

The Betty Letters

My Dear Grandchild,

It is now a fact: When Sarah Palin talks, publicly, few people care to listen. In the past 3 weeks, the former Governor of Alaska, as well as having been the US Vice Presidential Candidate when Senator John McCain was fighting it out with Senator Barack Hussein Obama – now the President of the United States of America – to have an office in the White House, came to Hongkong where she delivered a speech to an assembly of hand-picked people, all of whom were well expected not to ask questions that were too difficult for this ‘Hockey Mum’, as she likes to be known. The Press was excluded from the proceedings. It was just as well that the Press was excluded, in my opinion, because some of the things that Sarah Palin was reported to have said were a little to the left of centre, politically speaking. She is reported to have said, for instance, that the Government of the People’s Republic of China ought to play a more-responsible role in the world. That, I presume, must mean, or infer, that the Government of the People’s Republic of China, in the past, had not played a responsible role. If Beijing became a little upset over that statement, it would have been very understandable. If truth is the best defence, then, I hope that Ms Sarah Palin can prove the allegations that she made, publicly, about the most-populous country of the world. If this lady had said the same thing, or something of a similar vein, about the Government of Singapore, or about any Singapore Government Minister, she would have been in serious trouble by now. Do you think that she could have said that Singapore’s Government was an autocracy where people’s rights are violated, daily, and that something ought to be done about the family of Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew () and his son, Mr Lee Hsien Loong (), the present Prime Minister, who has held office since 2004 and is likely to stay in office for a great many years to come? Within 24 hours of making such an outrageous statement, Sarah Palin would have been served with a Writ of Summons, filed in The Singapore High Court, accusing her of criminal libel, the Plaintiffs, being, of course, Messrs Lee Kuan Yew and Lee Hsien Loong. If Sarah Palin thought that her previous lawyers’ bills had been high, she has no idea what can happen in Singapore where the Lee Family has absolute control of the High Court, the judges of which are selected with the help of Minister Mentor Lee Kuan Yew or one of his delegates. When the Lee Family sues, it does not lose to be poetic. The ‘bones’ of people, who have been accused of wrongdoing with regard to the Singapore Government and/or any member(s) of that Government, present or past, are scattered throughout Asia. Some have actually died in bankruptcy.

You know, I am certain that if Sarah Palin had been born in Salem, Massachusetts, in 1642, and had made some of the statements that she is alleged to have made on Wednesday, September 16, in Hongkong, she would have been tried by now under the laws of that period. The famous witchcraft trials, which led to the execution of 20 people, were held in Salem in 1692 where the good religious people of that time determined that some people were born to be witches; and, it was the sworn duty of any and all good Christians to purge the world of the children of the devil. (Actually, there is a striking resemblance of Sarah Palin to a few of the drawings of some of the witches of Salem at the time of the witchcraft trials.) One of the ways in which people, accused of witchcraft at this period of the history in Salem, were caused to confess was by strapping the accused in a chair and, then, lowering the chair into a river. If the accused did not drown, then, she was, obviously, a witch and was summarily burned at the stake. If, on the other hand, the accused

did drown, then, the accused was said to have been innocent. The laws in Salem of the late 17th Century were definitive, to be sure. Sarah Palin is a Christian, you know, but, then again, that is what all of the 'witches' of Salem claimed ... just before they were burned at the stake or drowned in a river. I am not suggesting, My Dear Grandchild, that Sarah Palin is a witch, but she does have those unusual and unfortunate looks about her, doesn't she?

And, today, Sarah Palin is going round the world, making speeches. In Hongkong, she claimed that the territory is very beautiful even though she only just arrived. Her knowledge of the world and world affairs could be written on the back of a penny stamp and, yet, she comes to Asia, telling Asian governments what they are doing incorrectly, or telling them to act more responsibly as world citizens. I have been told that Mr Hu Jian Tao (), the Paramount Leader of China, uttered the word, 'Chutzpah!' when he was informed about the speech of Sarah Palin and her criticism of the government of the world's most-populace country. 'Sie ist einer zu grosse frau!' Paramount Leader Hu Jian Tao told his assistant in perfect Yiddish. 'Nien! Wer wollen nicht diesen mruk. Kein Visa!' In case your Yiddish is not up to scratch: 'She is a woman who is much too big. No! We don't want that grumbler. No Visa!' Now, that is the way a Chinese diplomat talks – and in the language of one of the smallest countries in the world. That is what I call erudition.

Well, I have to go now. Talk to you next week.

Chief Lady

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