Freedom: Think About It!

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"Whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends [i.e., securing inherent and inalienable rights, with powers derived from the consent of the governed], it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness." (Thomas Jefferson: Declaration of Independence, 1776. ME 1:29, Papers 1:31)

After the 1860 elections, certain States felt the need to break from the “Federal” government of the united States of America. They did not choose to “alter or abolish” the present form of government they had been a member of, but chose to make a clean break, to “secede” and form their own government that, in the words of Thomas Jefferson, would allow them “to institute new government" that would “most likely to effect their safety and happiness.” I have to wonder what Jefferson would think of Americans today. Would he think of us as loyal to the Constitution by our going along with the corruption in our government? Would he think of us as traitors for not standing strong with the Constitution as he so many times said that we must?

The US started changing from a government of the people to a government over the people in 1860.

Tensions within the U.S. government had been brewing for some time in the western parts of the united States and its territories. This area was the border of the Kansas territory and the State of Missouri. There had been trouble there from before the time of Missouri’s statehood, but it wasn't until about 1855 when the biggest trouble began

spewing over into the Deep South. In western Missouri, the “Civil War” had already begun. It wasn't until the election of 1860 that Missouri’s sister states finally saw what had been happening to their Constitution.

The Kansas territory was in a state of anarchy from the “Federal” government populating it with Yankees, German 48ers, and other immigrants, to stack the deck against the feared voting power of the Southern states. Remember the Southern states had the raw materials and the manpower, yet they were taxed enormously. This high taxation was something many of these Southerners knew of from Great Briton.

The new inhabitants of Kansas had less than their neighbors in Missouri. The Missourians were more established and had accumulated much from their hard work. It didn't take the Kansans long to realize this, so they started looting, murdering, raping and pillaging the Missourians.

These Kansans were nothing but “jayhawkers” who didn't care much for the law, and saw “freebooting” into the western counties of Missouri as their means for success. Some 35 citizens of Bates and Vernon Counties were sent to the General Assembly in January 1859. With them they carried accounts of crimes perpetrated in their neighborhoods by organized bands of robbers from Kansas, and asked that a sufficient force be sent to the border to defend "peaceable and law-abiding citizens from insult, outrage and lawless violence."

A bill was introduced to the united States Senate that stated, “We have evidence of the most satisfactory character that outrages, almost without a parallel in America, have been perpetrated upon the persons and property of unoffending citizens of Bates and Vernon counties—their houses plundered and then burned, citizens wounded and murdered in cold blood—which evils demand at our hands the best remedy the wisdom of the legislature can apply.”

The committee on federal relations rejected it. A bill was later passed authorizing the governor to use his discretion in the adoption of such measures as he might deem necessary for their protection.

There was less than a year of relative peace from the “jayhawkers” when, in November of 1860, Col. James Montgomery led a band of “jayhawkers” which murdered three grand jurors during a session of the third Kansas district. One of the jurors was Russell Hinds, a citizen of Missouri. Judge Williams of the United States District Court stated:“The citizens of Missouri on the Osage, Marmaton, and in Bates and Vernon counties are fleeing from their homes into the interior.” Col. James Montgomery, along with Charles R. Jennison, was one of Jim Lane’s principle lieutenants and “Red Legs”.

Brigadier-General D. M. Frost had orders to proceed at once to the border with enough men to end the difficulty. This order reached St. Louis on 23 November 1860. General Frost was the head of the lawful Missouri Militia under Gov. Jackson. In less than 24 hours, a force of 630 men was on its way to the scene of the outbreak. Upon reaching the frontier in early December, Frost discovered that the regular army had already reached Fort Scott. Now this was a state issue and was being handled by the State of Missouri, but by the time Gen. Frost made it to the border, Federal troops were already in place in Kansas. Montgomery was threatened by both federal and state troops so he fled the county. In the report submitted, General Frost states that “The deserted and charred remains of once happy homes, combined with the general terror that prevailed amongst the citizens who still clung to their possessions, gave but too certain proof of the persecution to which they had all been subjected and which they would again have

to endure, with renewed violence, so soon as armed protection should be withdrawn."

