

The purge has begun

If Joe Biden is serious about trying to bring us all together, he sure is going about it in a strange way. Today, he removed his beloved Covid-19 mask and replaced it with his 'tough guy' model as he proceeded to demonstrate his affection for the old-time Soviet-style 'purge' which has traditionally been reserved for out-of-step un-politically-correct leaders. Though purges are usually associated with another famous 'Joe' - tough guy, Joe Stalin - the first ones actually started in 1921 by the Bolsheviks after taking power a few years earlier in the Russian Revolution.

'Iron Joe' Stalin perfected the art of removing all vestiges of the competition, including their physical selves, in the early thirties and continued the practice all the way up until his death in 1953. History books were re-written and even former heroes of the U.S.S.R. were not immune from removal. The 'great purge' of 1936-38 saw four million people *disappear* from Mother Russia, entirely. Many were simply executed while others were banished to prisons.

Biden had obviously eaten two bowls of the 'Breakfast of Champions' before standing tall and squinting large at the tough guy teleprompter today as he took careful aim at Donald Trump with scripted remarks reminiscent of his previous challenges to 'take the guy out behind the barn and slap him silly.' The problem was that most of old Joe's declarations about Trump were not based at all in fact and were thinner than the transplanted follicles on his aging head. He couldn't help bringing up the old accusation of Trump as a Russian puppet, for example. Then there was Trump the enabler of violence and instigator of yesterday's attack on the Capitol, and on it went.

Obviously relishing his new-found power as the soon-to-be actual 'Big Guy' conferred upon him by the two Senate wins in Georgia which gave his Democrat Party the political trifecta of White House, Congress and Senate and seeing nothing standing in his way to stop a frontal assault on DJT, Biden did his best to label Trump as our most deceitful and Machiavellian President in U.S. history. He all but accused the President of being Beelzebub, incarnate.

Joe's attack covered a panoply of Trump *sins*, committed since 2017, sins that surely assured him a top spot in the Dictators of the World Hall of Fame. No one could mistake this for a *come-together* speech. Instead, it was a Khrushchev "we will bury you" tirade designed as a red meat appetizer for the Biden base as well as a purge-like attempt to consign Trump to the dust heap of history. There is one problem, however, despite Trump's impassioned speech which could have riled up some of his normally peaceful followers yesterday, Trump still has millions of loyal followers, and these followers have power, influence and money, not to mention votes that they will be saving for 2022 elections when a third of the Senate and 435 members of the House are up for re-election.

While it is generally true that history is written by the winners, history is also like a revolving door and is often made by those disgruntled losers of pitched battles. Biden and the Democrats would do well to keep that in mind. And that goes for professional prevaricators and hit men like Senator Chuck Schumer of New York and the 'Lady of the House,' the inimitable San Fran Nancy Pelosi. Both should remember to heed the law of Political gravity, the one that mirrors that of the Earth's: "What goes up will, eventually, come down." The *gulag* of those who've ignored that basic fact of life is filled to the brim with arrogant politicians...but, I'm told, there is always room for one more.

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