

**News and Current Events :: U.S. mayors wary as London burns****U.S. mayors wary as London burns - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2011/8/12 12:41**

Leaders of American cities, facing fiscal crunches and the threat of diminishing federal support, were looking nervously across the Atlantic this week at the riots that shook one of the world's premier metropolises.

But American mayors and big-city members of Congress who spoke to POLITICO — and several mayors declined to participate in a story that would include their cities' name and the taboo word "riot" — said they thought the unrest in England was unlikely to be replicated in the United States.

"I can only tell you that in communities of color and in economically depressed communities of the city we have worked hard to build relationships in those communities — there's a lot more trust for our today than at any time in our history," said Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, adding that his city is the safest it's been since the Eisenhower administration. ...

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Re: U.S. mayors wary as London burns, on: 2011/8/12 14:03

I think in light of what brother David Wilkerson wrote many years ago, American mayors should be worried.....brother Frank

Re: U.S. mayors wary as London burns - posted by ChrisJD (), on: 2011/8/13 15:53

Poverty and economic distress are usual suspects whenever the backside of a donkey is needed for pinning on some blame- blame for bad human behaviors like youth wilding or riots, instead of the people doing the actual looting and shooting and dishing out of all those beatdowns to people who get them for no other reason than... they were there.

Poverty is an extreme pressure and even a criminal motivation. Yet, for some reason, the streets of Bombay and Calcutt aren't choked with burning cars and debris, the houses and shops are not being torched by roaming mobs of the youth . Not so far as I know they're not anyway. But even some of the poorest places in American cities know a standard of living that people in other parts of the World could only dream of.

I live in a large American city. The neighborhood was, perhaps 50 years ago, one of the wealthiest places in the city, but has decayed for decades and is now among the poorer places to live. Yet there is still a standard of living there that could be envied in other parts of the World.

There's a sign outside a house or shop(I can't remember which) on broad street on the edge of the North Philadelphia section of the city(which is among the poorest). The sign reads: this is my neighborhood, I am responsible for what happens here.

If the Mayors of American cities are afraid that riots could soon erupt in their cities, they should fear it because of the people living in them. Not because of economic pressure, social injustice, or the oppression of "THE MAN".

The horseleach has two daughters, crying 'give, give'.

The prophetic wisdom of the Lord Jesus is timeless, and doesn't come with any political opportunism that exploits the self-destructive tendencies of humanity in order to manipulate public opinion.

He said simply,

if they do these things in a green tree, what will they do in a dry?

Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2011/8/13 16:19

Not to get super conspiracy theorist here, but, most of this rioting is not simply the result of economic tensions. Those things are simply the incubator of these riots. Truth be told, a lot of the riots spreading across Europe and the Middle East these days are ultimately the product of opportunists groups, such as anarchist, communist, and Islamic organizations. These groups feed on those who are burdened by these troubles, and are looking nothing more than "useful idiots" to pursue their agendas. And rest assured, these groups have their people in our nation as well. And what has happened over there will very likely happen here. May God have grace upon us all.

Re: - posted by ChrisJD (), on: 2011/8/13 19:29

"a lot of the riots spreading across Europe and the Middle East these days are ultimately the product of opportunists groups, such as anarchist, communist, and Islamic organizations. These groups feed on those who are burdened by these troubles"

Months ago we were hearing alot about a book called Rules for Radicals by Saul Alinski. I saw it in a book store at that time and decided to buy a copy to see what it was about. Whether socialist agents and political ideologues have or are putting Alinski's tactics to use in America, here's something that echo's what Jimmy said above:

The organizer dedicated to changing the life of a particular community must first rub raw the resentments of the people of the community; fan the latent hostilities of many of the people to the point of overt expression.

More stupid than obnoxious and probably intentionally so, I've seen the phrase 'start riots' stenciled in a neighborhood that is conspicuously anarchist and libertine in its other graffiti.

And maybe no less than four or five blocks from the poor neighborhood with the sign that I mentioned in the previous post is a storefront with its own sign overhead that designates it as a "Socialist Workers Party, Campaign Office. Militant Labor Forum"

I've seen it when it was open. Lot's of books and a man inside that looked as though he may have been talking about them. I suppose they weren't books on cooking or making pottery.