A battalion of volunteers, consisting of three companies of rangers and one of artillery, was enlisted, with Lieutenant-Colonel John S. Bowen chosen to command. With the organization of this force, jayhawking came to an end for a short time. It started back during the invasion of Missouri in 1861 by the federals and as long as there was anything worth taking on the Missouri side of the border, jayhawking flourished more vigorously than ever. "The old jayhawking leaders now came with United States commissions in their pocket and at the head of regularly enlisted troops, in which guise they carried on a system of robbery and murder that left a good portion of the frontier south of the Missouri River as perfect a waste as Germany was at the end of the Thirty Years' War."

You see just a little of what was happening to Missouri before the Southern States exercised their right of secession. Lincoln's war was in full effect by this time. Senator General James H. Lane and his brigade of freebooters had already begun that career of robbery, arson, and murder which converted Lawrence, Kansas into a mere fence-house for stolen property.

At this time, an act was passed which dissolved the ties between Missouri and the united States of America. On the 28th of November 1861, Missouri was formally admitted into the Confederacy. Newly elected Missouri Governor Claiborne Fox Jackson stated: "In view of the marauding forays which continue to harass our borders, as well as the general unsettled condition of our political relations, the militia of the State should be thoroughly organized." The times were revolutionary.

Missouri was being invaded by Iowa and Kansas long before the invasion of Missouri's sister States. It was also bordered on three sides by the "Federal" government—a government that invaded a sovereign State and put at its leadership the very people who committed murder, rape, burning of Missouri citizens out of their homes, and other atrocities too numerous to continue here.

The Union troops far outnumbered the Missourians. The Missourians were never able to reestablish their own lands, but they were able to create enough strife and turmoil for the Union troops who had invaded their land and committed such atrocities. According to official records, between April 20, 1861 and November 20, 1862, a period of nineteen months, over 300 battles and skirmishes were fought within the limits of the state.

With most Missourians off fighting the war in the Deep South, this left the western part of Missouri ripe for the jayhawkers. Just about the only force they encountered was the Missouri Partisan Ranger and the citizen soldier. The Federal Army (jayhawkers) against citizens.

This opened the way for General Lane and his merry band of "Jayhawkers, Redlegs" assassin Federal troops to start burning to the ground the town of Osceola on 23 September 1861. Many more towns in Missouri were ransacked by these desperadoes of the Federal government.

These actions were approved by Lincoln; he just didn't want to be told of them. (1)

Organized by General Ewing and General Blunt, Federal Officers, were the "Red Legs". They probably gained more

notoriety than any other group. They were ordered for service along the Kansas Missouri border.

In a letter from Mr. Chase of Kansas to the "True Republican and Sentinel, Sycamore, Illinois, are found the definitions used on the border. Written from Leavenworth, 10 August, he says:

> Jayhawkers, Red Legs are everyday terms in Kansas and Western Missouri. A Jayhawker is a Unionist who professes to rob, burn out and murder only rebels in arms against the government. A Red Leg is a Jayhawker originally distinguished by the uniform of red leggings. A Red Leg, however, is regarded as more purely an indiscriminate thief and murderer than the Jayhawker....

Following the invasion of Missouri and just the few of the hostile acts taken by the Federal government, it couldn't stop at that. The Feds elected its own State government, and now was depopulating the citizens of their own homes and State.

In General Orders #10 and #11, the Federal government depopulated the western counties of Missouri. In some cases, if the citizens didn't move fast enough, the men were executed right in their doorways and the women and children taken to prison.

Missouri had exercised its right of secession. Thomas Jefferson, one of the Founding Fathers and authors of the Constitution of the United States of America, said that 'it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and to institute new government." Then there is the 10th Amendment.

