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Abraham Lincoln's enemies must still be defeated

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Mr. LaRouche was asked by EIR's editor to comment on the 125th anniversary of the surrender of the Confederacy at Appomattox on April 9, 1865, which brought the American Civil War to a close. The imprisoned American statesman's remarks follow here:

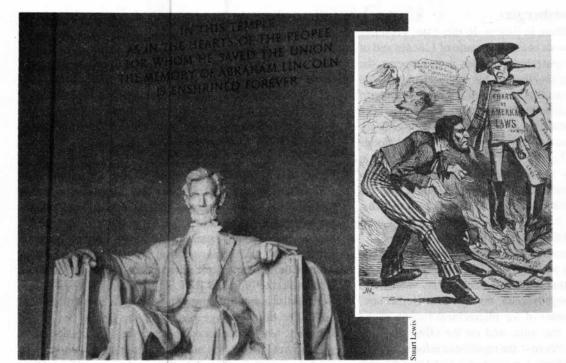
I'll start with a message on the subject of the Soviet recent references and comparison of Gorbachov to Lincoln, beginning with the Akhromeyev and Yazov statements of last mid-year.

Back in the old days there were some brothers, called the Foner brothers. These were communists; they were communist ideologues, and particularly ridiculous ideologues. They were considered by some of us as the original communist model for the Hollywood creation, "The Three Stooges"—not the Marx brothers, though the Foners I think at times would have been esteemed to have been the Marx brothers, especially Eric, a fellow associated with Columbia University, now lecturing in Moscow.

From these Foner sources comes the most obscene concept of the postwar period, perhaps—maybe not the most obscene, but at the moment, it's obscene beyond belief—and that is, to compare Gorbachov, in his attempt to repress Lithuania and others, with President Abraham Lincoln, and to treat the Balts, together with the Ukrainians and others, as the Confederates, and Gorbachov, as the forces of the Union. This, of course, is pure sophistry of the type one would expect from Hollywood's Three Stooges. However, such low humor, such low comedy, coming from a powerful state, the Soviet state, through such powerful and menacing channels as General Akhromeyev and Defense Minister Yazov, is no laughing matter: It is satanic. What is worse, is the tendency of some in Washington, as well as the expected gaggle of inveterate old communists in the United States, and fellow travelers, to welcome Foner and Foner's dogma, as transmitted through Gorbachov's military representatives—particularly as this dogma is represented in practice against Lithuania.

Well, sorry, Foner, you missed again. Lincoln would be on the opposite side

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The Lincoln Memorial in Washington honors the man who not only saved his country but gave hope to all of humanity. Inset. British hatred of the great Civil War President is seen in this racist cartoon attacking Lincoln for signing the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863.

on this, and would recognize what Gorbachov is, and would look closely at the relationship between that disgusting British nanny, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, and the object of that nanny's obscene, middle-aged or mid-life crisis crush upon the rather ugly, monstrous, and thuggish Czar of All the Russias, Czar Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachov.

British traitors and the Confederate States

The issue here in understanding Lincoln is not looking at the mere empty formalities of the U.S. federal Union; it was obvious to those such as Lincoln back in the middle of the 19th century, that the United States as a federal Union must be preserved, not merely for some formal reason, but because the United States and the federal Union embodied a principle of republicanism, which must be defended for the sake of United States' people and for the sake also of all humanity.

The enemy in that period was not a couple of poor fools around Atlanta, the ancestors of some of the internal enemies of the United States today. The enemy in Atlanta—as around August Belmont, the traitor in New York City, and head of the Democratic Party at that time, and others—was in London. The Confederacy was a concoction invented in London, and steered from London, to the intent of the destruction of the United States, to render the United States so vulnerable by means of civil conflict and division that the British fleet, supported by France's Napoleon III, who was an asset of London since an early age, would take over the Western Hemisphere and readily subjugate the United States to Metternichean forms of

balance-of-power negotiations among: the Union on the one side; the Confederate States, a kind of Nazi-like Spartan dictatorship over slaves and poor whites on the other side; a West Coast entity; an expanded Canadian entity; and so forth and so on. They would thus eradicate from the hemisphere, once and for all, that principle of law upon which the United States had been founded.

So, in Lincoln's time, the issue was not the formality of Union versus the Nazi-like Confederacy, centered on Atlanta, or centered among the family of Teddy Roosevelt, later President; the issue was essentially republicanism against oligarchism. The issue was the same as in the American Revolution.

We broke from Britain in the American Revolution because it was morally intolerable to subject our people to the system of philosophy and law represented by the puppet government of the British East India Company—the puppet government of King George III.

