

# 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: "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness, and all these things will be added unto you". - Matthew, 6:33.

NO PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND: "The Palestine guerrilla organisation, Al-Fatah, has issued a warning to pilgrims and tourists not to visit the Holy Land this Christmas. A broadcast over the secret Al-Fatah radio said it would not be responsible for the safety of foreign visitors to Bethlehem and Jerusalem for the holiday period". - The Australian, December 16.

The mounting turmoil in the Holy Land is typical of the state of the whole world today. Questions of rights, justice, truth and traditions concerning the Holy Land are obscured by propaganda and effects. It is now reasonably well known that Communist penetration of the Middle East has proceeded at an ever-increasing rate over the last twelve months. It is true that Communist-backed Arab guerrilla forces are operating against Israel. But the West will continue to aid the Communist advance, and to alienate what remaining pro-Western sympathies still exist throughout the Moslem world, so long as it supports the Israelis as if they have all the right on their side.

A report in the press of December 16 provides a typical example of Israeli thinking. After meeting President-elect Mr. Richard Nixon, General Dayan said that he had no fears that the incoming American Administration would change America's policy towards Israel. Later, addressing a United Jewish Appeal conference, General Dayan said that Arab border attacks were designed to make Israel's frontier position "intolerable". "But there is no prospect of moving us back even one yard", he said. If a foreign force had taken part of Australia by military force, we have no doubt that Australian guerrillas would also be attempting to make the foreign force's frontier "intolerable". This is the reality of war. The war in the Middle East started with the aggression of Political Zionism, which used terrorist tactics against the British to force them to relinquish their Mandate to a Palestine which the Zionists demanded. At a time when the Soviet is backing the Moslems, it is easy to overlook that the same Soviet was backing the Political Zionists when the initial aggression against the Arabs in Palestine both Moslem and Christian, was taking place. One of the results of aggression was the creation of a major refugee problem of nearly one million Palestinians. A number of distinguished Jews like Mr. Alfred M. Lilienthal, American expert on the Middle East, have protested about this tragedy, and have pointedly asked where is there any manifestation of Christian conscience. But controlled propaganda has drowned out the truth, with the result that there is a dangerously one-sided and misleading picture of the Middle East realities. This is why the Communists continue to win in the Middle East.

It can be predicted with certainty that there will be no peace in the Middle East until justice is done to the Arabs. Sir John Glubb's extremely moderate little book, The Middle East Crisis, (Price 65 cents post free from Box 1052J., GPO, Melbourne) is essential reading for all those who wish to have a real background of the Arab-Israeli conflict. Sir John Glubb also puts forward solutions which, if adopted, would be in the best interests of the Israelis as well as the Arabs. But if the Israelis, backed by the international forces of Political Zionism, are going to persist with the view that they are entitled to retain control permanently the areas they conquered in 1967, they are providing the Soviet with the ideal conditions in which to continue presenting themselves to the Arabs as their only friends.

Peace can only come to the Holy Land when the West insists upon justice for all the peoples living there.

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL READERS \*\*\*\* \*\*

In this, our last issue for 1968, we take this opportunity of wishing all readers, both old and new, a Happy and Holy Christmas, one in keeping with the good news which Christ brought to the world, and a New Year pregnant with the hope of steps towards a better world. The next issue of On Target will be on Friday January 17, 1969.

INFLATION MENACE CONTINUES EVERYWHERE: "Any further rise in the price of steel would be a catastrophe for the ship-building industry, according to Mr. T. McIver, the deputy Chairman of the Tyneside ship-building firm of Swan Hunter... Mr. McIver, said the ship-building industry would be bitterly disappointed that the British Steel Corporation proposed to raise prices".

- The Australian, December 16.

The fact that prices continue to rise in Britain in spite of Fabian Socialist Harold Wilson's restrictive financial policies, highlights once again the truth that nothing but a modification of Keynesian Fabian Socialist financial policies can halt an inflationary process which is one of the Communists' greatest assets in eroding Western nations from within.

In his book, The Fabian Socialist Contribution to the Communist Advance, (price 45 cents from Box 1052J, GPO, Melbourne) Mr. Eric Butler quotes John Strachey, leading English Fabian theoretician, and author of The Coming Struggle for Power while a member of the Communist Party, as outlining in his Programme for Progress that inflationary credit expansion policies were "an indispensable step in the right direction", arguing that "The very fact that no stability, no permanently workable solution can be found within the limits of this policy will ensure that once a community has been driven by events to tackle its problems in this way, it cannot halt at the first stage, but must of necessity push on to more thorough going measures of re-organisation".

