

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: "Without religion there can be no morality, and without morality there can be no law." - Lord Denning.

BRITAIN FINANCIALLY ENSLAVED: "Britons face the prospect of a harsh new squeeze as the price they will have to pay for yet another international loan. The Advertiser, Adelaide, June 23. The International Monetary Fund has announced a \$ U.S. 1000 million loan to Britain, the third in four years, to help pay back a previous loan. Britain has still to pay back \$ 333 million on an original 1965 I.M.F. loan. An I.M.F. official, Mr. Dan Frost, said in a T.V. interview that the I.M.F. terms on the new loan "would be very tough". One of the stringent features of the new credit involves periodic consultations with the I.M.F. aimed at ensuring that agreed economic targets are adhered to by Britain. Here is the open admission of the supremacy of International Finance over the Government of Britain. As the I.M.F. was established as a result of the Bretton Woods Financial Agreement, which was promoted by such people as Harry Dexter White and Lauchlin Currie, subsequently exposed as members of the Communist spy-apparatus, we may now see a direct link between International Financial groups and the withdrawal of British forces East of Suez, thus leaving a vacuum to be filled by Soviet military and naval strength.

The extent of the financial burdens imposed upon the British is revealed by the stupendous rise in taxation now tipped to be increased to pay for this new loan. In 1900 the average national income per head was £300 with taxes £30 per head. In 1967 income per head was £550 and taxation £250 per head. Since then both have increased so that nearly half of the income of the average person is swallowed in taxation.

This deliberate economic warfare is designed to fulfill Marxist economic doctrines which ensure the collapse of the nation prior to complete Communisation.

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN RHODESIA? Mr. Eric Butler reports from Salisbury, where he had been based for a week when he wrote the following:

If Rhodesia's international friends are confused about what is taking place in Rhodesia, they may be comforted to know that as I write, five days before the Referendum on a proposed new Constitution, large numbers of Rhodesians are also confused! Amongst those who vote NO against the Rhodesian Front Government's proposals will be many loyal supporters of the RF. They see the proposed new Constitution as containing a type of time bomb which could explode in the future.

For my own part I cannot understand why the Government decided at this particular moment to provide their powerful international enemies with an opportunity to attack them. The Rhodesian issue was quietly being forgotten in most parts of the world, and given time would have been completely pushed off the stage of world affairs by other issues.

In spite of the usual propoganda by the British Socialists about the Rhodesian economy "stagnating", it is difficult to find any evidence of this here in Salisbury. One of the first sights to catch the eye upon driving into Salisbury is the large amount of new building taking place. The sky-line is changing. But even more striking is the almost feverish building of new homes, many of them luxurious, in the suburbs. People are moving into new homes as fast as they are completed, in some cases before they are completed. There is also a spate of flat development. Building activities even continue on Sundays. A visit to the industrial areas of Salisbury reveals that the development I have studied over past years is continuing. New motor cars are now being assembled at an increasing rate in Rhodesia. My wife has done an extensive survey of the shops and remarks upon the wide range of goods for sale. Imports from France and Italy are in many cases in the luxury class. Rhodesian farmers had one of their best seasons last year, breaking the drought, and this year is also most promising.

As a recent report from Holland openly admits that the Dutch Government is aware that Rhodesian tobacco is being imported into Holland, I can now comment on what has been taking place. The Rhodesian tobacco industry has been the major victim of the economic war against Rhodesia, but there has been a large amount of successful diversification. However, many are still continuing to grow tobacco, which is obviously being stockpiled. Encouraged by the comparatively cheap price, buyers are finding ways and means of getting it out of the country. It is no secret that a number of barter "deals" have been done, these explaining why luxury goods are available in Rhodesia at a time when Rhodesia's foreign exchange is severely limited. One cynic has suggested that the Rhodesians could regard their large stockpile of tobacco as a type of "secret weapon" - extremely cheap tobacco could be made available on a large scale, with a serious effect on tobacco industries elsewhere!

It is true that Rhodesia still needs to import certain types of production, but with every day that passes moves closer towards the goal of self-sufficiency. It is impossible for the United Nations Organisation to substantially increase the pressure of sanctions without involving the Portuguese and South Africa. There is no evidence I can see that the will of the Rhodesian people to resist has been eroded. And the threat from the North appears to have temporarily eased, with President Kaunda of Zambia so concerned with his own growing internal problems to devote too much attention to Rhodesia. There are reliable reports that tribal conflicts amongst the Communist-trained terrorists based in Zambia have been one of the factors responsible for a long lull in terrorist invasions across the Zambesi. Even the Communists find that tribal realities cannot be easily brushed aside!

The Referendum has re-activated a type of open political ferment which has been lacking since U.D.I. in November, 1965. Mr. Harold Wilson, and other enemies of Rhodesian independence, may see some hope in this return to normal open political combat. But I am satisfied that at present there is no evidence of any serious political fragmentation inside Rhodesia. It is possible to visualise a new political polarisation in the future, but even that would be within the growing mood of conservatism within Rhodesia in recent years.

