

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: One of Aesop's Fables, written about 550 B.C., tells of an eagle, impaled by a hunter's arrow which, it developed, had been fletched by one of its own feathers. "Why is it", the dying eagle cried, "that we so often give our enemies the means of our own destruction?"

MR. FRANCIS JAMES OF "THE ANGLICAN": Mr. Francis James is Chairman of "The Anglican", a weekly journal which is sold by many Church of England Parishes in spite of the fact that it has no official status as a Church paper. "The Anglican" has distinguished itself with its consistent support for Left-wing causes, and has published a flood of pro-Communist propaganda. Some time back Mr. James visited Hanoi, North Vietnam, and challenged the Australian Government to prosecute him when he returned.

On Sunday evening, August 7, Mr. James was present in the Melbourne studio of T.V. Channel 7 to debate Mr. Eric Butler on the Rhodesian issue in the "Fighting Words" programme. On the same day he appeared in the Vietnik march in Melbourne, protesting against Australia's involvement in the war in Vietnam. Both during and after the taping of the TV programme, Mr. James performed in a manner which shocked those present who were not Communists or brainwashed dupes of the vicious campaign against Mr. Eric Butler. As large numbers of our readers will not see for themselves on TV how Mr. James acted, we record the highlights of the event here.

Following Mr. Butler's opening speech, in which he pointed out that the only alternative to a policy of economic war against Rhodesia which had failed, was a large scale military campaign, and that Australia could take a lead in avoiding such a disaster, Mr. James made no attempt to answer Mr. Butler's facts, but burst into a torrent of abuse of the Smith Government and the Rhodesians. His reference to the Rhodesians as "white scum", and to the Smith Government as "thugs" operating in a Nazi-type manner, brought cries of protest from the audience. But even worse was to come. After the programme

Mr. James shouted that Mr. Ian Smith was a "traitor" and "should be shot". Such is the concept of British justice supported by Mr. James of "The Anglican". Mr. James not only takes it on himself to pronounce Mr. Smith guilty of treason, but also passes his own penalty: shooting.

Mr. Butler said that he was nauseated by what he had heard and informed Mr. James in the presence of many of the audience that he would not accept the management's invitation to have a social drink with Mr. James and others. "My principles are such that I would not even have a social drink with a man who talks like this", said Mr. Butler afterwards.

One of Mr. Butler's most telling thrusts during the debate was to quote from an editorial in "The Anglican", advocating Australian exports, including motor-cars to North Vietnam, commenting that clearly Mr. James felt that Ho Chi-Minh was preferable to Mr. Ian Smith.

We urge that all who can should view the incredible performance by Mr. Francis James on "Fighting Words". It will be shown on Channel 7 in Melbourne on Saturday, August 27, at 10.30 p.m. on Channel 7 in Sydney on Sunday, August 28, at 11.30 p.m. A tape recording will be made and will be available.

RHODESIAN ISSUE MOVES TO POINT OF NO RETURN: Mr. Harold Wilson is rapidly moving towards the point of no-return on Rhodesia. Although announcing that talks between Rhodesian and British officials would be resumed in Salisbury this week-end, Mr. Wilson warned that unless Rhodesia gave in soon, black African States in the United Nations may move for using international force to bring Mr. Smith down. Mr. Wilson is becoming desperate to talk like this. He knows that it would be politically impossible to use British troops in any international force against Rhodesia. He also knows that Australia and New Zealand will strongly oppose the use of force, and that he can expect no co-operation from the minority Canadian Liberal Government. The Americans are too deeply involved in Vietnam. The idea of the Africans providing a military force is merely a joke. This leaves the Communist nations to provide the force. Mr. Wilson is playing a very dangerous game.

Then Mr. Wilson has the problem of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference of early next month. His remarkable message to Australian Prime Minister Holt, telling Mr. Holt to come if he thinks it worthwhile, suggests that Mr. Wilson hopes to avoid holding a full-scale conference at which there will be a major cleavage on the Rhodesian issue. Presidents Jomo Kenyatta (Kenya), Julius Nyerere (Tanzania), and Milton Obote (Uganda) have already stated that they are unable to attend. No doubt they are afraid to leave their countries in case they are toppled from power in their absence.

Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia threatens that he will leave the Commonwealth unless Wilson can show at the Prime Ministers' Conference that he is determined to defeat the Rhodesians.

While all these developments are taking place, Rhodesia moves serenely on its way, with no sign whatever of the economy collapsing. Ian Smith and his colleagues, representing a united and determined people, have by their courageous stand thrown the Communist global strategists into confusion. And they are forcing Mr. Wilson, the Crown Members of the British Commonwealth, and every Western nation, to the moment of historic decision: when they either have to accept the Rhodesian victory as an accomplished fact, or openly align themselves with their Communist enemies in an endeavour to defeat Rhodesia by force of arms.

OMBUDSMAN NO ANSWER TO SOCIALISM: Coleridge the English poet was noted for his opium addiction. During his periods of repentance it was his custom to employ men to prevent him gaining access to opium. When confronted by these hirelings during attempts to satisfy his craving, he was able to circumvent his own precautions by threat of dismissal. There is an analogy here with the sturdy pressure from the Socialists for the appointment of a Government hireling known as an "Ombudsman" to deal with the grievances of the governed.

Apart from the obvious inefficiency of handling local complaints through a centralised agency, as opposed to a local Member of Parliament handling these complaints, it seems logical to avoid reliance on counsel appointed by the defence, to present one's case. The Liberal Party spokesmen who pointed out last week that "Ombudsmen" are the creatures of Socialist Administrations, are to be commended for their opposition to a retrograde step in the fight for decentralised government and real justice.

THE BRITISH RETREAT FROM ADEN: The far-reaching implications of the British retreat from the Aden base are now becoming ominously clear. A report from Beirut, published in "The Australian" of August 8, states that the Wilson Government is pressing ahead with complete withdrawal from Aden by 1968, despite its knowledge of a well-organised Egyptian and Russian terrorist group aiming at seizing control as soon as Britain leaves. A Saudi Arabian agent is reported as having produced evidence of official British knowledge of the plot, stating, "The way you British are acting, it seems you want to see the Red Sea red. Nasser is now Moscow's prisoner, willingly or not, and he is letting Russians train and equip underground men for Aden in Egypt. Britain knows about this and I can prove it."

After presenting photographic evidence rubber-stamped with the words "RAF Official - British Crown copyright reserved", the Saudi Arabian agent said that it had not been released to the British press. "We think the British Government does not want the press to know these things because some might then question its unilateral decision to abandon Aden in two years time", he said. This revelation is entirely in line with the steady betrayal by Socialist Harold Wilson of the interests of the Free World.

COMMUNIST SUBVERSION IN PAPUA-NEW GUINEA: Speaking at the recent Returned Servicemens' League State Congress, held in Lae, New Guinea, the Secretary for Law in Papua and New Guinea, Mr. W. Watkins, said that the activities of the Communist party in Papua and New Guinea were far greater outside the Public Service than they were within it. Mr. Watkins was referring to a motion by the Rabaul sub-branch calling for an independent body to investigate charges that Communists were working inside the public service. The motion came after a Member of the Papua-New Guinea House of Assembly, Mr. John Pasquarelli, told the last House sitting that he knew of Communist activities in the public service.

While Mr. Watkins is probably right that Communist activities are greater outside the public service than within it, the important point is that a very small number of Communists in a public service can do far more danger than a much bigger number outside. It has been clear for some time that the Communists are giving increasing attention to Papua-New Guinea. They know that this territory is of vital importance to the future of Australia in more ways than one.

DR. ADENAUER'S WARNING OF RED TAKEOVER: Judging by his latest statement, warning that a Russian takeover of Europe was possible while America was concentrating in Vietnam, Dr. Adenauer, former West German chancellor, has shifted from his view of five months ago, that Russia was becoming a peace-loving State. Adenauer claims now that "Europe is the most important area for the United States, not Asia. If the Americans ignore Europe there is a possibility that the Soviet Union will gain control of Germany and France. Then we are all lost."

The fears expressed by Dr. Adenauer reflect the general ignorance of Communist strategy, which is global. Only an integrated Western strategy can defeat it - not a piece-meal approach.

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