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“What’d He Say?”
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Well, finally! Now the battle of the political champions of both parties can begin. We now know, officially, that Illinois Sen. Barack Obama and Arizona Sen. John McCain are representing their respective parties and that the gloves have come off for serious contending for the ultimate prize... the most powerful position in the world... the Presidency of the United States.

That other Democratic candidate, “The Energizer Hillary” kept running and running but finally ran out of gas this past Saturday and had to close down her bankrupt campaign. Although not officially ending it, “I am suspending my campaign,” she said, Hillary dutifully urged her supporters to switch their allegiances to the kid from Illinois. It had to be difficult for this previously acknowledged queen of the party, who was going to be a shoo-in for the nomination, to humble herself and kiss the ring of the much less experienced, much more controversial, much younger black man from the streets of Hawaii and Chicago.

Yet, the Democrats are so focused on wresting the White House from the hands of those rabid Republicans that even she is willing to give in to the pressures of the media, her own party hacks and her much shrinking bank balance and grovel before a man she has stated is only a “man who can talk a good talk” but incapable of walking the necessary walk of the presidency.

And let there be no mistake, Obama is one of the finest orators I have heard in many years. Sometimes I get so caught up in how well he speaks I find myself not listening to what he’s actually saying. Unfortunately, I’m afraid that’s what the majority of his youthful, intellectual, yuppie-type supporters are doing as well.

There was another great orator, a few decades ago, who convinced his people that the wealthy of their nation were responsible for the terrible poverty of the common people. He then convinced them that they should form a government that would take away the wealth from those who had it and distribute it among the populace. To accomplish that end he convinced his followers to murder the Royal Family and instigated a Civil War in the country, known as the Bolshevik Revolution. The upheaval resulted in the establishment of the Socialist-Democratic Labor Party, which ruled the U.S.S.R. (Soviet Union) until its dissolution in 1991.

Understand, please, I’m not saying if a person is a great orator he or she may be up to no good. All I’m saying is we should be more concerned about what a person is saying than how he is saying it. Mr. Obama says many things but what does he really mean? Let’s examine 5 or 6 talking points he presents with his flowery speeches.

First, he says that our country should guarantee that every child in America be afforded a free College education. He says each citizen has a constitutional right to a college education.

Second, he says that every person in the United States has a constitutional right to health care and it is a great national sin that our country does not provide it.

Third, he says that he wants to take away the money of the rich oil companies and those Americans earning more than \$250,000 per year to pay for the free education and free health care; because it is a sin they have so much money and are not helping the poor get their education and health care.

Fourth, he says it is our President's fault that our gas prices are so high because we haven't invested in alternative fuels to relieve the demand for gasoline.

Fifth, he says we should sit down and talk with the tyrannical leaders of terrorist nations and negotiate with them to stop attacking our country and ask them to stop their terrible deeds.

Sixth, he says that before this country can move ahead we must change the way we are doing things. We must do away with things of old and look at things from a brand new perspective.

CHANGE that we can live with... he preaches.

Let's address some changes we think could be made to alleviate many of the ills Mr. Obama says our country has.

Change... what does he consider as change?

1-Could it be considered change if our lawmakers in Congress would stop caving in to the demands of the environmentalist fringes that we block drilling for oil in our country, and pass legislation that would demand that we start drilling in our own country for the Billions of barrels of oil that lie beneath our land and off-shore?

2- How about the block on establishing more nuclear power plants for safe and economical energy? Couldn't we remove those blocks as well?

3- How about removing the block that's preventing the building of several more badly needed oil refineries that would increase the volume of gasoline and other petroleum products we could have at our disposal, thereby driving the price down at the pump?

One of the major changes we must make immediately is to change our greatest priority at the moment... from mandating that we provide our Citizens with beautiful, pristine National Parks... to mandating that we provide our Citizens with a more bountiful, home-based, source of energy. Yes, we should continue our search for alternative and renewable sources of energy, but our major and immediate emphasis should be to aggressively search for and access all the abundant natural resources we already have. With the technology available we should be able to do all the above with very little negative impact on our environment.

I've got several other changes that should be made at this time, which Mr. Obama hasn't mentioned, but space won't allow me to cover them today but I will get to them next week. Until then, remember, things aren't all that bad and they will be better.

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