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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: "At the risk of repetition, it must be said again that it makes little difference whether a specific person is a Communist, a fellow-traveller, or merely a dupe - if he consistently stands for those movements and proposals which undermine the United States". - Former top Communist Louis Budenz in The Techniques of Communism.

COMMUNISTS BACK AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS: "Membership of the ANC (African National Congress) is open to all South Africans, of whatever race, who are opposed to apartheid ... In this respect, it is recognised by the banned South African Communist Party - many of whose members ... are working underground with the ANC in the struggle against racism - as the most important of the anti-apartheid organisations". - Mr. Roger Milliss in a letter in Tribune, the Australian Communist Party national weekly, of January 25.

African National Congress leader and revolutionary Robert Resha, whose Australian tour last year was endorsed by Mr. Edward St. John, Q.C., and new Liberal Member for Warringah, insisted that the ANC was neither controlled nor influenced in any way by the Communists. In the face of much documented evidence to the contrary, Mr. St. John and his associates believed Resha. The Letter in Tribune provides further confirmation of the truth.

HARRISON SALISBURY OF THE "NEW YORK TIMES": "Hanoi may or may not have opened the gates officially to visits by U.S. Newspapermen. The first to go there in recent years is just returning home. Attempts to discredit him, Harrison Salisbury of the New York Times, on the grounds that he had been hand-picked by the Communists to get out a flow of Communist propaganda, are an insult to American reporters everywhere. These men are aware of traps behind enemy lines, they have no illusions about the difficulties of their assignment, they are trying to report the 'other side' to the best of their ability". - From an Editorial in Editor & Publisher (U.S.A.), January 23.

When veteran Communist Ho Chi Minh invited Harrison Salisbury to visit North Vietnam, he did so in the expectation that Salisbury's reports on American bombing of North Vietnam would be featured internationally and thus help the Communists in their psychological and propaganda war. Harrison Salisbury's record does not suggest that he is a very objective reporter. Before selecting him for the North Vietnam assignment, the Communists undoubtedly made a close study of his record.

It was in 1954 that Harrison Salisbury finished a six year assignment in Moscow, by which time, as American expert on Russia, Eugene Lyons, said, "he was widely regarded as a fellow traveller". Even Time felt compelled to say that "his reports often read more like Red propaganda than accounts of what was really going on inside of Russia".

Extracts from Harrison Salisbury's writings since 1954 would not suggest that he has improved in his understanding of Communism. The following are from The Review of The News, (U.S.A.) of February 1:

"No one who listens to Nikita Sergevich (Khrushchev) long can doubt that he was reared in a good God-fearing Russian orthodox household".

"Khrushchev, I felt, had cast himself in the role in which he hoped history would cloak him. He was the man of Peace".

"Most Americans think of Russia as a nation where political thought has been choked and stifled - first by the czars, then by the commissars. Professor Utechin (in Russian Political Thought, 1964) demonstrates how wrong we are. Russia gave birth to unique notions of hereditary autocracy. It was a breeding ground for ideas of anarchy, Communist idealism, social experimentation, quasi-religious political doctrine. Leninist, Stalinist and Khrushchevian Communism present major contributions to world political theory".

MANUFACTURING THE "NEWS": "Some high Canadian officials believe that the Communist Government of North Vietnam is now prepared to reduce the scale of the war in the South if the United States halts the bombing of the North". - From Washington Post Service in The Australian, January 23. (Emphasis supplied).

"Some people can of course always be found to believe any conceivable thing, but ignoring for the moment this common irresponsible vagueness which passes for news, let us examine the content of this "belief" which allegedly exists amongst "high Canadian officials".

If opposition to the advance of Communist aggression in South Vietnam is stopped, then Ho Chi Minh will be able to reduce the scale of his activities. Or to put it more bluntly - if allowed to advance unchecked Ho Chi Minh can achieve his objective with reduced effort. No power-luster would reject this proposition. "Peace" is, of course, the aim of all conquests.

AWU GENERAL SECRETARY HITS OUT: "The AWU is not opposed to the use of conscripts for the defence of Australia - even outside the country. But we are opposed to the use of conscripts in an undeclared war ... If there is danger for Australia - and I believe there is - if there is a fight to be fought, let the Government declare war and let us go in strength ... The Government insists that it is not a war. Then what the hell is it? Men are fighting and dying in Vietnam". - Mr. T. Dougherty, General Secretary of The Australian Workers' Union, as reported in The Australian, January 27.

