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OPINION

Paris: The Future That We See ...

'nfortunately, we may look at Paris and see our future. That's not to say this nation or any particular American city is guaranteed to be hit as Paris was last Friday, when a series of soft-target attacks killed at least 129 people and injured more than 350 others. It was a terrorism strike that reverberated around the world

Instead, this is what our world is probably going to have to deal with for a long time to come. Eradicating terrorism (as French President François Hollande vowed to do Monday; as President George W. Bush effectively promised to do after 9/11 by declaring a "war on terrorism") is an impossible task by its very nature, and the higher profile that terror groups have achieved since the 1990s — with 9/11 being the worst-case example — all but assures that the tactic will not go away. Thus, we will always be coping with it, reeling from it and rediscovering the will to deal with it in the strongest terms.

The Islamic State (IS) group has taken responsibility for the latest Paris attack. (Remember, the city was also hit last winter in the Charlie Hebdo attack.) Once more, this group has shocked the world, and civilized nations must stand united in coping with this monstrous mindset.

But we have learned by now that, in this post-Cold War era, dealing with terrorist groups like IS is not as simple as bombing them into oblivion, as some American politicians demand we do. In this new, dangerous world, logic seems to work in reverse, and the old rules can actually backfire.

A discussion on National Public Radio over the weekend painted such a picture in frustrating terms. It was noted that groups like IS strike at western targets not primarily to bring down a government or force the removal of a western presence from Middle Eastern countries, but instead to goad western countries into taking a harder line against their own Muslim citizens and, perhaps, alienate a few of them enough to become jihadists. IS has been effective because it seems to be everywhere, accomplishing this by recruiting new followers who are already in those countries. This is why calls by some U.S. politicians to close the borders to people from countries where IS and al-Qaida, for example, are established really miss the point: The "soldiers" who will carry out these deeds may already be inside the borders. And those soldiers are willing to die for that cause, making them even more effective.

Historically, the response of the wounded nations is to never shrink from such aggression. Instead, it steels the resolve to fight these terrorist groups, which is the only practical response to such madness. But that, in turn, helps those groups recruit even more

Terrorism in the 21st century is a vicious circle of violence that seems to have no end. It's an overused simile but it's true: Destroying terrorism is like killing weeds: Where one is dug out, others pop up in their place.

In the wake of Friday's attack, French leaders have called for "ruthless" retribution — who could blame them? — and a vow to take the fight to the perpetrators. But in fighting those perpetrators, there is a real possibility that innocent civilians will be killed, and some of the survivors may feel anger toward the west and align themselves accordingly. This creates fertile new ground from which groups like ISIS can recruit.

We must, of course, fight these groups with all means at our disposal, which means utilizing more than military assets and working with other nations to address this threat. But to believe we can ever eradicate terrorism completely is unrealistic. Instead, we must be proactive in thwarting these aggressions, and respond when events like Paris occur.

This, then, is what our future looks like. We know this to be true because, as Friday demonstrated, this is what our present has already become.

IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press Today is Tuesday, Nov. 17, the 321st day of 2015. There are 44 days left in the

Today's Highlight in History: On Nov. 17, 1558, Elizabeth I acceded to the

sister, Queen Mary, beginning a 44-year reign.
On this date: In 1800, Congress held its first session in Washington in the par-tially completed Capitol building. _ In 1869, the Suez Canal opened in

English throne upon the death of her half-

Egypt. In 1889, the Union Pacific Railroad Co. began direct, daily railroad service between Chicago and Portland, Oregon,

as well as Chicago and San Francisco In 1917, French sculptor Auguste Rodin (roh-DAN') died in Meudon at age 77. In 1925, actor Rock Hudson was born Roy Harold Scherer Jr. in Winnetka, Il-

In 1934, Lyndon Baines Johnson married Claudia Alta Taylor, better known as Lady Bird, in San Antonio, Texas.

In 1947, President Harry S. Truman, in an address to a special session of Congress, called for emergency aid to Austria, Italy and France. (The aid was approved

the following month.) In 1968, NBC outraged football fans by cutting away from the closing minutes of a New York Jets-Oakland Raiders game to begin the TV special "Heidi" on schedule. (After being taken off the air, the Raiders came from behind to beat the

Jets, 43-32.) In 1973, President Richard Nixon told Associated Press managing editors in Orlando, Florida: "People have got to know whether or not their president is a crook. Well. I'm not a crook.

