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Dear Editor,

My good friend, Moshe Stempel, used to take prodigious notes of Rabbi Moshe Bamberger's vaadim. Rabbi Moshe Bamberger is the mashgiach ruchani at Land-er College for Men. In one of the vaadim, Rabbi Bamberger discussed the words of the Chofetz Chaim who said that world disasters are messages from G-d to do teshuva. Also, he noted that the Rambam says that it demonstrates cruelty to attribute catastrophic events to nature. In today's times, teshuva is critical as the Vilna Gaon says that any possible war of Gog or Magog that he says would last twelve minutes would be averted through teshuva. G-d showed Moshe the world from beginning to end, and when Moshe saw the end of days, he was shown a generation that would serve G-d through self-sacrifice which would bring great joy to the Heavens.

Much self-sacrifice is taking place in our days. We are surrounded by Arabs, who the Zohar proclaimed, will be a thorn in our neck in our days, and they are taking lives of Jews. Interestingly, some tremors from recent earthquakes were felt in Judea and Samaria. One could argue this area is "hot" with kedusha, the resting place of the Avot. It's also a hotly contested area, despite the fact that it's clearly Jewish land.

I recently spoke with MK Rothman, who lives in Judea and Samaria and is writing the judicial reform to tame the lefty court. He often quotes the verse from Isaiah (1:27), "Zion will be redeemed with justice." G-d stands for justice and hopefully we will move in that direction as a nation.

Steven Genack

Dear Editor,

President Joe Biden, Senate Majority Leader Charles Schumer and Department of Homeland Security Chief Alejandro Mayorkas continue to claim that our southern border is secure. Comedy Central's South Park Officer Barbrady must be their eyes and ears on the border. Concerning our record 5 million illegal immigrants under Biden coming into our nation, he must have reported, "OK, people, move along. There's nothing to see here." Biden forgot to take credit for this since taking office in his State of the Union speech.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau boasts that Canada is a sanctuary nation welcoming all. Canada is facing both an aging nation and labor shortage. His Immigration Minister

Sean Fraser has said that Canada needs 1.45 million immigrants between 2023 to 2025 to deal with these growing challenges. Let's lend a helping hand to our neighbor to the north. NYC Mayor Eric Adams is offering free bus tickets for those seeking to continue their journey on to Canada. United States Customs and Board Patrol should follow the lead of NYC Mayor Adams. Offer a free bus ticket, charter buses, or fly many of those entering our nation illegally directly to Canada ASAP. Send the rest to one of our own self-proclaimed sanctuary cities and states.

Talk is cheap, but actions speak louder. Step up and adopt your own fair share of illegal immigrants.

Sincerely,

Larry Penner

Great Neck, NY

Dear Editor,

Following the Afghanistan fiasco and the delayed, dragged-out decision-making process to help Ukraine, the U.S. has another foreign-policy mess!

On the past Sunday Morning Futures show, host Maria Bartiromo questioned why the Chinese spy balloon was not shot down before it entered our airspace. Instead, for eight days, it cruised over sensitive military sites – maybe with the blessing of our compromised President – before it got shot down over the Atlantic, close to South Carolina.

When our national security is at stake, a decision has to be made in split seconds! There was enough room and opportunity to shoot the balloon down before or in the state of Montana.

Marco Rubio, the top Republican on the Senate Intelligence Committee, stated about U.S. officials the following on ABC's This Week: "Look, these guys can't even do anything about a balloon flying over U.S. airspace. How can you possibly count on them if something were to happen in the Indo-Pacific region?"

The balloon reached American airspace on Saturday, January 28, 2023. How come President Biden gave the order to shoot it down on Wednesday, February 1, 2023, when he was apparently briefed by the Pentagon? The shooting was unnecessarily delayed to Saturday, February 4, 2023, a week after the balloon had entered our country.

You can draw your own conclusions.

For China, it is mission accomplished; for the U.S., it is an embarrassment internationally apart from what's likely still to come.

Heinz Mayer