

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: "Beyond government lies the responsibility of religion to give meaning to life. For two thousand years. Christians have conjured with the secular power, sometimes opposing it but more often embracing and being corrupted by it. Our present condition raises question whether today the leaders of Christian religions have the intellectual rigor and the moral rectitude to cope with the decadent secular order." - Major General Thomas A. Lane, U.S.A. Retired, in The Wanderer, May 7, 1970.

SOVIET MIDDLE EAST STRATEGY ADVANCES: "President Nixon has warned the Soviet Union to withdraw from Egypt all Russian pilots and combat personnel or risk battles with the Israelis and, eventually, the Americans. A Senior White House official said this to correspondents today when amplifying President Nixon's remarks during a television interview on Wednesday night.... The official said the United States wanted to expel the Soviet pilots and combat personnel from Egypt although it had not expressed any opposition to Russian advisers. He did not indicate how the United States planned to insist on the expulsion." - Sam Lipski from Washington in The Australian.

The Soviet strategists continue to win in the Middle East because the West stubbornly refuses to face the reality that the Middle East countries do not want the Russian penetration to continue, but because of their fear of an Israel supported by the United States, drives them to accept Soviet equipment and Soviet forces. The plight of King Hussein in Jordan is a damning indictment of the bankrupt Middle East policies of the West. Hussein is pro-West and strongly anti-Communist, but the West's failure to force Israel to accept the borders originally laid down by the United Nations, has left Hussein in the tragic situation where he either capitulates to those urging that he accept Soviet assistance, or is eventually assassinated.

President Nixon's "warning" to the Soviet may temporarily placate the Political Zionists, but the Soviet strategists can afford to treat it with contempt. As the famous British expert on the Middle East, Sir John Glubb, points out in a letter to The Times, London, on June 3, "Russia is not building up her strength in the Middle East to destroy Israel but to destroy us.... Israel now asks for more arms from the U.S., which will further alarm other Middle East States and cause them to admit more Russians, and so it goes on. More United States arms for Israel and more Israeli air raids on her neighbours are of immense assistance to the Russian expansion. The only answer to this situation is not more weapons, but more strenuous efforts for peace before we are all ruined."

The "peace" terms now being put forward by the Soviet are obviously designed to help ensure that the Suez Canal is opened to enable the Russians to move their growing naval forces in the Mediterranean Sea through to the Indian Ocean with greater ease. Soviet moves come at a time when it appears that a new British Government will provide South Africa with the necessary military equipment to strengthen the defence of the vital international waterway around the Cape of Good Hope. But this waterway will be rendered useless if the Soviet is permitted to dominate both the Mediterranean and the Indian Ocean.

The peoples of the vital Middle East can only be swung away from increasing acceptance of Soviet support and infiltration by a firm Western declaration that the Zionist State of Israeli must retreat to the boundaries laid down by the UN, and then set about providing genuine restitution to the large numbers of refugees they have driven from their homes. As anti-Zionist Jews continue to stress, blind Western support for the policies of Israel can only result in continued Soviet expansion in the Middle East.

BRITISH LEGACY SAVES DEFICIENCY FUND

The 1969-70 \$25,000 expansion fund of The Australian League of Rights has been saved by a miracle. Mr. Eric Butler, National Director of the League, announces that he confidently anticipates being able to make available the major part of a legacy from a British supporter. This legacy was left to Mr. Butler by a long-time British admirer of his work. The League's funds were given a tremendous lift during Mr. Butler's two weeks South Australian tour, when just over \$1100 was taken. There has also been an increased flow of contributions during the closing stages of the appeal. The dedicated Christian who saved the Fund last year also made another magnificent contribution of \$2000. League expansion continues at an ever quickening pace in all States.

BIG CITIES STRANGLE THEMSELVES: "Melbourne is too fat, too fat, too fat - it's going to strangle itself by the turn of the century. The newly appointed Melbourne University Professor of Town and Regional Planning (Professor F. W. Ledger) sounded this warning yesterday. It will double in size by the end of the century', he predicted', the centre of the city will be intolerable." - The Age, Melbourne. July 7.

Big cities with populations in excess of 500,000 have been demonstrated to be most efficient human associations. The programme of the centralisers, to rid the rural communities of their populations at an even faster rate than is the case at present, is Marxism in action. The basis of real civilisation is ready access to the very basis of freedom: food, clothing and shelter. The Marxists have always been opposed to stable, decentralised rural communities. They prefer rootless proletarians. The economic waste of the big cities is enormous. It takes a heavy toll of the best of the human values. It is criminal madness that in a vast island continent like Australia, a relatively new nation, there is a determined policy to produce the over centralised human ant-heaps which are the source of so much disaster in older nations.

Professor Ledger adopts the pessimistic view that the "urban sprawl" is not bad. But it should be "controlled" - presumably just like inflation! In the meantime Professor Ledger lives on a twenty acre farmlet near Frankston, and describes himself as "low density man". The great majority of Australians would prefer to be "low density" people, but financial policies of centralisation forces them into bigger cities which generate problems faster than they can be solved. Mr. R. A. Gardiner, former Independent Member of the Victorian Parliament, and an expert on decentralisation, will examine the excessive economic and human costs of the big cities at the League of Rights 1970 National Seminar on Saturday, September 19.

