

It is a Good Day for Liberty.

The Missouri Sport Shooting Association, the NRA state affiliate, is in great need of a Newsletter Editor. MSSA puts out a newsletter four times a year. We all complain about the fake news of the mass media. Here is a chance to fight back.

TV cartoons are becoming politically correct. Guns have been removed from Yosemite Sam, a cowboy caricature. Elmer Fudd, the supposed hunter, will no longer pursue Bugs Bunny with a shotgun. He will use a scythe. Road Runner and Coyote will continue to attack each other with dynamite and anvils.

The Kansas City Star is going to do a special investigative report on "gun violence;" no other violence need apply. Through a grant from Report for America the Star hired three young journalism graduates to investigate "gun violence." In every article about a shooting the Star is promoting this project. They ran a quarter page article about it. The project will focus on causes and solutions to "gun violence." In my experience when someone starts out by stating the problem is gun violence, they will conclude that the cause is guns and the solution is no guns. I'd like to know if the investigators talk to any of our people. I would be surprised, but I'd like to know. The Star says that anyone who wants to participate should contact them at reportforamerica.org. I intend to participate. The more of us involved the better.

I've read *The Plots Against the President*, by Sally Denton. It recounts the many plots against President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Many of the plots consisted of disagreeing with the President. It was an age of conflict. Fascists, communists and populists competed for power; and so did President Roosevelt. Of some note was an assassination attempt on the President by an anarchist. He killed the mayor of Chicago instead. Of great interest is the supposed "Wall Street" coup attempt of 1934. The story is that certain rich men were outraged at President Roosevelt taking us off the gold standard and replacing it with paper money. They seem to have had other disputes with the President as well. One of the plotters approached Retired Marine Corp General Butler to lead an army of veterans to take over the White House in a "peaceful military takeover." It was claimed that the President was too ill to continue as President and he would be relegated to ceremonial duties. General Butler was a popular figure. He held two Medals of Honor and was extremely popular with veterans who were demanding early payment of promised bonuses. The supposed plan was that General Butler would lead thousands of veterans to Washington D.C., arm them and lead them against the White House. The rest of the country was presumed to fall in behind. This was little better than John Brown's raid on Harper's Ferry to free slaves nearly a hundred years before. The veterans knew and respected General Butler while the slaves had never heard of John Brown. The plan depended on there being no opposition; not even from President Roosevelt, who was a good shot. It also depended on General Butler going along. The General was famous for being a fiery critic of Wall Street. He blamed Wall Street for using "his Marines" in various small wars. In his view Marines died to make tycoons richer. For ideology alone, he would be the last person Wall Street would trust. Still, there is the absolutely stupid factor. It is possible that the conspirators thought that General Butler would go along in order to have the veterans' bonuses backed, by gold instead of paper. People have convinced themselves of unlikely factoids because they desperately want them to be true. Perhaps General Butler lied, but no one seems to believe that alternative. There were Congressional hearings which found that there was a conspiracy, but not one that could be pinned on anyone an extra ordinary conspiracy indeed.

I think that the Wall Street plot illustrates the need for an armed citizenry. It may have been little more than delusional cocktail party chatter. However, it did exist. It depended on minimal resistance. The more points of resistance, the better the chance that one critical member of the coup will not fire on fellow Americans the coup will fail. In the alternative fellow Americans will shoot them dead. A coup requires seizure of many critical points in a short period of time. Delays at few points can result in failure. Long ago I read a book called *Coup d'Etat*, it was very clear on this point.

I am tired of these masks. It is difficult to drink coffee through them.

Canada has banned more guns. Years ago, their government said that if they registered and banned some guns that would fix all of their problems. It was a lie then and the result has been more bans. One report is that 12 and ten gauge shotguns have been banned. I have not confirmed this yet.

There are repeated reports that Joe Biden has a ten to 14 per cent lead over President Trump. Given Joe Biden's reputation for mental problems and his recent scandal for sexual abuse I find this incomprehensible.

There are reliable reports that the democrats and Joe Biden have raised more money than President Trump in this quarter. Given the product the democrats are pushing I am astonished people are investing.

The Western Missouri Shooters Alliance has unanimously endorsed President Trump for re-election. There was no discussion. Even if frustrated by some of the President's policies, he has done things for us. As president Joe Biden will do things **to** us. He has already appointed Beito O'Roark to be his "gun

czar.” This is the guy who boasted that he would take our guns. If you cannot vote for the President, please vote against the usual suspects. It is not enough to vote for a minority party. If that is not possible; vote to keep Republican control of the Senate. President Trump has gotten a record 200 conservative judges approved through the Senate. He promised this when he ran for his first term. This gives us hope for cases coming up through the legal system.

The riots have seen police ordered to retreat before the rioters. A Minneapolis police station was burned. Seattle has a famous occupied zone. Seattle City officials unlocked City Hall and the police station for the rioters. Police were told to retreat. A six-block area was surrendered to the rioters. A self-described “warlord” took charge of security. There are reports of extortion, three murders and rape. Ambulance and fire department have not been allowed in the area.

A founder of Black Lives Matter told a television audience that if the group does not get all of their demands they would “burn the system down.” When asked if this was figurative or literal he replied that “it’s a matter of interpretation.” He declined to do the interpretation.

Given this timeline millions of Americans have bought guns and ammunition. A large number of these people are new gun owners. I saw a message today from a guy showing a picture four years old wearing an anti-gun T-shirt. Now he is a gun owner. Some of these new gun owners may still have residual beliefs we find distasteful. They may still believe that President Obama was a great president and Hillary Clinton would have been great. We must tolerate these eccentricities as they move into our culture. In Viet Nam, Kenya and elsewhere anti-guerrilla forces captured guerrillas after prying red-hot weapons out of their hands. They converted some of these men into effective anti-guerilla fighters. It can be done. It takes patience.

We shall overcome.