STUDENT POWER MOVEMENT THEME OF 1969 SEMINAR

The International Student Power movement will be the theme of The Australian League of Rights' Annual Seminar, to be held in The Empire Room, The Federal, Collins Street, Melbourne, Saturday, September 20.

The first Paper will be presented at 2p.m. by Dr. Geoffrey Dobbs, senior lecturer at the University of North Wales, United Kingdom. Dr. Dobbs will discuss the problems of modern students, and make constructive suggestions for facing these problems.

The second Paper will be presented by Mr. Eric Butler, and examine the Student Power Movement in Australia.

The third Paper will be presented at the evening session of the Seminar, starting at 8p.m., by Mr. Patrick Walsh, Former Royal Canadian Mounted Police under-cover agent, and internationally recognised authority on Communist subversion. Mr. Walsh will expose the international planning behind world-wide student revolutionary and subversive activities.

This Seminar is a MUST for all those who can attend. Make a note of the date now. And encourage others to attend also. Tickets will be available later.

COMMUNIST ACTIVITY IN MALAYSIA: "Last week, with Malaysian security forces over-stretched along the Sarawak, Thai border and Kuala Lumpur fronts, newspapers and politicians connected the increased Malayan Communist Party guerilla activity up north with the internal political-racial tension in Western Malaysia" The Sunday Mail (Queensland, June 1/6/69). The article goes on to report that half of Chin Peng's force had crossed the border to see if Malaysians would support them with food and recruits. So, with Western collapse in Vietnam, just as the communists predicted, it seems that Chin Peng's moment has come. Defeated by the British in the late fifties, under General Templar, the Communists retreated into the jungles of Thailand. While apologists for the Communist offensive, like Dr. Jim Cairns, argue that the domino theory does not exist, it is already starting to take effect before our eyes. The stream is growing to a flood, and is sweeping past Vietnam through the rest of S.E. Asia.

1970 EXPANSION FUND

As we were pleased to report last issue, the Deficiency Fund "made it". Details will be published after the accounting has been finalised. The 1970 League of Rights expansion will be formally launched by the National Director on his return from abroad. We mention this here and now, because there have been many supporters who WANTED to support the Deficiency Fund, but were unable to do so until AFTER the close of the financial year. These people may now make their advance contributions to the 1970 Expansion Fund.

PLAN TO ABOLISH ENGLISH COUNCILS: "An inquiry commission yesterday proposed the biggest reform of English Local Government in nearly a century, with a major shift of power from London

to the Regions. The historic report is destined to change the lives of millions. It calls for the abolition of 1200 councils and the creation of eight provinces in a drastic shake up of grass-roots rule in villages towns and counties. The proposals would transform beyond recognition the present local authorities, which run much of England's public health, housing, water supplies, roads, bridges, education, police and fire services. Decades of established custom would be swept away" The Courier Mail (June 12th).

The above paragraph needs little comment. It is naked in its Fabian intent. The villages and counties of England are woven into the history of the island, and the healthier they were, so was measured the health of England. The erosion of decentralised sovereignty is a process that has accelerated both in England and Australia in recent times. The decline is a planned one. The intrusion of central government planning, the imposition of debt burdens and bureaucratic interference have all tended to make local government look inefficient. In Australia Local Government debt increased by 132% between 1955 and 1965. Having broken their effectiveness, the central planner suggests arrogantly that the people are too dumb to govern their own affairs, and the expert must do it for them. The corruption that goes with all-power is absolute.

A good example of this is contained in an article in the Queensland Country Life (June 12th) "Lack of finance available to North Queensland local authorities was the main source of growing problems confronting them. The chairman of the North Queensland Local Government Association, Cr. M. Borzi said this in his annual report last Friday. He said the present method of financing council works certainly required reviewing. While the obvious answer lay in larger contributions from State and Federal governments, no local authority would want to jeopardise its present control over individual local affairs and the right to join together when dealing with matters of common interest.." But too often the price for financial help is loss of local sovereignty.

VALE HUGH GERRAND

We have been shocked by the news right as we go to Press, that our dear friend, and stalwart, Mr. Hugh Gerrand, has died. Hugh Gerrand was one of the most intimate colleagues of the League of Rights Executive over a generation. He passed away as he would have wished: after addressing an audience on the evils of a collectivist and totalitarian policy. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his widow and son.

ELIMINATE THE RIGHT OF INHERITANCE: "Death Duties on farm estates could create "a down-trodden peasant class" in Australia, a delegate to the Shires' Association claimed yesterday. Death duty of \$77,500 had been charged on one property valued at \$200,000, he said. The family had to sell the property to pay the duty - and leave the home in which they had lived all their lives." Daily Telegraph (June 6th). This is a story which has recurred over and over again throughout Australia. It is not only an unjust tax. It is a deliberate political weapon.

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