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BUSH'S NEW SOUTHERN POLICY

Washington – Highly impressed by a Wikipedia entry about the Coriolis effect, President Bush has recalled Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice to discuss changes in policy for the Southern hemisphere.

“For years this administration engaged in diplomacy with the nations of the Southern Hemisphere with little success. We have had our share of failure in South America and Africa as well as parts of Southern Asia. Then, after reading about the Coriolanus (sic) effect, I realized that we had to implement “reverse psychology” as an integral part of our diplomatic approach” said the President.

Byran Rodrigues, Director of the Foreign Policy Institute and Other Related Things, differs with the President’s analysis. Writing in this month’s issue of Foreign Policy Matter, Rodrigues claims that the Coriolis effect policy of reverse psychology when approaching countries in the Southern Hemisphere could ‘backfire’. “We will be moving in the wrong diplomatic direction, but then again, in the case of the Bush administration’s record on foreign policy, this might not be all bad”.

“Hey, any guy who would argue to the Senate against the democratic rights of the plebeians is someone who knows what he is talking about in my book” the President added.

When it was pointed out to the President that it was not Coriolanus but Coriolis, the French scientist who had, in addition, coined the word “work” as the product of force and distance, Bush indicated that he would be considering this when he discusses matters with his Labor and his Transportation Secretaries in upcoming meetings.

BOZO AT THE FOURTH

Bristol – In an amazing resurrection from the dead, Bozo attended the Bristol Fourth of July parade, dispelling rumors of his earlier demise.

“Although we thought we would never see him again, there he was as part of some promotion for something” said one over-joyed Bristolian who held a sign that proclaimed perpetual devotion to him.

Others rushed Bozo seeking to shake his hand. Hundreds along the route were yelling “Bozo for Governor” and “Bozo for President”. Still others forced their unwilling and skeptical children to take a photo with him.

“We all thought he was dead, but Bozo is a survivor. Sure, there will be other clowns to take his place, but they’ll never be another Bozo” said one parade watcher.

While newspapers had widely reported Bozo’s death on July 3, it was a miracle that he had risen to attend the parade. Most were in stunned disbelief that Bozo was really there. Tommy Judas of Coventry exclaimed “My Lord and My God” and even had his son, Tom Jr., step up to touch his red nose to ascertain that Bozo had in fact returned from the dead.

“I grew up watching Bozo. When he was taken from us, I was devastated. I said to myself, ‘no one could ever fill those shoes, except maybe a real tall basketball player or something like that’ proclaimed one observer.

THE EXPERIMENT TO END IN OCTOBER

Providence – Decrying it a “dismal failure of epic proportions” God has decided to end what was once dubbed “a lively experiment”.

“With all the wasteful mismanagement of funds, corruptions on the highest levels, incompetence galore, a complete and utter apoplectic population, and an inability to produce any results that would deem it qualified for continuance, we have no choice but to end the lively experiment” said Bryan Rodrigues, a spokesperson for God.

“You don’t know how many chances we have given them to make something of this experiment. The results from the lab are worse than inconclusive, they really suck” continued Rodrigues.

At the bequest of Roger Williams, the famed pianist who founded Rhode Island, God had authorized a “lively experiment” take place. Although it placed God’s interests in jeopardy, Williams convinced the supreme being that a civil state could actually flourish.

With the aid of grants from Religious Consortium, Williams proceeded to set up a state that was freed from religious concerns, and while religious activity continued to flourish, the general make-up of the state began its serious deterioration into a nest of corruption and ineptitude that strayed from just about every recognized religion in the state, barring Satanism.

“Just because we have the right as Rhode Islanders to practice our religions freely, it doesn’t mean we have to be religious. I personally practice the religion of personality worship that requires that I mindless believe in the Democrat party, hold the Kennedys as saints, live to get pensions and other benefits from my fellow taxpayers, demonstrate my worthiness by the low number on my license plate, and generally have no opinion about the world around me” said one of the lab rats.

CHANGE YOU CAN BELIEVE IN

Washington – In what appears to be a flip-flop on international affairs, and with the war in Iraq having lost its political glimmer as an issue, Barak Obama, the presumptive Democrat candidate for President, has indicated he intends to “refine” his policy on the war itself.

“Refine is such a more dignified word. Sure, now that he has the nomination in his pocket he can alienate all those left wing extremists who want us out of Iraq immediately. It is a proven strategy. It was used perfectly to a fault by Senator Whitehouse and others who manufactured a take-over of Congress last election, so we figured it could work again” said one inside aid.

“We promised change and that’s exactly what we are giving them. I don’t recall any limitation on the word change, do you?” asked an Obama political aide. “We all change. Change is good. It is something that you can count on”.

“Wow. He is not even elected yet and we are already getting change. He really may be deserving of the Kennedy mantel. I’ll be the first to admit, when they said he was worthy of Kennedy status I had questioned it. Was he a philanderer? Did he have a family fortune from prohibition? Did he have someone take a Spanish test at Harvard? He just didn’t seem to fit, but now I get it” said one supporter.

“Refine is change, but it is not a change from the core position. The candidate still believes in the original message. Besides, it is not really politically positive to say something like “Refining You Can Count On” unless you are controlled by the oil industry. Obama is not in the pockets of big oil, but that too is subject to refinement”.

What Do You Think?

The Governor claims illegal immigration is the issue, but the Providence Journal claims it is not important for Rhode Islanders. What do you think?

Once again it shows the failure of our education policy. Our own children cannot compete against these illegals for the low paying jobs.

RH - Barrington

We’ll see who’s right when all those illegals vote in the next election.

DC - Providence

The Governor is wrong. What did he say now?

WL - Pawtucket

If the illegals would only use their Blackberries to find the direction to their homes we wouldn’t be facing this problem.

JR - Cranston

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JUST WORDS?

Springfield - “Let’s just say that we are really jerked off by the decision” said a spokesman for The Right Hand, a self-help advocacy group.

In a recent decision as to what new words would be included in the upcoming Webster’s Dictionary, the board refused to include the word “wanker”.

As part of their protests, the group will be taking matters into their own hands. We intend to demonstrate our dissatisfaction by spilling a truck load of seeds at the publisher’s headquarters.

Bryan Rodrigues, a spokesperson for the dictionary publisher, said “We would like to get a hold on this issue before it gets out of hand. The board discussed the word, but they eventually concluded that it was an exercise in fertility”

ASK LIZ - Advice on Anything

Dear Liz:

I recently hitched a ride on the corporate jet to get to a meeting a few miles away from my home.

Since then I have been under a lot of criticism, largely in part because I had been a long vocal advocate of the need to be green and save the environment by not wasting our fossil fuels.

I recently had the company purchase a hybrid car for me. Is it hypocritical for me to advocate for our environment while ignoring it when it is personally inconvenient?

FREIDA - North Smithfield

Dear Frieda:

Remember the most important rule of success - Rules are made for others.

Don’t let your advocated positions get in the way of your partaking of the good life.

There is nothing written that says that you have to live up to the ideals you preach.

Take it from me, just avoid the issue and the people questioning it. They have no right to question your actions.

THE HALLMARK

Charlie Hall



RUMORS OF MY DEATH HAVE BEEN GREATLY EXAGGERATED.