means Committee, The Banking and Small Business Committee, The Science Committee, The Veteran Committee, The Resources Committee and the Judiciary Committee.”

Chastain, like all competent researchers, is quick to point out that Socialists like Waxman and his gang of brown shirts will more often than not rely on an alias. The one that is being used now in Washington, which seems innocuous enough, is the **Progressive Caucus**.

The purpose of an alias is to fool the unsuspecting. The Progressive Caucus has nothing to do with the future, as the name might suggest, it has to do with the past when the disciples of Moses Hess and Joseph Dietzman, and in particular Karl Marx, set foot in America in the hope that they

would create a man-centered utopia. It was possible in their minds because original sin, which conceivably could ruin their utopia, is a fantasy.

As for myself I look forward to the day when utopian idealists will be no more. They have troubled the world more than all the world's dreamers and despots combined.

Ever yours,

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