

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: "If you place the security of any institution before the security of the individual, you may prolong the life of that institution, but you will certainly shorten the lives of a great many individuals. Institutions are means to an end, and I do not think it is too much to say that the elevation of means into ends, of institutions above humanity, constitutes an unforgivable sin, in the pragmatic sense that it brings upon itself the most tremendous penalties that life contains."

-- C.H. Douglas, in Security: Institutional and Personal. (1937)

ARBITRATION COMMISSION FOSTERS MORE REVOLUTIONARY FERMENT: "Price rises and inflation seemed inevitable as a result of yesterday's national wage increase of six per cent., employers and an economist warned last night. Employers received the Arbitration Commission's decision with shock and disappointment. Many Union leaders and employee representatives also were disappointed - that the increase was not bigger" - The Age, Melbourne, December 15.

While there are differences of opinion concerning the extent of further price increases which will result from the latest decision on wages by the Arbitration Commission, there is general agreement that inflation will be given a major stimulus. One of the great tragedies of these revolutionary times is that so many take the short-sighted view of inflation and do not consider far-reaching implications. But the Marxist revolutionaries do understand that continuing inflation inevitably erodes the very foundations of the Free Society. It is this erosion which the Marxists are confidently relying upon to sap the will of the Free Society to resist collectivist policies within and external pressures applied by the Moscow and Peking strategists. With every day that passes it is becoming clearer that the financial policies of the non-Communist nations, based upon the teachings of Fabian Socialists, generating increasing debt, both private and public, heavy taxation, and increasing inflation, are resulting in major crises inside the non Communist nations.

In his text-book, Problems of Leninism, Stalin quotes extensively from the works of Lenin. In Lenin's Selected Works, Vol. X, page 127, we read that "Revolution is impossible without a nation-wide crisis (affecting both the exploited and the exploiters." The British have been experiencing such a nation-wide crisis as a result of the nation's devastating power black out. It is significant that the key Trade Union man in the British crisis, Frank Chapple, general secretary of Britain's Electricians' Union, received his political training in the Communist Party, only breaking with the Communists after the Hungarian uprising in 1956. Although Chapple is often quoted as the man who broke the power of the Communists in the Electricians' Union, he has not hesitated to use his power ruthlessly

against the British public in his endeavours to obtain increased wages to offset the inflation which Edward Heath's Conservative Government now finds is its Achilles Heel.

The violence engendered by the British power black-out, with some aggrieved consumers taking the law into their own hands, is symptomatic of the growing power struggle as inflation and its consequences become more acute. Inflation is a major contributor to the growth of economic and political centralisation of power, progressively undermining the stability of the back-bone of the genuinely Free Society, the middle class. Echoing the teachings of his ideological master, Karl Marx, Lenin constantly stressed the importance of centralising economic power. He wrote in his Selected Works of "the strength of small production", and that "unfortunately, small production is still very, very widespread in the world...."

International students at Marxist-Leninist training schools in the Soviet Union are instructed on the importance of financial policies of inflation and heavy taxation which undermine the free-enterprise economy. These policies are meat and drink to Marxist-oriented Trade Union leaders. There is growing industrial unrest in every non-Communist nation. In a recent address of great significance, top Soviet theoretician and member of the Politburo, Mr. M. A. Suslov, made extensive references to the "the general crisis of capitalism." Suslov observed that events had disproved the viewpoint that modern scientific-technical developments had dampened the demand of the working class for a revolutionary transformation of the "capitalist" society, and stressed that an increasing number of strikes were now taking place in Western nations. It can be predicted with certainty that further inflation and centralisation of power will result in much more critical convulsions inside the non-Communist world. The United States is facing the threat of a major internal explosion as President Nixon attempts to deal with inflation - but with financial policies which are similar to throwing petrol on to a fire. Prime Minister Heath of the United Kingdom has arrived in the United States with a warning concerning the danger of a trade war between the nations of the Free World. But trade wars stem from nations being forced to attempt to make their internal economies work by achieving a "favourable balance of trade". And they were correctly predicted by Lenin as a factor which the Communists could exploit to advance International Communism.

A close reading of this week's findings of the Arbitration Commission reveal that the members of the Commission clearly do not believe that they should in any way challenge present finance-economic conventions. The Commissioners admit that the increased national wage bill will result in some increase in prices, but express the hope that there will be an increase in real wages. It is elementary arithmetic that as most of the increased national wage bill of over \$700 million will have to be financed by debt financed credit from the banking system, and that as the debt credit, plus the high interest rate, can only be recovered by employers through prices, there must eventually be a further substantial increase in prices. Increased wage costs will not only bear heaviest upon smaller economic and political organisations, but will have disastrous direct and indirect effects on rural communities already suffering a major crisis as a result of the cost-price squeeze. The Arbitration Commission admitted the serious effect of increased wage costs on the rural community, but said that they could do nothing about this matter.

