



Straight Talk

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The So-Called European Disease

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Greetings, Gentle Reader,

Eastern Europeans love America; they've experienced brutal totalitarian oppression up close and personal.

Western Europeans hate America; no one under 55 can remember Hitler. Worse, we uncultured upstarts humiliated them by conquering their mighty 1,000-year Reich.

When Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, Churchill got his first good night's sleep since Germany's attack on England, because he knew we would officially enter the war as a result. The English had been holding on by sheer grit, but he knew they were outgunned and outmanned.

Today's England has an extremely left wing newspaper called the *Daily Mirror*, an eager purveyor of anti-American venom. That's their privilege, and shouldn't be of concern to us.

But it's of concern to some Brits, as evidenced by the following article by Tony Parson in that newspaper.

Entitling his article, "Shame on you American hating liberals," he describes the events of Sept. 11, 2002, as "the mass murder of thousands, live on television." Then he declares that, as a lesson in the pitiless cruelty of the human race, it was right up there with Pol Pot's mountain of skulls in Cambodia and bodies stacked like garbage in Nazi concentration camps.

He thinks there should be agreement throughout the world that the victims did not deserve their fate, but "to the world's eternal shame, Sept. 11 is increasingly seen as America's comeuppance."

Then he gets to the heart of the matter.

"There has always been a simmering resentment to the USA in this country — too loud, too full of themselves and so much happier than Europeans — but it has become an epidemic."

He says this attitude, "turns my stomach. America is our staunchest ally, bonded by culture, language and blood. A little over half a century ago, around half a million Americans died for our freedom, as well as their own. Have we forgotten so soon?"

He describes the victims of Sept. 11 as young fathers, mothers, sons and daughters, husbands, wives and children, some yet unborn.

Then he give this priceless summary: "These days, you don't have to be some dust-encrusted nut job in Kabul or Karachi or Finsbury Park to see America as the Great Satan. The anti-American alliance is made up of self-loathing liberals who blame the Americans for every ill in the Third World, and conservatives suffering from power- envy, bitter that the world's only superpower con do what it likes without having to ask permission."

He describes phone calls from weeping men, telling their wives they love them one last time, and openly mourns the death of the little girl who was traveling with her "mum."

Then he makes the powerful statement that we haven't retaliated as we could have done.

"America could have turned a large chunk of the world into a parking lot. That it didn't is a sign of strength."

He reminds us that Americans watched Palestinians dancing in the streets when they received the news, and yet "didn't push the button. We should thank the stars that America is the most powerful nation in the world. I still find in incredible that Sept. 11 didn't provoke all-out war. Not a 'war on terrorism.' A real war ... The fundamentalist dudes are talking about 'opening the gates of hell' if America attacks Iraq. Well, America could have opened the gates of hell like you wouldn't believe.

"I love America, yet America is hated ... because it is what every country wants to be — rich, free, strong, open, optimistic. Not ground down by the past, or religion, or some caste system ... To our shame, George Bush gets a worse press than Saddam Hussein (who has professional rapists ready to rape any woman or girl whose husband or father might otherwise consider being disloyal ...)."

Wow! I like this guy!