

“Moscow on the Cahaba”

Chapter II Part V

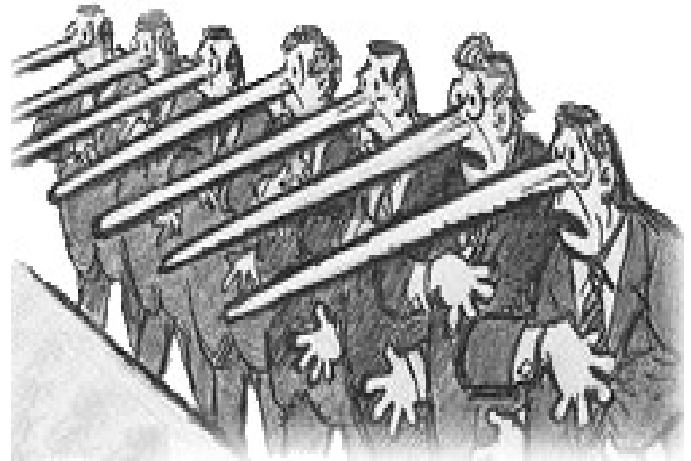
Segment B

“FIKO and the Cattle Prod Teeth”



Since the publication and broadcast of the last episode of “Moscow on the Cahaba” “Upper Management” (UM), noted for their integrity, high ethical standard, and ability to spin the ball, have been inundated with emails, faxes, post cards, letters, and personal phone calls from faithful fans demanding that Boris explain the infamous FIKO program. With this in mind, we join the quasi-fictional story of “Moscow on the Cahaba”.

Dutifully, the “Observant Technician” (OT) seated at the mighty “Wurlitzer Audio Console” throws the “on air” switch and without hesitation, the “Competent and Assertive Announcer” (CAA) standing at the microphone says in his deep resonating voice:



Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, welcome back to another “Exciting Epic Episode” (EEE) of “Moscow on the Cahaba”. In this EEE Chapter 2 Part V “Boris, FIKO and the Cattle Prod Teeth” Segment B, Boris the “Consummate Comrade Commissar” (CCC) and “Aspiring Code Enforcement Director” (ACED) for Shelby County, Alabama, having displayed a propensity in prior episodes to expound on story lines only marginally relevant to the script, has over the past week been the frequent guest of UM. We join the CCC as his innermost thoughts are revealed in his correspondence to Natasha, “Supreme Soviet Socialist Facilitator of Sustainable Development¹” (SSSFSD).

Poopice, what you thnk, after discovering last week, from Boris's extensive network of “Social Facilitators” (SFs) and “Code Enforcement Officers” (CEOs), that the CAA and the OT were possibly involved in a conspiracy of the HIGHEST ORDER, I, Boris, CCC, meditated, offered a “moment of silence”, applied the “Precautionary Principle²” (PP) and consulted with the local Ombudsman³. Mr. Omm, Ombudsman and Director of the “County Diversity Program” (CDP), recently relocated from a middle eastern country, explained with a heavy accent that he “was placing his feet on the ground” (*Poopice, foreigners need to practice local dialects and phrases - DA!*). Mr. Omm said that the County's newly adopted CDP was patterned after the much-acclaimed “Education for Sustainable Development” authored by Dr. Rosalyn McKeown⁵ at the University of Tennessee and is published with a grant from Waste Management Research and Education Institution⁵. Mr. Omm said that, until he received his “Certificate of Authority and Charge of Responsibility” (CACR) from the “County Manager”, he, his staff, his entourage and his yet-to-be-assembled bureau of “Social Code Enforcement Officers” (SCEOs) could not be “on-the-spot like Johan”. Poopice, the old socialist proverb may apply – “retreat while the timing is right” – DA?

