

Ready To Go Beyond Words?

A firestorm of attacks on President Barack Obama in the wake of his New Year's Eve signing of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), correctly identify the dictatorial content of both the law and the signing statement which the President issued. The question is: When will people stop *reacting*, and decide to *act* to remove this President from office?

The sad fact is that, despite the correct and persuasive cases being made, by all sides of the political spectrum, for Obama's blatant violations of the Constitution in the crafting and signing of this bill, no leading personality, except for Lyndon LaRouche, has come forward to demand that he be impeached, or removed by reason of insanity. Yet the logic of their argument leads to no other conclusion.

Listen to Philip Giraldi, a retired CIA analyst and writer for the *American Conservative*, in his Dec. 29 column:

"Sadly, on the verge of a new year, it is hard to argue that Washington in 2011 is much different from Weimar and Berlin in 1933... [T]he power coupled with lack of accountability that has been assumed by the White House should be regarded as a deadly serious matter by every American citizen. If you think Weimar Republic Germany is a long time ago and far away so it can't happen here, you are wrong. *It can happen here, and unless something is done to stop it, it almost surely will happen here. It is happening already*" [emphasis added].

Like Weimar after the Reichstag Fire, the U.S. has destroyed the Constitution and replaced it with a "lawless Führer state," like that provided for Hitler by Carl Schmitt and other leading jurists. Giving a brief summary of some of the crisis powers given to Hitler after the Reichstag Fire, which "was almost certainly carried out by the

Nazis themselves," Giraldi emphasizes the importance of the "Enabling Act, which gave [Hitler] the authority to ignore parliament and pass laws by decree." The full name of the Enabling Act was, "in English, 'The Act for the Removal of Distress from People and Reich,'" and it said that "a powerful executive could ignore restraints imposed by bureaucrats and constitutions when required to cope with a crisis."

"The first anti-terror legislation to pass was the USA PATRIOT Act, the full title of which is 'The Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001,' a euphemism oddly reminiscent of Hitler's Enabling Act," notes Giraldi. It was followed by the PATRIOT Act II of 2006, and "the two laws diminished constitutional rights to free speech, freedom of association, freedom from illegal search, *habeas corpus*, prohibition of cruel and unusual punishment, and freedom from the illegal seizure of private property. The First, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Eighth Amendments in the Bill of Rights were all discarded or abridged...."

Obama "has expanded the Bush portfolio, repeatedly citing state-secrets privileges to prevent any legal challenges while authorizing the assassination of U.S. citizens overseas based on suspicion, carrying out acts of war against countries with which Washington is not at war, and now, finally, signing the National Defense Authorization Act of 2012, which provides for indefinite military detention of anyone anywhere for any reason, including U.S. citizens in the United States, because the whole world is the battlefield. Did Hitler behave similarly in contravention of the Weimar constitution? He sure did...."

Isn't it time to act?