Now you have read this and are saying to yourself—that was bad, real bad. But that was some 140 years ago and we have advanced much farther than that. Well folks I want you to read further, because we have not learned one thing from our past. That really isn't your fault, or is it? The government doesn't want you to remember the past or be taught the truth in school. If you were taught the truth you might be quicker to defend your rights as Jefferson so correctly put it.

> "Monarchy, to be sure, is now defeated, …yet the spirit is not done away. The same party takes now what they deem the next best ground, the consolidation of the government; the giving to the federal member of the government, by unlimited constructions of the Constitution, a control over all the functions of the States, and the concentration of all power ultimately at Washington." (Thomas Jefferson to William Short, 1825. ME 16:95)

New World Order

Now we move on to our "Orwellian" description of our government. It is the United States of America. If you noticed before I used the words "united States of America". That was because the States were separate States that come together but didn't give away their sovereignty. Now, since 1860, we are the United States of America, we no longer have States Rights. To remind you of what an "Orwellian" is, it is a "1984, Big Brother Is Watching You".

Can it be believed that under the jealousies prevailing against the General Government at the adoption of the

Constitution, the States meant to surrender the authority of preserving order or enforcing moral duties and restraining vice within their own territory?... Can any good be effected by taking from the States the moral rule of their citizens and subordinating it to the general authority?" --Thomas Jefferson to William Johnson, 1823. ME 15:449

Our “Orwellian”, New World Order, let us not even whisper of “Socialist or Communistic governments. Why, we are fighters of these despicable ways of government. If that is the case then answer yourself about the following modern day travesty. Even our “leaders” speak of the new World Order; the world under one power!

With an unchecked US government and its military together with the United Nations it would be very easy for this government to come into your homes as was done 140 years ago, just easier. Not only easier but more effective!

The United Nations (UN) is just another tool of the New World Order and for a one world government. The UN is not supportive of self government and the US government has strayed from the Founding Fathers' intent.

FEMA! That is Federal Emergency Management Agency and one of the leaders in the American’s belief that he is a free man. FEMA isn’t alone; it has the Presidential Executive Orders and Homeland Security Act. FEMA was not even created under the Constitutional law by the Congress, yet it has power stronger than the President. I question the constitutionality of the Homeland Security Act, and I certainly feel the Presidential Executive Orders have eroded away the Constitution as written.

Let’s just take two of these ever so important entities that few people know about or even understand.

FEMA. It is not an elected body. It has its own budget of billions of dollars. It has more power than the President of the US or the Congress. It has the power to suspend laws to arrest and detain citizens without warrant and hold them without trial. It can move entire populations, seize property, food supplies and transportation systems. Again, all of this and it was never created under Constitutional law by the Congress.

You are thinking by now, what is this man saying? Well it is quite documented and, for the time being, the books have not been taken away. But then, is the Federal government afraid of us rightful citizens? The Feds have the strength, the firepower, they can do as they please and we cannot do a damned thing about it.

The US started changing from a government of the people to a government over the people in 1860. This with the forming of the new Republican party and the election of Abraham Lincoln.

President Lincoln violated the very laws he swore to uphold. Every President since has slowly taken from the Constitution and the people and giving them what “they” want. That is more governmental power and less power of the people.

Just so recently as the 1960s, and the beginning of FEMA, together with the Presidential Executive Orders (PEO), the continued decay of our rights has been signed away.

"The constitutions of most of our States assert that all power is inherent in the people; that they may exercise it by themselves in all cases to which they think themselves competent (as in electing their functionaries executive and legislative, and deciding by a jury of themselves in all judiciary cases in which any fact is involved), or they may act by representatives, freely and equally chosen; that it is their right and duty to be at all times armed; that they are entitled to freedom of person, freedom of religion, freedom of property, and freedom of the press." (*Thomas Jefferson to John Cartwright, 1824. ME 16:45*)

Now that you have read the above quote of Thomas Jefferson, are we too late to correct the way our government does business, or do you think there is still time to redeem it? I remind you of the total control of the government over its citizens.

