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A WEEKLY COMMENTARY ON THE COLD WAR

"We will bury you ... your children will grow up under Communism ..." Krushchev.

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Thought for the Week: "Liberty will always be the first victim in every plan to concentrate powers in a central State run by men and not by angels."

John T. Flynn, well known American historian.

"ONE MAN STANDS ALONE": In the Rhodesian Prime Minister, Mr. Ian Smith, the world is witness to the uniqueness of an individual who refuses to bow to intimidation organised on a world scale. He refuses to be party to the crime which has all but destroyed civilization in this century; to allow his country to pass from a state of peace and stability, with law and order, a rising standard of living for all, both black and white, to a state of chaos and irresponsible government.

Mr. Smith in his attempt to prevent his country being forced down the Communist road by the socialist "British" government seeks independent status as a last resort. His loyalty to the Crown and that of his fellow Rhodesians is unquestioned. It is his defence of traditional British justice and the rights which flow from this heritage which brings him to this moment of decision.

He has several handicaps to being accepted as a suitable leader for an independent Commonwealth country in Africa. First he is white, Christian and intensely loyal to the British Crown: He is not a criminal and was a war ace in the Battle for Britain and other theatres of the last war. He upholds British Christian traditional institutions: He is evolving stable working system of side by side development with the native population whose leaders support him, as does almost the entire white community. He does not pay lip service to press inspired international "trends" or "winds".

In contrast are the leaders of other press sponsored successful candidates for independent status who have this week lent their voice to the Communist clamour; Ghana, Tanzania and Kenya. These "leaders" all preside over total police states rapidly regressing to barbarism and becoming entirely dependent on Western handouts. All represent a far smaller minority than the Rhodesian Government, and free elections are not tolerated.

One man, one vote, one candidate is the order of the day under Nkrumah - known in Communist circles as the "Lenin of Africa", and Jomo Kenyatta whose Communist origins were clearly set out in the British white paper "Mau Mau and its origins", while Julius Nyerere in Tanzania has confounded his white apologists and made his allegiance to Communist leadership quite clear.

The most horrible hint of British betrayal comes in a report from London on October 9th. It is suggested that in the event of no agreement, forcing Rhodesia to declare unilateral independence, that Mr. Wilson would ask the U.N. to intervene with a multi national armed force. He realises that British forces would be hard to convince of the need to invade and kill their Rhodesian relatives. Let us pray that Mr. Wilson cannot convince Britain to allow this corrupt organisation to produce another Congo bloodbath.

OTHER ASPECTS OF POPE PAUL'S PLEA TO U.N.: On October 5th His Holiness Pope Paul in his address to the U.N. General Assembly in New York warned that peace was an indispensable condition for human survival. He also urged towards disarmament. Few Christians would dispute these objectives though some may not have noticed his less prominently displayed qualifications.

The peace of which he was talking was not the peace of the prison or the straight jacket. An imposed peace obtained as the result of surrender to evil is no part of the Christian doctrine. "I bring not peace but a sword." His Holiness defined this difference by saying "peace must be based on moral and religious principles. Politics do not suffice to make of peace a source of happiness and of true human progress .... you must serve the cause of peace, serve it, and not make use of it for aims other than the true aims of peace."

On disarmament he said, "As long as man remains that weak, changeable and even wicked being that he often shows himself to be, defensive arms will unfortunately, be necessary."

By giving prominence to his broad statements and ignoring his qualifications the "one world" totalitarians have used his sincere plea to gain reflected esteem for their sinister plans for world conquest by disarming men of good will. They propose not universal laying down of arms but transfer of them to themselves in the name of peace. There is almost a moral vacuum today which allows the utterances of most of the member nations of the U.N. to achieve a sanctity reflecting the moral outlook, values and judgement suited to rule and guide the world. No world body can impose this, or organise it. Such attributes must come from the individual persuaded by belief and faith. It is characteristic of evil that

it uses and perverts the symbols of good. We were warned long ago not to cast pearls before swine.

MIXED MARRIAGES AND TELEVISION: The twenty five year old English nursing sister Miss Beryl Whittam who recently married an illiterate New Guinea native is now living in primitive conditions at the native village Urineibu on the north coast of New Guinea. A Melbourne "Age" reporter interviewed her in her native hut kitchen with its converted 44 gallon drum stove.

Asked what prompted her to marry Numode she replied that the decision was not hasty but had been made on her return to Melbourne to her parents home to consider his proposal. "While I was there I watched a lot of television" she said. "I saw a documentary one night which studied mixed marriages in England. Almost all the marriages worked out well and the couples were happy."

We sincerely wish Mrs. Numode happiness and salute her courage, but fear that an emotional decision reached as a result of a highly selective T.V. "documentary" could be tragic. Nothing is so easy to produce as a slanted "documentary". We have viewed many such on the T.V. network. It has been fashionable throughout the organized Socialist riddled media to foster the fallacy that racial and religious differences do not exist. To the contrary it requires great intelligence, tolerance and strength of character to overcome the handicaps of such unions. Such warnings seldom temper the blatancy of the socialist propagandist.

INDONESIAN CHAOS AND THE WEST: It has been well said that it is the unrehearsed events which decide history. There is little doubt that the Communist conspiracy has for many years been awaiting a suitable opportunity to make Indonesia a stepping stone in the process of taking over the whole of S.E. Asia including Australasia.

As the smoke and smother clears in Indonesia it becomes apparent that the Communists were either forced into premature action or fumbled their chance. It will be remembered that Sukarno in a speech to the Indonesian people some months ago said he could not live for ever and it was time to talk of when he would no longer be with them. It should be clear that Sukarno as an avowed Marxian-Leninist visualised succession and control would go to the Communists. To this end he had increasingly put himself in the role of chief public relations officer for the Communists, publicly embracing Communism and Mr. Aidit at public rallies.

But Sukarno's attempts to give them increasing power in his government were thwarted, and there is little doubt that he was privy to the plot against the army to remove this opposition.

His connivance is born out in his public appeal for forgiveness and co-operation with the Communists, and his refusal to ban them. This even in face of the barbarity of the Communist pogroms and mass murderings, reports of which are now only just filtering through.

However the Communist grab for power was not successful. The next few weeks will be crucial. The tragedy is that there is insufficient strength within the West to capitalise on the situation. Given time to recoup the Communists will become masters of the situation. It would be appropriate if the Dutch who are negotiating for a return of a measure of co-operation with Indonesian leaders, grasped the opportunity to co-operate with the leaders of the armed forces. Revulsion to Communist brutality could bring this about now where a few weeks ago it would have been impossible. Such co-operation on the basis of a balanced partnership could bring great benefits, both politically and economically, but would depend upon the removal of Sukarno and his Communist backers; but more it would depend upon moral strength and courage in the West, which is almost non-existent.

PRO-COMMUNIST CLERIC AND MORALITY: In his first statement as Moderator of the Presbyterian Church the Rev. A. M. Dickie lost no time in using his appointment as a sounding board for his pink views. Besides the usual inconsistencies of the Communist apologist in pressing for the withdrawal of American and Australian troops from South Vietnam, there was an interesting statement which reflected Rev. Dickie's close affinity with the philosophy of Communism known as Dialectical Materialism. "There is always the possibility that we may do evil in our attempt to do good." This is only a paraphrase of the precept that the end justifies the means which Christians must reject. The Rev. Dickie went on to say that God will forgive us in such cases for "wrong done and that there is God, Who is able to use even our mistakes for His glory." To use the forgiveness of God to justify the possibility of evil policies is surely the essence of immorality.

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