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CONTINENT OF LOSERS – PART II

Chicken and egg dilemma: ideology, religion and immigration

Introduction: Part I dealt with the concept of the youth bulge that is held responsible for global terror by a German scholar, Professor Gunnar Heinsohn. The youth bulge – surplus of disaffected young males – is responsible for most of the problems the world is facing now. The violent ideologies are created and attract supporters as a result of pressure by the frustrated youths and by policies – welfare, unrestricted birth rates and immigration among them - that created the surplus. Heinsohn is convinced that ideologies did not create terror and violence, that it was the other way around – violent reaction to frustration sought out, adopted and spread the ideologies.

IDEOLOGY

In the 1500s small European countries, starting with Portugal and Spain, began conquering large parts of the world. There is a fallacious belief that this happened because of pressure by overpopulation. In fact, there was no overpopulation – Spain's population was 9 million in 1350 and 3 million less – just 6 million - in 1493, when the conquests began.

There was, however, a sudden and drastic increase in the number



OAXACA VIOLENCE
About 200 protesters in Oaxaca, Mexico, hurled rocks and burned vehicles as they tried to march to a stadium where the Guelagueta folk festival is scheduled to begin this weekend. Police responded with tear gas and rocks. Last year, protesters forced cancellation of the festival, which dates to the 1700s.

YOUTH BULGE

eagerly accept - an ideology that will excuse and absolve them:

“When the time is ripe, new religious pamphlets and books will be written. From your holy books — the Koran, the Bible, Mein Kampf, The Communist Manifesto etc. — you take what fits your purpose. You know that you are going to use violence but want a justification. For you are a righteous person. But when the youth bulge is spent, the books that were distributed in millions of copies cannot even be sold in second-hand bookshops. Everybody knows that they are full of rubbish.



CHILDRENS' CRUSADE

of children per family. The birth rate rose from 2-3 per family to 6-7 after a 1484 Papal edict declared that birth control was punishable by death. As a result, the median age that was 28-30 in 1350 rose to 15

in 1493. Now there were too many boys in one family, there were no places for them and they became colonizers and conquerors.

95% of the conquistadores – they were known in Spanish as *secundones*, the second sons - were young. They probably believed that it was sinful to kill or mistreat the conquered populations, but were indoctrinated by religious authorities to believe that they were not murderers, but rather righteous warriors who had an obligation to eliminate the infidels and sinners, with a clear conscience and a mandate from a higher power.

Heinsohn calls these conquerors “Christianists” rather than Christians; an analog to the contemporary Islamists and Muslims.

He points out that young men need - and

“But while the movement is on, these young men are impervious to arguments. So the false ideas do not arise from Holy Scripture. They are generated by the young men themselves because they need

wrong ideas to justify their actions. Consequently you cannot stop them by explaining that their ideas are wrong. The movements are not created by wrong ideas. On the contrary, the wrong ideas are



CONQUISTADORES

created in response to the movement's need. Islam does not create Islamism—

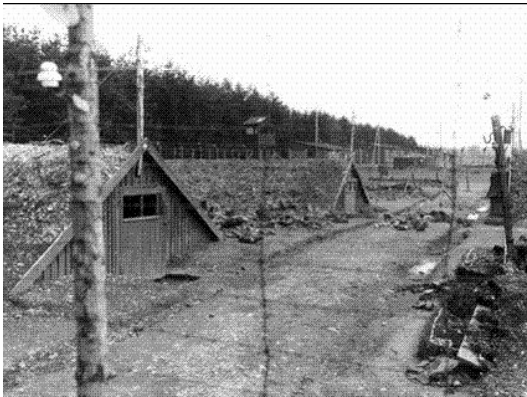
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MY THREE WATCHES

BY SI FRUMKIN

I got my first watch for my birthday, 8th or 9th, I am not sure which. I loved it. I think that it wasn't a very good one: it didn't keep very good time, said, "you will over wind it and the spring will break" – and I was told again and again to keep it away from I had to remember to wind it very carefully – "never force it," my father water. But it was my watch, its numbers would shine greenish in the dark, and I felt, oh so grownup and more important than my friends who didn't have one.

