

Dear Mr. O'Shaughnessy:

My wife and I attended your "Back to the Future" presentation in Colorado Springs Thursday. Franklin and Jefferson were extremely entertaining and informative, but your speech was inspiring.

We are CPA members and have had intermittent and instructive contact with your Board Member, Dave Anderson. I shared with him one of my life experiences which bears precisely on **our country's condition today. Dave seemed interested and I will share this with you in the hope you find the story useful:**

I enlisted in the Army Air Force when I was 17, around D-Day. I was not called to active service until after VE-Day, but before VJ-Day. I was sent to Germany to the 8th Air Force, 40th Bomb Wing, 8th Photo Tech Squadron, where I was a truck driver, and drove my 6x6 for a year all over the American Occupation Zone.

I saw the extensive and terrible damage done to Germany by the 8th AF during the 3 years of non-stop bombing. Long before the Germans could clean up, I saw the ruins of Schweinfurt, the leveling of the Nurnberg inner city, the rubble of parts of Munich, and much more. The price paid by the 8th AF was heavy: we lost 6,000 B-17's and 26,000 airmen - dead.

What we wanted to accomplish was the destruction of Germany's industrial capacity. We never did a complete job. Industry dispersed, went underground, and survived fairly well. Men and materials kept moving to the fronts.

We now fast forward to modern America. Using CPA figures, in the last 10 years we have lost 4 million manufacturing jobs and closed 40,000 factories.

If this were in wartime, that would read 4 million production workers dead, and 40,000 factories demolished. The U.S. has lost more workers and more factories in peacetime, than the Germans did in one of the greatest bombing campaigns ever. THE WAR IS OVER. THE ENEMY HAS WON.

No one did this to us. We did it to ourselves. And we are not doing a damned thing about it. We are living by means of a resurrected "Marshall

Plan”, organized by the Chinese to keep us from starving. They are not going to support us forever.

What can we do about it? First, shut the escape door - Do not allow any more American deserters to go over to the enemy with advanced-technology blueprints under their arms, begging for entrance and declaiming how they burnt their own factories before leaving.

Second, more practically, lobby our Government to put into practice all the recommendations of the Coalition for a Prosperous America.

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