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FORMOSAN FUTURE - FREEDOM'S PAST?

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Running along a longitudinal course through the Formosa Straits is an abyss, partitioning not just the two configurations of China, but also the two basic options in the physiographic descriptions of humankind. One of the conditions to which man is ever regressing is that of utter wretchedness; the other of, at best, faulted civility. Both of these states may, if given the slightest of opportunities, assume phrentropic qualities which lull the foolhardy into fatalistic assumptions and provide to those in wretchedness an "Uncle Tomish" acceptance of their impoverishment; and in faulted civility an "opportunity" to descend to the role of wretchedness. In the state of wretchedness, the joylessness of life, and the conditioning of years, steal from human beings their very humanity. Men and women become even less than their base animal nature, which is also swept away into a hellish mechanistic montage. In the state of faulted civility, despite the errors, which are often monumental indeed, each human being yet possesses a citizenship of dignity by order only of his or her humanity, and thus is in self-possession of the determinants in his or her life.

Only through much effort and difficult labor can self-possessive humans interact in a given society, so as to remain on an eternal vigil for the protection of equal rights under a just and impartial Rule of Law, the ideal, for each and all. Those who, at present, acclaim "normalization" with and recognition of, the Red Chinese "Peoples Republic" were logically also the first to offer counsel to the bruised conscience of America, "bothered" by the betrayal of the truly Republican China. Those

who raise praising atonements of the actions of New Years Day, last, are individuals who clearly are not among those who can accept the difficulties of a Free Society. Thus, the very fact that the will of those unfit for Democracy

was carried out by the world's greatest democracy has dire implications for us all.

The pro-Peking apologists began their assailing of Free China by directing American attention to the, honestly admitted, faults (human all) of which the Taipei government may be accused. However, despite the common nature of these faults which may be found in any government, society or clique, they were presented as being particularly Free Chinese, or at least to be found on a grander scale on Taiwan than anywhere else. This, to put it bluntly, is a bold-faced lie. "Corruption", it was claimed, is rampant in the Nationalist Republic. If we, the citizens of the Free World, are to assume the absolute incorruptability of the Communists by this argument then we would be reasonably directed to not only end diplomatic relations with a long time (and loyal) ally, but to embrace the "perfect" system of "scientific-socialism" ourselves. If, however, the neo-papal nature of Maoist leadership is unconvincing in argument, and there is no reason it should convince any rational person over the impressionable age of 6, then the argument of dealing with "modern world reality" will be used. It will be inevitably pointed out, ad nauseum, that Taiwan is but a minute planetary fixture, in sharp contrast to the vast expanse of Mainland China which is under the control, "as it happens", of the Communists. Therefore, it is "unrealistic" as well as "unwise" to support a tiny "corrupt" island exiled government in lieu

of the greater mainland. The final argument, should all else fail, is that Red China will act as some sort of counter balance in Asia to Soviet expansionism. Thus it is proposed that for the better defence of Free America that we arm Communist China, and that requires diplomatic ties. Red China may indeed save us from the psychotic forces of the Soviet Union, but who then, in the wake of that salvation, will save us from a better armed Red China?

Even the multitude of crimes committed against humanity by the Marxist-Leninist leaders of the mainland since 1949, including the murders of 60 million people (Hitler in all his terror accomplished the homicides of "only" 12 million!) are excused in outbursts of naive stupidity. It is assumed Red China is yet in a formative stage and will, against all reason, develop one glorious day into something other than what every facet of its nature since inception has proven it to be. Communist mass murder may be excused while even a hint of Nationalist-Republican corruption is unforgiveable!!

The Republic of China (ROC) since its inception, in 1912, has been in a state of war or siege, fighting on a daily basis for nothing less than its survival. Yet it is under these conditions of hardship and long-suffering that the "Pekingniks" demand of the ROC's government that which we, in our relatively peaceful nations, have yet to achieve, a pure and totally undefiled order! Carrying this, and I shudder to use the word, "reasoning" to its logical end, how then would these governmental puritans, judging the ROC, dispose of their own "corrupt" governments? Perhaps among the friends of Mao there will soon arise an advocacy for the replacement of all "corrupt" governments, including those in Washington, D.C., and Ottawa, with

dictatorships, which, at least in their own press, can do no wrong!

The simple truth of Peking's recognition is that it was perpetrated not out of reaction to "corruption" in "Taipei" nor any such noble reasoning, but rather

of the basest of human desires: greed. It was for the sake of greed that, one by one, the nations of the rapidly shrinking Free Community stabbed a Republic in the back, until eventually even the Great Champion of World Liberty itself aided in the diabolic action! The penalty to be exacted by retributive justice will not be long in gaining its due. For the deprivation of Freedom for any of humankind weakens the entire structure of Freedom remaining. Thus, those who are hastening to praise the "grand and glorious" Red Chinese system may soon be enjoying its "benefits" for themselves!

It is particularly sad that such a noble and ancient people as those of Mainland China find their homeland to be a Communist prison. They are descendants of the very people whose civility, art and science, via Marco Polo, brought a rebirth to the then darkened continent of Europe, so long ago. The Republic of China on Taiwan beckons all freedom loving men and women as an ever dimming night-light, from which a new spark of civilization must be kindled in the West, or forever will our descendants stumble in the dark. The abyss grows smaller and wretchedness is ever encroaching upon us. America must again awake, and again ignite Freedom's Flame for, in the words of Thomas Paine, "To see it in our power, to make a world happy - to teach mankind the art of being so - to exhibit on the theatre of the universe, a character hitherto unknown - and to have, as it were, a new creation entrusted to our hands, are honors that command reflection, and can neither be too highly estimated nor too gratefully received."

