

A Nation Under Occupation

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Part of the claims of the Confederate Movement is that the Confederacy is a Nation under occupation by the United States Government; in reality it is more than a simple belief, and is actually a legitimate fact. Not only is it a fact that the CSA is a Nation under occupation, but it is a fact that the current State Governments in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas were illegally put in place.

General Robert E. Lee surrendered his military forces at Appomattox on April 7th, 1865; however, this was only a surrender of Lee's army, not the Government of the Confederate States of America. Most of the CSA Government officials either fled to Europe or Canada; however President Jefferson Davis was captured and held for two years by the Union. NEVER during the entire time of Davis' imprisonment did he surrender the government to the Union. NEVER at any point in time did any member of the Government sign a treaty with the Union, nor did they ever surrender the Government of the CSA.

The Union did in fact go to the State Houses of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Texas and at gunpoint ordered the elected governments out of office and instated a puppet government loyal to the Union.

From the Reconstruction Act of 39th Congress:

"From Section 1:

...said rebel States shall be divided into military districts and made subject to the military authority of the United States, as hereinafter prescribed, and for that purpose Virginia shall constitute the first district; North Carolina and South Carolina the second district; Georgia, Alabama, and Florida the third district; Mississippi and Arkansas the fourth district; and Louisiana and Texas the fifth district

Section 2:

That it shall be the duty of the President to assign to the command of each of said districts an officer of the army, not below the rank of brigadier-general, and to detail a sufficient military force to enable such officer to perform his duties and enforce his authority within the district to which he is assigned."

The South remained under military occupation for 12 years, to insure that the puppet government that was instated would remain in force. The military did not allow any of the rightful government to participate, nor did they allow any Confederate to vote or participate in their own government. Furthermore, the Union forced the Confederate States to create a new Constitution, not of the will of the people, but constructed of the will of the Union.

From Section 5 of the Reconstruction Act of 39th Congress:

"That when the people of any one of said rebel States shall have formed a constitution of government in conformity with the Constitution of the United States in all respects, framed by a convention of delegates elected by the male citizens of said State twenty-one

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*years old and upward, of whatever race, color, or previous condition, who have been resident in said State for one year previous to the day of such election, **except such as may be disfranchised for participation in the rebellion, or for felony at common law...***”

Not only did the scallywags, carpetbaggers, and Union military get to dictate what was in the Constitution, it had to pass the approval of the Congress. When does a State Constitution EVER have to be approved by the Federal Government, especially one controlled by the South-hating Radical Republicans under Thaddeus Stevens?

From Section 5 of the Reconstruction Act of 39th Congress:

“...and when such constitution shall have been submitted to Congress for examination and approval, and Congress shall have approved the same, and when said State, by a vote of its legislature elected under said constitution, shall have adopted the amendment to the Constitution of the United States, proposed by the Thirty-Ninth Congress, and known as article fourteen, and when said article shall have become a part of the Constitution of the United States, said State shall be declared entitled to representation in Congress, and Senators and Representatives shall be admitted therefrom on their taking the oaths prescribed by law, and then and thereafter the preceding sections of this act shall be inoperative in said State: Provided, That no person excluded from the privilege of holding office by said proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States shall be eligible to election as a member of the convention to frame a constitution for any of said rebel States, nor shall any such person vote for members of such convention.”

Not only did the Congress need to approve the Constitutions, but the States had to be forced to approve the illegal 14th Amendment to the US Constitution before the puppet government was even allowed representation in the Federal Government.

Adding insult to injury, aside from disallowing most anyone who actually represented the south from participating in elections, government office, or the construction of a Constitution, the Union forced those who did participate to swear an Oath that they would not only abide by everything the US Government wanted, they would “encourage” others to do so as well.

From the Supplementary Reconstruction Act of the 40th Congress:

From Section 1: (An Oath)

*“...I am twenty-one years old; that **I have not been disfranchised for participation in any rebellion or civil war against the United States, nor for felony committed against the laws of any State or of the United States; that I have never been a member of any State legislature, nor held any executive or judicial office in any State and afterwards engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the United States, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof; that I have never taken an oath as a member of Congress of the United States, or as an officer of the United States, or as a member of any State legislature, or as an executive or judicial officer of any State, to support the Constitution of the United States, and afterwards engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the United States or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof; that I will faithfully support***

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the Constitution and obey the laws of the United States, and will, to the best of my ability, encourage others so to do, so help me God”

The Confederates were NOT in insurrection against the United States, nor were they in rebellion. The Confederacy was enacting their rights allowed by Natural Law, the intentions of the Founding Fathers, the Ninth and Tenth Amendments to the US Constitution, and their own State Constitutions to alter, abolish, or reform their government as the people deem necessary. The Confederacy has (and had) NO desire to overthrow the United States, they wish to be separate from them, free to continue the Constitutional Republic established by the likes of Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, and George Mason.

