

ON TARGET

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: "How, I often ask myself, will future historians (assuming there be any) be able to relate the ostensible enlightenment and benevolence of liberal attitudes with the chicanery and brutality which have so often accompanied their application? How did it come about that the pursuit of peace led to ever more ferocious wars, of happiness to ever large and more crowded psychiatric wards, of knowledge to ever greater credulity and vacuity, of security to an ever intensifying sense of helplessness and loss of identity, of affluence to ever mounting indebtedness, of health to the consumption of ever more pills and potions?"

Malcom Muggeridge. "The Liberal Death Wish"
appearing in July 6th edition Australian International News Review.

THE RACE QUESTION: AUSTRALIA & RHODESIA: Mr. J. H. Howman, Minister of Information in Rhodesia when addressing the Sons of England society in Salisbury criticised the U.S. Ambassador to the UN, Mr. Arthur Goldberg, who had stated that Rhodesia's Declaration of Independence had "cheaply abused" Jefferson's document. Mr. Howman pointed out in this report from "Rhodesian Commentary" 27.6.66. that Jefferson had never acknowledged the native Indians as being the equal of the European colonists.

Australians may well have cause to speculate on the nature of the private conversations held by the Prime Minister, Mr. Holt with Mr. Goldberg in New York during his recent visit. "The Australian" in its editorial on Monday, July 4th refers to Mr. Holt's "vague indication" that the Australian government may be contemplating further moves away from "rigid application of the White Australia policy....."

Mr. Goldberg with his record of pro-Communist sympathies, (see "On Target" 30.6.66) plus his defence of "Civil" Rights legislation in America, would no doubt be concerned to place pressure on Mr. Holt in regard to Australia's policy towards Rhodesia. "All the way with L.B.J." enthusiastically endorsed by Mr. Holt could be a two edged sword, when considering Australia's future policies on Rhodesia in the UN, and immigration policies towards Asian countries.

KENNEDY & "DIALOGUE" WITH RED CHINA: It should cease to amaze us how often those liberals busy protecting the interests of the Communist cause continuously use Marxist terms. Senator Kennedy is reported from New York, 26.6.66 in "Review of the News". Speaking on a T.V. show he said the U.S. should take the initiative in negotiating Red China's entry into the UN as a "means of having greater dialogue than we have in the past." After asserting that the U.S. was depicted as the country that refuses to negotiate in Vietnam, he adds, "we will have to have a dialogue of some kind in a major way" with Communist China.

Dialogue is a Marxist term and is a major weapon in their armoury. The Communists believe that so long as the opposition is willing to have "dialogue" with them they can make progress. The debate on Vietnam must be kept going. While we are prepared to argue it means we believe there is something to argue about. Dr. J. Cairns and his fellow socialists understand this question thoroughly, that is why they will go to all lengths to keep up the "dialogue" in the form of debates, teach

Denied the platform of "dialogue", which in essence is propaganda, the cause of the Communists would wither on the vine. Only the inability of the West to understand clearly that there is no compromise with Communism allows the enemy to take the initiative.

MELLOWING COMMUNISM?: While the thesis, that Communism in the Soviet Union is "mellowing" and becoming more democratic if not pro-capitalistic, is given prominence in the press for the purpose of lulling the West into a false sense of security, a significant event has taken place in the Soviet Union which shakes the foundation of this thesis.

Students of history will remember Andrej Shdanov. Shdanov was not only an advisor of and close friend of Stalin, but was a top communist theoretician representing the most aggressive school of communist thought. He was even regarded as a possible successor of Stalin. He is credited with having drawn up the plans for the takeover of the Baltic States, instituting the Finnish-Soviet war, and the creation of the Cominform an institution of utmost importance to world-communism. During the Berlin blockade Shdanov favoured a military thrust into Europe to parallel the political thrust.

Shadanov died suddenly in 1948. After Stalin's death his name too was eliminated from communist party writings. With Stalin he was no longer acceptable, when under Khrushchev Communist policy was to lull the West into "peaceful co-existence" as a necessary preliminary to the final Communist takeover. That this time could now be imminent could well be, for now no less a person than the Director of the

Institute for Marxism and Leninism, Comrade Pospelov as well as "Pravda" and "Istvestija" eulogized Shdanov as an outstanding statesman and an ardent fighter for the Communist ideology. "Nation Europa", May 1966.

DEVALUATION IN VIETNAM: The International Monetary Fund which has long been an economic help to international forms of co-operation which can only be described as socialistic, has now used its power to force a devaluation of the Vietnamese piastre. This new measure which halves the dollar value of Vietnamese currency is expected to cause further unrest in Vietnam, thus embarrassing the Ky Government as prices soar. The militant Buddhist clique were reported in "The Australian" 25.6.66 as planning to use this unrest in an endeavour to topple the government.

The directors of the I.M.F. will be remembered by Australians for forcing our government of the day to adopt a policy of credit restriction which practically brought Australian industry to a standstill in 1962. Our present Prime Minister who was then the Treasurer made this clear in parliament. In the ensuing election the government survived with a majority of one seat, but learning the lesson reversed the policy imposed by I.M.F.

Those who made a study of centralism in its many forms are not surprised when remote control organisations like I.M.F. seem to further the Communist advance and penalise genuine private enterprise. The concentration of credit power into the hands of an international organisation is the logical extension of the fifth objective laid down by Marx for communising a state. "Centralisation of credit in the hands of the State, by means of a national bank with State capital and an exclusive monopoly."

EDITORIAL DOUBLE TALK ON CHINA: An editorial in "The Australian" 25.6.66 chides the Australian Government on the overtones of schizophrenia evidenced by its China policy. It quotes the Wheat Board announcement of its completed negotiations to sell 600,00 tons of wheat to Red China on terms which were described by Senator McManus as highly favorable to that country. It then further remarks on what it calls Mr. Fairhall's (Minister for Defence) "bitter attack on Chinese attempts 'to subvert free people with insurgency and terrorism' ".

The two attitudes, it says, cannot be reconciled. We would agree. Bolstering Communist regimes must cease. But then the Editor plunges straight into the same type of morass that he had just criticised. "This paper does not oppose the sale of wheat to China. It recognises that Chinese ambitions, furthered by subversion, represents a major threat to the future security of this part of the

world, but that if Australia is to have a secure and prosperous future that threat will have to be countered by more sophisticated policies than those we are at present applying."

"The Australian's" policy page since its inception gives the clue to these "more sophisticated policies. Recognise the Communists as representatives of the Chinese people - Permit them a say in world councils even if it means throwing out our strongest Asian ally, Chiang Kai Shek - Withdraw from Vietnam and leave the field to the Communists, and don't under any conditions do anything which is likely to defeat Ho Chi Minh.

We have often wondered whether the map of Australia displayed every day on their front page was colored red by design or accident.

STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS: Recent press reports throughout Australia tell us of the demonstrations of some 5000 students in front of the University of Indonesia voicing their discontent with the pro-Communist activities of President Soekarno. Large student demonstrations at American universities and here in Australia have been given wide publicity for protesting against anti-Communist activities by their governments. In America some groups have even donated blood to the Viet Cong which is busy killing their fellow Americans.

What do these two irreconcilable actions by two similar groups demonstrate? Mainly that they are impressionable excitable youngsters whose understanding of the realities with which they are dealing is negligible. The day when inexperienced youngsters - however intelligent are allowed to influence adult affairs, on that day civilisation will vanish. There is no substitute for experience.

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