Hard-pressed members of the rural community should not be misled by any crocodile tears from Mr. D. Anthony, generally recognised as the coming successor to Mr. John McEwen in the Federal Country Party, as he has said that he believes that the Australian wage structure will double during the

next ten years. The hypocrisy of Federal Treasurer Mr. Leslie Bury may be judged by the fact that only last week the Federal Government decided to raise Commonwealth third division Public Service salaries by proportions ranging from 9.5 to 12 per cent. This makes a minimum increase of 19 per cent. for these officers over a period of 18 months. Mr. Bury has the audacity to urge "restraint" at a time when the Government blatantly does the opposite. And as the salaries of the Federal Members of Parliament are customarily adjusted in accordance with salaries paid to top Federal public servants we will watch with interest how much "restraint" Mr. Bury and his associates accept when the next increase in Federal Parliamentary salaries takes place.

It may be true, as Mr. Bury claims, that most of the increased taxation the Federal Government will obtain from increased wages will have to be used to meet the new increased costs of the State Governments. But this will be a further extension of the power of the Federal Government in exactly the same way that increasing inflation will mean that the Federal Government will have to meet an increasing proportion of doctors' fees under the national health scheme, thus paying the way for the nationalisation of the nation's medical services.

One overall result of progressive inflation, and the economic centralism it produces, is that an increasing percentage of the populations of the West become what Suslov describes as "Hired workers". These are organised into bigger and more highly centralised Trade Unions which then exploit inflation to promote a form of civil war in the form of destructive nation-wide strikes.

If the Marxist challenge is to be met, then the non-Communist nations have got to challenge finance-economic policies which appear to make the advance of Marxism in all its forms "inevitable". The financial system is a man-made ticket system, and to suggest that man cannot change the purposes for which this system is used is a surrender to materialism, to that "economic determinism" which the Marxists are confident will drive the non-Communist societies steadily towards destruction. The Australian League of Rights, in association with similar Leagues in other parts of the English-speaking world is the only organisation to challenge the Marxist conspiracy at all levels, and appeals to patriots to come forward to equip themselves to participate in the battle for survival - while there is still time for effective action.

HALF OF FUND RAISED

Over the past week 105 supporters gave the League of Rights' basic operational fund a tremendous boost with contributions and/or pledges of \$2,575, taking the total to \$12,974. As less than 300 supporters have now contributed over 50 per cent of what is required, the balance should be easily provided. Let us have one big push before Christmas. Donations to Box 17, Alderley, Queensland, 4051, from all readers in Northern N.S.W. and Queensland.

THE HAND THAT ROCKS THE CRADLE. "The Federal Government can find little cause for pride in the figures released last week by the Department of Labor and National Service, showing that one in three Australian wives are now working." The Australian, December 14.

There are those who believe that if one Australian wife in three has to work to provide the so-called "affluent society", then we would be better off without it!

To the credit of The Australian it makes the telling point, "They are working because of economic necessity and are part of the two, three and four job family situations that refute many of the Government's claims for universal prosperity..... The most disturbing part of the report is the section that shows that 45,000 women have no after-school arrangements for the care of their children aged between 4 and 11."

The economists may play with their statistics; the politicians may puff themselves up like swollen toads and croak about the marvellous "affluent society" which "they" have given us, but the harsh reality is that most wives work because they have to, to make ends meet, and worse still, the seeds of all manner of social disorders are germinating as thousands of little children are deprived of their mothers, who must tend the machine and the typewriter rather than their children.

THE TECHNIQUE OF PROPAGANDA: "An editorial in the Canberra Young Liberals journal, The Hub, says the Liberal Government should pay more attention to social issues and spend more on social services." - The Age, Melbourne, December 14.

Under a well set out heading on page two of The Age, the above appeared as the second paragraph. The headline read, "LIBERALS HIT PARTY 'OUT OF TOUCH' ". The natural reaction of the reader is to agree with the headline in the hope that someone of substance within the Liberal Party has come to his senses and is questioning the disastrous policies responsible for the Senate election debacle. But no, we are subjected to an immature distribe from a junior and anonymous editor of an obscure Young Liberal journal, possibly with a circulation of two or three dozen if the effective membership of these organisations are measured accurately.

There then follows an appeal for the Liberal Party to inflict upon the Australian people larger doses of socialism. "The Liberal Government should pay more attention to social issues and spend more on social services".

The report continues in like vein, assuring the Liberal Party that the best way to outdo Labor Party socialism is with unrestricted Liberal socialism.

The whole exercise reeks of pre-arrangement, or alternatively the desire by a sub editor on The Age to play his part in pushing the Liberal Party further along the socialist path. As a piece of irresponsible journalism it is hard to beat, but is typical of the poisonous virus destroying bit by bit the heart of the nation as each daily injection takes place.

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