The watch disappeared in the ghetto. It might have been taken away when the Jews had to turn in all their valuables, or maybe my parents sold it for food, or maybe I just lost it. I don't really remember except that I would remember it once in a while and wished I had it back. But there was much



Dachau—Kaufering #1

Si Frumkin's camp, April 3, 1945, 2 days after liberation by the U.S. Army.

Si's comment half a century later: "Sometimes war is good—very good..."

else that I missed – unimportant stuff when I think back, but I was just 10-years old when they put us behind barbed wire and so I didn't think much about the important and meaningful things that became important and meaningful when I got older. I missed silly things: ice cream and chewing gum and movies and listening to the radio and going for rides in my father's car or swimming in the river in summertime – like I said, silly things.

Then, the war was over, I was 14 and in a refugee camp in Italy. Once a month I would go the UN office where they gave us our monthly allowance of 5000 lira – about \$10 – and I would spend some of it on the silly things I had missed for the past 4 years. I bought ice cream, went to the see movies that I didn't really understand (they were all dubbed in Italian which I didn't speak all that well) and sometimes I bought a comic book – I remember liking "Flash Gordon" a lot.

And then a strange thing happened. Mysteriously, wonderful watches appeared for sale in the refugee camp. They were beautiful. Waterproof, Swiss made, fluorescent numbers, large second hand and only

10,000 lira – same watch cost about 100,000 in a store. I still don't know where they came from – Mafia? Stolen goods? Contraband? Who cares! I had to have one.

I skimped and saved. I ran errands for the black marketers. I sold some of the goodies that charity organizations gave us. I wiped the windshields of American army jeeps and shamelessly asked, "GI Joe, tip boy, please?" – this was all the English I knew. I stopped buying ice cream, movie tickets and comic books. And, it took a while, but I got it. I got my watch.

I kept it a long time. It finally broke down more than 10 years later, in far away California.

And then, a few weeks ago, 60 years after Italy, I got a mysterious package in the mail. There was a small box in it and a letter from Carlsbad, a small charming town not far from San Diego. The name meant nothing to me. Here it is:

Dear Mr. Frumkin:

I was in the audience when you were at the opening of the library display of the

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concentration camp photos. After the talk I came up to speak to you. In our discussion I told you about being at the liberation of Dachau Concentration Camp. In that conversation I mentioned our unit's experience at

several of the satellite camps prior to reaching Dachau.

A story which caught your attention was the one about our blowing the safe at one of the camps and finding it full of watches. Not knowing just what to do we gave the watches to the prisoners who were still in the camp. You then told me about not having a watch and wanting one so badly after you were free that you bought one as soon as you had enough money to afford it.

That has touched me so that I took one of the two watches I still have to a local jeweler and had him clean and repair it. The watch caught his attention and he told me that it was certainly a gem worth keeping. After he heard the story behind the watch he was astounded!

Please accept the watch on my behalf as a completion of the liberation of the camp.

Now, you have one of the watches.

Sincerely, Donald E. Jackson

The watchmaker is right. The watch is a gem. It's a pocket watch with a silvery metal back. The dial has "Swiss made", the make "Bentima" and, in French, "Facon 8 jours" which means that it will run for 8 days after being wound. I don't think that it is worth very much in money. But to me – and to the wonderful Don Jackson, the watch is priceless.

It belonged, long ago, to someone who is long gone and who probably cherished it almost as much as I will.

It will remind me, again and again, of what should never be forgotten. ✨



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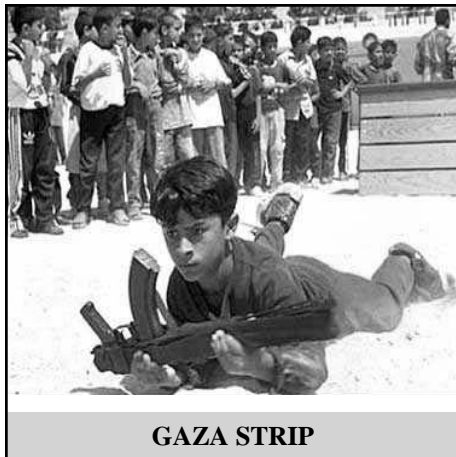
- young Muslims do.”



