
The Time for Constitutional Emergency Measures is Now!

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DEAR FELLOW IDAHOANS:

The following article is a sample of how we could bring about an Idahoan Economic Miracle. If we were to abolish all un-constitutional regulatory agencies and departments (Some cabinet level) and slash spending and thus taxes, we would witness practically over night, an explosion of economic activity and growth we have not witnessed since the second half of the 1800's when in a period of 20 years (1875-1895) the purchasing power of the American people more than doubled (The dollar steadily increased in value).

If this is not done within the next year or two, we will experience complete political, economic and social collapse and anarchy. The conspiratorial powers that be would then attempt to establish a dictatorial socialist tyranny under the pretense of restoring order.

These emergency measures (Time is rapidly running out!) would release individual human energy, initiative and ingenuity on a scale not seen or experienced in history.

As **Henry David Thoreau** explained:

*"This government never of itself furthered any enterprise, but by the alacrity with which it got out of its way. **THE CHARACTER INHERENT IN THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAS DONE ALL THAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED; AND IT WOULD HAVE DONE MUCH MORE, IF THE GOVERNMENT HAD NOT GOT IN ITS WAY.** For government is an expedient by which men would fain succeed in letting one another alone; and, as has been said, when it is most expedient, the governed are most let alone by it."*

To accomplish the above, we will need political leaders with the moral and spiritual courage and strength of character displayed by the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence. Do we have any political office holders willing to "sacrifice their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor" in an attempt to save our liberty and our country?

LET US LEARN FROM THE LESSONS OF HISTORY!

The following is one of those lessons.

Origins of the German Economic Miracle

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This year marks the 40th anniversary [1988] of Ludwig Erhard's sweeping **free market** reforms which gave economic freedom to over 80 million Germans and began West Germany's 30-year post-war economic miracle.

At the end of World War II, Germany was in a shambles. Fire bombs—more destructive than the atomic bombs that were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki—had completely destroyed Dresden. The population of Cologne had dropped from 750,000 before the war to less than 32,000. Germany's storybook castles and great cathedrals lay in ruins, while makeshift shanty towns housed hundreds of thousands of Germans displaced by the Soviet occupation of the Eastern Provinces.

Industrial output was at a standstill, and German currency was practically worthless. A pack of American-made cigarettes could fetch more goods on the black market than hundreds of German marks.

William H. Peterson, who was a member of the Allied occupation forces, described the scene this way: “German men and women, for the most part ragged, hollow-eyed, thin, for-lorn-looking, peddled what wealth had escaped the bombing and burning—silver, jewelry, Zeiss binoculars, Leica cameras, Meissen china (frequently chipped) and bric-a-brac including ashtrays, lamps, clocks, and cheap paintings—all at fancy prices. I saw a used commonplace alarm clock go for the equivalent of \$85—in 1945 dollars.”^{[1 [1]]}

There was little hope for improvement. Incredibly, **the Allies—who had freed Germany from the Nazi terror—imposed their own form of economic tyranny by maintaining Hitler’s price and wage controls [along with a host of economic regulations].**

Enter Ludwig Erhard. Born in 1897 in Furth, and educated at the University of Frankfurt, Erhard had been a disciple of the **great free market economist, Wilhelm Roepke.** After serving as an economist in Nuremberg, Erhard was appointed head of the post-war Bizonal Economic Council. Looking over the wreckage from six years of total war, Erhard knew that **only free market policies could get Germany back on its feet.** To that end, he made two proposals: introduce a new currency, then insure its success **by lifting wage and price controls [and economic restrictions and regulations].**

None of the experts doubted the necessity of his first proposal, but lifting wage and price controls? That went against current orthodoxy. When General Clay, military governor of the American Zone, informed Erhard that all the American economic experts were gravely concerned about the consequences of scrapping the wage and price controls, Erhard replied, “So are mine.”^{[2 [2]]}

Yet Erhard plowed ahead. He knew his history: more than 2,000 years of price and wage controls [and economic regulations] had always resulted in economic chaos. Not only do price and wage controls destroy incentives, Erhard pointed out, but they almost always transfer wealth from hardworking, patriotic citizens into the hands of cynics, **bureaucrats, and those favored by the government.**

Taking the country by surprise, Erhard went on the air on a Sunday night in **June 1948.** First, he announced that each German would be given forty

Deutschmarks (replacing the old Reichsmarks). This would be followed by a second installment of twenty Deutschmarks. Credits and debts would be converted into the new currency at the rate of ten to one, and people would have to prove how they came by sums that exceeded 5,000 Reichsmarks.