Poopice, you may have heard the rumor that Boris was called on the rug for not following the “Approved Script” (AS). Nothing could be further from the implied truth – Boris called the UM together to explain that the CAA and OT were altering the AS, removing “Approved Socialist Terminology and Hegelian⁶ Verbiage” (ASTHV), in essence, shortening the AS so that they could sell the “Bootlegged Time” (BT) to “Un-Authorized Stakeholders” (UAS) of this “Public Broadcast Station” (PBS). The UM, Natasha, assured Boris that all rocks would be overturned in an effort to uncover all conspiracies relating to improper utilization of PBS resources. Poopice, one of the UM inferred that the mileage indicator on a staff “Sustainable Development Transportation Device” (SDTD) – bicycle – did not tally with the “device's” log sheet. At that moment, Natasha, Boris sensed treachery, trickery and deceit. Of course, Boris did not disclose that the unauthorized mileage was a result of the CAA’s efforts to track down Boris’s “Personal Digital Assistant” (PDA) which, in an earlier EEE, was acquired by an out-of-work socialist.



After the UM's comment, Poopice, Boris explained that HE was gathering all of the pertinent information on the FIKO program and would, most certainly, inform the listening audience regarding this highly useful “Sustainable Development Implementation Partnership” (SDIP).

Poopice, FIKO "Federal Implement K-9 Officer" was developed through a "Community Development Block Grant" (CDBG). Detailed background information is sketchy, but from what Boris can gather, a super sleuth defense contractor in need of a diversity partner^{6a} contracted with several HOPE VI^{6b} projects across the country to provide stray dogs. After a period of intense training, graduate dogs are partnered with “Candidate Code Enforcement Officers” (CCEOs). Poopice, the training is intense – the washout rate for CCEOs is high, but, of course, Boris's old friend and companion, Darth, aced every obstacle. Natasha, the marriage of technology with human and non-human resources (Darth and the Dog) is pure socialist artistry. Allow Boris to explain.



Every FIKO is equipped with an array of high tech sensors and communication devices housed in the helmet. The goggles, of course, contain miniature cameras and listening devices which communicate with a sending and receiving unit through blue tooth technology mounted in the automobile. FIKOs are trained to sit during the "Code Enforcement Officer's" (CEO's) interrogation of a suspected "Disgruntled Citizen" (DC) while the "Home Office" - "Bureau of Information Extraction" monitors and records, through FIKO's sensor, an array of relevant information useful in the sentencing process of all DCs. If improper body English and vocal inflections which match a profile of prior DCs are detected, the FIKO is alerted through a cranial wave transmitting device mounted in the helmet. Positive Identification (PI) is assured through RFID Radio Frequency Identification technology that “...is one member in the family of Automatic Identification and Data Capture (AIDC) technologies and is a fast and reliable means of identifying just about any material object.⁷” Natasha, the disgruntled Shelby County property owner that took the photo of Boris, FIKO and Darth's Staff Car wore a “passive tag” woven into the band of his underwear. “Passive tags are generally smaller, lighter and less expensive than those that are active and can be applied to objects in harsh environments, are maintenance free and will last for years. These transponders are only activated when within the response range of a reader. The RFID reader emits a low-power radio wave field which is used to power up the tag so as to pass on any information that is contained on the chip.⁷” During the interrogation, shortly after Darth mentioned the property owner's name, SS number, real estate identification number and Mother’s maiden name, information collected from the “disgruntled property owner database”, via the RFID, the property owner realized his only chance of preventing incarceration at the Hoover Detention Center was to make a break for it. Poopice, that is when FIKO sprung into action, utilizing his secret weapon – “cattle prod teeth”. FIKO bit the property owner's ankle activating a micro-switch sending 100,000 volts of electricity from FIKO's battery backpack to his specially fitted teeth. The result? - Mandatory/Voluntary Compliance (MVC).

