

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: "For many Americans, the Hiss case was merely a spy story. But that was the least important aspect. What Hiss and his confederates did was far worse than any theft of diplomatic documents. Their major crime was to set the stage for the continuing drama of retreat and appeasement. The men now playing out their parts are not Communists. But they have been so ensnared in the twisted syllogisms and perverse formulations of the Hiss era that they can no longer distinguish victory from defeat, national interest from national destruction, sense from nonsense." - Seeds of Treason, by Ralph de Toledano.

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THE DIABOLIC NATURE OF COMMUNIST TREACHERY: "Because of the nature of my activities, I had to organise all sorts of operations against the Soviet Union and other Socialist countries and then torpedo them myself. I always found support in thinking about the solidarity, the reliability of the rear....I was also very much helped in my work by the fact that, even in Western countries, I continually came across sincere friends of the Soviet people, people whose entire hearts were devoted to Socialism...among the members of Western countries' intelligence services I know more than a few people like myself...." - Kim Philby, the British Communist who was a top agent for the Communist conspiracy, as reported in the Soviet journal, Izvestia, and republished in The Wanderer, U.S.A., of January 11.

Philby operated at the heart of the British and American intelligence systems for years without being detected. In his interview with Izvestia Philby gave an example of how he helped plan a Central Intelligence Agency operation which he sabotaged himself, sacrificing hundreds of lives in the process. But this type of cold-blooded treachery means nothing to the dedicated Communist. As Philby helped to set up the CIA in America, it would be astonishing if some of his own "plants" do not still operate inside this organisation. "The evil that men do lives after them", said Shakespeare. How true when we consider how deeply the rot has penetrated into the West. Like Alger Hiss, the notorious American Communist agent, Kim Philby had been educated at the "best schools" and moved amongst the "best people". It is these "best people" who are one of the biggest problems concerning the Communist conspiracy; with a superior air they dismiss those who mention it as being "obsessed" with the Communist problem.

The Hiss and Philby cases are both symbolic of the basic problem confronting the West as it struggles to survive against the Communist conspiracy. Philby was actually re-employed by British Intelligence after being dismissed. And over the years there has been a persistent campaign

to rehabilitate Alger Hiss. Hiss still has powerful friends inside the American State Department. There is the case of Otto F. Otepka, former Chief of the Evaluations Division of the State Department's Security Office. He was allegedly dismissed because he pressed for corrective action against William Wieland, the man who as head of the State Department's Latin American desk, refused to make known Castro's Communist background before Cuba was taken over by the Communists. But before this Otepka had refused to give Hiss a security clearance when approached by a high-ranking State Department official. Then at a confidential meeting with Robert Kennedy and Dean Rusk soon after John Kennedy won the 1960 Presidential Election, Otepka refused to agree that Walt W. Rostow, whom President Johnson has said holds "the most important job in the White House, aside from the President", should be given a security clearance. Eventually Otepka was forced from his position when he supplied information to the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee.

A member of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, which has vigorously defended Otepka, states that "The ultra-Leftists in the Department of State saw Otepka as an obstacle to their plans. They had to remove him - and they did." These "ultra-Leftists" are the kind of people mentioned by Kim Philby. They are to be found in every Western nation, working to foster "peaceful co-existence", "economic bridges of understanding" with the Soviet - and to smear all genuine anti-Communists as "extremists".

AUSTRALIA MUST PRESS FOR VIETNAM VICTORY: "If Senator Kennedy is right and we cannot have victory in Vietnam, then we must seriously seek a negotiated peace..... It is therefore our conviction that Australia should acknowledge the bankruptcy of present military and political policy. She should seek to influence the United States to accept negotiated compromise, and should be prepared to act independently of present American policy if necessary." - Extract from a letter in The Age, Melbourne, of February 27, from a group of seven Australian students at Harvard University.

The current Communist military and terrorist offensives in South Vietnam are geared to an intensified international campaign of psychological warfare designed to force America and her allies to settle for a compromise peace. The Australian students' letter is typical of the basic feature of this psychological war: "Neither side can win militarily. So instead of going on indefinitely killing Vietnamese and destroying Vietnam, why not be sensible and work out a compromise."

But Senator Robert Kennedy is not right. In fact he has been wrong so often for so long that it is distressing that his views can be publicised as worth a moment's consideration. It is completely false to say that the Communists cannot be defeated militarily. The major necessity is a complete blockade of North Vietnam and the cutting of the Ho Chi Minh trail through Eastern Laos. Robert Kennedy should be reminded that it was the Administration in which he served as Attorney-General that imposed a coalition government upon Laos in 1961. On March 26, 1961, the late President John Kennedy promised that Laos, reeling under attack from the Red Chinese and North Vietnamese, would not be permitted to fall. And then with the support of the Soviet Union he forced Prince Boun Oum, leading a strong anti-Communist Government, to take Communists into the Cabinet of a coalition Government. The Prince resisted, but American

economic pressure forced him to do as requested. He was forced from office. The Soviet expressed pleasure at the "agreement", which has enabled the Communists to move freely through Laos to attack South Vietnam.