COMMON BATTLE FAR FROM OVER: "The next 18 months or so of negotiations to join the European Economic Community are going to be very difficult indeed for Britain. . . . There are several unknown factors - not the least of which is whether the British Parliament and people can be held to any agreement reached with the six-nation community, even if the negotiations succeed." - Peter Smark from London in The Australian, July 3.

In spite of the massive campaign to end British sovereignty by forcing Britain into the European Economic Community, with constant claims that it was "inevitable" that Britain must join, we have over the years reported that British public opinion was strongly against the proposal. One of the major stumbling blocks to British entry into the European Economic Community is Britain's agricultural system, and the subsidy mechanism which enables the British people to obtain their food supplies at much lower prices than those being paid in the Common Market countries. The Belgian Foreign Minister, Mr. Harmel speaking for the Common Market founding nations, has warned that nations wishing to join the Community must accept its agricultural policies. This means that the British people would have to accept a much higher cost of living. New Zealand and other Commonwealth agriculture would have to be sacrificed. As it becomes clearer to the British people that they are expected to make major sacrifices, public opposition to joining the European Economic Community continues to grow. During the recent British Elections, a number of Conservatives were elected on an anti-Common Market policy. The truth about British opposition to the Common Market is now starting to become more widely recognised on the Continent. Those "experts" who continue to talk about the "inevitability" of British entry into the European Economic Community, are engaged in propaganda, not in reporting objectively.

QUESTIONS FOR A BANKER: "The whole structure of taxation in Australia should be urgently investigated, the managing director of the Commonwealth Banking Corporation, Mr. B. B. Callaghan said yesterday. A more efficient system should be devised to raise and distribute public finance, he told the American Chamber of Commerce. Taxation in Australia, particularly of the lower and middle income groups was amongst the highest in the world." The Sun, Melbourne, July 8, in report from Adelaide.

Before attempting to devise a more efficient system to raise and distribute public finance, Mr. Callaghan might care to answer several questions: Where does all money originate? Why is it that the more a community uses its own resources, creating in the process national assets which will last for perhaps centuries, the faster the rate of debt increases? How much of present taxation and rates is used merely to pay interest bills on public debt? What is the real cost of manufacturing the financial credit which today is the major part of a nation's money supply? If, as many banking authorities

have agreed, the real cost of manufacturing and administering financial credit is no more than 2 per cent., surely present interest rates are the worst form of profiteering in the community? Why cannot the whole system of public finance be overhauled so that the whole burden of taxation can be reduced, thus striking a major blow at one of the major contributory causes to crippling inflation?

Judging by Mr. Callaghan's reported remarks in Adelaide, he is not likely to supply very realistic answers to the above questions. He reveals himself as a monopolist: "Reconstruct primary industries along world trends." The Big Idea at present is to break the back of the independent rural communities. Finance will be made available to achieve this objective, demonstrating that control of finance in a modern community is control of Government and the economy. The salvation of Civilisation requires that myths about finance be swept aside and that financial policy serve the requirements of the individual.

BOOK OF THE MOMENT: A Small Farmer Replies, by Mrs. Doris Phelps, is a most valuable contribution to the growing resistance movement against the plot to collectivise farming. An excellent example of individual initiative. Price 50 cents, post free, from Box 1052J, G.P.O. Melbourne.

THE INTERNATIONAL CHESS BOARD: by Eric D. Butler. The recent election of a Marxist-oriented Govt. in Ceylon is yet one more red warning for the non Communist world. The new Government in Ceylon has lost no time in making diplomatic contact with countries like North Korea and Nth. Vietnam. The Soviet Union, steadily increasing its influence in India, and still skilfully exploiting the friction between Pakistan and India, now look optimistically towards Ceylon to provide it with another of the naval bases it requires for its expanding Indian naval forces. The Soviet is intensifying its various activities right around the rim of the Indian Ocean.

Moscow-Peking pressure on Southern Africa continues. It should be recorded that while the dialectical clashes between Moscow and Peking make the world's headlines, little publicity has been given to the recent offer by the Soviet to provide Peking with a massive loan. The fact that Peking rejected the offer does not alter the fact that the offer does not suggest that the non Communist world can rely upon the Soviet to stand firm with them against Red China. Last month an important conference took place in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania, to decide the number of Chinese experts and workmen who will take up residence in Tanzania for construction of the railway line to Zambia. 600 Red Chinese were engaged on the preliminary surveys for the line. Coinciding with the increasing Red Chinese drive into South Africa is the move by the Soviet to establish diplomatic relations with Botswana, where there have been big mineral developments. At the same time comes the disturbing report that American money is to be made available, with the approval of American Secretary of State Rogers, to construct a communications road between Zambia and Botswana. Rogers has made it clear that he detests both South Africa and Rhodesia, and is opposed to the British Conservative Government's proposal to make arms available to South Africa. If the British Government can carry through its policy of supplying arms to Rhodesia, and can bring itself to help ease the pressure on Rhodesia, this will prove to have been one of the most encouraging international developments for a long time.

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