



## Letters to the Editor

### Betraying Our Country, Using Their People

In the November 4, 2013 issue, you had a book review of Diana West's *American Betrayal*. In it, the United States' Operation Keelhaul was described as repatriating hundreds of thousands of mostly Red Army prisoners of war and refugees, who were sent to the Soviet gulags.

This review gives the impression that those Stalin demanded be returned to Soviet hands were mostly Russian soldiers who had defected to the West to escape Soviet communism.

This is not entirely true! There were several hundred thousand innocent civilians from communist-occupied countries, who had escaped the brutality of the Soviet communists and had taken refuge in Germany, Austria, and other areas.

When Stalin demanded their return, Truman and Eisenhower were all too willing to cooperate with him, and they forcibly sent the civilian refugees to the gulags or to their deaths. Innocent men, women, and children were never heard from again.

A person close to me had helped designate and round up those people from camps. I know of how these poor people pleaded for mercy and begged not to be shipped back, but to no avail. They were forced into boxcars and sent back to communist hands.

About two years ago, a former U.S. soldier who stood guard on these boxcars to keep anyone from escaping told me that at one destination, the Soviet soldiers immediately herded those people out of the boxcars and into a field behind some buildings and machine-gunned them to death.

Truman and Eisenhower created and executed their own Holocaust and seemingly got away with it. That's one reason why, at the end of WWII, many G.I.s called Truman "Gutless Harry."

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### To Tell the Untruth

The New American's "Dictionaries Can Be Unreliable" (November 4, 2013 issue), which discusses misleading dictionary definitions, is sadly true.

The *New Webster's Dictionary of the English Language — International Edition* (1991) defines communism as "the ownership of property, or means of production, distribution, and supply, by the whole of a classless society, with wealth shared by the principle of 'to each according to his need,' each yielding fully 'according to his ability.'"

Kind of innocuous, right? It's a pretty blasé definition for a system that has murdered, to date, approximately 100 million humans.

Contrast that to the definition, in the same publication, of the word "Bircher": "a member of the right-wing extremist John Birch society, formed in 1958."

Enough said?

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## **How ObamaCare “Works”**

ObamaCare has already touched me personally: By law everybody who has worked a minimum number of years at a U.S. nuclear arms defense facility was entitled after retirement to Blue Shield-Blue Cross health coverage for life. That generous coverage paid for whatever Medicare did not. Yet through a simple HHS directive, that law was suspended and our health coverage transferred into an outfit called “Wageworks,” which had a maximum allowed yearly expenditure of \$2,400. After that sum is reached, we former U.S. nuclear defense employees are on our own.

Offering the original healthcare coverage was essential in attracting thousands of highly qualified scientists, engineers, and workers to those inherently dangerous and isolated places where our nuclear defenses kept the communist ogres at bay for 50 years; in my instance, this place was the Savannah River Site. And now Secretary of HHS Sebelius solved that money drain by a simple executive directive. (In the defunct USSR, these legal acts were known as the Communist Party’s “ukazes.”)

We have become a nation of cowards. If ever there was a better cause for a lawsuit I am hard pressed to find it — but we just accept this totally illegal breach of the contract dated from the Truman years with “the silence of the sheep.”

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