

New Book: “Our Country, Then and Now”: A 400 Year Journey through America’s History. Richard C. Cook

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*Former Federal government analyst **Richard C. Cook** became a world-famous whistleblower when he released the documents that proved NASA’s advance knowledge of the flaws in the O-ring booster rocket joints that destroyed Space Shuttle Challenger and took the lives of its seven-person crew on the frigid morning of January 28, 1986.*

Cook’s subsequent testimony to a Presidential Commission led to disclosures by contractor engineers that they tried but failed to stop the flight the night before launch due to their certain knowledge that the booster rockets would fail in sub-freezing temperatures at the Kennedy Space Center. Subsequently, the Commission identified some but not all of the causes of the disaster.

Richard C. Cook’s later research determined that NASA refused to stop flights to fix the known flaws in the O-ring joints because they were in a rush to convert the Shuttle into a testing platform for President Reagan’s “Star Wars” weapons-in-space program. NASA also failed to postpone the Challenger launch until the weather had improved in order to have Teacher-in-Space Christa McAuliffe in orbit prior to Reagan’s state-of-the-union address that night. In 2007, Cook published his findings in a post-retirement book, *Challenger Revealed: An Insider’s Account of How the Reagan Administration Caused the Worst Tragedy of the*

Space Age. A reviewer called it “the most important spaceflight book in twenty years.”

Cook never returned to NASA after his testimony, spending the next twenty-one years as an analyst for the US Treasury Department. Through developing training courses on US monetary history, he acquired a deep understanding of how British, European, and US bankers hijacked the American monetary system by placing it under control of the Money Trust through the creation of the Federal Reserve System in 1913.

It was the Federal Reserve that financed the British takedown of rival Germany that became World War I and eventually World War II. It was the Federal Reserve that triggered the Great Depression by shipping US gold to Britain and Europe. It was the Federal Reserve that led to the Bretton Woods agreements, the creation of the International Monetary Fund, and the Marshall Plan which combined to place the world’s economy under the control of the US dollar.

In order to frighten the American people into acquiescence, the CIA and other security agencies, in league with the US Mainstream Media, elevated the Soviet Union into a bogeyman to justify the vast quantity of Federal Reserve “money printing” required for an out-of-control war budget and hundreds of US military bases around the world. President Eisenhower warned against the power of the military-industrial complex, but to no avail.

These measures led to worldwide dollar supremacy under control of the Rockefeller dynasty, with the US National Security State—aka today’s “Deep State”—being set up to enforce the bankers’ financial hegemony that has lasted until now. It was also the Rockefellers that oversaw the CIA, leading directly to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in 1963 and the launching of the Vietnam War.

After the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991, the Deep State began a long-term assault on a host of foreign countries threatening to break away from dollar hegemony. A trigger was the 9/11 false-flag attack used to justify the phony “War on Terror.” As Russia began to recover from the 1990s looting of its resources by US banks, the Deep State identified Russia under its President Vladimir Putin as the next big enemy to take down. Beyond Russia stood the growing power of China.

In the meantime, the US financial system crashed due to massive fraud but was bailed out by President Barack Obama with trillions of dollars of public funds, leading to today’s hyperinflating economy.

Today’s crisis started with Ukraine having become independent with the breakup of the Soviet Union. The Deep State overthrew Ukraine’s neutral government in a 2014 coup aided by neo-Nazi factions that murdered bystanders with sniper fire. The US then instigated a Russian invasion by a series of Ukrainian provocations intended to lead to war. The US and EU immediately launched a host of pre-planned sanctions designed to take down the Russian economy and provoke regime change against Putin.

The sanctions have failed to undermine the strength of Russia’s resource-based infrastructure. The US then launched a massive program of arming Ukraine with billions of dollars of weapons and pressured the NATO member states of Europe to do the same. Finally, in an act of terrorist sabotage, the US blew up Nord Stream 1 and 2 to sever the energy supplies from Russia to Germany in order to keep the nations of the EU permanently in the Russia orbit. But with Russia refusing to back down, the world is increasingly facing

the prospect of a nuclear exchange with the Collective West that would launch World War III.

Make no mistake: the goal of the US is world conquest. Late in the 19th century, Cecil Rhodes, the British diamond and gold magnate, conspired with Lord Nathan Rothschild and the Round Table to “recover America for the British Empire.” The US is now heir to age-old British ambitions. But what the US has become has absolutely nothing in common with the principles by which our nation was founded.

The US today has been further subverted by an alien ideology that gained control through the rise of the Neocon faction, beginning with the Reagan Administration. It is the Neocons, led by figures allied with Israel and coming out of the Project for a New American Century, who control the executive branch and Congress and are determined to lead the world into nuclear war and oblivion, meanwhile imagining that they will be the rulers over everyone and everything when it is all over. One of their tools is biological warfare, of which the Covid pandemic is likely an example.

In his new book, Richard C. Cook takes us through a journey of discovery that gives us some of the concepts to launch a new dawn for the American republic.

Along the way, he introduces us to the stories of his own American ancestors, including his first Puritan forebear to land on the shores of Massachusetts in 1636. We meet an ancestor who was killed in a famous Revolutionary War battle and another who was granted land in Illinois for service in the War of 1812.

We hear the story of pioneer farmers from the mid-West and men who served in the Civil War. We meet Cook’s great-grandfather, who rode in an Oklahoma land rush and became a friend to the Shawnees, joining their dances and learning their language. We hear the stories of later generations who served in World War I and II. We also learn about Cook’s own Native American roots through early French Canadian settlers..

Finally, Cook describes his government career, including service in the Jimmy Carter White House, where he witnessed the catastrophes of the “Reagan Revolution” and the Challenger disaster. Then in the early 2000s, he began to grasp the horror of the takeover of the US by the Money Trust, the Federal Reserve, and the Deep State.

His response was to work with Stephen Zarlenga, author of *The Lost Science of Money*, on drafting the American Monetary Act, followed by contacts with Congressman Dennis Kucinich. The result was Kucinich’s NEED Act of 2011, the most important monetary reform legislation ever introduced in the US Congress. The NEED Act would set up a program reminiscent of President Lincoln’s Greenback currency measures but in a modern context with administrative mechanisms suited to today’s conditions.

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Our Country Then and Now takes us on a 400-year journey through America's history, providing unique snapshots from African enslavement, native dispossession, financial scandals, and wars of expansion and aggression, interspersed with tales from author Richard C. Cook's ancestry—from Puritan forebears to fighters in the American Revolutionary War and the Civil War, to Midwest Pioneer farmers and their relations with native nations.

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