The Union did not see it that way, as they then went on to allow the military to dictate the time, place, and manner of holding elections... an enumerated power given EXCLUSIVELY to the Congress. It is UNCONSTITUTIONAL, by virtue of the US, Confederate, and State Constitutions, to allow the military to set the time, place, and manner of elections... therefore, the elections were invalid.

From Section 2 of the Supplementary Reconstruction Act of the 40th Congress:

“...That after the completion of the registration hereby provided for in any State, at such time and places therein as the commanding general shall appoint and direct, of which at least thirty days' public notice shall be given, an election shall be held of delegates to a convention for the purpose of establishing a constitution and civil government for such state loyal to the Union...”

Not only did the military set the set the time, place, and manner of elections... they were the registrars, overseers, and qualifiers of the returns. Each of these functions goes against the Constitution of not only the United States, but the individual States, and the CSA as well.

From Section 4 of the Supplementary Reconstruction Act of the 40th Congress:

“...That the commanding general of each district shall appoint as many boards of registration as may be necessary, consisting of three loyal officers or persons, to make and complete the registration, superintend the election, and make return to him of the votes, lists of voters, and of the persons elected as delegates by a plurality of the votes cast at said election; and upon receiving said returns he shall open the same, ascertain the persons elected as delegates according to the returns of the officers who conducted said election, and make proclamation thereof...”

...said convention, when organized, shall proceed to frame a constitution and civil government according to the provisions of this act and the act to which is it supplementary; and when the same shall have been so framed, said constitution shall be submitted by the convention for ratification to the persons registered under the provisions of this act at an election to be conducted by the officers or persons appointed or to be appointed by the commanding general...”

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The Southern States were not given representation by the puppet government in Congress until they abided by the whim of the Union.

From Section 5 of the Supplementary Reconstruction Act of the 40th Congress:

“...if the Congress shall be satisfied that such constitution meets the approval of a majority of all the qualified electors in the State, and if the said constitution shall be declared by Congress to be in conformity with the provisions of the act to which this is supplementary, and the other provisions of said act shall have been complied with, and the said constitution shall be approved by Congress, the State shall be declared entitled to representation, and Senators and Representatives shall be admitted therefrom as therein provided.”

The Union took it upon itself to declare ILLEGAL the rightfully elected governments of the various Southern States, and their rightfully instituted Constitutions null and void. The Union declared that the South would remain under the authority of the US Congress. NO STATE shall EVER be under the authority of Congress... The House and Senate shall represent the people and the States respectively.

From the Supplementary Reconstruction Act of July 19th, 1867:

From Section 1:

“...the governments then existing in the rebel States of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, Florida, Texas, and Arkansas, were not legal State governments; and that thereafter said governments, if continued, were to be continued subject in all respects to the military commanders of the respective districts, and to the paramount authority of Congress.”

The Congress illegally gave the Union military the power to remove anyone from office (elected or otherwise) that they so desired, to be replaced by whomever they chose. Therefore, the puppet State governments was, and is, at the mercy of the manipulations of the Union.

Section 2 of the Supplementary Reconstruction Act of July 19th, 1867:

“That the commander of any district named in said act shall have power, subject to the disapproval of the General of the army of the United States, and to have effect till disapproved, whenever in the opinion of such commander the proper administration of said act shall require it, to suspend or remove from office, or from the performance of official duties and the exercise of official powers, any officer or person holding or exercising, or professing to hold or exercise, any civil or military office or duty in such district under any power, election, appointment, or authority derived from, or granted by, or claimed under, any so-called State or the government thereof, or any municipal or other division thereof; and upon such suspension or removal such commander, subject to the disapproval of the General as aforesaid, shall have power to provide from time to time for the performance of the said duties of such officer or person so suspended or removed, by the detail of some competent officer or soldier of the army, or by the appointment of some other person to perform the same, and to fill vacancies occasioned by death, resignation, or otherwise.”

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After 12 years of coercion, conditioning, and military occupation, the States were allowed to participate in the Federal Union under the helm of puppet governments instated by the same. To this day the South has to follow different rules, and is held under tighter restrictions than the rest of the States in the Union. It is time we wake up and educate the masses. WE ARE a Nation under occupation, and the Federal Union has been naming the tune to which we dance, and we are most certainly dancing with the devil.