It is the growing instability of every Western nation which is producing the ideal situation for the subversive activities of the Communists. There is no solution to the destructive inflation menace which does not face up to the current Keynesian technique of inflating costs, (which must be recovered, if they can, through a process of higher prices) by pumping new financial credit into the

community as a debt. A large part of taxation and rates are today allocated merely to meet growing debt charges. But taxation and rates are also financial costs which producers must attempt to recover through higher prices. Attempts to meet the situation through price and wage controls merely produce an increasingly explosive situation. Any constructive and effective anti-Communist policy must come to grips with this basic issue of inflationary credit expansion. But even an anti-Communist leader of the calibre of Mr. B.A. Santamaria leaves this question alone. In a recent TV commentary summarised in News-Weekly of December 11, Mr. Santamaria suggests a three point programme for dealing with inflation:

1. Wage rises "adjusted automatically with rises in production". But there have been fantastic increases in production in the post-war years. Irrespective of how wages are increased, they must be increased financial cost which producers must endeavour to recover through increased prices, or by reducing profits. Most profit margins have already been reduced severely in what is a highly competitive economy.
2. "The Tariff Board... should not be bludgeoned by Mr. McEwen into permitting the most powerful manufacturers to write their own ticket on prices by giving them inordinate protection". We have no special brief for manufacturers, "powerful" or otherwise, but tariff protection, which is obviously essential, makes a comparatively small contribution to inflation. A study of the total profits reveals that there is little scope for any worthwhile reduction in spiralling prices by attempting to force greater competition through less tariff protection.
3. "A different Restrictive Trade Practices Act - with teeth in it - ... to enforce competition inside Australian industry. Price-fixing arrangements between manufacturers and traders ought, as in Britain, to be illegal unless proved positively to be in the public interest". Monopolistic practices are, in the main, effects of the inflation problem, not causes. Neither in Britain nor in America has anti-monopoly legislation prevented prices from rising. Not only "Big Business", but quite often the corner greengrocer, exploits the consumer. The effective answer to inflation is not more restrictions and Government bureaucracies, but a removal of the basic causes, this in turn encouraging genuine competition and effective consumer control.

Speaking at the Country Party's annual Federal Council meeting in Canberra on December 6, Mr. W.L. Moss, chairman of the Country Party, said that "Looking back over the figures and circumstances, it seems we are hell-bent on a spurt of unrestricted inflation of internal costs". Mr. Moss asked the question, "who governs the country?" Well, Mr. Moss's party, under the leadership of Mr. John McEwen, is part of the coalition Liberal-Country Party Government. It must therefore accept its share of responsibility for the "unrestricted inflation" mentioned by Mr. Moss. Mr. Moss might consider taking the Country Party out of the coalition as one way of opposing "unrestricted inflation".

LITERARY FELLOWSHIP DENIED TO COMMUNIST AUTHOR: "The Minister for Immigration (Mr. Snedden) yesterday refused to grant a Commonwealth Literary Fellowship to communist author Frank Hardy. Mr. Snedden represents the Prime Minister on the Parliamentary committee which must endorse the recommendations of the Commonwealth Literary Fund advisory board."

-The Age, Melbourne, December 17.

According to press reports, the advisory board had unanimously recommended that Hardy be given a grant to write a novel which proposed to deal with the "moral" dilemma of Communists following the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia. We fail to understand why a well-known Communist like Frank Hardy should be provided with Australian taxpayers' money in order to discuss how he and his fellow totaliterians react to the criminal activities of Soviet Communists. Mr. Snedden is to be congratulated for his veto.

The Hardy case was first publicised on November 12 when the leader of the ALP, Mr. Whitlam, said that "the literary fund was precluded from making grants to people who were communists, but not to Fascists". Has Mr. Whitlam never heard of Mr. Judah Waten, to mention one well-known Communist who has received financial assistance from the Literary Fund. As no Fascists have ever received a grant, this statement is merely a red-herring.

#### WE COULD FILL THAT 1969 FINANCIAL FUND !

"Although small, I realise that every cent is appreciated, and my prayer is that everyone you have contacted will respond according to their means". This was typical of last week's response to the 1969 Financial Fund. Enclosed was \$15.00. Promising \$10.00 in March, another supporter said, "I am a pensioner and expenses have been heavy..." What a magnificent spirit, as was that of a number who donated and/or pledged over \$100.00. A special thanks to Victorian stalwart G.W. who pledged another \$500.00. Also to N.E. of W.A., a regular contributor of \$500.00 in recent years, pledging \$250.00 for 1969. We are sure others will take up the enforced reduction.

As we go to press the fund has moved from \$14,000 last week to \$17,050. The number of readers contributing remains small and the average contribution high. Let us have a flood of those smaller donations and/or pledges. 1000 contributing an average of \$8 each (a mere 16 cents a week!) would see the Fund filled. You still have time to make your donation a Christmas Gift, or at least a New Year Gift. Write to Box 1052J, Melbourne, (or, if in Queensland or Northern N.S.W., to P.O. Box 3, Paddington, Brisbane), TODAY.

MONASH UNIVERSITY JOURNAL RULED OBSCENE: "Oakleigh Court magistrate, Mr. R.W. Hill, yesterday ordered that 8000 copies of Lot's Wife be destroyed. He said he was satisfied that a special edition of Lot's Wife, called 'Untruth', was obscene". - The Sun, Melbourne, December 12.

Lot's Wife is the Monash University student publication. It has gained a most unsavoury reputation because of its pornography masquerading as literary talent. It was revealed in the court that 20,000 copies of the special edition had been published, and that 12,000 had been sold before complaints led to action by the Victorian Vice Squad. The increasing circulation of pornography amongst young people is a disturbing manifestation of the break-down of a Civilisation. It adds to the undermining processes of self-discipline and cohesion in society. The Communists do not permit such destructive activity in their societies.

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