Erhard knew that his current reform would be doomed if the new money, like its predecessor, faced bare store shelves and empty warehouses: To prevent this, Erhard announced the second—and by far more important—part of his program: most of Germany’s wage and price controls would be dropped. First, controls would end on a wide range of consumer goods. Within six months, controls on food would be dropped. Erhard gained support for his measures by billing them as a patriotic move designed to replace a “foreign” economic system that had been imposed on Germany. The German people were astonished to hear that all these changes would commence the next morning.^{[3][31]}

Almost immediately, the German economy sprang to life. The unemployed went back to work, food reappeared on store shelves, and the legendary productivity of the German people was unleashed. Within two years, industrial output TRIPLED. By the early 1960s, Germany was the third greatest economic power in the world. And all of this occurred while West Germany was assimilating hundreds of thousands of East German refugees.

Since the 1960s, Germany has turned away from Erhard’s free market policies. Many German young people missed the significance of Erhard’s reforms, while as *U.S. News & Worm Report* recently observed, “Chancellor Helmut Kohl has been a timid free-marketer.”^{[5][51]} After achieving wealth and leisure time by pursuing free market policies, **a new generation of social engineers has devised schemes to divide the wealth, disregarding how that wealth was created. Intellectuals provided moral support for the move toward socialism,** even though the very leisure they used as an excuse to undermine capitalism was itself the result of capitalism. The process is still going on.

The move toward socialism has manifested itself in higher taxes (West Germany has the highest corporate taxes of any Big Five economic power), unreasonable demands from labor unions, a 37.5-hour work week, and over-regulation. The result is that West Germany is, as one commentator put it, “Rusting on the Rhine.”^{[6][61]}

Ludwig Erhard did save Germany, for a time, **from one of its greatest enemies—socialism**—and helped bring about one of the great success stories of the modern world. **Today, West Germany, as well as the rest of the world, would do well to learn from Ludwig Erhard’s example, on this, the 40th anniversary of his reforms. []**

NOTE

[In the second half of 1948 industrial production increased **46 percent** from its June level. And a year later, at the end of 1949, that production was **81 percent above** what it had been when the reforms had been implemented in the middle of 1948.

The West German boom that began in 1950 was truly memorable. **The growth rate of industrial production was 25.0 percent** in 1950 and **18.1 percent in 1951**. Growth continued at a high rate for most of the 1950s, despite occasional slowdowns. By 1960 industrial production had **risen to two-and-one-half times** the level of 1950. **GDP rose by two-thirds** during the same decade. The number of persons employed rose from 13.8 million in 1950 to 19.8 million in 1960, and the **unemployment rate fell from 10.3 percent to 1.2 percent.**]

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[The German Economic Miracle and the “Social Market Economy](#)

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The German economic miracle is the kind of economic miracle that could take place right here in Idaho, if only our state legislators and governor along with county and local governments, would move to abolish all regulations and restrictions (and licensing) on all economic activity. This of course means the repealing of numerous laws rather than the enacting of new laws every time a legislative body is in session. **This**

would end all economic favoritism and government enhanced and created business monopolies, thus encouraging greatly increased competition in the market place. Increased competition creates higher standards of living (lower prices) and greater technological innovation.

No man or set of men (That is government bureaucrats and state and local departments and agencies) have a right to exercise unrighteous dominion over their fellow citizens. Let this be a free people exercising their individual liberty in the development of their **God given talents** and abilities **as they see fit without harassment and interference by government agencies**.

One of the most urgent needs today is the restoration of individual liberty. Freedom of choice is more to be treasured than any possession earth can give. Personal liberty is the paramount essential to human dignity and happiness.

Individual liberty is threatened or has been destroyed by false political ideas and unwise and tyrannical legislation.

It is wise ever to keep in mind the fact that the State exists for the individual; not the individual for the State. Any form of government that destroys and undermines or hinders the free exercise of ones individual liberty **in the least degree** is tyranny!

