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QUOTES FOR THE DAY

“Yesterday, December 7, 1941, a date that will live in infamy...” FDR after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

SO MANY TIMES

How many times since the attack on our Capitol on January 6th have we heard that same phrase? We have all been inundated with 24/7 media coverage of this terrible affront to the country. Each of us has our own impressions of the gravity of the situation. I’ve put together a collection of what others are saying.

December 19, 2020: “Big protest in D.C. on January 6th. Be there, will be wild.” President Trump.

“If you are not prepared to use force to defend civilization, then be prepared to accept barbarism.” A member of the Red-State secession group- avid Trump supporters.

To settle election disputes, in a warm up to president Trump’s 70 minute address on January 6th, Rudy Guiliani, called for a, “Trial by combat.”

“We will never concede. You don’t concede when there’s theft. This year they rigged an election. They rigged it like they’ve never rigged an election before.” President Trump referring to Big Tech companies and, “The fake news media.”

“We had an election that was stolen from us. It was a landslide election and everyone knows it, especially the other side.” President Trump.

“We fight like hell. And if you don’t fight like hell, you’re not going to have a country anymore. I say this despite all that’s happened. The best is yet to come. So we’re going to walk down Pennsylvania Avenue. We’re going to the Capitol... We’re going to try to give our

Republicans, the weak ones, because the strong ones don't need any of our help- we're going to try and give them the kind of pride and boldness that they need to take back our country. So let's walk down Pennsylvania Avenue." President Trump - grammatically incorrect because "let's" means, "let us". There was no "us" about it, as Trump returned to the comfort of the White House to watch the unfolding debacle on TV.

After several hours of violence, breaking into the Capitol and several deaths, finally at about 4:30PM the president said, "It's a very tough period of time. There has never been a time like this where such a thing happened where they could take it away from all of us- from me, from you, from our country. This was a fraudulent election. Please support our Capitol Police and Law Enforcement." Wow! Maybe a tad late. The president continued, "They are truly on the side of our country. Stay peaceful. I know how you feel, but go home and go home in peace. I know you're in pain. I know you're hurt, but we can't play into the hands of these people. We have to have peace. So go home. We love you. You're very special..."

January 7th, NY Times headline:

TRUMP INCITES MOB

OTHER TAKES

“We gather due to a selfish man’s injured pride, and the outrage of supporters who he has deliberately misinformed for the past two months and stirred to action this very morning. What happened here today was an insurrection incited by the president of the United States.” Senator Mitt Romney.

Recently resigned Attorney General, Barr, “-A betrayal of office – orchestrating a mob to pressure congress, inexcusable.”

Scott Jennings, former aide to president G.W Bush, “Donald Trump caused this insurrection with lies and conspiracy theories about the election being rigged against him.”

Senator Lindsay Graham, “Enough is enough. Count me out. I’ve tried to be helpful.”

Tom Bossert, the president's former homeland security adviser, "This is beyond wrong and illegal - it's un-American. The president undermined American democracy baselessly for months. As a result he's culpable for this siege, and an utter disgrace."

From conservative NY Post columnist, Michael Goodwin, "First among the long list of casualties is Trump's legacy. His accomplishments, the good he did and the people whose hopes and opportunities he lifted are now overshadowed by recklessness. He gave the hanging party the rope to use against him and spread glee amongst the Never Trumpers. This time there is no defense of him. He owns this."

John Podhoretz, another columnist, states, Trump's defiance of reality has caused the party to descend into barbaric fantasy. And, if it remains in lockstep with the man who was American history's most surprising winner and has now become its most egregious loser, the GOP will march itself straight off a cliff."

And, from the conservative editorial page of the NY Post, “Bad enough that the president’s obsession- and his demonizing of every Republican official who wouldn’t bend to his absurd demands – likely cost the GOP two Georgia seats and control of the Senate in Tuesday’s voting; Wednesday’s obscenity will hobble the party for years – dividing between those who cling to Trump fantasies and those who disown them; encouraging moderate voters to distrust every Republican candidate; driving up Democratic turnout as moderate liberals feel compelled to fight this frightening new right.”

“America’s broad strong center must reject this madness, and rally to those leaders who’ll stand up against political violence of all kinds.”

A HEADLINE ON THE INTERNET TODAY

“Trump commits to a peaceful transition of power. Really??

THE END IS NIGH

Senate Minority Leader, Schumer, is the most prominent on a growing list of elected officials to demand president Trump's immediate removal, even though he has only 12 days left in office. Senator Schumer advises, "Trump should not hold office one day longer." Schumer is calling on VP Pence to begin 25th amendment proceedings to relieve the president of his duties as he is perceived as, "unfit or unstable." – very unlikely to happen, and, even if widely supported, would take at least ten days to accomplish.

Having just been through yesterday's nightmare however, what happens in the next 12 days if the Commander in Chief orders those B 52s from Minot Air Force Base not to turn around at their "fail safe" (turn around) point, but continue with bombing runs on Iran? Difficult call for the Joint Chiefs- go or no go?

Sorry today's HH is such a Jonny one note, but pretty significant historical event.

Your faithful scribe, PB

