

tions, and customs, a set of people, that made liberty work. Unlike an abstract idea, a liberty embedded in culture and institutions is not easily transplanted to other lands. And unlike an abstract idea, the Old American Republic was something which millions of people loved, for which millions of people were willing to fight and die.

Separation?

Unfortunately, it is evident that the assimilation process has increasingly broken down in the twentieth century. There was little trouble, during the nineteenth century, in assimilating Europeans, but as the quantity and variety of immigrants expanded, the assimilation process began to collapse. Partly it was a problem of sheer quantity, partly it was the types of immigrants of later decades. First Europeans, and then Africans, non-Spanish Latin Americans and Asians began to swamp and overwhelm the original British framework necessary to maintaining the Old Republic.

We must face the fact that more and more we are no longer one nation. In a famous phrase during his

leftist period, John Dos Passos wrote, in *USA*, "all right, we are two nations." We are now probably a lot more than two nations, and we had better start giving serious thought to national separation. To those who think that the main problem is restricting the number and types of immigration, the best answer is that such a policy is decades too late. We are already far more than one nation within the borders of the U.S.A., let alone worry about immigrants. To greet the very raising of such questions with the mindless cry of "racism" or "chauvinism" misses the entire point. To close one's eyes, to "deny," in current psycho-babble, the existence of critical problems can only

lead to disaster. We might not be able any longer to bring back the Old Republic across that entire land area of the 50 states. But we may be able to bring it back in a substantial part of that land area.

Certainly, the matter is worth serious pondering and discussion. Above all, we must throw over the frozen categories of thought ram-med into us by our ruling elites, and think hard about where we are and

what we can do about it. We must dare to think the unthinkable before we can succeed at any of our noble and far-reaching goals. ■

The Foster Body and The Park Police

by Murray N. Rothbard

Among the entire mass of American media, only one man has bothered to investigate the mysterious shooting death of White House counsel Vincent Foster. We have already brought you findings of heroic young *New York Post* journalist, Christopher Ruddy, whose reports ripped open the Foster case and helped lead directly to the Fiske special counsel investigation. (*RRR*, March.)

Now, Ruddy reveals, from FBI sources and corroborated by a Park Police source, some incredible blunders committed by the Park Police in their investigation of the Foster killing. (*New York Post*, March 7).

First and foremost: the Park Police failed to take a photo of the crime-scene Foster body before it was moved. Not only do all of us know from crime movies that the first task of the police is to photograph a body before it is moved, but, far more important, all the authorities agree, standard police practice dictates that such crime-scene photographs be taken when-

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