Re: , on: 2011/8/13 23:15

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Re: - posted by ChrisJD (), on: 2011/8/14 10:37

"Leaders of American cities, facing fiscal crunches and the threat of diminishing federal support, were looking nervously across the Atlantic this week at the riots that shook one of the world's premier metropolises."

Hi Frank, my own part was in response to the news item that Greg posted.

I appologise if what I wrote implied anything otherwise or was not clear about that. It was not intentional.

Re: , on: 2011/8/14 11:57

Hi Chris,

I dont disagree with what you say about the causes and real reasons for riots in places like London and other cities in the west. There can be no excuse for lawlessness. Yet, what should make mayors nervous is that every riot requires but a single trigger. There are always underlying tensions, which lawless people will eventually take advantage of. Famously in history I think of the German diplomat who was killed in France by a Jewish man. This gave Nazi thugs the excuse they were looking for to unleash evil on a bigger level in the 1930s. Its strange that evil looks for a cover, yet if it is to sweep up bigger numbers of society it must have something to hang itself on.

As for brother Wilkerson, he saw an economic situation which led to mutiple fires burning all over New York, civil unrest. I believe that is why this was a timely post, because very possibly America will see their own " London," soon. When you add the added element of social media and flash mob mentality and a more Godless desensitized youth, things indeed could get bad. The trigger may be the economy, yet the trigger is rarley what is behind mass violence. In Britain you have a Godless drunken young generation. If hordes of drunken people are roaming around the streets, it does not take much to turn that into an orgy of violence.....brother Frank

Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2011/8/14 14:54

Quote:

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Everything of course. These things are tantamount to seeing the Babylonians starting their march towards Jerusalem, being ready to burn the city with fire.

Re: , on: 2011/8/14 15:08

This is a prayer from a British sister taken from another blog.....brother Frank

God said in Hosea 13: 6-8:

“When I fed them, they were satisfied; when they were satisfied, they became proud; then they forgot me. So I will come upon them like a lion, like a leopard I will lurk by the path. Like a bear robbed of her cubs, I will attack them and rip them open. Like a lion I will devour them; a wild animal will tear them apart.”

Please pray for the UK as we navigate these turbulent waters. I was going to ask that we pray for the world's economy but I know that what is happening today is all part of God's plan and also it feels obscene for me to ask God to protect those nations which today are in danger of collapse as their economies come under threat, when there are already so many other countries in the world which for years have been at the mercy of others' compassion and charity and so little has been done to help them, when we could have done so much more. It is at this hour that things will be revealed for what they were and are. The Christian books, ministries, conferences, training, etc investing millions of pounds and dollars to puff us up with knowledge when all along all that was asked of us was to love God and our neighbour. God have mercy on our souls, for we have failed to do the one thing which we had been asked to do. Our prosperity, our knowledge

and our faith were freely given as a gift and a blessing to in turn touch the lives of others who don't know Christ, and all we have done with such gifts has been to puff ourselves up with more things, knowledge and power which we did not need, as Christ himself is our rock, our foundation, our strength and our only hope. There is nothing left to do, nothing left to say. This is a time to be still and simply repent with fear and trembling, to seek God, to humble ourselves and to seek forgiveness for so miserably failing to act on his simple command to love God and to love others as ourselves.

Re: - posted by Veronica226 (), on: 2011/8/15 17:39

In light of KingJimmy and ChrisJD's posts, I thought it was interesting that yesterday (Sunday) on the front page of my town's paper was a huge article about white supremacist groups in Montana. Apparently we have 13 of them. Us and Alabama have the highest number of groups in the country. Then the article right underneath it was about the riots in London. It was a little spooky having just read this thread and then seeing the paper and both of those things (riots and opportunist groups) were on the front page.

Re: - posted by ADisciple (), on: 2011/8/15 18:25

American mayors should be worried.....brother Frank

I watched some of the footage of the riots in England. Frightening.

And North American cities are certainly going to see this same spirit of lawlessness unleashed.

...Surely no Christian church is carrying on "business as usual" these days... are they?