The Australian of February 27 quotes Thailand's Prime Minister, Field-Marshal Kittikachorn, as having discussed with the Chairman of the U.S. joint chiefs of staff, General Earle Wheeler, the problem of the vastly improved quality of Viet Cong weapons. He said that these weapons "have proved to be just as modern, if not more so, than those of the allies". New weapons included Soviet-built tanks, artillery and rockets. The evidence is overwhelming that without the massive economic and military aid to the Viet Cong by the Soviet Union, the war in Vietnam would quickly move to an end. Minister for External Affairs Mr. Paul Hasluck states in recent correspondence that Australia agrees with the policy of not blockading Haiphong to stop the flow of Soviet aid, as this would escalate the war. This defeatist policy, based on the very fear the Communist propagandists have generated, permits the Communists to do all the escalating.

We agree with the seven Australian students on one point only. Australia can influence American policy. That influence should be placed firmly behind the American military leaders, who know how to win in Vietnam, and those American political leaders who want the military leaders to end the Vietnam war - by winning it.

SOVIET STRATEGY ADVANCES: "The Russian fleet confronting the U.S. Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean will build up its strength with additional atomic submarines, new missile-carrying surface ships and more planes, it was reported today. The report, made in a television programme recorded in Moscow will be shown on Monday night in London. It quoted an unnamed Russian admiral who described the build up of the Soviet fleet in the Mediterranean in the television programme. The admiral predicted that in the future the Russian Navy would be supplied with even more atomic-powered submarines and torpedoes....." - The Australian, February 27.

The above report should be considered in conjunction with the Soviet move to provide India with a navy, thus opening the way for establishing a Soviet fleet in the Indian Ocean, and the havoc caused to shipping by the blocking of the Panama Canal at its narrowest point by a Japanese freighter. The chairman of the Australia-U.S. Atlantic and Gulf Shipping Conference, Mr. R.N. Morris, is quoted as saying that "Prolonged closure of the Panama would probably lead to ships sailing west from Australia around the Cape of Good Hope". (The Panama has now been re-opened)

Even if the Suez Canal is opened again, it will be dominated by the Soviet. The Panama incident has shown how vulnerable the Panama Canal is, (Radio Peking is beaming propaganda into this part of Latin-America) which means that the route around Southern Africa is the only secure one now left to the Western nations. Protection of this route, and access to the port facilities, are dependent upon Southern Africa resisting the outside pressures to capitulate to bloodshed, chaos and eventual Communist take-over.

If the Gorton Government cannot see now the vital importance of Southern Africa to Australia

and New Zealand's future, it is completely lacking in any understanding of Communist global strategy. Prime Minister John Gorton could make a good start to building a Southern-Africa-Australasian alliance by sending a competent realist to represent Australia in Pretoria. As the Pretoria post has become vacant, Prime Minister Gorton has a wonderful opportunity to demonstrate some encouraging statesmanship.

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RACIAL REALITIES IN BRITAIN: "A growing chorus of opposition rose in Britain today as the Government stood firm on its bill to limit the recent flood of Asian immigration from Kenya. Influential members of the governing Labor and Opposition, Conservative and Liberal parties joined church and organisation leaders and private citizens criticising the immigration bill which the Government expected to be law by Thursday". - The Age, Melbourne, February 27

In his most humorous but revealing novel, Back To The Trees, (\$3.10 from The Heritage Bookshop) A.T. Culwick paints a prophetic picture of the "liberated" Africans of East Africa beating up and robbing Asians before forcing them out of Africa. And now Fabian Socialist Harold Wilson and his fellows find once again that racial realities cannot be smothered over by theories and slogans about "all men being equal". Clearly the Africans in Kenya and Tanzania do not regard Indians as their equals.

When Jomo Kenyatta of Mau Mau fame was released from detention, the Indians in Nairobi put up welcoming streamers. This may have been merely a question of taking out some kind of insurance policy. The policy has not paid off and now the Indians are attempting to stream out of Kenya, not to Mother India, but to the United Kingdom, claiming the right of unrestricted entry as they hold British passports. However much Mr. Wilson may moralise about "racialism" in Rhodesia, or South Africa, he has been compelled by realities to take some action to slow down a flood of non-European migrants into a Britain where race friction is growing.

Australians can learn a lesson from unhappy race relations in other parts of the world, and that is to preserve Australia's traditional immigration policy designed to ensure that Australia is always a homogeneous nation.

INDUSTRIAL WAR INTENSIFIES: "Victoria is almost certain to be hit by further power strikes if an SEC move to cut the margins of 8000 Metal Trades employees is successful. Unionists threatened this last night....." - The Age, February 27.

The Marxist-Leninist revolutionaries insist that a revolutionary situation develops when there is a crisis affecting both employers and employees. Industrial war must continue so long as the declared Fabian Socialist financial policy of "controlled inflation" continues to operate along with heavy taxation. The President of the Metal Industries Association, Mr. F.R.D. Morgan, points out that "It will be impossible to add another \$60 million to the wages bill in the metal industries and not automatically incur price increases". But further price increases must ultimately lead to more increased wage demands. This destructive spiral can only be broken by a financial policy which ensures that increased industrial efficiency results in lower prices, thus increasing purchasing power.

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