

Washington's Reichstag moment

It was shortly after 9:00 pm on the evening of February 27th in 1933. The air was filled with smoke and the sound of fire engines could be heard throughout Berlin. The *Reichstag* or German Parliament Building was on fire. The fire brigade was summoned but it was too late. Large portions of the building could not be saved. The next morning, Germans heard the bad news and later another shoe was to drop when they were told that 'Communist agitators' had deliberately set the fire and that one man, Marinus van der Lubbe (a Dutch council Communist) was to blame.

Van der Lubbe wasn't the only one to be arrested. Later, two Bulgarians who were high up in the Communist hierarchy were also arrested and accused of a conspiracy to burn the Reichstag down. Hitler used the resultant widespread fear among the German population to push then President Paul von Hindenburg to issue an emergency decree that effectively suspended Germans' civil liberties. Hitler then rode that fear to power. Today, most researchers and historians are in agreement that it was probably Hitler's own 'brown shirts' that set the fire as a 'false flag operation' to panic the Germans and convince them that they were in danger from outside forces. This was a diversionary tactic that worked, and history is littered with such deceptions where the wrong group (or a small number of one group) becomes the target for those coveting more power or more control.

In the summer of 2020, Americans in Seattle, Portland and even Washington, DC witnessed their streets and buildings set alight or looted by 'peaceful protesters' (so said the mainstream media and city councils). There was nothing peaceful about the massive destruction of property and nothing benign about the fear that those riots created among ordinary citizens, however. The Democrats' candidate for President, Joe Biden, largely looked the other way and avoided actively condemning the protests or the protesters as criminals. Neither did the mayors of those cities. In the nation's capital, the Mayor, Muriel Bowser, even went so far as to rename a plaza after the protesters (Black Lives Matter Plaza). Many of us believe that the vast majority of the protesters in the summer of 2020 were not avowed anarchists, but many did get swept along in the intensity of the moment and were, effectively, tarred with the same 'anarchist/terrorist' brush.

Yesterday, after hearing a speech by President Trump which preceded the electoral certification vote in a joint session of the Congress and Senate, thousands of 'Stop the Steal' or 'America First' protesters decided to march towards the Capitol Building where the vote was taking place. What followed was captured on live television for all Americans to see. A small group took to the Capitol steps and planted themselves there while another smaller group proceeded to force open the Capitol doors and scaled walls to gain access to the building.

This smaller insurgent group was clad in light body armor with helmets and backpacks and they were able to use ropes that they had secreted in those backpacks to help their comrades scale the wall. Several managed to gain entry to the Capitol rotunda and proceeded to make their way into the Congressional offices of Speaker Nancy Pelosi and others while some actually got onto the House floor and sat in the Speaker's chair. In another part of the building, a young woman was shot to death by Capitol Police. Unlike the protests of last summer, the mayor of DC quickly asked for the National guard to be called up yesterday and within a few hours hundreds of unarmed Guardsmen arrived, linked arms and forced the crowd of protesters to move away from the building. Shortly thereafter, the mayor imposed a 6:00 pm to 6:00 am curfew AND extended it to January 21st, one day after the inauguration is to take place.

Joe Biden was quick to go on TV and call the demonstrations despicable and an affront to democracy. Minutes later, the media aired a taped Twitter message by the President who told the demonstrators to "go home in peace." Predictably, Trump was criticized for his remarks as not being 'forceful enough' and that 'only he could make HIS people stand down.'

While all this was happening, Congressional Representatives and Senators were spirited away to safety where they awaited a return to their deliberations on the objections to the certification of Arizona's electoral votes. Within a few hours they were back at it and so began the steady stream of comments from the media and political pundits decrying the attacks on the Capitol.

Now what does all this have to do with the Reichstag fire of 87 years ago you ask? I would argue, plenty. Both were, in my opinion, false flag operations. It will take time, but I believe that the real perpetrators of the Capitol debacle attack will be shown to be infiltrators of the larger group of Trump supporters by anarchists like Antifa and other subversives. Crazy, you say? No, I say. Look at how many of them were dressed in light body armor and carried backpacks filled with tools like ropes for climbing. The decision to breach the building was not a spontaneous one; it was pre-meditated and purposeful. Could some of the more aggressive protesters be members of other groups like the 'Proud Boys'? Possibly. Every movement has its more militant supporters and I would not put it past some of those factions to have been carried along in the heat of the moment. That goes for some of the more peaceful Trump supporters who entered the Capitol after it was breached. Were they all guilty of trespassing or something worse? That's for the courts to say. The Capitol is, after all, the 'House of the People,' but peaceful people don't normally flout the law and force their way past Capitol Police and then wreak havoc once they are inside.

There is plenty of blame to go around. It starts at the top, with the President, for not realizing (or not caring) if his words inflamed the passions of his audience. His timing was bad, that is for sure, even though he didn't actually encourage his followers to 'burn down the Reichstag'. The DC mayor is to be blamed for her double standard-style leadership. She should have called up the Guard in the summer of 2020 and realized that the Guard - or a more substantial police presence - was necessary to maintain order, yesterday. Then there was the Capitol Police. Why wasn't there a better plan for securing the Capitol building? Finally, the thousands of Trump supporters. Why didn't they police their own and keep the aggressive ones in check and why did they join them once they gained access to the building when they should have stayed outside? All these questions need to be answered.

Now what about the future? Did the Republicans do irreparable harm to the Trump agenda of 'America First' and 'Make America Great Again'? Did they play right into the hands of the Left and the Left-leaning media that are only too willing to use yesterday's riots to denounce ALL Trump supporters as being anti-democratic? And what will be the consequences when the new Biden Administration takes power? Will the Capitol debacle become the next Reichstag fire and will we see a suspension of our civil liberties like the right to dissent, the right to gather in groups and to protest injustices like we're seeing with the Coronavirus lockdowns? After all, Biden has already said that he favors a 'national strategy' on covid-19? Will the newly-named Biden Attorney General, Merrick Garland, be prodded to clamp down on Right-wing *subversive groups* in the name of keeping the peace and will he be inclined to exact his revenge at the Republicans for being denied a seat on the Supreme Court? OR will Joe turn over the 'tamp down' project to former prosecutor and President-in-waiting, Kamala Harris?

History has a way of repeating itself and history is not bound by culture. The only way to get to the bottom of the root causes of any historical event is through a thorough investigation. My advice to the Bidenites is to do two things: first, establish a 'True the election' commission to right the wrongs of those states who ignored the Constitution by changing their election processes through non-legislative means and second, simultaneously conduct a bi-partisan investigation into election fraud and the Capitol debacle. We may never be 100% certain of who the perpetrators of the Reichstag fire were back in 1933, but we could find out who's to blame for the election irregularities of 2020.

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