

## **MAKE-BELIEVE IN AN OBAMA WORLD**

*In a world where children cannot write Santa at the North Pole, perhaps settling for a make-believe letter to nowhere, I cannot but think we have a President whose ambitious plans, a quasi-intellect like Jefferson-almost appearing as all wise and knowing- maybe leading us to 'somewhere' or perhaps nowhere. My imaginary letter to him may end in the basket.*

*With a Roosevelt flavor of economic revival, stimulants, bail-out of banks, investment firms and the auto industry aimed at recovery and jobs have long range suggestion of success but augurs for a high degree of debt, higher inflation and no certainty of job increase in the near time. On top of this comes a plan called Cap and Trade allegedly an energy saver, and a national health program of uncertain cost and range. Roosevelt, though possibly rueful of many of his programs, working or not had the foresight to place job creation first. Recently, our President appeared glum and quite concerned over the lack of job creation, yet he must accept the responsibility for perhaps biting off 'too much'.*

*Inspired by the growing unemployment, Roosevelt's initial program was creation of FERA (Fed Emergency Relief Admin) together with 500 million from the RFC (Reconstruction Finance Corporation) -a Hoover program- to provide State grants (one \$ Fed for three \$ from the state) and from this came CWA (Civil Works Admin) an office for job programs visualizing work on roads, highways, schools, hospitals and infrastructure in the public sector. Then CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) putting the youth to work with a military organizational mode.*

*Remember Warren Buffett (an Obama supporter) told the President, "Put health, energy, and education on the backburner and focus on the economy with support from CEOs Jack Welch, General Electric and Andrew Grove from Intel. Bernanke, Fed Reserve Chairman, argued "to settle the financial system first." And Gingrich said, "can't fix the economy with hidden taxes and continued spending."*

*Is Obama listening, turning down the volume or merely in some kind of reverie? Methinks it is more! President Roosevelt reminded in 1933: "Freedom is no half and half affair. If the average citizen is guaranteed equal opportunity in the polling place, he must have equal opportunity in the market place. This generation of Americans has a rendezvous with destiny." Private citizen Ronald Reagan reminded in 1964:" You and I have a rendezvous with destiny. We can*

*preserve for our children this, the last best hope of man on earth, or we can sentence them to take the first step into a thousand years of darkness. If we fail, at least let our children and our children's children say of us we justified our brief stay here. We did all we could."*

*Roosevelt said this in his inaugural address to enhance the confidence of the people towards their economic plight while Reagan, speaking for Barry Goldwater, that it was necessary to contain communism and the Russian ogre. Both provided leadership and commitment in a tumultuous time.*

*Today we are saddled with the two fears of economic malaise, compounded by money saturated programs that can only derail the economic train, and the inability to define the enemy in an on-going war. In the first, President Obama refutes the wise counsel of economists and the Congressional budget office that his economic program will increase the deficit with debt infinite and will delay recovery and job creation. Despite his voice to Islamic nations, the message seems muted and ignored, though evidence abounds that extreme Islamic rhetoric and actions point to 'war with the infidels (Satans)' the United States and Israe...portending a 'war of civilizations' and not a 'rendezvous with destiny.'*