

Stalag Amerika – Part Two

In January, the Halliburton subsidiary Kellogg Brown & Root (KBR) was awarded a \$385 million contract to do some construction for Homeland Security.

As reported on the MARKETWATCH website (<http://www.marketwatch.com>):

“KBR, the engineering and construction subsidiary of Halliburton Co., said Tuesday it has been awarded a contingency contract from the Department of Homeland Security to support its Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) facilities in the event of an emergency. . . . The contract, which is effective immediately, provides for establishing temporary detention and processing capabilities to expand existing ICE Detention and Removal Operations Program facilities in the event of an emergency influx of immigrants. . . .”

The New York Times also reported that KBR’s construction might be used “to house people in the event of a natural disaster or for new programs that require additional detention space.”

Regarding the above excerpts, two phrases strike me as curious:

In the MARKETWATCH quote it’s “an emergency influx of immigrants.”

In the *Times* it’s “new programs that require additional detention space.”

First of all, what does an *emergency influx* mean?

Are we talking about immigrant masses engaging in a planned overrun of our border? Or does this mean the immigrants are fleeing a natural disaster in their homeland?

I find our government’s sudden concern about a wave of immigrants interesting because, going back to Reagan’s administration, government has ignored the illegal immigrant problem and, further, has ordered the Border Patrol to stand down.

If you’re wondering why our government would do that, you might ask the Carnegie Foundation, which supports Latino organizations that promote immigration into the United States, legal or otherwise.

The forced illegal immigration is one of the tools the Robber Baron foundations have chosen to use to alter the demographics of the United States for the objective of agitating internal strife, the chaos from which will weaken the U.S. and make it less resistant to the one-world government movement.

So, then, what’s the big deal about the “emergency influx of immigrants” when we’ve had a steady stream of illegals pouring into this country since the 1980s?

However, the more sinister—and telling—of the two quotes might be the latter, which mentions “new programs that require additional detention space.”

Inquiring minds would like to know what those new programs might entail. Unfortunately, the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency has heretofore declined to supply more detailed information.

That’s probably because it’s a national security issue like everything else the government doesn’t want to tell us about.

If you think the concern about detention camps is a bunch of hoodoo, then remember the precedent for such was set with the Japanese internment camps of the World War 2 era.

The untold and unwarranted misery, heartbreak, and ruin the internment camps caused U.S. citizens that happened to be of Japanese ancestry is a nasty chapter in American history that’s been brushed under the rug.

And all that was required for the imprisonment of these people was their racial profile and the assumption they might be collaborators.

And that's what's dangerous in this day and age—as it was before in the U.S., most recently in the Red Scare of the 1950s—that vague terms like *assumption*, *presumption*, *alleged*, *likelihood*, *probable* become evidence hard enough to detain, jail, imprison not only foreigners in this country but American citizens as well.

As has been quoted in this column before, the words of John Lord O'Brian at Harvard over 50 years ago ring, sadly, all the truer today.

In the midst of this nation's overreaction to Communists, both suspected and real, O'Brian asked Americans to reflect on the atrocities of Nazi totalitarianism, which our men and women had only 10 years earlier given the "last full measure of devotion" to defeat:

"One of the most disturbing symptoms of our time is the casual way in which our people are already endeavoring to forget the events of that catastrophic period. . . . The memory of these bitter and terrifying spectacles we deliberately seek to put aside; yet it is a platitude to say that no barriers can ever protect us from the imponderable and evil influences the must result from these tragedies. Already as a nation we are suffering from the impact of a disorganized external world and from the widespread challenges of "modern barbarism." But the effect of poisonous ideologies upon our internal affairs is only one aspect of the danger. The other aspect is the effect upon our nation's prestige and capacity for moral leadership in the outside world if we weaken in maintaining those principles of justice and fair play which in the past have given American civilization its distinctive quality."

This nation has now countenanced torture of foreign citizens who are suspected terrorists. This nation has now countenanced the denial of Constitutional rights to U.S. citizens. The Constitution and the laws of the land are being thrown to the wind to get those ever elusive "bad guys."

Yet there is a far more dangerous element to all of this, that is, the end of civility for all humankind.

Please consider the exchange between Sir Thomas More and his firebrand lawyer son-in-law, Will Roper, as dramatized in the film *A Man for All Seasons* in which More chastises his son-in-law's overzealousness toward the prosecution of a person who *probably* will commit a crime against, of all people, Sir Thomas himself:

Will asks: "So now you give the devil the benefit of law?"

Thomas replies: "Yes, what would you do? Cut a great road through the law to get after the devil?"

Will: "Yes, I'd cut down every law in England to do that."

Thomas answers: "Oh, and when the last law was down and the devil turned round on you, where would hide Roper, the laws all being flat? This country is planted thick with laws from coast to coast, man's laws not God's, and if you cut them down—and you're just the man to do it—do you really think you could stand upright in the wind that would blow then? Yes, I'd give the devil the benefit of law for my own safety sake."

Is any of this getting through to you?

It had better.

Because it *is* happening here.