

"REVOLUTION"

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THE PRESIDENT AND HIS SECURITY AND STAFF ARE WALKING FAST DOWN A LONG HOTEL HALLWAY TOWARDS THE CAMERA. WE HEAR THE NEWSCASTER'S VO AS THE GROUP WALKS DOWN LONG HALLS AND INTO THE PRESIDENTS SUITE.

NEWSCASTER VO

President Lucas arrived in San Francisco today ahead of his meeting tomorrow with California Gov. Juan Ramirez and Arizona Gov. Jose Collazo, this is his first joint meeting with both governors and is expected to be the presidents big push to get these two governors to withdraw their extremely popular campaign for the two states to secede from the United States and form the new pro Latino country of Calizona, which would immediately become the fifth largest nation in the world based on GDP. The movement has gained enormous support from the large Latino population in the two states; the movement has received huge support from Mexico and the Latin American countries and also from countries around the world. The Chinese ambassador, Ho Lan Li met with the two governors last night and is quoted saying "The Chinese government fully supports the rights of the citizens of Arizona and California to self-determination and to peacefully secede from the United States. The United States has supported the self-determination of people around the world and I hope that those actions apply at home as well". The French foreign minister and his Russian counterpart are in California today to lend their support to the movement.

THEY ARRIVE AT THE SUITE DOOR, A SECRET SERVICE AGENT OPENS THE DOOR AND THEY ALL ENTER IN. THE PRESIDENT TAKES OFF HIS COAT AND THROWS IT ON THE SOFA, AN AIDE QUICKLY PICKS IT UP AND CARRIES IT AWAY.

CUT TO A NEWSROOM PANEL DISCUSSION. WITH MODERATOR ROSS McCAY AND TWO GUESTS, THE FRENCH AMASSADOR TO THE US, PINOT AND US SENATOR JACOB

ROSS

Amb. Pinot, why have the French been so vocal about the secession movement in the US?

PINOT

The French have always supported our American friend's rights to self-rule. We were there during your American Revolution when the nation was being formed by free spirited people who wanted to determine their own fate. Today we are experiencing a modern day re-boot of just that in your states of California and Arizona. The two states have a large Hispanic population who are "yearning to be free" as your statue of liberty says.

ROSS

...A gift from France, of course.

PINOT

Indeed!

ROSS

Senator Jacob, what do you make of this movement that has grown so powerful and vocal?

JACOB

Ross, it's a pleasure to be with you, thank for having me today. You know Ross, as I have been saying all along this is an entirely illegal attempt by these two rogue states to secede. The constitution is very clear on this matter and the Supreme Court has ruled on this over 150 years ago. This country was involved in a bloody civil war to keep the states intact. We are not going to stand by and watch it split on a whim from what are essentially Hispanic Extremists.

ROSS

I think many people would take offense to that characterization, senator....But beyond that, the constitution may not be that clear about all this, but first, why do you think this movement has become as powerful as it has and do you think that president Lucas can finally put an end to this matter after his meeting tomorrow with Govs. Ramirez and Collazo?

JACOB

I don't know that president Lucas can stop this by himself, as he is probably the person most responsible for creating this problem in the first place. We all recall his dramatic pro Hispanic campaign promises that gave life to and empowered this misguided movement. This has now moved beyond President Lucas. What's needed now is swift federal action to end this dangerous and illegal game being played in AZ and CA.

ROSS

Amb, let me turn back to you, I know

you have been in talks with your counterparts in Russia, China and members of the EU, should the US Federal government move to take military action to stop the secession movement, what position will the world take?

PINOT

Such a position would definitely not be in the best interest of freedom loving people around the world. I think it would be a big mistake for the US to take any drastic measures against its own people, as Senator Jacob may be implying.

JACOB begins speaking over PINOT

JACOB

Mr. Amb. I'm certain that you don't mean to interject demands into the internal affairs of the US government.

ROSS

Gentleman, I'm sorry to interrupt you, but we have Gov. Collazo joining us from Tucson, where he just finished a well-received speech at the Tucson amphitheater with pro secessionists, Governor thank you for being with us.

On video with the gov standing against a wall, holding an ear piece in his ear with a finger.

COLLAZO

My pleasure Ross, thank you for having me and having this very important discussion, and greetings to my old

amigo, Amb. Pinot.

PINOT

Governor, good to see you again.

ROSS

Governor, your movement in AZ and CA has gained considerable support from residents of the two states and has support from countries around the world. What do you credit for such success?

COLLAZO

Well Ross, it's the natural progression of society. I think good people everywhere are happy to support a solid movement aimed at allowing citizens to control their own destiny. just as the United States has supported the free and natural progression and separation of groups around the world and throughout history. In fact this great country was founded by that principle.

JACOB

The great country that you refer to governor is the same country that you are so callously willing to tear apart by your illegal and destructive actions.

ROSS

How do you respond to that, governor, is what you are doing illegal?

COLLAZO

I can understand how some may interrupt that as such. Scholars may debate the

constitutionality of secession for generations, but this is a revolution, albeit a peaceful one. I think that good people everywhere and certainly our forefathers all agreed that people who face oppression have the moral and legal right to seek a remedy through revolution, but unquestionably no one is calling for any bloodshed to make this point. The inherent fairness in allowing people the right for self-determination cannot be denied in the face of oppression.

JACOB

What imagined oppression is the governor speaking of? What intolerable acts has the governor been the victim of that has become so insufferable that would lead him to the point of wanting to rip from the seams the country that has shed its blood and tears to give him the right to be so glib?

COLLAZO

Senator, The growing Hispanic population has seen its rights to basic humanity stripped bare, to the point where a Hispanic man, woman or child cannot walk down the street without having their right to live in the country questioned. The country in which they work, raise their families, pay taxes with the sweat of their toil and the country they have loved. The immigration laws, that in part were created by you, Senator Jacob, continues to strip families apart, children are being stripped from the only home they know and sent back to countries they no longer have any attachment to and are treated as outsiders when they get there because they no longer belong and often speak with an accent in the country that was

merely the land of their birth, but not
the country that has been their home
for the majority of their lives.

In the midst of COLLAZO's rant we zoom out from his face
and out of the TV in the president's suite, were he has
been watching the program.

LUCAS

Can you believe I helped get that
bastard elected? Turn that off.

An aide quickly turns off the TV.

AIDE 2

Mr. President, President Gonzalez, King
Abdul-Aziz and President Cheng are on
the phone waiting to speak with you.

Lucas is lost in thought, finally turns to the aide

LUCAS

John, am I going to be remembered as
the president that lost two stars from
the flag?

FADE OUT

THE END