So now let us, by exercising our rights under our divinely inspired Constitution –

1. Restore the right of every individual to go into the vocation or business of their choice **without interference from or having to seek permission (permits and licenses)** from their public office holders and public servants (bureaucrats). No individual should be compelled to **pay a tribute or ransom (permits and licenses)** in order to realize this God ordained right. It is not right that any individual should be in bondage one to another. We should feel free to plan and to reap without the handicap of confiscatory taxation (**Extortion and legal plunder**).

2. Devote our time, means, and life, if necessary, to hold inviolate those laws only which will secure to each individual the free exercise of conscience, **the right to own and to have control over both the ownership and disposal of their property**, and the protection of life.

The essence of ownership is control. You may have the deed, but if someone else has control over it, you don't own it.

To sum it up: In these days of uncertainty and unrest, our greatest responsibility and paramount duty is **to restore and proclaim the liberty of the individual as inviolate and sacred.**

A free people are a truly happy people.

**ADDITIONAL PERSPECTIVE:
RESTORING IDAHO'S STATE SOVEREIGNTY**

IT IS NOW VITAL THAT IDAHO AND THE OTHER STATE GOVERNMENTS USE **ARTICLE ONE, SECTION 8 OF THE US CONSTITUTION AND THE 10 AMENDMENT** OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS AS A WAY TO BREAK THE STRANGLE HOLD THAT THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT HAS ON THE STATES.

WHEN THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT MAKES ITS FINAL EFFORT TO ELIMINATE WHAT SOVEREIGNTY AND INDEPENDENCE IS LEFT, THE GOVERNOR AND STATE LEGISLATURE SHOULD **INVOKE ARTICLE I, SECTION VIII AND AMENDMENT 10.** THE OFFICERS OF THE STATE SHOULD PUT THE OFFICIALS OF THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT ON NOTICE THAT THEY WILL NO LONGER BE PERMITTED TO ENFORCE UNCONSTITUTIONAL MANDATES AND LAWS WITHIN THE BORDERS OF THE STATE OF IDAHO. **BY DOING SO, THEY WILL BE UPHOLDING THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION** AS THEY APPLY TO IDAHO AND THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT. OUR STATE OFFICE HOLDERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES ON ALL LEVELS **WILL, BY DOING SO, BE ENFORCING ALL LAWS THAT ARE CONSTITUTIONAL.** (If its not Constitutional, its not legal.)

THE ABOVE CONSTITUTIONAL ACTIONS WOULD ALSO PROTECT IDAHO FROM BEING SUBMERGED INTO ANY "WORLD GOVERNMENT" OR "NEW WORLD ORDER" WHEN, NOT IF, THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT MAKES ITS FINAL MOVE TO SURRENDER ITSELF AND THE REST OF OUR COUNTRY INTO SUCH A "NEW INTERNATIONAL ORDER".

ALSO, ARTICLE I, SECTION X, CLAUSE I OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION, READS :

“No State shall . . . make any Thing but gold and silver Coin a Tender in Payment of Depts . . .”

SINCE THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT IN WASHINGTON D.C. **HAS BROKEN THE CONTRACT BETWEEN ITSELF AND THE SEVERAL STATES** – THE U.S. CONSTITUTION – BY REFUSING TO MINT GOLD AND SILVER AS LEGAL TENDER, **IT IS NOW CONSTITUTIONALLY LEGAL FOR THE STATE OF IDAHO TO MINT GOLD AND SILVER AS LEGAL TENDER IN ORDER TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW – THE CONSTITUTION.**

BY DOING SO, OUR BELOVED STATE OF IDAHO WILL REMAIN ECONOMICALLY AND FINANCIALLY STABLE AND SOLVENT WHEN, NOT IF, THE DOLLAR COLLAPSES IN THE MIDST OF A HORRENDOUS HYPERINFLATION THAT WOULD DESTROY THE PROPERTY RIGHTS AND THUS THE LIBERTY OF THE PEOPLE OF IDAHO. (NOTE – **No more acceptance of Federal grants.**)

WHEN OUR ELECTED LEGISLATORS AND GOVERNOR TOOK THE OATH OF OFFICE, THEY SWORE TO PROTECT THE LIBERTY AND PROPERTY RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF IDAHO. **BY MINTING GOLD AND SILVER AS A CONSTITUTIONALLY MANDATED LEGAL TENDER, THEY WILL BE DOING JUST THAT.**

THE STATE OF IDAHO MUST ALSO PROTECT ITSELF THROUGH THE RESTORATION OF THE “**STATE MILITIA**”.

