

DREAMS OF OBAMA

Since most of us are not psychic, and have no real extra sensory perfection it is difficult to perceive what makes this man tick? We know he is nice looking, speaks well and has a nice family. He is the product, perhaps, of his record as President, the many books about him, a questionable philosophy and intellect that cries out for knowns rather than unknowns. Where are we going, what is his agenda for the future? I would have voted for a Colin Powell whose persona, reputation and record reveal leadership and character, and was briefly impressed at the Obama inaugural about hope and change, and an unclasp of the fist for Muslims and us. Beginning was inspiring! But what now we ask? Inspiration/mentors!

A historical trek would include the search for black pride, equality and example: Douglass from slavery to US Minister to Haiti; Dubois, a Harvard graduate, co-founder of the NAACP, intellectual fountain for black significance and place; Carver, Southern institution teacher of vocations/trade for blacks and like DuBois an advocate to seek the soul of the Negro; Malcolm X, a Muslim, and organizer of Afro-American sect for Islam, socialism, anti-colonialism, and radical solidarity. Jefferson, Franklin Roosevelt and Thurgood Marshall among others.

From Barry Obama who wrote of his father's anger over colonialism... and his trek through academia leaving little significance or trail, a student of the sixties and a time of revolt flirting with unrest and quasi-revolution of youth over Vietnam and other imagined slights of the black man, a community organizer, a teacher and state politician who left an opaque resume and as Senator in Illinois little more, bursting onto the political scene as a man on horseback rider or riderless?...and then it is Barack Hussein Obama as President.

With all due respect, Mr. President I would say unequivocally you had the opportunity to exceed, do well, and gain the respect of all of us. In a nutshell, you have failed and you should not be reelected. And I shall cite the reasons: a lack of vision, an inability to bring us all together, and leadership failings. I could include character and morality as well as in a desperate mood, your people have deceitfully treated the opposition and the those facing you with disdain and lies. You have degraded the office.

Your vision should have included the fact you took over a troubled economy and high debt but gave President Bush no credit for his needed response to 9/11-and

high expenditures to take on the Taliban and al Qaeda in Afghanistan as well as the commitment to remove Saddam Hussein in the war against Iraq. You blame all your problems on Bush while he remains quiet in response. Your vision should have included “a loyal opposition” with McCain and others to give you feedback; you didn’t. And perhaps your greatest failure is ‘lack of the understanding of leadership’ and how to set the example as well as take credit and accept blame and responsibility.

In brief: your debt has tripled now sixteen trillion and growing each day: a non-existent jobs bill, high unemployment, in some states 10-15%; a government without a budget, an attempt to capitalize on illegals to pad democratic totals; stimulist plan that provided funds for unions and others to defray expenses, but did little to stimulate the economy; cap and trade, the energy failings and oblivious to the Keystone oil line from Canada; compromise with opposition on the debt ceilings and other economic programs at impasse, and unelected Czars meandering and muddying the water which reeks of socialism, and the European system, now almost in default.

This old soldier knows a little about leadership both good and bad, and had his troubles with its imperfections and magnitude. Yet, I learned early when I commanded a rifle company and took the reins of a poor leader, never to blame him, but to start anew, accept responsibility for the good, bad and ugly. Take one’s share of the blame, and credit. No apologies when it comes to duty, honor and country. It is an effrontery to the proud military man that a President would take credit for the raid and demise of bin-Laden, hence the SEAL book castigating the President and his Vice President for playing warrior. He made the decision for the mission reluctantly. I would surmise that classification aspects were minimal or non-existent. This is Kerry revisited, a man of many faces for each audience who served on a swift boat, left Vietnam after a few months then castigating America in Europe and at home about the military he commanded.

The dreams of a transformed society may still exist –an all equal place where some are less or more equal than others, and America is just a enigma, no better or worse than others, a place to share the wealth with the less fortunate. Meanwhile our economy and financial structure sputters and takes on a Greek-like trauma. What is our President’s vision for containing the Islamic threat, in Iran and elsewhere as Iraq/Afghanistan stand down among a possible al Qaeda/Taliban resurgence. And will we stand with Israel now and if she strikes Iran?

It seems your dreams, Mr. President, have confused ideology with reality and too often you become the college teacher, not the leader. I see an analogy where crisis in England-the German colossus-sparked the change of leadership has much in common today. It is time for you to go.