IMMIGRATION

Europe’s problem with immigration is twofold – the talented are leaving in droves while the third world countries do not have a population that is educationally advanced enough to replace the low birthrate and high emigration.

Germans, Dutch, French are emigrating in ever greater numbers. In Germany



GAZA STRIP

alone, over 150,000 leave yearly, most of them for the Anglo-Saxon world. Canada, Australia and New Zealand are ready to receive 1.5 million well-educated immigrants yearly, and they are doing everything to ease the way for them. Heinsohn is not surprised:

“It is no wonder that young, hard-working people in France and Germany choose to emigrate. It is not just that they have to support their own ageing population. If we take 100 20-



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year-olds, then the 70 Frenchmen and Germans also have to support 30 immigrants of their own age and their offspring. This creates dejection in the local population, particularly in France, Germany and the Netherlands. So they run away.”

Europe’s current criteria for accepting immigrants are, (1) whether they are victims of discrimination, (2) whether they already have family in Europe, (3) if they are already

in Europe they should be legalized, and (4) – and least important - that the immigrant should fit into the labor market.

Germany is just one example of a loss of billions in revenue because of the lack of qualified people. It has two million available jobs that cannot be filled, a welfare-dependent population of 6 million, and the two do not meet.

France has 2 children per woman, but out of five newborns, two are already Arabic or African. In Germany 35 per cent of all newborns already have a non-German background, and non-Germans commit 90 per cent of violent crimes. A woman in Tunisia has 1.7 children. In France she may have six because the French government pays her to have them.

Canada has a policy that is directly opposite to Europe’s: every new Canadian who comes from abroad has to meet educational and professional criteria. The result is that of 100 Canadian adult immigrants, 98 have better professional qualifications than the Canadian average. In Germany and France the corresponding number is 10%.

“It started to go wrong around 1980. But the great turn in Germany came as late as 1990. That was when we opened the gates for a mass immigration of, roughly speaking, unqualified people. Between 1990 and 2002, Germany allowed an immigration of 13 million. At almost the same time it started to go wrong

in France. We can only avert this burden on the welfare state through legislation.

We have to pass a bill to the effect that new children born after a certain date will have to be paid for by their parents. It will be a revolution. But it is not even being discussed here in Europe.”

Professor Heinsohn is not optimistic about the future and has little advice. He would like to see a larger immigration from China but admits that the educated Chinese will not be eager to go some-



MOSLEM YOUTH BULGE

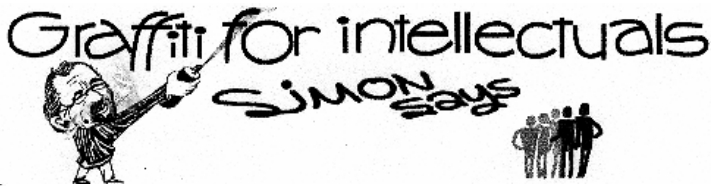
where where they will be stuck supporting an ignorant and dependent population. He discounts the possibility of armed resistance if and when European societies will collapse under the immigrant pressure – “who will be left to fight?” he asks, “The young will be gone.” He quotes a 2005 German poll that



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shows that 52% of the 18–32 age group want to leave. “The only ones that are truly loyal to France, Holland, Scandinavian countries and Germany are those living off the welfare system. There is no other place in the world that will take care of them,” he says.

I agree. There is little reason for optimism about Europe’s future. I can only hope that America will not follow Europe’s example and that while there is still time, we will realize that the system we are attempting to implement at present, one that is based on preference for the talented, intelligent, adaptable and educated will lay a foundation for a future that may be brighter than the one facing old Europe, the Continent of Losers. ☆



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AVOIDING THE M-WORD - DENIAL IS A LUXURY WE CANNOT AFFORD

By Jeff Jacoby, Boston Globe, July 11, 2007

Is radical Islam connected to terrorism? Several notable British voices spoke out on that subject after Britain's recent terrorist near-misses -- the two unexploded car bombs in London's West End and the fiery SUV rammed by would-be suicide bombers into the main terminal at Glasgow's airport.