The issue in the 1850s and 1860s, was the same. The British interests, continuing the tradition of King George III's Jeremy Bentham, were determined to destroy the United States with aid of traitors centered originally in Boston, Connecticut, and New York, centered around the families of Harvard, Yale, and so forth, and also centered in the families of Atlanta: the Atlanta Confederacy, the Magnolia Mafia. These people represented that against which we had fought in the United States War of Independence; they had been traitors, British agents ever since, and they were simply British traitors in the middle of the 19th century.

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Lincoln and Landsbergis

The issue is the same in Russia. In this case, President Landsbergis of Lithuania bears the mantle of Lincoln and of George Washington; whereas Gorbachov is the emperor, the Czar of All the Russias—that is, the manager of that zoo called the Soviet Union, that zoo which is a captive house of various species of nationality. The zookeeper wishes to keep human beings in a condition of subjection suitable only for animals in a zoo. Now, only a stooge, a communist stooge as disgusting as Eric Foner, could, among Americans, see in such a situation, any likeness between President Abraham Lincoln, the great statesman of the federal Union, and the great thug, Czar Mikhail Sergeyevich, Czar of All the Russias, and the captive house of nationalities. Now that must be said first; we must keep a clear perspective.

There are many conflicts in European civilization. The essential conflict, as identified by Friedrich Schiller, is a conflict between the tradition of Spartan slavery—a tradition which continues through Nazism, through Czar Gorbachov, and through my enemies of the oligarchical faction of the U.S. today—on the one side, and on the other side, the tradition of Solon of Athens—the republican reforms of Athens under Solon's leadership, a tradition which leads through Christian civilization in Western Europe later, into the U.S. Constitution, our Declaration of Independence, our federal Union, and Abraham Lincoln. These two are absolute opposites; and we must be prepared if necessary to die for the latter in order to accomplish at the same time the obliteration of the former. Its evil has been suffered much too long. It is now time for it to go, and may Foner and Gorbachov go and take one another with them.

Otherwise, on the subject of Lincoln and science: It was axiomatic, so to speak, from the onset of the Republic, that we could prosper only by fostering energy-dense or power-dense capital-intensive investment in technological and scientific progress. That is uttered in Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton's 1791 "Report to the Congress on the Subject of Manufactures"; it was echoing the quarrel with Britain, in which, during the 1760s, Benjamin Franklin was the spokesman for the United States, himself embodying a commitment to participation in science and fostering of scientific progress. That is Lincoln's tradition: Lincoln's fostering of the Department of Agriculture, in order to establish the transmission of new technologies, such as that of Justus Liebig in chemistry to the American farmer, so that our prosperity might be increased.

On the other hand, the opposite side is that of today's environmentalists, such as Russia's Gorbachov, the Czar of All the Russias, Mikhail Sergeyevich.

Lincoln's is that to which we're committed; without that we shall suffer; without that we are suffering and have been for the past 25 years, ever since the malthusian insanity was injected into Washington as policy, first, under President Johnson on a small scale, and then, on a rip-roaring scale

increasingly, under Nixon and his successors. This is the same issue. It expresses itself in the conflict between us and Gorbachov today.

Two cultures

You can express the conflict between the heritage of Sparta and Solon's Athens in many ways. Sparta represents Nazism; Sparta also represents communism, particularly bolshevism. Even if you strip away the appurtenances of ideological bolshevism from Mosdow, and you go back to the Czar—that is, Ivan Grozny, rather than the Romanovs—you still get the same conflict: Russia today (Great Russia, under Gorbachov), is, like Himmler's Nazi Germany, in the tradition of Sparta. Gorbachov is in the tradition of the Magnolia Mafia, those families such as the James Bullochs and the Elihu Roots, which spawned the political phenomenon as well as the biological phenomenon of President Theodore Roosevelt, the President Roosevelt who created the FBI as a Bonapartist institution quite literally, as a political thought police for his New Age control of the United States; the President whose circles established the first collaboration with Soviet Russia with aid of the grain cartel people from the Twin Cities; the Theodore Roosevelt who established the New Age party, which he discreetly named the Progressive Party, which gave us much of our tradition of brain-dead but rabid radicalism, poisoning the United States internally today.

There are two cultures: One is a culture based on reason, the culture of Solon, and the other is the culture based on evil, arbitrary power, the power of an oligarchy, which considered itself a law unto itself against all power, against the Creator of the Universe. That's the conflict between Gorbachov and the human race, between Gorbachov and the heritage of Abraham Lincoln. Only a communist stooge such as Foner, could, like a court jester of the new satanic regime in Moscow, confuse the two.

The 'Gorbachov is Lincoln' fraud

by Mark Burdman

With the aid of historical revisionists at Columbia University and other institutions in the West, the Soviet propaganda apparatus has unleashed a "big lie" campaign claiming that President Gorbachov's brutal policies in Lithuania and his overall assumption of dictatorial policies in the U.S.S.R. has a precedent: U.S. President Abraham Lincoln's conduct during the American Civil War.

This line popped up in 1989 in the Soviet Foreign Minis-

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