In 1979, Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini ordered the release of 13 black and/or emale American hostages being held at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran.

In 1987, a federal jury in Denver convicted two white supremacists of civil rights violations in the 1984 slaying of radio talk show host Alan Berg. (Both men

later died in prison.)
In 1994, the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical "Sunset Boulevard" opened on Broadway with Glenn Close as faded

movie star Norma Desmond.

Ten years ago: U.S. Rep. John Murtha of Pennsylvania, considered one of Congress' most hawkish Democrats. called for an immediate U.S. withdrawal from Iraq. A jury in Sarasota, Florida, convicted auto mechanic Joseph Smith of kidnapping, raping and strangling 11-year-old Carlie Brucia, whose abduction had been captured by a car-wash security

Five years ago: House Democrats elected Nancy Pelosi to remain as their leader despite massive party losses in

midterm elections. Republicans voted to keep John Boehner as their top House leader, making him speaker in the new Congress. A hand-count of votes affirmed the re-election of U.S. Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, the first Senate candidate in over 50 years to win a write-in campaign. The first Guantanamo detainee to face civilian trial, Ahmed Ghailani, was convicted by federal jury in New York on one charge of conspiracy, among over 280 counts related to 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in Kenva and Ghailani's native Tanzania. (He was later sentenced to life in prison.)

One year ago: Pope Francis confirmed that he would be attending the World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia in Sept. 2015. Dr. Martin Salia, a surgeon who'd contracted Ebola in his native Sierra Leone, died at the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha, two days after being admitted. John T. Downey, 84, a former CIA agent who survived more than 20 years in Chinese prisons during the Cold War before becoming a Connecticut iudge, died in Hartford, Jimmy Ruffin, 78. the Motown singer whose hits included "Wha t Becomes of the Brokenhearted,"

Today's Birthdays: Sen. James Inhofe, R-Okla., is 81. Rock musician Gerry McGee (The Ventures) is 78. Singer Gordon Lightfoot is 77. Singer-songwriter Bob Gaudio is 74. Movie director Martin Scorsese is 73. Actress Lauren Hutton is 72. Actor-director Danny DeVito is 71. "Saturday Night Live" producer Lorne Michaels is 71. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Tom Seaver is 71. Movie director Roland Joffe is 70. Former Democratic National Chairman Howard Dean is 67. Former House Speaker John Boehner is 66. Actor Stephen Root is 64. Rock musician Jim Babiak (The Smithereens) is 58. Actress Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio is 57. Actor William Moses is 56. Entertainer RuPaul is 55. Actor Dylan Walsh is 52. National Security Adviser Susan Rice is 51. Actress Sophie Marceau is 49. Actress-model Daisy Fuentes is 49. Blues singer/musician Tab Benoit is 48. Rhythm-and-blues singer Ronnie DeVoe (New Edition; Bell Biv DeVoe) is 48. Rock musician Ben Wilson (Blues Traveler) is 48. Actor David Ramsey is 44. Actor Leonard Roberts is 43. Actress Leslie Bibb is 42. Actor Brandon Call is 39. Country singer Aaron Lines is 38. Actress Rachel McAdams is 37. Rock musician Isaac Hanson (Hanson) is 35. Actor Justin Cooper is 27. Musician Reid Perry (The Band Perry) is 27. Actress Raquel Castro is 21.

Thought for Today: "Since others have to tolerate my weaknesses, it is only fair that I should tolerate theirs." — William Allen White, American journalist (1868-

The Culture Of Poverty

The Rez of the Story

Liberté

BY VINCE TWO EAGLES

Hau Mitakuepi (Greetings My Relatives), This column was born out of a perceived need to present a Native point of view in the local paper. The initial focus was on addressing racism issues in our communities as they impact the poverty rate. A good deal of space and print ink has gone in to doing just that. I think dispelling stereotypes about Indian people is a necessary step in creating an atmosphere conducive to a serious conversation about reconciliation. Serious conversation leads to serious commitment to take action.