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING WRITTEN BY CONSTITUTIONAL SCHOLAR EDWIN VIEIRA JR. :

The preservation of “a free [sovereign] State” absolutely depends upon the maintenance of “[a] well regulated Militia,” and that the existence of “[a] well regulated Militia” absolutely depends upon “the people’s” permanent personal possession of firearms, ammunition, and necessary accoutrements suitable for Militia service. This is hardly surprising. Aspiring usurpers and tyrants expect that if “the people” will not learn how to organize themselves

for collective self-defense in times of domestic tranquility, they will not be able to organize themselves during the confusion and even terror of a major social crisis, when time is short and actions must be taken in the face of repression by the usurpers' and tyrants' armed forces and para-militarized police. Therefore, the success of usurpation and tyranny depends upon keeping "the people" as disorganized as possible for as long as possible.

This is why the Second Amendment declares that "[a] well regulated Militia" is "necessary to the security of a free State," and why "the right of the people to keep and bear Arms" must be understood and exercised in that context. To that end, "the people" need to be concerned less with judicial protection of that right for a few individuals here and there, and more with legislative enforcement of it, so that "the Militia of the several States" — each "composed of the body of the people, trained to arms" — become the dominant political institutions through this country, just as the Constitution requires. ("The Second Amendment, The State, And The People" – The New American, January 4, 2009)

The Swiss militia has protected Switzerland from invasion.

The same could be true for Idaho. The citizens of Idaho must have the ultimate means of protecting themselves from the Central Government in Washington and from possible foreign invasion and terrorist attacks.

Think about it!

NOW PICTURE THE UNITED STATES AS THE TITANIC WITH ALL OF ITS LIFE BOATS. AS THE TITANIC IS INEVITABLY GOING TO SINK, WE JUMP INTO THE LIFEBOATS (THE STATES) AND BREAK AWAY TO SAFETY.

THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT (WASHINGTON) HAS LITERALLY ABANDONED THE CONSTITUTION AND IS NOW PREPARING TO COMPLETELY SUBDUE THE STATES THROUGH "SOCIALIZED HEALTH CARE", "CAP AND TRADE" ETC. AND INTERNATIONAL TREATIES (COPENHAGEN).

ALL OF OUR ELECTED STATE OFFICE HOLDERS HAVE TAKEN AN OATH TO UPHOLD AND DEFEND THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

FROM ALL ENEMIES, BOTH FOREIGN AND *DOMESTIC*. OUR LOYALTY TO THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT (WASHINGTON) IS ONLY TO THE DEGREE THAT IT ADHERES TO "THE LAW OF THE LAND", NAMELY OUR CONSTITUTION. IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT THIS OATH, OUR STATE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATORS HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO PULL OUR STATE (A LIFE BOAT) AWAY FROM THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT (THE TITANIC). IF WE DO NOT, OUR STATE WILL BECOME NOTHING MORE THAN A SUBSERVIENT ADMINISTRATIVE PROVINCE OR "SOVIET" OF AN ALL POWERFUL CENTRAL GOVERNMENT WHICH WILL HAVE BECOME ITSELF A PROVINCE OF AN ALL POWERFUL CENTRALIZED "WORLD GOVERNMENT" IN "A NEW WORLD ORDER".

"INDEPENDENCE NOW AND INDEPENDENCE FOREVER"

-- *JOHN ADAMS*

WHICH WILL IT BE!

WE NEED A REVIVAL OF THE "SPIRIT OF '76!

WE ARE, AT THIS TIME, ON THE EDGE OF THAT MOMENT PROPHESED BY THE MORMON PROPHET JOSEPH SMITH WHEN HE PROPHESED:

“Even this nation will be on the very verge of crumbling to pieces and tumbling to the ground, and when the Constitution is on the brink of ruin, this people will be the staff upon which the nation shall lean, and they shall bear the Constitution away from the very verge of destruction.”

HEAR IT YE ELDERS OF ISRAEL! THE CONSTITUTION IS NOW HANGING BY A THREAD! THE TIME TO STEP FORTH AND SAVE THE CONSTITUTION IS NOT IN THE FUTURE - **IT IS NOW!!!**

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