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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: "The tie that binds them (Communists) across the frontiers of nations, across barriers of language and differences of class and education, in defiance of religion, morality, truth, law, honor, the weakness of the body and the irresolutions of the mind, even unto death, is a simple conviction: It is necessary to change the world. Their power, whose nature baffles the rest of the world, because in a large measure the rest of the world has lost that power, is the power to hold convictions and to act on them Communists are that part of mankind which has recovered the power to live or die - to bear witness - for its faith."

- Whittaker Chambers in "Witness".

MR. CALWELL ECHOES DR. CAIRNS: The central theme of Mr. Arthur Calwell's speech at Canberra on Tuesday, opposing the Government's decision to send Australian troops to South Vietnam, was merely an echo of what Dr. Jim Cairns has been persistently putting forward: that it is primarily a "civil war" in South Vietnam. However, Mr. Calwell did not go as far as Dr. Cairns in demanding that the Americans withdraw. In fact Mr. Calwell appears to believe that it is all right for the Americans to be in South Vietnam, but that they should be left to themselves.

However, Mr. Calwell did deliver one thrust of substance against the Government when he said that in selling wheat, wool and steel to Communist China, "Australia was helping to equip the Chinese army. Yet the Government which was willing to encourage this trade now sent Australian troops, in the words of the Prime Minister, to prevent 'the downward thrust of China'. The Government might be able to square its conscience on this matter, but this was logically and morally impossible."

So long as the Government encourages economic aid for Red China, it leaves itself wide open to the charge of hypocrisy when it claims that it's foreign policy is designed to halt Communist expansion.

NOT ANOTHER KOREA : As we reported last week, the mounting American air assaults have had little or no effect upon the Viet Cong in South Vietnam. If the Viet Cong is to be defeated, appropriate action must be taken on the ground. The Communists have infinite patience and will continue to apply Mao Tse-tung's famous principles of guerrilla warfare, one of which is to retreat in the face of superior force and to wait for an opportune time to advance.

Now that the Australian Government is providing ground forces for South Vietnam, it has the right to ask, whether the American "no-win" policy has been discarded in favour of completely defeating the Communists. Australian troops were provided for the Korean War by the present Government parties. The Korean campaign, which could have ended in a major defeat for the Communists, ended in a stalemate and a propaganda victory for the Communists in Asia. General van Fleet and other American military leaders claimed that they had been prevented from winning in Korea. General Douglas MacArthur was removed because it was claimed that he would precipitate a conflict with both China and Russia.

If the Washington policy makers really mean business at last in Asia, then they will demonstrate this by making use of the best Asian fighting force in Asia at present, the Chinese Nationalist army on Formosa. A long, costly campaign in South Vietnam which leaves intact the base of Communist power in Asia, China and North Vietnam, is feared by those who understand the deeper implications of Communist strategy. The base itself must be disrupted. Rigid economic sanctions should be applied.

UNIVERSITY CAMPAIGN AGAINST GOVERNMENT: We trust that Australian taxpayers have noted that University professors, lecturers and students have spearheaded the nation-wide campaign opposing the Australian Government's policy concerning South Vietnam. Of the twelve members of the Monash (Victoria) University staff who sent a telegram of protest to Sir Robert Menzies, no less than eight were history lecturers. No wonder some rather slanted "history" is taught at Monash University. Another signatory to the Monash telegram was politics lecturer Dr. John Playford, an active smearer of the Australian League of Rights. A recent vile attack on the League's National Director, Mr. Eric Butler, in the University's paper, "Lots Wife", was allegedly based upon Dr. Playford's files.

Long-time Leftists from the Australian National University were active in the demonstrations outside Parliament House. One of these was Dr. R. Gollan, senior fellow of history, Across the Tasman in New Zealand, University lecturers and their students have also been active in supporting Communist strategy in South-East Asia.

