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BY THE DAWN'S EARLY LIGHT . . .

Some Encouraging Rays of Hope Pierce The Swamp's Dank Gloominess

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Facing east as I do, I'm always one of the first in this town to see dawn breaking over the Trump Sump (formerly known as "The Washington Swamp.") Far from its having been drained *per* the president's campaign promise, it's now more infested than ever with Jurassic predators (*see Edition 11*), e.g., Anthony Scaramucci who, apart from the wardrobe, is Trump's thoroughly undistinguished new Communications Director.

Actually, I look eastward toward the dawn of Freedom. I'm happy to report that, amidst ongoing assaults on all our institutions by the Barbarian inside the White House gate, there are signs of a stiffening of resolve – *even by some in his own party* - to resist his attempted theft of Freedom. They deserve applause.

Joining Senators Susan Collins (R-Maine) and Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), John McCain (R-Arizona) all courageously cast their votes against attempts to gut a truly abominable healthcare bill. The Department of Defense Secretary, Jim Mattis, refused to regard Trump's early morning Tweet about barring transgendered members from serving in the Armed Forces as an order.

Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-SC) said he'd seek to create legislation barring Trump from firing Special Counsel Robert Mueller, III. National Security Agency Adm. Mike Rogers, speaking about the ethical conflict between loyalty to higher ups and the law, said: "I will not violate the oath I have taken in my 36 years as a commissioned officer. . . . I won't sacrifice that for anyone."



Above: Dawn backlights the U.S. Capitol, reflected in its West Front pool.

And, though it came three days late, the head of the Boy Scouts of America said the President should not have addressed 40,000 Scouts at their Jamboree with a partisan speech that, among other things, portrayed his political rival as a criminal, and salaciously referenced the "hot people" he was with at a cocktail party on a yacht. Well, duh!

All these are examples of a potential new dawn of Freedom, but don't be lulled back to sleep. Stay vigilant, for it was a red sun that rose to illuminate my home in the picture. Don't forget the mariners' aphorism: "Red sun in morning: sailors take warning . . ."

How's This for Inspiration?

With apologies to Proverbs 6:6,* we might say to President Trump, "go to the slug, thou deceiver; consider *its* ways, and be *inspired*."

Inspired by the slimy coating of a common garden slug, scientists have developed a glue which is stretchy and sticks to wet surfaces – even like that of a beating heart. It's many potential uses have some in the medical field enthusing, "This is really what we (only) dreamed of" Water-based, perhaps self-dissolving over time, and 10 times better than currently available adhesives, it might one day be an alternative to wound-closing stitches.

No, we're not talking of escargot, but isn't it delicious?! Slugs are more inspiring than Trump! The next time the Raconteur of Rancid Rantings needs to give an inspiring speech, maybe he could just scrape some of the slime off Scaramucci, or even Mitch McConnell. Might that help him stick to the point? ~ *Armed Freedom*

* "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise . . ." (King James Version)