

Yankee Steve's Column
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And the Walls Come A-Tumbling Down

U.S. Senator Harry Reid [D-NV] is one for the books.

In what will have to be a hotly contested election the shiftiest man in politics figured out a way to get both the Hispanic and a large part of the Catholic vote. By forcing the Senate to deal with immigration "Oil Can" Harry will once more look good to Hispanic voters. Reid knows that he may be able to garner as many as 70,000 Hispanic votes, and by all accounts he will need every one of them. It looks as if he is headed for the political dumpster.

Democrats like Reid are counting on the fact that many people believe that we owe the world's unemployed a place in this nation, and that we have always let anybody come here without question, even if they take our jobs and also do the same work we do for a lot less.

As a matter of fact most Americans are not in favor of open borders. And I might add that America has always protected its borders. The colonies, and then later the states regulated immigration until as late as 1875 with the view that they should keep out criminals, paupers, and undesirables. Not to do so would be the same as cutting your wrist. So I ask, "What happened to the wall the Congress approved that was supposed to be built along our southern border?" Wall Number 1 has tumbled down.

The Catholic Church or Wall Number 2

The Roman Catholic Church has for the longest time protected priests from prosecution even if it has become apparent that they are unrepentant child molesters. These same priests are rarely turned over to the authorities for prosecution. Why is that?

For one thing the RC Church wants to protect its reputation. At the same time it has since the days of Augustine [354-430 A.D.] never really believed that it has to answer to the state. In other words it is not only separate from the state (as for example in America) it is above our nation and all the countries of the world. This attitude toward the governments of the world alarmed more than one American politician when our nation was founded. Some of the most politically incorrect statements were placed on record by some very fair-minded men and all because they knew that Vatican representatives believed that their allegiance was to the Pope first and then and only then to Congress.

Pedophilia aside, the RC Church in America has given its verbal and dare I say it, its practical support to those who enter America illegally, who come from countries where most of the people are Catholic. The wall of separation which is supposed to exist between church and state, called

for by Thomas Jefferson, seems to have disappeared. This wall as far as Catholic leadership is concerned does not exist. This is Wall Number 2 and it has come a-tumbling down.

In a letter to a church, Jefferson declared that a wall exists between the church and the state. What does that mean? It means quite simply that the state cannot interfere with metaphysics. The wall is a fire wall. It is there for our protection. You may believe what you will about the nature of reality and the state cannot interfere. If an Amazonian native comes to America he may teach his children that his people came from the moon (which is what some still believe) and not have to fear any reprisal from the government.

However, the wall does not mean that you can hide from authorities who wish to protect children and prosecute illegal aliens. Archbishop Cardinal Roger Mahony of the Los Angeles diocese has used the wall to protect pedophiles and illegal aliens. Therefore he is just as guilty as any sick priest, and just as guilty as any of the many illegal aliens that have flaunted American law. He should be prosecuted along with them. I am happy to report that at this very moment this self-justifying hypocrite is under federal investigation for moving pedophile priests around in order to shield them from prosecution. I would add another charge. Mahony should be charged by the INS immigration services of the federal government for actions taken against our immigration laws. From what I can see he has gone beyond criticizing our laws to flaunting them which is prosecutorial.

The RC Church has conducted itself in such a way as make it look as if our immigration laws are misguided or even immoral. I ask you: "Is it immoral to protect the American worker who cannot subsist on what is paid to illegal aliens?" Priests like Mahony are biased. They are willing to sacrifice the American worker so they can provide jobs to Catholic illegal aliens.

I might go further. I am of the opinion that these priests want America to become a Catholic nation. Since most of the illegal aliens are Roman Catholic this provides them with a rare opportunity. The Vatican has always had designs on America. As a matter of fact the expression "Hey, Mac" was originally devised as a cover for a program initiated by the Vatican, the Make America Catholic program.

The Pope should, if he is man with any sense at all, see to it that Mahony appears in court. If he is recalled to Rome in order to avoid prosecution it will only prove what we have always believed, the RC Church does not think that it has to answer to ours or any government and that its priests are like foreign delegates who possess immunity. I do not expect much from this Pope. Is he not the same man that stood in a mosque in Turkey and prayed toward Mecca?

The people of Arizona have just passed a law which allows policemen to question anyone they suspect as being in this country illegally. Authorities can now ask for a valid identification. This has brought out the worst from Mahony and those who think like him, as for example President Barack Obama who called the law "unfortunate." It is anything but unfortunate. Who are these

people to walk into our country with impunity? Have we no right to protect our own borders? Do that in Europe and see what happens!

Liberals are screaming. They are telling us that this law amounts to racial profiling. Baloney! Everyone knows that the new Arizona law is simply an extension of a federal law, and that AZ authorities would not have to police their state as they must now do if the federal government fulfilled their responsibility and protected their border. I agree with what Pat Buchanan has said,

Al Sharpton threatens to go to Phoenix and march in the streets against the new Arizona law. Let him go.

Let us see how many African-Americans, who are today frozen out of the 8 million jobs held by illegal aliens that might otherwise go to them or their children, will march to defend an invasion for which they are themselves paying the heaviest price.

Last year, while Americans were losing a net of 5 million jobs, the U.S. government – Bush and Obama both – issued 1,131,000 green cards to legal immigrants to come and take the jobs that did open up, a flood of immigrants equaled in only four other years in our history.

What are we doing to our own people?

What I Would Do IF I Lived in Arizona

Arizona has been flooded with 500,000 illegal aliens. No state, not even California with a population of 40 million could absorb so many people, especially since the illegal aliens want to cash in on entitlement programs. **Greece is about to go into bankruptcy because of its entitlement programs; then why not Arizona?**

If I lived in Arizona I would turn off the free-ride magnet. That would solve the problem.

Admittedly, I am afraid of a law that could allow policemen the right to walk up to someone and demand, “I want to see your papers.” But what is wrong with asking for an ID when someone applies for food stamps or some other program which they may or may not be entitled to in this country? And what is wrong with checking the source of one’s papers?

- I would make it a felony to have in your possession a set of false papers.
- Those who supply illegal aliens with false documents would have to face minimum sentencing in a federal prison.
- I would severely penalize any and all employers that hire illegal aliens. I mean I would shut down their operation.

Enforce a few measures like these and the problem of illegal immigration in Arizona will be resolved.

When it comes to Harry Reid I predict that there will be an about face. He will now speak out against the Arizona law whereas before he had called for a national ID card. Now an idea like that scares me; that is Socialism.

Facts, Just the Facts

Here are some facts which reveal the concerns that some of us hold about the open border policy (which U.S. Senator John McCain [R-AZ] favored until he recently realized that Arizonians are about to kick him out of office) are well founded. My source is Peter Brimelow whose book, *Alien Nation: Common Sense about America's Immigration Disaster*, is worth reviewing.

In 1990 we spent 16 billion more in welfare payments to immigrants than they paid back in taxes.

The United States is taking in almost half of the world's immigrants.

Immigrants comprise 25 percent of the prisoners in federal prisons.

When illegal immigrants claiming the earned income tax credit are detected through their fake Social Security numbers the IRS assigns them temporary numbers and mails the checks anyway.

The sponsors of the 1965 Immigration Act led by Senator Ted Kennedy promised that our cities will not be flooded with a million immigrants annually and that immigration levels and the ethnic mix of the country would not be upset. In fact every one of Kennedy's assurances has proven false.

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