Read the following Presidential Executive Orders. Remember, “as you read them they mean nothing by themselves, they are not law, nor can they become law by and of themselves:”

- Executive Order 10990 allows the government to take over all modes of transportation and control of highways and seaports.
- Executive Order 10995 allows seizure of all communications media in the United States.
- Executive Order 10997 allows seizure of all electric power fuels and minerals, public and private.
- Executive Order 10998 allows the government to take over all food resources and farms.
- Executive Order 10999 allows seizure of all means of transportation, including personal cars, trucks or vehicles of any kind and total control of highways, seaports and waterways.
- Executive Order 11000 allows seizure of all American people for work forces under federal supervision including the splitting of families if the government finds it necessary.
- Executive Order 11001 allows seizure of all health, education and welfare facilities, public and private.
- Executive Order 11002 empowered the postmaster general to register all men, women, and children in the U. S.
- Executive Order 11003 allows seizure of all airports and aircraft.
- Executive Order 11004 allows seizure of all housing and finance authorities to establish Forced Relocation Designated areas to be abandoned as “unsafe”.
- Executive Order 11005 allows seizure of all railroads, inland waterways and storage facilities, public and private.
- Executive Order 11051 specifies the responsibility of the Office of Emergency Planning and gives authorization to put all Executive Orders into effect in times of increased international tensions and economic or financial crisis.
- Executive Order 11921 allows the Federal Emergency Preparedness Agency to develop plans to establish control over the mechanisms of productions and distribution, of energy sources, wages, salaries, credit and the flow of money in U. S. financial institution in any undefined national emergency. It also provides that when a state of emergency is declared by the President, Congress cannot review the actions for six months.
- Executive Order 12148 created the Federal Emergency Management Agency to interface with the Department of Defense for civil defense planning and funding. An “emergency czar” was appointed; FEMA has only spent about 6 percent of its budget on national emergencies. The bulk of their funding has been used for the

construction of secret underground facilities to assure continuity of government in case of a major emergency, foreign or domestic.

- Executive Order 12656 appointed the National Security council as the principal body that should consider emergency powers. This allows the government to increase domestic intelligence and surveillance of U.S. citizens and would restrict the freedom of movement within the United States and grant the government the right to isolate large groups of civilians. The National Guard could be federalized to seal all borders and take control of U. S. air space and all ports of entry.
- Executive Order 12919 signed 3 June 1994 by President Clinton. Encompasses all the above executive orders.

After you have read this piece, do some research for yourselves. The answers are out there; you just need to hunt for them, for they will not be easy to find. Do this before the government decides it is best for you not to know anything, that it can do what is best for you. One day we will see a large book burning bonfire from all parts of the nation; Germany revisited.

Starting in the 1850, and fully supported by US President Lincoln, the country was put under government force, depopulated, murdered, and the list goes on. The same thing can happen again with the strong military force and the UN military. The citizens of this land don't have a chance. What little firepower we do have would be like shooting beebees.

> "If Congress fails to shield the States from dangers so palpable and so imminent, the States must shield themselves and meet the invader foot to foot." (Thomas Jefferson to Archibald Thweat, 1821. ME 15:307)

Footnotes

1. Lane's men are charged with committing murders and molesting women in the following sources: Charles Robinson, The Kansas Conflict (Lawrence, Kansas, 1898); John McCorkle, Three Years with Quantrill (Armstrong, Missouri, 1915); William H. Gregg, "The Gregg Manuscript", (State Historical Society, Columbia, Missouri); John C. Shea, compiler, Reminiscences of Quantrell's Raid upon the City of Lawrence, Kas. (Kansas City, Missouri, 1879); Council Grove Press, September 14, 1863.] [Lawrence Kansas State Journal, November 28, 1861; White Cloud Kansas Chief, October 6, 1864. One of Quantrill's men who participated in the Lawrence Raid of August 21, 1863, wrote years later that the raiders found three pianos in the parlor of Lane's home in Lawrence, two of which were recognized as having belonged to Southern people in Missouri. See McCorkle, Three Years with Quantrill.]

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