

## **CAMELOT –REVISTED**

**CAMELOT: THE LEGENDARY ENGLISH TOWN WHERE KING ARTHUR HAD HIS COURT AND ROUND TABLE...AND IT IS BELIEVED TO BE 'ANY TIME, PLACE , ETC, IDEALIZED AS HAVING EXCITEMENT, PURPOSE, A HIGH LEVEL OF CULTURE' AS APPLIED TO JOHN KENNEDY'S ADMINISTRATION. SOME WOULD APPLY THIS AURA TO THE 'AGE OF OBAMA'.**

**CAMELOT MAY FOREVER BE ANALOGOUS TO YOUTH, HOPE AND TURMOIL FOR KENNEDY NEVER SEEMED TO GRASP THE EVENTS IN INDO CHINA. VACILLATION RAN THE GAMUT OF 'SEND MORE TROOPS, NO, JUST ADVISORS, HOW DO WE GET DIEM TO BE MORE DEMOCRATIC'? MISSTEPS, PERHAPS, LEADING TO DIEM'S ASSASSINATION. HIS MOMENT WAS EYE TO EYE WITH KHRUSHCHEV OVER SOVIET MISSILES IN CUBA, THE RUSSIAN BLINKED AND NUCLEAR WAR AVERTED.**

**PRESIDENTS HAVE BEEN CHALLENGED AS KOREA AND VIETNAM WARS ATTEST, ARGUABLY ATTEMPTS TO CONTAIN COMMUNIST EXPANSION. TRUMAN WITH UN AGREEMENT TOOK THE FIGHT AGAINST NORTH KOREA AND LATER SUPPORTED FRENCH INTEREST IN VIETNAM. EISENHOWER THREATENED NUCLEAR WEAPONS IF THE NORTH KOREANS/CHINESE CONTINUED TO STALL THE CEASE FIRE AND PEACE ARRANGEMENTS. IN VIETNAM, HE REFUSED TO AID THE FRENCH IN THEIR CLIMATIC BATTLE AT DIEN BIEN PHU WITH AMERICAN TROOPS OR AIRPOWER, ARGUING AGAINST EXPANDING THE WAR. JOHNSON INHERITED THE VIETNAM DEBACLE AND WISHED EITHER TO GET OUT OR GO ALL OUT AND VACILLATED INTO AN ABYSS, LEAVING NIXON NO REAL ALTERNATIVE BUT TO PUSH FOR PEACE WHILE APPLYING INCREASED MILITARY POWER. AGREEMENT TO STOP THE WAR WAS RESOLVED WITH RETALIATION AN OPTION IF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE DID NOT ABIDE; THEY DIDN'T AND THE US DID NOT RETALIATE PERHAPS HINDERED BY THE NIXON-FORD TRANSITION.**

**THE CHALLENGE TO THIS PRESIDENT IS DAUNTING AND CRIES OUT FOR AN UNDERSTANDABLE END-GAME FOR THE ECONOMY AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND A STRA-**

*TEGY THAT DEFINES THE WORLD THEATER AS TO FRIEND AND FOE. ALL WE KNOW NOW IS THAT THERE IS UNCLEAR BANK OPERATION AND AVAILABLE CREDIT SMACKING OF NATIONALIZATION OF THE FORMER, AND STIFLING CONFUSION ABOUT THE LATTER. ARE WE HEADED TOWARDS A FORM OF COLLECTIVISM(SOCIALISM)AND ARE WE READY TO COMBAT NUCLEAR-ARMED NORTH KOREA AND IRAN?*

*BUSH CHOSE 'WAR AGAINST TERROR' AND TOLD THE WORLD WE WOULD TAKE THE WAR TO TERRORISTS AND THOSE WHO HARBOR THEM. TO THIS DAY IT IS DIFFICULT TO MENTION ISLAMIC EXTREMISTS LIKE THOSE WHO COMMANDEERED THE AIRCRAFT AND KILLED 3000 AMERICAN CITIZENS, THOSE WHO ARE REPRESENTED IN AL-QAEDA AND THE TALIBAN, AND PROXIES OF IRAN, HEZBOLLAH AND HAMAS. IF ISLAM IS NOT THE ENEMY THEN WHO IS? A NEED FOR VISION AND CLARIFICATION.*

*YOUR JOURNEY HAS BEEN ONE OF YOUR FATHER'S DREAMS, THOUGH A BRIEF INTERLUDE, DIRECTION AND LOVE OF YOUR GRANDMOTHER, RATIONALIZATION OF THE GOOD, BAD AND UGLY OF YOUR LONG-TIME PASTOR, A NAGGING QUESTION AS TO YOUR TRUE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE REVOLUTIONARY IDEAS OF AYERS/DOHRN, A STRANGE, UNCLEAR ASSOCIATION OF FUND-RAISING AND HOME-BUYING AID, PLUS OTHER UNKNOWN RELATIONS WITH SOMEONE CALLED REFCO. ILLINOIS POLITICS AND YOUR OWN INTELLIGENCE PROPELLED YOU TO WHERE YOU ARE. SINCE WE STILL DON'T KNOW YOUR TRUE MENTORS AND THOSE WHO INSPIRED YOU, WE HAVE TO APPLAUD YOUR TREK AND SUCCESS, THOUGH SURPRISED AT YOUR NAVIETE AS TO COMPANY YOU KEPT.*

*NEXT WHEN YOU MAKE A DECISION, PERHAPS IN SOME KIND OF REVERIE, YOU SHOULD BE MORE CIRCUMSPECT ABOUT AMERICAN ARROGANCE, CONTINUING RANTS OF THOSE WHO HATE AMERICA, AND THE WORSENING ECONOMIC AND WORLD SITUATION WE FACE. IT WOULD BE NICE IF YOU CALLED ON JOHN MCCAIN AS THE LEADER OF THE LOYAL OPPOSITION FOR ADVICE.*

*MR. PRESIDENT! TIME, PLACE AND CULTURE INFLUENCE IS YOURS. PURPOSE NEEDS TELLING, THEN THE EXCITEMENT OF CAMELOT REVISITED MAY BE YOURS.*