

IMMIGRATION AND BORDERS

Eleven million illegals and still coming! Should we give them amnesty, citizenship, treat them as felons, deport them in increments? It is a little late to treat them as felons, grant them blanket amnesty, but what? It is analogous of the War in Iraq where current and past criticism by some Generals and others for more troops is now past doing. We are at critical crossroads for both problems.

Recently, your Editorial Staff printed a piece I had written on our 'Destiny' and portends. Among items I discussed was our porous borders, loyalty of our many 'illegals, Mexican and Muslim citizens, a need to reestablish citizenship criteria -oath taking, English speaking, and a requirement to totally control our borders with Canada and Mexico. All inlets must be supervised and controlled. In this article I had the temerity to play President at war.

We are reminded that in 2004 an Immigration over-population conference was held in the Capitol. Two brilliant spell-binders spoke: one college professor Victor David Hanson discussed his most recent book: Mexifornia explaining how immigration, legal and illegal, was destroying California and will continue to march across the country; former Governor D. Lamm of Colorado discussed in ominous clarity about America's facade of smugness, richness and satisfaction - on its way to destruction. History shows no nation can survive the tension, conflict and antagonism of two or more competing languages and cultures, Lamm said. Noted Harvard fellow, Samuel P. Huntington has told us his 'Immigration story' that we have reached critical

mass of illegal Mexicans where the American Dream is distorted by linguistic and political enclaves which represent huge voting blocks and many who would argue as Mexicans rather than Americans. Citizenship now ignores oath-taking and can be granted by mail.

We are caught between a rock and a hard place and the many 'solutions, ideas, programs, rationales' must be put in perspective. Action is required: Close borders and inlets by National Guard, more agents, electronic devices and other; reestablish citizenship criteria to include loyalty checks, requirement to learn/speak English; oath-taking for those illegal Mexicans and loyalty checks for Muslim racial and ethnic classes already present as citizens. No further immigration will be allowed until forementioned is accomplished. Cultural and religions will be respected in all cases and discrimination/profiling closely monitored and halted where possible. Employers will be advised to aid/encourage the movement programs towards these ends. If loyalty and citizenship procedures are ignored then deportation will be considered and implemented. One must be an American first with no rationalization while retaining ethnic, cultural and religious ties.

But in incongruity....I say in all candor: I love Mexicans. As a young teenager in Normandy, WWII, I came under the cloak of an East LA Mexican whose tough love made me a better soldier. He had earned his citizenship on the California streets against those who discriminated, but, though a proud Mexican he was first an American. Too, in the Korean War I had -in my rifle company-all races and ethnic groups. Perhaps my most loyal-once I earned it-were my Puerto Ricans. Those who wish, as Americans, may climb to that City on the Hill.

