

“Moscow on the Cahaba” Part V



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As we read Part V of “Moscow on the Cahaba”, another Epic Episode from the personal accounts of the intrepid Boris, the “Professional Planner”, the announcer is summarizing prior Epic Episodes.

“Boris the “Professional Planner” destitute and homeless after the fall of the Socialist Republic of the Fatherland seeking temporary employment, - (Appointed Professional Planner APP) with permanent benefits, such as, but not limited to (SSI, unemployment insurance, Medicaid/Medicare with Dental rider, and unearned income credits) - has relocated to the Neo-Red Square – the New Kremlin of the South - Shelby County, Alabama. His constant companion of socialist lore, Natasha, award winning “Supreme-Soviet Socialist Social Planner” (SSSSP) for the Fatherland’s Population Gulag Number 66 has yet to accept or reject Boris’s offer to join him as his assistant and reorganize the once free society, encumbering it with endless rules and regulations founded on the new mantra “sustainable development”¹. Due to Boris’s demeaning job offer - “assistant”, the parent organization of NOW (National Organization of Women) – WOW - World Organization of Women believes that inequity exist in the couple’s personal relationship. The couple’s display, setting a bad example for socialism everywhere, is deemed intolerable. WOWs network of secretive worldwide Postal-Women made the discovery when they secured copies of Boris’s correspondence. What possible course of action WOW may take is unknown at this point, but if unconfirmed rumor is to be believed - WOWs possible intervention may be the cause of Natasha’s silence.”

“The saga continues as Boris composes another letter to Natasha.”

“Dearest Natasha, even though Shelby County feels like home to an old socialist like me, I must admit that when I closed my last letter, I was stranded in the County’s rural western community of Mt. Laurel and felt a bit uneasy. Night had fallen as I was standing next to the highway hoping for a ride, when all of a sudden, Natasha, a 1964 Rambler station wagon with red mud caked to the side stopped in front of me. The front door opened and I heard a somewhat familiar voice in broken English say – “Boris – you need a ride?”. Whee, boy, was Boris glad to see Juan I – you know, Natasha “Juan Travel Agency” – “Superior Travel for All Non-Documented Workers”. He’s the one that arranged my travel plans from the secretive Mexican port to Shelby County.

Juan I explained that the two men in the back of the wagon, Omar and Omar, had contracted for special delivery in an undisclosed location. He seemed to be a bit on edge, pointing to the rocket shaped luggage but with Boris beside him his anxiety quickly subsided. On the way back to my government provided “welcome wagon guest-house” we made idle chitchat. He let me out and drove off into the night. – Natasha, we already have friends in Shelby County.”

“As soon as you join me as my assistant, under the ruse of “home-rule” we will raise sufficient “fees” (they hate the word taxes) to initiate and support government transportation.² Then all non-documented workers will be able to travel. Socialism! – the people will love us.”

“With the “fee” (TAX) structure in place and “government transportation” providing the bulk of transportation needs, the county will be able to follow through with its policy statement to: “Require that all the roads in the Rural Landscape be two-lane roads, or otherwise be designed as limited access rural parkways or freeways.”³ And “Unpaved rural roads will be maintained in their current condition...”⁴

“The hour is late, I must retire, for tomorrow, I have an intense schedule of study in preparations for my conference with the “Hired Professional Planner” HPP. The announcer, will as usual, have the “final word” –

The announcer’s compensation, dependent on the quality and QUANTITY of words spoken, springs, with anxious vim and vigor, to the microphone, with his ready response:

“Will WOWs plan to bring perfect social harmony to the two icons of socialism and sustainability, succeed? Or will Boris’s study elevate him beyond the need of an assistant? These and other probable questions possibly answered in the next exciting Epic Episode of Moscow on the Cahaba.”

1. Forty three county and municipal governments have accepted the United Nations offer - “US Municipalities Undertaking Sustainability Initiatives”
http://www.iclei.org/us/la21_initiatives.html

Additional information - <http://cities21.com/us/communities21.html>

2. “Coordinate legislative efforts with The Partnership to increase the efficiency and improve equitable funding of the transportation system in Shelby County.” Section II page 36 - Who or what the “Partnership” is, is not explained.

3. Section II page 28

4. Section II page 88 and 33