Consider what four of those voices had to say:

One declared that the word "Muslim" must not be used in connection with terrorism, and insisted that even the phrase "war on terror" should be scrapped.

The second likewise cautioned against pointing a finger at Islam, contending that in London, "Muslims are . . . less likely to support the use of violence to achieve political ends than non-Muslims."

The third, asked whether Muslim extremists might be responsible for the attempted atrocities in London and Glasgow, counseled: "Let's avoid presumptions. . . It can be the work of Muslims, Christians, Jews, or Buddhists."

By contrast, the fourth noted the resemblance of the latest terror attempts to "other recent British Islamic extremist plots," pinpointed "Islamic theology" as "the real engine of our violence," and described British jihadists as "mindless killers" who have "declared war upon the whole world."

The first three statements, disingenuous but models of political correctness, were made respectively by (1) Britain's new prime minister, Gordon Brown, (2) London Mayor Ken Livingstone, and (3) Daud Abdullah, deputy secretary general of the Muslim Council of Britain. Their comments came just days before the second anniversary of the deadly 7/7 London transit bombings, and less than a year since 24 British Muslims were arrested for plotting to blow up passenger jets over the Atlantic. Yet the three men spoke as if they

had no inkling that Britain is a battleground in militant Islam's global jihad -- as if only a boor or a bigot could imagine that Muslims might somehow be linked to the car bombs in London and Glasgow.

And that fourth statement? Those were the blunt words of Hassan Butt, a onetime spokesman for the radical Islamist organization al-Muhajiroun, who has renounced his former life. In an essay published last week in the Daily Mail, Butt emphasized that jihadists are motivated not by opposition to British or US foreign policy but by a fundamentalist theology that seeks to subject the entire world to "Islamic justice." Radical Imams, he wrote, teach their followers that they must fight for Dar al-Islam (the House of Islam) against Dar al-Harb (the House of War -- i.e., infidels to be defeated). And "in Dar el-Harb, anything goes, including the treachery and cowardice of attacking civilians."

By turning a blind eye to the radical theology of the jihadists, says Butt, mainstream Muslim institutions make it easy for the extremists to recruit new followers. His words apply with equal force to political leaders like Brown and Livingstone: "They refuse to broach the difficult and often complex truth that Islam can be interpreted as condoning violence against the unbeliever -- and instead repeat the mantra that Islam is peace, and hope that all of this debate will go away."

Wars cannot be won through denial and willful blindness. Yet in ways large and small, Western leaders and institutions deliberately avert their gaze from the reality of the Islamist threat. UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon

blames global warming, not Sudan's jihadist regime, for the genocide being carried out in Darfur.

The obfuscation is sometimes almost comical. The New York Times, reporting the Glasgow attack on Page 1, carefully avoided using the M-word to identify Britain's Muslim terrorists. Instead it attributed the 7/7 bombings to Britain's "disenfranchised South Asian population" and reported that the terrorists in Glasgow "were South Asian." (As Joel Mowbray pointed out for the Powerline blog, Indian Hindus are the United Kingdom's largest South Asian demographic.)

Similarly, seven reporters contributed to AP's story on the arrested jihad-doctors ("Diverse group allegedly in British plot"), yet somehow missed the radical theology they presumably shared. The closest the story comes is a think-tank expert's speculation that the arrested doctors "discovered that they shared some common ideology, and then they decided to act." Comments Robert Spencer archly at JihadWatch: "Gee, what a coincidence! I wonder what ideology they all held in common."

Political correctness is no strategy for victory. Islamic fascists will not hate us less if we avoid all mention of the theology that inflames them. Winning the war the jihadists have declared -- the war of Dar al-Islam and Dar al-Harb -- begins with moral clarity. Denial is a luxury we cannot afford.

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