Hearing the last line of this week's "Authorized Script", the "Observant Technician" (OT) pushes the 10-second-warning button and the Competent and Assertive Announcer (CAA) steps to the microphone and says in his melodic resonating voice:

The end is not yet near, but the conclusion of this, another Exciting Epic Episode (EEE) of "Moscow on the Cahaba", is. Tune in next week, when Boris, the Aspiring Director of Code Enforcement (ADCE) for Shelby County, Alabama, stricken by Motorcycle Mania (MM), divulges the secrets of this madness that is sweeping the nation. Until next week - Good-day!

1. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill - School of Social Work Course title – Sustainable Development

"The course will focus on the social and cultural aspects of communities that are relevant for sustainable development facilitators. Facilitators are teachers, trainers and organizers who serve as "cultivators" and "midwives" for community change. They may be social workers, planners, administrators, public health workers or educators. The course will draw upon literature reflecting patterns of environmental racism and the exclusion of women and indigenous peoples from development planning and projects. Throughout the semester students will be introduced to a variety of perspectives on the meaning of sustainable development, and models of sustainable development from Asia, Africa, Latin America and the United States. Students will analyze their own strengths for this work and the strengths of a community in which they plan to develop a real or hypothetical sustainable development project. Near the end of the semester students will present a participatory plan for engaging with the community for sustainable development work." <http://comm-org.wisc.edu/syllabi/gamblesd.htm>

2. <http://www.un.org/documents/ga/conf151/aconf15126-1annex1.htm> see principle 15 of 27 "lack of full scientific certainty shall not be used as a reason for postponing cost-effective measures to prevent environmental degradation."

3. United Nations document - "CREATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A SOUND GOVERNANCE "
<http://unpan1.un.org/intradoc/groups/public/documents/un/unpan000722.pdf>

" The United Nations is involved in a wide variety of governance strengthening activities. These governance programmes promote strong institutions in public, private and civil society sectors. Specific activities involve strengthening legal frameworks, especially for human rights and business contracts; service delivery, including social, economic and security issues; policy-making and implementation, especially in key policy clusters; decentralization, including strengthening local governments; private sector development, including entrepreneurship and privatization; non-governmental organizations, and related organizations, especially in their role of promoting access to decision-making and services; electoral commissions and electoral processes, including registration and civic education; legislatures, courts and **ombudsmen**, especially training personnel and establishing management information systems; media, as it relates to public policies, the expression of citizen needs and the examination of government performance; and attention to promotion of tolerance, harmony, solidarity and conflict resolution, as well as reduction of corruption.." Emphasis added.

With the foregoing in mind, read the 1999 job description from the USDA.

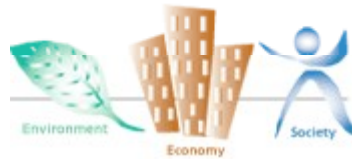


USDA - "Food Safety and Inspection Service FSIS" - " OMBUDSMAN POSITION DESCRIPTION" <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/OA/programs/OMBUDSMAN.htm>

"The FSIS Ombudsman position serves as the FSIS Administrator's representative as a confidential, neutral, and impartial source of assistance principally to inspectors, employees, supervisors, and management personnel of the Department's workforce regarding concerns, recommendations, and complaints perceived to interfere with work, productivity, morale or inspection standards."

4. <http://www.esdtoolkit.org/discussion/change.htm>

5. Education for Sustainable Development ToolKit
<http://www.esdtoolkit.org/about.htm>



6. Lucis Trust - “the Hegelian process of change in which a concept or its realization passes over into and is preserved and fulfilled by its opposite;”
http://www.lucistrust.org/en/forums/problems_of_humanity/materialism/definition_thoughts

6a. Lucent Technology <https://scportal.lucent.com/DMS/registratorntype.htm>

6b. Implementation progress report from the United States to the United Nations – page 6. “Some of the most distressed public housing is being transformed through the HOPE VI program; more than 100,000 public units have been slated for demolition and replacement with mixed-income communities.”
<http://www.huduser.org/Publications/pdf/habitat.pdf>

7. <http://www.rfidreader.info/index.htm>