Mr. Dougherty said that while the American alliance should be maintained at all costs, "This doesn't mean we have to follow the Americans blindly". He also said that "Long-haired youths who ran around waving protest placards should be told the truth" about Vietnam.

Mr. Dougherty has said something of great importance. If war were declared on the Government of Hanoi by all those nations assisting South Vietnam, then the whole nature of the Vietnam issue would change immediately. With a formal declaration of war, military leaders would then be free to take whatever action is necessary to defeat the Government of Ho Chi Minh. There would be no more nonsense about not blockading and bombing the port of Haiphong in case this interfered with Soviet ships supplying military equipment. And even Mr. Holt would find it hard to justify Australian exports to Red China, which is deeply involved in the war in Vietnam through military and economic support for Ho Chi Minh.

Unless the present no-win policy is changed, it is certain that the Communists are going to continue a war of attrition in which more terrible damage will be done in South Vietnam. And when it suits their purposes, the Communists will settle for a compromise peace with a "moderate" South Vietnamese Government elected under the Constitution at present being laboriously prepared.

COMMUNIST VIEW ON RHODESIA: "The present situation in Rhodesia is fraught with grave danger for peace in Africa and throughout the world. Every day of racist rule brings more suffering to millions of Africans in Zimbabwe and strengthens the racials' and colonialists' position in the south of the continent. That is why the African and socialist delegations in the United Nations insist that an end be put to the dangerous political game around Rhodesia". - Nikolai Fedorenko, Soviet permanent Representative in the UN., in Moscow New Times of January 18.

New Times is one of the most important international journals of the International Communist conspiracy. Published weekly, it carries to all parts of the world the current Communist "line" for the good Comrades everywhere. They understand the type of Aesopian language used. Reduced to simple English, the New Times states that Rhodesia is a serious threat to Communist strategy in Southern Africa, and that every effort must be made to destroy Rhodesia. The Soviet Union is unable to accomplish this objective itself. But it relies upon its agents in the non-Communist nations to do the job for it.

SOEKARNO INVOLVED IN ATTEMPTED COMMUNIST COUP: "President Soekarno was involved in the attempted Communist coup in 1965, the chairman of Indonesia's Peoples Consultative Congress, General Nasution, said today General Nasution, who was Defence Minister at the time of the attempted coup, was speaking at a Press conference in Jakarta, said Radio Jakarta. The radio quoted General Nasution as saying that interrogations and investigations after the capture of Brigadier General Supardjo earlier this month showed that Supardjo had talks with Soekarno and some of his Ministers the day after the coup Supardjo was the man who spear-headed the coup attempt". - AAP report from Singapore in The Herald, (Melbourne) January 27.

There is no doubt whatever that Soekarno, a long-time Marxist on his own admissions, was deeply involved in the attempted Chinese Communist Coup in Indonesia. Australians might ponder on the fact that only a miracle prevented the coup from succeeding. They might have now had the Communist Empire on their front doorstep. This can still happen. While Soekarno may eventually be forced from office, he has for over 15 months fought a skilfull rearguard battle during which time there is no doubt that large numbers of the powerful Indonesian Communist Party went underground to await for the future - which all dedicated Communists believe belongs to them. There are troubled days ahead for Indonesia, with serious internal frictions resulting from the fact that Indonesia is not a nation in any realistic sense. The Chinese section of the International Communist conspiracy has been temporarily defeated in Indonesia. But the Soviet Union is preparing to increase its influence.

ROBERT KENNEDY AIDS ANTI-SOUTH AFRICA REVOLUTION: "Senator Robert F. Kennedy, with the private approval of administration officials, is quietly exchanging views with businessmen about the consequences of U.S. economic involvement in South Africa Senator Kennedy said that on his trip to South Africa last year he had been concerned to note the extent the United States was identified with the discriminatory practices of the South African Government". - From George Weeks, Washington, in The Australian, January 14.

Students of subversion are becoming increasingly concerned about the role of Senator Robert Kennedy in aiding revolutionary movements. It would be instructive to know whether it was Mr. Arthur Calwell's own idea to invite Senator Kennedy to Australia. Senator Kennedy's views on the war in South Vietnam would be like pleasant music to the local Communists and their dupes. As the campaign develops to put Robert Kennedy in the White House, so it becomes clearer that those backing his campaign want to settle for a compromise "peace" in Vietnam, and intensified pressure on the whole of Southern Africa. The loss of Southern Africa to the West would be a mortal blow in the global struggle with International Communism.

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