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The Rez Of The Story

A Path For Moving Forward

BY VINCE TWO EAGLES

Hau Mitakuepi (Greetings My Relatives),
Traveling across America taking testimony from many different Native nations and individual Natives must have been an arduous task to say the least.



Vince TWO EAGLES

pursue. Notwithstanding the fact that the U.S. regards "treaty making" no longer a viable way to work with Native nations and indigenous people, they are nevertheless binding agreements until and unless a bilateral agreement says otherwise.

According to Anaya's report, "Subsequent to the end of the treaty-making era, the United States law and policy was characterized by a series of steps aimed at acculturating indigenous peoples in the ways of the dominate society and diluting or eliminating their sovereignty and collective rights over lands and resources.

Needless to say, the U.S.'s attempts at acculturation didn't work, which were designed to totally obliterate the indigenous people here in America.

Anaya's report goes on to say: "In the face of federal programs of assimilation and acculturation, Native Americans continue to make clear their determination, as they still do, to hold on to and recover their own distinctive cultures and institutions of self-government as a basis for their development and place in the world.

"The conditions of disadvantage of indigenous peoples undoubtedly are not mere happenstance. Rather, they stem from the well-documented history of taking vast expanses of indigenous lands with abundant resources, along with active suppression of indigenous people's culture and political institutions, entrenched patterns of discrimination against them and outright brutality, all of which figured in the history of the settlement of the country and the building of its economy."

Finally, the Special Rapporteur's report offers an abundance of opportunity for Natives and non-Natives to come together in reconciliation, addressing the issues and finally putting to rest our vast differences.

The challenge has been issued; are we grown up enough to accept it? Each of us must answer this question for ourselves so we can "move on," as they say. And now you know the rez of the story. Doksha ...

tunate that the faithful are forced to endure their church leaders' pursuit of insurance premium monies just as diligently as they pursued indulgence monies so very long ago.

Best Wishes

Fernande Colette Bitsos, Yankton
As an ex-Peace Corps (PC) volunteer having served in Lesotho 1984-1985, I am extending my best wishes to Laura Johnson for her PC service in Lesotho (Press & Dakotan, Oct. 10).

She will encounter the "dos and don't" in that little and poor country, learn the Basotho language, the friendliness of her hosts, the crowded "takisis" (mini vans), the famished cattle roaming through the "one" avenue of Maseru (the Capital) to munch on whatever greenery they could find.

That was 27 years ago before South Africa became independent to be governed by Nelson Mandela. The border between those two countries — one large versus little Lesotho — was extremely tight, specially to U.S. PC volunteers and myself occasionally, born in ex-French Morocco. I realized then that the French government being fiercely anti-apartheid, the border guards relished keeping me for two hours questioning me before letting me go through the border.

I am positive that Ms Johnson will not be subjected to this type of racism if she chooses to cross the border to shop for "healthy" food or clothing. No "metata" now. I wish Ms Johnson the best two years in Lesotho and success in her endeavor. Upelejong, Aoussi Johnson!

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Cuban Missile Crisis: Changes And Threats

There are some terribly compelling reasons why the Cuban missile crisis of October 1962 is still remembered today. But what's also worth noting is how different the world is now and, nevertheless, how much the threat of nuclear devastation is still with us.

The events that began unfolding 50 years ago probably marked the closest the world came to nuclear war during the Cold War era. There were some other East-West showdowns during those long, paranoid years - most notably the Berlin Blockade of 1948-49 - but the Cuban drama pushed us closer to the brink than any other confrontation. It was also the one that, for Americans, literally hit the closest to home.

The Cuban crisis started with Russia's attempt to set up a network of ballistic nuclear missiles in Cuba that could strike at much of America. It was a response to the U.S. stationing similar missiles in Italy and Turkey, which arguably could be the real genesis of the sequence of events that led to the Cuban showdown. Then again, this was all part of the ongoing chess game that Washington and Moscow played throughout the Cold War.

There are many fascinating details to the Cuban crisis that are worth remembering. In particular, the blockade that the U.S. wrapped around Cuba to prevent Soviet ships from approaching the island may well have been the great moment of truth in the crisis. There are also accounts, revealed decades later, of a Soviet submarine armed with a nuclear missile being surrounded by American ships: It's reported that an argument broke out aboard the sub on whether to use the missile; fortunately, cooler heads prevailed.

It is also important to note that diplomacy was a primary tool in diffusing the crisis, with President John Kennedy choosing not to follow the Pentagon's advice for a military showdown. The diplomatic avenue may have diffused a worst-case scenario in which it was estimated that 100 million Americans and 100 million Russians might have died in the exchange of nuclear fire. One can only imagine how that may have altered those two nations and our civilization. (This was part of the principle of deterrence known as mutually assured destruction, with the fitting acronym of MAD. To be historically fair, though, we did survive the Cold War era, which was the whole point.)

We can find comfort, perhaps, in the fact that such terrifying showdowns are not nearly as likely now as they were in the murderous winter of the Cold War. The ideological delineations between the "East" and the "West" are mostly gone now. The nuclear stockpiles are still the subject of downsizing. We don't even have any active missile silos in West River anymore. The Cold War is over.

But there is still a nuclear threat, but not on a huge theater scale. There remains the possibility of terrorist elements acquiring a nuclear device and detonating it in a city. There are the specters of such rogue states as North Korea and Iran rattling atomic sabers as a means of building up power and leverage. Also, India and Pakistan have engaged in their own regional nuclear arms race. Any act of stupidity on any of these fronts could unleash a chain reaction in which millions could die and the face of deterrence could change forever.

