

## Chancellor's Update

## Learn from History

Admonition from George Santayana: Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.

As we see the chaos around us from Portland, Oregon, Seattle, Washington to Washington D.C. to the chaos of the Judiciary committee hearings and the demonstrations in front of the Supreme Court Building, people are amazed and befuddled. But if one knows History, this is just another attempt by revolutionaries to destroy our constitutional Republic and our culture.

Let us look back to the early Twentieth Century and we find: "The liberal idea of the French Revolution appealed to many of the Russian aristocrats and resulted in the formation of two Masonic Lodges (in Russia), the Northern Star and the Southern Star. Both lodges enlisted as members many influential and wealthy Russian nobles.

"The secret society had been brought to Russia. In a book entitled *Russia 1917*, author George Katkov cited the enormous influence the secret societies had in the Communist Revolution: 'There is no doubt...that a widespread net of conspiratorial organizations modeled on freemasons' lodges worked for revolution in Russia and played a decisive role in the formation of the first Provisional Government.'

"With the arrival of the secret society, the near powerful could conspire to replace the monarchy.... The conspirators now had two of the three essential parts of the 'pincers movement' written about by Jan Kozak.

"The third part, the 'mob' was organized in 1895, when Vladimir Ilyich Lenin (he changed his name from Ulyanov to Lenin. The new name had no meaning as a word; but as a symbol, it stood for his total break with past and its culture.) and nine others, including Leon Trotsky, formed the Social Democratic Lab or Party, the forerunner of the Communist Party." (The Unseen Hand by A.Ralph Epperson, pg.101)

Let us notice that President Trump keeps referring to the "Democrat mob", and various senators keep calling for "Socialism", for example, Bernie Sanders, Cory Booker and newly chosen candidate for congress Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez. The President keeps reminding his followers that the mob wishes to turn America into another Venezuela. Because of the success that the communists have had over the past century, President Trump cannot tell the American people that we are fighting off a communist invasion.

If we understand the basic tenets of the Third International as conceived by Marx, it was and is, the promotion of world revolution. The first country to experience a communist revolution outside of Russia was Germany. The German government, which had abetted the Bolshevik coup in 1917 by facilitating Lenin's return to Russia via the sealed railway car, was in 1918 faced with a revolution of its own.

In many respects the German Revolution paralleled the Russian. As World War 1 reached the climatic year of 1918, and as the German manpower losses mounted, the German Social Democratic Party spread the seeds of revolution among the German population.

No sooner had the German armies been demobilized then the more extreme elements of the Social Democratic Party led by Rosa Luxemberg, laid plans to seize control of the revolution as the Bolsheviks had done in Russia. Aided by funds provided by the Soviet ambassador, Joffe, Rosa Luxemberg's "Spartacus Bund" in January of 1919 attempted to overthrow the revolutionary government. The revolt, following bloody street fighting, was quelled and its leaders, Rosa Luxemberg and Karl Liebknecht, were imprisoned and later executed.

Have you noticed that they don't even change their play book from country to country? It is always mobs in the streets, destruction or confiscation of property, and violations of other rights. Their terminology, slogans and names keep repeating. For example, during the Judiciary hearings Senator Cory Booker took the "Spartacus Moment" to protest the proceedings. If the senator cannot be original, at least he should inform his advisors and ghost writers not to use famous revolutionary names.

Spartacus was the revolutionary slave executed by the Romans. Adam Weishaupt adopted it as a code name when he founded the Freemasons of the Illuminati and the name was also used by Rosa Luxemberg for her Bund.

Senator Rand Paul has warned his fellow colleagues to lower their verbiage before someone else gets hurt or shot as Representative Scalise was.

We can go through another dozen countries to show that the "play book" has not changed. If we do not learn from History we will unfortunately pay the penalty.

We leave you with this thought from Pope Pius XI: "If, like all errors, Socialism contains a certain element of truth (and this the Sovereign Pontiffs have never denied), it is nevertheless founded upon a doctrine of human society peculiarly its own, which is opposed to true Christianity. "Religious Socialism," "Christian Socialism" are expressions implying a contradiction in terms. No one can be at the same time a sincere Catholic and a true Socialist."

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