

Yankee Steve's Column
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Mo' Town Ain't What It Used to Be

The Cadillac division of General Motors (GM) may have to pull down the Stars and Stripes which flies in front of its headquarters in Detroit. In its place it may have to run up a flag with a large yellow star half-circled by four small stars in a field of red.

You might already know that that is the flag of the Communist Party of China (CPC).

Why do I say this? The Cadillac division of GM has given its endorsement to a documentary film made by the CPC which celebrates the 90-year history of Communism in China.

And you thought porn was despicable!

The CPC has moved somewhat in the direction of capitalism and that can put money in the pockets of GM shareholders who, of course, would like to sell every Chinese a Cadillac, but if they support a film like this, the dividend will be thirty pieces of silver!

If GM endorses this film it will be like urinating on the graves of every young American who died alone and comfortless in the cold hills of Korea. During the celebrated 90-year history of Chinese Communism, the People's Republic sent well equipped men into Korea to kill soldiers who would never see their families again. And probably many of the weapons used against us in Vietnam were manufactured in China like those cheap goods sold today around our country.

I wonder will the film take us into the Chinese Gulag. A few weeks ago government dissident and artist Sheng Qi suddenly disappeared. And what was his crime? He did not commit a crime. Totalitarian states do not have to charge a citizen with a crime. They just removed him without explanation.

I have to wonder if the film will take us to the dark side in the mind of Chairman Mao Zedong [1893-1976]. The corpulent, porcine head of the CPC said that he was willing to forfeit 300 million lives in order to make China a Communist nation.

Also I wonder if Barack Obama will see the film. That would not surprise me, but what would be a shocker would be if he gave it a presidential kind of Roger Ebert thing, that along with Joe Biden they could give it "two thumbs up." Maybe they will watch it along with some of the executives at "Government Motors." Will there be egg rolls and wonton soup?

President Ronald Reagan tirelessly negotiated with the Communists from a position of strength until at last the U.S.S.R. crumbled like that cookie I hid in my pocket so my wife who has me on

a diet wouldn't find. Unlike Reagan, Obama bowed to the Chinese President and the General Secretary of the CPC, Hu Jintao, when they met in Washington. D.C., during the official arrival for the Nuclear Security Summit in 2010.

What Color Is Your Shirt?

Would GM endorse a film in honor of the Nazi Party? What difference is there between a Nazi and a Communist? The only difference that I can see is in the color of their shirts. Nazis wore brown shirts, and the Communists red but the ideology is the same. Plato is mentor to both; the state is more important than the individual; the state must not tolerate dissent, the state must teach you how and what to think.

Permit me to paraphrase or even update a statement which I have included in one of my books which was made by freedom lover Isaac Levine [1892-1981]. If Levine were with us now he would tell the golfing big-shots at GM that the CPC does not care about people, and that no film, however well made, will ever erase from our minds the numbing, numberless crimes that have been committed by the Communist Party.

Communism, Levine would say, is and will always remain light years away from altruism.

“The dominant motive of the Communism is not humanitarian; but mechanistic; not love of people, but a love of power; and the salvation they would bring is more like that of Torquemada than that of Hugo, Zola, Tolstoy. It is this fear of losing power that makes the Communist Party of China so cruel and so haunted by the shadows.”

Good-bye, GM; I will buy Japanese. Suddenly that has become more American.

Ever yours,

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