

Majority Watches Tyranny Happen

IF and when the United States of America ceases to be a free nation, the tyranny will be brought about by a minority. The majority of citizens will stand around and look on, as they are now doing.

The Congressional Record reported these remarks by Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., and Sen. James B. Allen, D-Ala.:

THURMOND: The senator is familiar with the fact, I am sure, that a majority crucified Jesus Christ?

ALLEN: That is true.

THURMOND: The senator is familiar with the fact that the majority drove the Jews into exile?

ALLEN: Yes.

THURMOND: The senator, I am sure, is familiar with the fact that the majority established slavery?

ALLEN: Yes.

THURMOND: The senator, I am sure, is familiar with the fact that the majority chained to the stakes and surrounded with circles of flame martyrs throughout all the ages of world history?

ALLEN: Yes, sir.

THURMOND: The senator, I am sure, is familiar with the fact the majority jeered when Columbus said the world was round?

ALLEN: That is right.

THURMOND: I am sure the senator is familiar with the fact that the majority threw him into a dungeon for having discovered a new world?

ALLEN: Yes, sir.

THURMOND: The senator is familiar, I am sure, with the fact that a majority said that Galileo must recant or Galileo must go to prison?

ALLEN: That is right.

THURMOND: The senator is familiar with the fact, I am sure, that the majority cut off the ears of John Pym because he dared to advocate the liberty of the press?

ALLEN: Yes.

THURMOND: I am sure the senator is familiar with the fact that all down through history the majority have been tyrannical, and is not that the very reason why this type or structure of government was formed by our forefathers— to prevent that tyranny from happening to the minority?

ALLEN: Yes.

The senators agreed with each other, but the facts of history do not agree with them. They are both wrong on every count, with the possible exception of Columbus. Without public opinion surveys, we don't know whether the majority jeered

him or not.

Jesus Christ was crucified by a minority. The majority just looked on or ran away and hid after Pilate mistook the shouts of the mob for the voice of the people.

It has always been a minority, a loud minority, who built the fires of hate, created slavery, set up dictatorships, destroyed freedom, and burned martyrs. The majority stood by and watched.

Today, Congress, the Supreme Court, the administration and bureaucrats are a minority. The majority of Americans are just standing around, as majorities have done throughout history.