

WHAT HAVE WE BECOME – WE AMERICANS

From where I stand, it appears that today's generation of Americans is, by far, the most irresponsible generation that has ever lived under our constitutional form of government. If the figures I have seen are correct, we Americans are now over \$14.4 trillion in debt – up from something like 13 trillion no more than two months ago.

Now I'm hearing that the proposed budget for this year is to be somewhere between 1.5 and 1.6 trillion over budget – yet the best that congress can do is to talk of cutting spending by no more than \$38 to \$40 billion.

What a joke - spending for the year is projected to be something like 1.6 trillion over that which our government will take in, in taxes this year, and we are only going to cut the proposed budget by 38 to 40 billion. Why bother. That's like me saying that my operating cost for running the ranch this year is going to be half again as much as I am going to take in, in sales, so maybe I'll not go to town one day this spring so that I can save a hundred dollars. My gosh, what has this country come to.

History has shown – if we don't do something about our debt, and do it right away – it will very likely destroy the very form of government we now live under. Yet, very few people seem concerned. What has become of us? Have we gotten so lazy and slothful, no one cares anymore?

John Stossel had a good program on TV a while back. Apparently he took some time not so long ago, and went to a number of Indian reservations at different places throughout our country, where he talked to a good many people, both on and off the reservations. Most everyone seems to think that the American Indians are the most abused and poverty stricken people there are in America today. Yet if you were to list all the government programs which are now made available to the Indian people, no one gets more handouts than do the Indians. But still, three out of four persons living on reservations today are unemployed.

That's the way socialism works. Making people wards of the government makes things worse, not better. Ronald Reagan did not bring down the Soviet Union, socialism brought down the Soviet Union - seventy years and it was over - collapsed. And in fact, would not have lasted that long if it hadn't been for our own American corporations' continually contracting with the Soviets, helping them to set up their factories and so forth.

Would everything be going so well on our reservations today, if it were not for the private sector? Of course not, if it were not for the support of American free enterprise system, our reservations would have shut down long ago - just like Russia was forced to do.

It kind of reminds me of California and the fix they're in. If I understand correctly, roughly 25 percent of all small businessmen that were carrying on businesses in California ten years ago, have now shut their doors and moved to other states. And why not, has it not been, that everyone who wants' a free ride has been moving to California for two generations now. How long does it take for hard working people to say, to heck with it - I'm going somewhere where I'm not forced to support half a hundred people who don't want to do a darn thing but lobby their congressmen for handouts.

I understand there's a new organization that has been formed recently. They call themselves the Free States Coalition. What they're doing is - they are encouraging people who want to live free, to migrate to one state - where they themselves can have a little political clout. So that they might live free, just as the founders of this nation intended. Right now they are looking at New Hampshire. Evidently, New Hampshire is already a conservative state - and since its population is one of the lowest in the nation, it stands to reason, should the movement be successful, conservatives could control the vote there within just a few short years.

It would be kind of nice wouldn't it - to be free, to conduct ones life as the founders of this nation intended. To be free of burdensome taxes - where you would be free to start a business, where you would mind your own business, and leave others to mind their business. After all, who's business is it anyway - how I might cut someone's hair, or process meat to be sold, other than those who do business with me. Was it not this kind of freedom which made the United States and its people, the most prosperous, the happiest, and the most responsible people on earth at one time? Is that not the very definition of liberty - to be free of excessive governmental regulation and interference in one's life?

I can remember picking up a copy of the Readers Digest a few years back. The article I opened to was relating the fact, that the American Merchant Marine Fleet carried 90 percent of all the freight that was carried around the world at one time. But then, with all the regulations that were being imposed, Americas Merchant Marine Fleet was shrinking year by year. Instead of America being the most unregulated and free nation on earth, it was fast becoming the most heavily regulated nation on earth.

And so where are we today - with so much of our industry having moved overseas? What do we make here in the United States anymore? What if we had to go to war? I mean a serious war? What would we do? Would we put in an order to Mexico and China for military suits, sox and aircraft? What if they refused to sell us any? What if it's China that we are to go to war with? It's a joke spending all the money we do on defense and then telling ourselves we are the most mighty nation on earth when we don't even make our own cloths anymore.

And the Fed, printing money as they are – what kind of a country are we that we are destroying the value of our own currency? Has history not shown that such a practice destroys nations? How irresponsible can we be? We can't even pay our debts honestly. But instead, we print phony money instead of meeting our obligations in a responsible manner.

Come on – quit blaming it on those in Congress. Is it not “we the people” that chose our representatives? Is it not true – our leaders are no more than a reflection of what we the American people have become? I think so.