Lenin ~~taught~~ that Communist leadership must be recruited

from amongst the student intellectuals of the world.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON CRITICISES PRESS PROPAGANDA: Even U.S.A. President Johnson - for whom we have a limited regard - has been moved by the sting of news bias to react against the loaded propaganda of most of the daily press. President Johnson is reported by "The Age" of April 29 as saying to a group of reporters: I do sometimes wonder how some people can be so concerned with our bombing a cold bridge of steel and concrete in North Vietnam and never open their mouth about a bomb being placed in our embassy in South Vietnam."

Yes, Mr. President, we have noticed it, too.

LIGHT ON SOUTH AFRICA: Mr. David Wright of Oatley, N.S.W. who claims to have been a South African opposed to the Verwoerd Government, had a letter published (rather surprisingly, we feel) in "The Australian" of April 30 refuting some of the biassed propaganda about that country. If native wages are "starvation wages" (he says in reply to a previous correspondent) "how is it that the South African Government has to limit the influx of 'foreign' natives". He continues:

An African with the ability to read and write can expect to earn £10 - £12 a week (sterling) and a driver £20-£25 a week." Regarding the vote, he points out that "Until a man has education, a vote is a useless and dangerous thing to possess." He then notes that "South Africa spends more on educating the African population than the whole of the African states put together". He sums up very ably by observing that the previous correspondent's letter "typifies the results of a long, antagonistic and non-factual press campaign."

THE CONFUSION OF ARCHBISHOP FRANK WOODS: The published views of Anglican Archbishop Woods of Melbourne on the war in South Korea, and his replies to protests from fellow-Anglicans, have filled us with despair concerning his Grace's lack of factual knowledge. However, his endorsement last week end of Australian assistance to the South Vietnamese people fighting Communist aggression and terror, came as a pleasant surprise. That is, until we reached the Archbishop's explanation for his stand. To set up, as he does, the unfinished Korean war as a partial pattern to follow in Vietnam shows how far from reality his one-sided reading has led him. If his Grace is interested we will be pleased to supply him with a real history of the South Korean disaster.

But it is the third point advanced which struck us as unbelievable. We quote "The Age" of May 3: "We must refuse to allow ourselves to think of the present conflicts ideologically. On no account must we permit it to be thought that we of the so-called West stand for a Christian battle against the Communist world"

divinity is one of the battles the dedicated Christian must enter? The evidence that Communism is such a doctrine of evil, opposed to all the qualities, decencies and moralities which constitute Christianity, is abundantly available in the writings and actions of the Marxist dialecticians. We devoutly hope that Dr. Woods will make the time to familiarise himself with some of these perverted and Godless teachings. He would then cease making statements which not only reflect upon himself, but which tend to lower the standing of the Church.

THAT "FREEDOM" MARCH IN ALABAMA: Remember all those sensational press stories about those "down-trodden" American Negroes who insisted on marching from Selma to the capital of Alabama, Montgomery in order to insist upon their rights? Now the true story has been revealed by Mr. Scott Stanley, young American Editor who has been named to Outstanding Young Men in America by the National Junior Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Stanley reveals the following facts:

Selma made every effort to encourage local Negroes to register for voting, even extending the time limit by 10 days. Only 20 Negroes bothered to turn up, and all were registered. Then at a signal from professional agitators, gathered from all parts of America, hundreds came in to produce chaos. Some were children, and some asked for relief handouts because Dr. Martin Luther King's men had told them they would get them. Many of these were well-known Communists.

The revolutionaries then set about producing a crisis. Two newsmen from a national publication were jailed for staging a fake beating of a Selma Negro. Eventually a physical clash was precipitated, and Martin Luther King and associates got the incident they wanted. Rev. Reeb was hit on the head. Reeb was not given immediate local hospital care to save his life, but was driven 100 miles to Birmingham. Strangely enough, the ambulance carrying Reeb had a flat tyre. A Birmingham doctor says that Reeb's life could have been saved by immediate treatment. Now the revolutionaries had a martyr.

Leading Churchmen in Alabama, including Catholic Archbishop Toolen and Episcopal Bishop Carpenter protested against what was happening, but were ignored. On the march between Selma and Montgomery, drunkenness and sex orgies, some of them in public, were the order of the day. One prominent Rabbi and some clergymen left the march in disgust.

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