

TURKEY: AMERICA'S 51ST STATE

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Thus, we must move on.

It has been reported reliably, that the Turkish Prime Minister is the closest ally of the American president. Let us not forget that the first official visit our newly minted president made was to Turkey--not our friend to the north nor our friend to the south, nor to the country that hosted the G-20 meeting he attended, nor to the country that hosted the NATO conference, but to Turkey. The Turkish leaders have been hosted in the White House so often, they probably have the key to the front door. I would like to have as an annual income the money that has been spent on telephone calls between Washington and Ankara. You get the picture.

Let us not forget that America has been trying to foist Turkey on the European Union (EU) for more than 40 years.

As a result of America's efforts, Turkey has assumed that it is as great as America says it is and has become so arrogant to the extent that it has become a danger in the eastern Mediterranean Sea as well as an all-but-pronounced enemy of Israel which, until this American administration, was considered an important ally in the Middle East. As a result, too, America's foreign policy vis-à-vis Armenia, Cyprus, and Greece has been dictated by Ankara. Even when Ankara refused to allow America to invade Iraq from the north (unless America paid Turkey \$32-billion), America said, in effect, "That's all right, Sweetheart, all is forgiven."

So, it is time to take the necessary steps to make Turkey the 51st State.

There are many advantages.

America would thus be a power in Europe (as a result of Turkey's toe-hold in Eastern Thrace on the continent of Europe) with Turkey's membership in the Council of Europe, and a power in the Middle East, as well. It would be next door to the Republic of Georgia which is next door to Turkey's cousin Azerbaijan and thus will make it easier for America to invade Iran from the North when the idiots in Washington decide it is time for another mis-adventure. And, it would be able to do this with the aid of the huge Turkish Army which, so far, has been efficient against Kurdish women and children and has yet to fight against a major foe (but "we live in hope," I am sure Washington says to itself).

But, there are some disadvantages, which must be overcome.

- Turkish will now have to be taught in American schools.
- Photographs of Mustapha Kemal will now have to be hung on walls and displayed in all buildings. That should present no real problems because most Americans are ignorant of their history and would just assume that Kemal is just another of our founding fathers.
- "Honor killings" will now have to be accepted as part of America's Criminal Code. But, since our Supreme Court has decreed that it is every American's right to own guns and kill other people, that should present no problems.
- Women are losing more and more rights in Turkey, but that should present no problems since the Repugnant Party has declared war on women in America, so they should support the bringing of the Turks and their experience in oppressing women.
- The Turkish practice of jailing journalists (it has more in jail than China and Iran together!!) will be adopted, which should delight our current administration, especially, since it already has a law on the books that enables anyone deemed a "terrorist" may be picked up by the Army--note, not the police--and put away without trial (approved, last December--didn't you read about it?).
- Islam, of course, will now be an established religion in America.
- And, finally, there will be no problem with adding another star to the American flag, since Turkey already has a star on its flag. We will simply put the Star and Crescent in the middle of the blue field of stars, and center the other 50 stars around it. For sentimental reasons (for a while, at least) we will also keep the design of the flag as it is.

So there you are, President Meds Yeghern, a plan with enough details to get you started. If you act quickly, you might get Turkey as the 51st State in time for the election. After all 72-million votes is nothing to be sneezed at. And, no doubt, Ankara has already made the same suggestion, I am sure.

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