KITH AND KIN
OR A PROPOSITION NATION?

The League of the South, unlike the America of the New World Order, is wedded, not to a universal proposition: equality, democracy, or the rights of man, but to a real past of place and kin, and inextricably, if we are to survive as a distinct people with a physical place to live, work, and worship, then we must never waver from this commitment.

The late M.E. Bradford in Remembering Who We Are: Observations of a Southern Conservative (University of Georgia Press, 1985) deals at length, as the title indicates, with cultural identity. He cites the following lines by the protagonist of Stark Young's So Red the Rose, Hugh McGehee, as he sends his son off to join the Confederate army: 'It's not to our credit to think we began today and it's not to our glory to think we end today. All through time, we keep coming in to the shore like waves, like waves. You stick to your blood, son; there's a fierceness in blood that can bind you up with a long community of life.' The most eloquent of Anti-Federalists, Patrick Henry, chided those who thought that 'All things should be made new' by reminding them that 'We are descended from a people whose government was founded on liberty; our glorious grandfathers of Great Britain made liberty the foundation of everything... We draw that spirit of liberty from our British ancestors.' Bradford, Young, and Henry caution us that it is from our Fathers, and not from some universalist abstraction, that we draw our sustenance as a people.

But for more than the past half-century liberal socialists have been seeking to discredit the idea that a man's first temporal allegiance is to kith and kin. It is the self-appointed task of the social engineer to reshape God's creation; he is, as it were, rebuilding the Tower of Babel and, in the bargain, nullifying the Biblical concept and reality of nationhood. His cult of 'equality', according to Bradford, is the new 'opiate of the masses.' Left-liberals and neo-conservatives today champion equality by advocating an 'open door' immigration policy toward the Third World. Neither sees the teeming masses of Latinos, Asians, or Africans taking up refuge on our shores as a threat to the ethnic and cultural balance of the American nation. Rather, since both hold sacred the 'rights of man', they view America as the world's first universal nation, dedicated to the proposition that all men and cultures are created equal.

If the on-going American experiment is to come to fruition, then the narrowly defined 'posterity' of our forefathers must be broadened to include the whole of Emma Lazarus's 'wretched refuse.' The Immigration and Naturalization Act of 1965 and subsequent legislation and judicial edicts have turned America's immigration policy inside out by allowing for the influx of millions of non-Europeans while largely closing the door to European immigrants. Both Third World legal and illegals are encouraged to maintain their own culture and language (i.e., to remain unassimilable) while partaking of the largesse available to them at the expense of the American taxpayer.

Our situation is reminiscent of the late Roman Empire where the frontiers were overrun by Germanic tribes who wished to avail themselves of Roman lands and produce. But there was no deep-rooted racial or cultural antagonism between Roman and German. In fact, the Germans had great respect for Roman civilization, as far as they understood it. They did not wish to destroy Rome; however, they did not know how to save it for the simple reason that they had not created it and thus did not understand what made it work.

Even under the best of circumstances a huge influx of aliens who merely wish to enjoy our material benefits our civilization is faltering because these newcomers will lack the understanding to preserve our vital institutions. Under the worst of circumstances numerical dominance by aliens who are overtly hostile to our civilization, we will suffer a fate worse than Rome's. Already, radical Latinos have launched a Reconquista of our southern borders, especially from Texas to California, and federal judges are thwarting the efforts of Americans of European descent to turn back the tide. It is clear with whom the Establishment Elite of both political parties side.

The League of the South supports a return to a political and social system based on allegiance to kith and kin rather than to an impersonal state wedded to the idea of the universal rights of man. From the beginning, the leaders of our organisation have been hardliners who insist that quite apart from political ideals, we are taking our stand in the historic South and for the historic South. The South is not a universal ideal any more than is Scotland, France, or Serbia. Instead, the present-day South is the remnant of a nation built on the realities of place and kin that we must revitalise to the best of our abilities. At its core is a European population, especially Anglo-Celts that must be preserved as the dominant majority. As the late Russell Kirk wrote in America's British Culture: 'If somehow the British elements could be eliminated from all the cultural patterns of the United States why, Americans would be left with no coherent culture in public or in private life.' He continues with a salient warning: 'We Americans live... in an era when the general outlines and institutions of our inherited culture still are recognisable; yet it does not follow that our children or our grandchildren, in the twenty-first century, will retain a great part of that old culture... The defence of inherited culture must be conducted here and now, with what weapons may be snatched from the walls here on the darkling plain at the end of the twentieth century.' When we endeavour to do this, to further the interests of our own flesh-and-blood, then both liberals and neo-conservatives hurl at us the usual epithets: 'reactionaries,' 'racists.' It is past time that we turn a deaf ear to these bogus charges and set about undermining any attempts to reconstruct a modern Tower of Babel on the rubble of our ancient Anglo-Celtic civilization.
The League of the South envisions a South where our borders are sealed against massive Third World immigration; a South where the interests of the core population of Anglo-Celts is protected from the ravages of so-called multi-culturalism and diversity; a South where a prosperous and self-confident European majority can welcome into its ranks on its own terms productive and sympathetic members of other nations and cultures; a South that will be a beacon to those nations that wish to defend a traditional way of life against the Jacobin 'rights of man' and the New World Order; and a South where Southerners of Anglo-Celtic (and general European) descent know that the fundamental question, as Bradford insists, is not the Federalists' 'What Shall We Do?' but Patrick Henry's 'Who Are We?'

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