

Gloom, Despair, And Agony On Me

Several days ago as I mentally listed all the things not doing so good in the world around me I thought back to the Hee Haw TV Show and the four guys (Roy Clark, Gordie Tapp, Grandpa Jones, and Archie Campbell) who sang the song. I enjoyed the Show and frankly times were not so bad – at least I thought so. Oh well, Dummy Me. How was I to know things were going to get bad some years later. How was I to know they already were well on the way.

The Stock Market seems determined to go to H—I in a Hand Basket, supposedly because of the drop in the price of oil. But as the oil price drops so does the price of gas and so should the cost of other products made from oil. So one would think that as oil prices fall we could buy more things, all at a lower price. But it seems that other than the price of gas the costs of goods seemed to have not dropped. Is that 'greed' on the part of merchants or are things so bad that they cannot afford to reduce prices? And then there is good old Osama Hussein Obama wanting to slap on a \$10 per barrel tax on oil.

ISIS is in full force and our speaker Kris Sacra whose talk title was "Discussion on Active Shooter Training and Preparedness" reminded me of that at the SVTPP February Meeting. (BTW – you missed a very good talk if you failed to attend.) At some point I am fairly certain you and I will have to deal with ISIS in a more personal manner. I do not see ISIS and its ilk letting up in their effort to conquer the world and kill off Christians.

And then there is Iran, not to mention North Korea. I do believe Iran is quite serious about killing off Big Satan (Us) and Little Satan (Israel.) And what about Korea? If what I am told is true they are just crazy enough to do something that gets entirely out of hand.

Perhaps the bigger threats are China and Russia. China is building manmade islands in the South China Sea for their naval and air force activities. If you look back on the 1920's and 1930's Japan in effect did the same by taking over islands in an effort to consolidate their power and obtain the natural resources they needed. In regards to China there is also an economic aspect that affects the role of the American Dollar and its value. Don't forget – China owns a lot of us because of our borrowing from them, not to mention the trade imbalance. I have listened to "experts" say "Oh China would not destroy us because of all the money we owe them and the goods we buy from them." 'Nonsense', I say, 'Slave Counties are of just as much value to them.'

And then there is Russia. Have you, and I know you have, looked at how Putin views us – all because of the incompetent, 3rd-World Socialist who hates Us and who also happens to be our President? Putin is slowly replacing the U.S. of A. around the world with the presence of Russia. I am not a Neo Con and I agree with those who say we screwed up by removing Saddam Hussein. We did open

the door to chaos in Iraq because there was nothing we had to replace Saddam that fit with the nature of the people of Iraq. And we seem to be making the same mistake in Syria. But there should be an approach we could use to maintain influence without sacrificing our own blood and fortunes. And meanwhile Putin is entrenching Russia in much of South America and Africa as well as the Middle East.

And what about our good buddies in Europe? It appears that much of Europe has opened its doors too wide to Middle Eastern, Syrian, “refugees.” (If Obama has his way we will do the same.) It remains to be seen if the European Countries will come to their senses. Perhaps it is too late, even for those who are trying to correct the flood of “refugees.” George Washington asked in his 1796 Farewell Address why we should “entangle our peace and prosperity in the toils of European ambition, ...” There was, and still is, much wisdom in what he had to say in his 6084 word statement, click [HERE](#). We all would benefit by taking time to read it.

I read a headline on Drudge this past week: [World economy teetering on edge of recession: Citi's Buiter](#). Gosh, my thinking is that we have been in a serious recession since the day Obama stepped into office, if not earlier.

And thus my final comment: I have my favorite in the Republican Presidential Primary Race, and I am sure you do also. What scares me is that there is a possibility that no matter who wins, and even if they become the President, nothing will be solved. Gee - Gloom, Despair, and Agony on Me.