For those reasons, vigilance is still needed because the dangers still exist. A united, international effort must keep these threats at bay. Failure to do that carries with it a ghastly price tag.

That is one thing that has never changed from the Cold War days. It cannot change now. The anniversary of the Cuban missile crisis is a reminder of that fact. kmh

ONLINE OPINION

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

LATEST RESULTS:

Do you support S.D. Initiated Measure 15, which would increase the state general sales tax rate by 1% to fund public education and Medicaid?
No ...54%
Yes ...42%
Not sure ...4%
TOTAL VOTES CAST ...715

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CURRENT QUESTION:

Do you support repealing the South Dakota law that provides bonuses to the top 20 percent of teachers in each school district?

To vote in the Press & Dakotan's Internet poll, log on to our website at www.yankton.net.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press
Today is Tuesday, Oct. 16, the 290th day of 2012. There are 76 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Oct. 16, 1962, President John F. Kennedy was informed by national security adviser McGeorge Bundy that reconnaissance photographs had revealed the presence of missile bases in Cuba.

On this date: In 1793, during the French Revolution, Marie Antoinette, the queen of France, was beheaded.

In 1859, radical abolitionist John Brown led a group of 21 men in a raid on Harpers Ferry in western Virginia. (Ten of Brown's men were killed and five escaped. Brown and six followers ended up being captured; all were executed.)

In 1901, Booker T. Washington dined at the White House as the guest of President Theodore Roosevelt, whose invitation to the black educator sparked controversy.

In 1912, the Boston Red Sox won the World Series, defeating the New York Giants in Game 8, 3-2 (Game 2 had ended in a tie on account of darkness).

In 1942, the ballet "Rodeo," with music by Aaron Copland and choreography by Agnes de Mille, premiered at New York's Metropolitan Opera House.

In 1943, Chicago Mayor Edward J. Kelly officially opened the city's new subway system during a ceremony at the State and Madison street station.

In 1952, the Charles Chaplin film "Limelight" premiered in London.

In 1962, the New York Yankees won the World Series, defeating the San Francisco Giants in Game 7 at Candlestick Park, 1-0.

In 1972, a twin-engine plane carrying U.S. House Majority Leader Hale Boggs, D-La., and U.S. Rep. Nick Begich, D-Alaska, disappeared while flying over a remote region of Alaska; the aircraft was never found.

In 1978, the College of Cardinals of the Roman Catholic Church chose Cardinal Karol Wojtyla to be the new pope; he took the name John Paul II.

In 1987, a 58-1/2-hour drama in Midland, Texas, ended happily as rescuers freed Jessica McClure, an 18-month-old girl trapped in an abandoned well.

In 1991, a deadly shooting rampage took place in Killeen, Texas, as George Hennard opened fire at a Luby's Cafeteria,

killing 23 people before taking his own life.

Ten years ago: President George W. Bush signed a congressional resolution authorizing war against Iraq. The White House announced that North Korea had disclosed it had a nuclear weapons program.

Five years ago: President George W. Bush welcomed the Dalai Lama to the White House for a half-hour meeting. Libya won a seat on the U.N. Security Council. Actress Deborah Kerr died in Suffolk, England, at age 86. Barbara West Dainton, believed to be the next-to-last survivor from the sinking of the RMS Titanic in 1912, died in Camborne, England, at age 96.

One year ago: The Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial was formally dedicated in Washington, D.C. Dan Wheldon, 33, died in a fiery 15-car wreck in the Las Vegas Indy 300. Danell Leyva became the first American man gymnast to win a gold medal at the World Championships since 2003, taking the parallel bars title in Tokyo. The St. Louis Cardinals captured their 18th NL pennant with a 12-6 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers in Game 6.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Angela Lansbury is 87. Author Gunter Grass is 85. Actor-producer Tony Anthony is 75. Actor Barry Corbin is 72. Sportscaster Tim McCarver is 71. Rock musician C.F. Turner (Bachman-Turner Overdrive) is 69. Actress Suzanne Somers is 66. Rock singer-musician Bob Weir is 65. Producer-director David Zucker is 65. Record company executive Jim Ed Norman is 64. Actor Daniel Gerroll is 61. Actor Morgan Stevens is 61. Actress Martha Smith is 60. Comedian-actor Andy Kindler is 56. Actor-director Tim Robbins is 54. Actor-musician Gary Kemp is 53. Singer-musician Bob Mould is 52. Actor Randy Vasquez is 51. Rock musician Flea (Red Hot Chili Peppers) is 50. Actor Todd Stashwick is 44. Jazz musician Roy Hargrove is 43. Actress Terri J. Vaughn is 43. Singer Wendy Wilson (Wilson Phillips) is 43. Rapper B-Rock (B-Rock and the Bizz) is 41. Rock singer Chad Gray (Mud-vayne) is 41. Actress Kellie Martin is 37. Singer John Mayer is 35. Actor Jeremy Jackson is 32. Actress Caterina Scorsone is 32. Actress Brea Grant is 31.

Thought for Today: "To walk into history is to be free at once, to be at large among people." — Elizabeth Bowen, Irish-born author (1899-1973).

FROM THE BIBLE

[Jesus said,] "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28. Portals of Prayer, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis

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