

Miners Lamps and Ration Cards



Thanks to Dr. Andersen, my intrepid Time Traveler, I have been able to justify my speculation that the conversion of Sarah Palin to the Climate

Change movement netted her the Presidency in 2024 under the model of a Climate Dictatorship. Sort of like Jane Fonda hooking up with Tom Hayden, Sarah – if you remember my report a couple months ago – takes as her first lady Billie McKibben who for her part has had a more fundamental conversion – from male to female. Together they get her elected on the American Popular Party ticket in the aftermath of the collapse of "Constitutional Democracy." Running as an APP candidate she was able to transcend the most cherished ambitions of the piddling Tea Party to the heights undreamed of – the White House. Not that there was a White House to live in. It got thoroughly trashed during the Trump experience and even more so during the rule of the Janissaries when Black Water's Eric Prince put his sister, Betty De Vos, in as first unelected President. The only downer was that Sarah couldn't be the first woman President.

How could such things happen, you ask? Ask Mussolini. Once Lenin's favorite European revolutionary, El Duce took what he could get, crossing over from left to right, determined to upend Italy's damaged democracy from the Right or the Left – whichever end was possible. Sarah was nothing if not game for a gamble and getting politically *Born Again* as a left wing

Mussulina was a piece of wedding cake. Like all politicians, she loved to be loved and The Right just couldn't help loving her. You betcha. She was native, she was local, she was thoroughly white and she preferred meth to weed. And she spent her adventure time shooting Polar Bears as well as wolves from planes with tranquillizer darts, not bullets, in order to relocate them. It was just as much fun.

As for the always *Left Behind*, what were its options in 2024? The End Times had come on so quickly. The loss of a lot of Florida and pieces of New England in 2019 was just one of many motivating factors establishing Sarah as Climate Dictator. The melt down of the Diablo Canyon Nuke and the Great Northern California Forest Fires of 2020 did the job of making much of upper California uninhabitable. The earthquakes did the job on the southern part. Midwestern aquifers meanwhile were poisoned by twisters that turned those pipeline into sprinkler systems. Wondering about the South? The South was busy being reduced to a string of small islands.

Get the picture? What remained of the population of *norteamerica* quickly acquiesced with somber enthusiasm to the heavy hand of Sarah's Climate Dictatorship. It was that or Jerry Brown on life support. Was she sincere? Was Mussolini sincere? Both got personal satisfaction mocking those squirrely liberals. Fascism, Communism, whatever it took. Easy to latch on to a populist movement of the mass of people who were being cheated by the hoax of bourgeois democracy. Protecting Rush Limberger's lifestyle was no longer pertinent to Sarah's old gang of Birthers, Truthers, Birchers and Bitchers. And leftists had gotten arthritic doing Bill McKibben's kneel-ins at the White House. He was first lady now, and able to sit down and relax at the new Green House.

Climate Dictatorship was easier than anyone thought. The few people who are old enough to have been around during the Second World War had a very good idea what a Climate Dictatorship entailed. During the War of the Great Generation, support for the far away battlefield required a broad control of Homefront behavior. Now we had the Late Generation hanging by its fingernails. Strict rationing kept a ceiling on scarce food and materials. Tax rates for corporations and the rich sailed into the upper 90 percentiles. Most of the money was sent into "the future" via Climate War Bonds. Sustainability Gardens filled up backyards and empty lots. Recovery of metals and plastics sent kids scrambling about in every nook and cranny. Reuse of glass containers was absolute. The horse drawn wagons took away trash and old clothes – reducing garbage to near zero. Car owners needed emergency licenses to move those heavy ton vehicle about. Electric bikes and shopping carts killed a lot less people, too. Streetlights were doused and home Blackouts were regular occurrences, with neighborhood wardens enforcing efficient darkness. The cities were dark, yes, but Miners Lamps became the fashion rage and they were free. The population got used to re-consuming its Waste. Face it, for us environmentalists it was a Utopian Dictatorship disguised as a Dystopia.

Like in WW II, battle front was the home front. Everyone was in the trenches together, dodging the next catastrophe. It was the Battle of Britain with all planes grounded. Money meant nothing compared to the ration card. Parking secret profits in offshore islands? What islands? E-quality of Life was now the standard, forget "quality" until the "war" against the climate was won.. If you got out of line you would have to wear your Ecological Footprint as footwear whenever you went shopping. The rich could be heard coming from far off – flop, flop, flop. "Carbon trading" incomes from rich to poor was required if you wanted to keep the Lifestyle Inspectors from stepping on your toes. Hard? Utopia! Almost.

The French economist Piketty – who created a scandal among the business class by showing the inevitable, trickle down inequality involved in the system called Capitalism, observed that War was the only real equalizer. Tax cuts for the rich to avoid paying for the endless wars, engineered by G-Dub, Obama, Trump and De Vos, had brought on economic collapse but now it was sink or swim *all together*. Climate Dictatorship provided a *War On Consumption*, and the common danger of this new war had the equalizing effect the Picketty wrote about. It was austerity for the Rich, equality for all. NeoTotalitarianism was a big hit. Sarah's slogan "**Big Sister is Watching Out for You**" adorned the walls with her smiling face everywhere. The Nanny State triumphed. That'll teach us not to solve our problems early enough.

-Paul Encimer

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A border crosser we interviewed for the No More Deaths report, Miguel, a thirty-seven-year-old man from Sinaloa who had attempted repeated crossings, offered an answer: "Yes. I saw the water bottles stabbed. They break the bottles so you can't even use them to fill up in the tanks. I needed water, some of the other people in the group needed water, but we found them destroyed. [I felt] helplessness, rage. They [the US Border Patrol] must hate us. It's their work to capture us, but we are humans. And they don't treat us like humans. It's hate, is what it is. They break the bottles out of hate."

Is xenophobic or nationalistic rhetoric enough? How about centuries of normalizing violence against indigenous, black, and brown people? Or the trumpeting of fear of ethnic, racial, or geopolitical change? What about the myth of national geographic unity? Would putting on a green uniform and strapping a rifle over your shoulder be enough? The crimes of Border Patrol

agents bind the perpetrators to an ideological absolute (duty and nation replacing individual and morals.).The agent stabbing the water bottles acts then not as a person but as an agent of ideology. Racism operates under the same schema. Recently a No More Deaths humanitarian aid volunteer was arrested for providing aid to two migrants. Eight other volunteers were charged with federal crimes for littering. What they were "littering" were bottles of clean water—leaving them on trails where migrants die because they have no water. In effect, the volunteers were criminalized for committing the opposite of crimes against humanity. In 2017, 412 migrants are known to have died while crossing the border. Many more have never been found.

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