Part of that equation is addressed by Dr. Donna M. Beegle, author of "See Poverty ... Be The Difference," an extremely insightful work worth sharing. Here are just a few excerpts from her work for our collective edification. If dispelling stereotypes about Indian people is part of the solution then so is

dispelling stereotypes about poverty I think that some of what the non-Indian perceive as the "culture" of Indian people is really the "culture" of poverty. According to Dr. Beegle:

The overriding belief in the United States is that people are making a "choice" to be in poverty. The prevailing view is that education is there if you want it and you can get a good job if you work hard. Daily life experiences and how we get our information shape the ways in which we relate to one another, our expectations, and how we experience the world. The context of our life situation selects, reflects, and defines our values, thus creating our worldview and determining what is possible. People born into poverty are handed a different description of reality than those born with privilege and

resources The focus of life when you live in poverty is directed toward subsistence and safety issues--basic survival necessities. Where will we sleep tonight? What will we eat? Can we find a way to keep our heat and lights turned on? Whose car got towed? Whose license got suspended for no insurance? Can I trust people outside my inner circle? The major focus is on making it through the day. People are taught to make do with what they have. Education is a luxury that makes no sense when you can't pay rent or buy food. Good jobs seem far out of reach, and people with good jobs are not part of your social network.

Having basic needs met and stability in life allows those born to privilege to focus on selfdevelopment or "reaching" their potential. What is the best education possible? What extracurricular activities will help in reaching one's full potential? What is the best neighborhood? They are often taught to dream and believe

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TWO EAGLES

anything is possible. Education and good jobs are an expectation.

Here on the rez, we are taught through experience that being poor is a condition of history brought about by the encroachment of Europeans into our lands, our culture, our buffalo economy. Despair comes from the feeling of being overwhelmed by the complexities of our life situation as we find it today.

We attempt to be self-determinative only to be thwarted by the volumes upon volumes of federal law and policy that set us up to fail and

undermine if not totally prohibit sound economic development here in Indian country. Being under the plenary authority of the Bureau of Indian Affairs as it represents U.S. interests is not unlike being under the authority of a drunken father whose paternalism is not only misguided but patently destructive. The BIA is out of control and resembles nothing one would call "responsible application of policy."

This is primarily why, in my view, we Natives have been subjected to abject poverty in our own lands. Whether we live on or off the reservation, we learn the notions that poverty teaches. That we are failures, irresponsible, untrustworthy. That our future is "unclear, unpredictable, difficult, and painful to envision; it is better to focus on living for now — Beegle, 2000.

These are conditions of poverty, not conditions of the Indian culture. They are conditions not understood by many non-Indians or Indian people themselves for that matter. The contemporary author and intellectual John Berger puts it like this, "The poverty of our century is unlike that of any other. It is not, as poverty was before, the result of natural scarcity, but of a set of priorities imposed upon the rest of the world by the rich. Consequently, the modern poor are not pitied ... but written off as trash...

And now you know the rez of the story. Doksha (later). . .

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Helping The Responders

Richard Rezac, Highmore

I am a native South Dakotan, and a 9/11 responder. Recently, support for legislation to establish a permanent fund for 9/11-related health care and financial assistance has grown in Congress. In the House, we have enlisted 240 sponsors, including 56 Republicans, far more than the 218 needed for majority, on a bill for permanent funding. In the Senate, we now have a 62-vote super-majority, thanks to Sen. Mike Rounds. All South Dakotans should thank him for that.

But as he praises 9/11 responders, House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte of Virginia is calling for limits on funds to five years and for drastically reducing the amount for compensation. His message is simple: You are heroes for five years; after that, drop dead

From across the country, we came together to serve our country in those dark days. We worked on the smoldering ruins of the World Trade Center, falsely assured that the air was safe to breathe. But the truth is, we labored in a toxic soup that has destroyed our lungs and digestive systems and spawned a rising toll of

Poll Results

The results of the most recent Internet poll on the Press & Dakotan's Web site are as follows:

LATEST RESULTS:

OK, we have to ask: If you had access to a time

machine, would you kill Baby Hitler? TOTAL VOTES CAST

The Press & Dakotan Internet poll is not a scientific survey and reflects the opinions only of those who choose to participate. The results should not be construed as an accurate representation or scientific measurement of public opinion.

CURRENT QUESTION:

Should the U.S. bar Syrian refugees from entering the country?

To cast your vote in the PRESS & DAKOTAN'S Internet poll, log on to our website at www.yankton.net.

Please urge Kristi Noem and John Thune to cosponsor the permanent renewal of the James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation

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