

The theme of a recent commentary was updated in spades this week. The news that the United States has taken a “hairpin turn” in deciding not to defend Poland and Czechoslovakia with long range missile interception batteries (promised by the Bush administration) is taken as an abject betrayal in eastern Europe. Never mind that those nations looked to the United States for insurance against the prospect of a missile attack from Iran. Both Poland and Czechoslovakia have contributed to U.S. efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan, making them targets. They’d also hoped the close relationship with the U.S. would make the Russians think twice about running them over (again) with tanks. But, coming as the announcement did, on the 70th anniversary of the Soviet invasion must surely have been coincidental?

Then there is the case of Honduras. While it may not be viewed with quite the same urgency as east Europe, behaviour of the United States in the recent events in Honduras is also seen as a complete betrayal of everything we thought we stood for. The outline of the story has been reported, but never with the clarity revealed in an [interview by Greta van Susteren](#) with the interim leader, Roberto Micheletti that aired Wednesday night.

This interview should be read by everybody. In no way does it contradict what news articles about the situation have revealed. In short, the president (Zelaya) whose term was coming to a close decided to hold a referendum to change the constitution to allow him to remain in office beyond the end of his term. Not only does the Honduran constitution forbid any president from seeking an additional term, it explicitly forbids anyone from attempting to alter the constitution, with criminal penalties attached.

The Honduran Supreme Court ruled that Zelaya was in violation of the constitution, but he tried to use his power and influence to force the issue. He was arrested and deported, but not before he’d looted two million dollars from the national treasury (“We are a poor country.”)

Hillary Clinton, as Secretary of State called the interim president to demand that Zelaya be returned to power, in contravention of Honduran law. “What did you tell her?” Greta asked. “No.” was the simple reply. Meanwhile numerous statements out of our Whitehouse have referred to the incident as a “coup.” In fact, a “coup” against the Honduran constitution was averted due to decisions on the part of their Supreme Court and the military to follow their own law. Now the U.S has cut off aid to this poor country, because they wouldn’t stand for a would-be dictator to seize control. Please read and understand this story, and reach your own conclusions.

Big headlines yesterday screamed that the IAEA has evidence that Iran has reached the point where they can assemble a nuclear bomb. Israel’s Netanyahu is asking the world at large to recognize Israel’s right to exist, and their right to self defense. Something has got to give, and it won’t be pretty.

Germany is under new threats from al Qaeda, purportedly angry that German troops are in Afghanistan. A new video in circulation warns of a “bad awakening” in Germany if the current government is not voted out in the next election. It wouldn’t be the first time al

Qaeda was the deciding factor in a European election. Remember Madrid?

The Garner Ted Armstrong program this week brought in 237 requests for the material on Harry Potter. I suspect that a pretty large audience saw it and got the point, though requests were a little light. We made the program some years back, but it seems the books and movies just keep coming around. Everyone I talk to is thinking about and planning for the Feast, and it's only a couple of weeks away. I'll be making all the rounds again, and look forward to seeing a great many of you.

Have a wonderful Feast of Trumpets tomorrow, and God bless and protect us all.

Mark Armstrong