"East Europe"
It’s Really Central Europe, Of Course


I view with profound misgivings the retreat of the American Army to our line of occupation in the central sector, thus bringing Soviet power into the heart of Western Europe, and the descent of an iron curtain between us and everything eastward.

Winston Churchill to Harry S. Truman, June 4, 1945.

As we said last year, the terminology here is not a trivial matter. “East” and “West,” so often used these days to designate the Communist (and hopefully non-Communist) worlds respectively, have also much older connotations. In general, “East” or “Eastern” Europe has heretofore meant Russia and most of the Balkan peninsula—including, by the way, Greece. The distinction between “Eastern” Europe and “Western” Europe has, of course, been primarily one of religion: Orthodox in the East, Catholic in the West. More fully, it has been in modern times a division between Orthodox or Mohammedan in the East, and Catholic or Protestant in the West. In the main, the line dividing East and West has for a thousand years run approximately from the central Dalmation coast to the eastern end of the Gulf of Finland. Peter the Great called his city—now Leningrad—a “window on the West,” but the West would hardly have been visible from St. Petersburg if the Teutonic Knights had not long before pushed Frankish blood and Catholic faith so far to the northeast. To the east of this line are the present-day countries of Russia, Romania, Bulgaria, Turkey, Greece, Albania, and about half of Yugoslavia. To the west are Poland, Germany (all of it), Czechoslovakia, Hungary, the other half of Yugoslavia, and a small but significant part of the U.S.S.R. itself.

Such, a bit oversimplified, is the religious—and cultural—division of “East” and “West” in Europe. In the days of the maxim, Cuius regia, eius religio (meaning, loosely, that government and religion go together), political power hardly crossed the great southwest-to-northeast line of demarcation, but the politics and wars of the Twentieth Century have vastly altered the situation. Today the principal center of power in the East—which is Moscow—has thrust so far across the line into the West as to control Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and half of Germany, all of which are totally “Western” nations. Besides these which are counted as nations, Moscow controls within Yugoslavia the component republics of Slovenia and Croatia, and within Romania the historic region of Transylvania, all of which are also traditionally “Western.” The only Soviet satellite States which can be properly called “East European” in their entirety are Bulgaria and Albania.

In somewhat less than perfect compensation for this Muscovite power raid across the East-West border, we have now the feeling that Greece is part of the “West,” as far as the struggle for the world is concerned, and that Turkey is an ally. I presume that no one is silly enough to call Turkey part of the West, though it has as good a right as any of the major Western powers to call itself anti-Communist. The business of equating “East” with Communist and “West” with anti-Communist is at any rate highly mischievous on several counts. In the first place it has a tendency to deliver indisputably Eastern areas—such as the entire continent of Asia—to Communism on a psychological platter. If “East” means Communist, and Asia cannot possibly be denied to be “East,” then Asia must be Communist. If non-Asians get to thinking that, then Asians will be more inclined to think it too. Yet the fallacy is gross. Communism is, of course, neither East nor West—it is as universal as sin and death. Anti-Communism is as universal as faith, hope, and charity. And courage. It is merely illustrative to remind you that Marx wrote Das Kapital in the British Museum in London, and that the most seasoned anti-Communist leader of history is an Oriental—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

The second objection to making “East” and Communist synonymous is that it tends to complete the surrender of those countries, such as we are here concerned with, which are at present one-hundred percent under Communist control, but which are not actually bound to other Communist countries, such as Russia and Red China, by anything whatever except force and fraud—not all of which emanates, to be sure, from either Russia or Red China. Too many Americans obviously imagine that Poland and other “East European” countries—even “East Germany”—have some basic cultural affinity with Russia, simply because they are all now customarily labeled “East European.” Not that Russia is by nature Communist. No country is naturally Communist. But Communism has been established longer in Russia than elsewhere, and in the minds of those who take Communism for granted in Russia it strengthens the presumption that Communism must prevail in Hungary to classify Hungary with Russia by calling them both “East European”—which Russia certainly is, but Hungary certainly is not. It is a propaganda disaster that the Soviet conquest of Central Europe, which was guaranteed by Allied grand

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FROM WEEK TO WEEK

Like the surviving victims of bush-fires, floods, hurricanes or earthquakes, the inhabitants of Detroit, Newark and other areas of rioting and vandalism, arson and looting in the U.S.A. must be wondering why it should happen to them. They should not wonder. Negro revolution as a tactic of Communism was laid down in the Sixth World Congress of the Communist Party in 1928, and the training of its organisers began. Before this year’s disasters began, cities were named where riots would be provoked. A detailed and highly documented account of the origin, development, and place in total Communist strategy of race riots for the takeover of the U.S.A. is contained in It’s Very Simple by Alan Stang. As this book is readily available in an inexpensive edition, it is unnecessary here to detail the techniques and provocations of disorder. What is more important is their purpose.

The Government of the U.S.A. is estimated in American Opinion Scoreboard for 1967 as being 60-80% Communist controlled—and here, of course, “Communist” refers to the total International Conspiracy for World Government, and not only to that segment of it which is represented by the Open Communist Party. Now the line we are being fed by that Government, and by Press and radio, is that the plight of the Negroes is the fault of the Whites, and that this plight must be rectified immediately by a strengthened Federal Government. U.S. citizens are being imbued with a collective sense of guilt, so that they will feel that they deserve the policed state which is visibly drawing closer. It is perfectly evident that President Johnson’s Commission to study the origin of the riots is intended simply to increase Negro discontent, divert attention from the Communist organisation of the riots, and increase the sense of guilt and give the Government still more power over people.

If one looks beyond the brain-washing propaganda which the riots have unleashed, as they were designed to do, to the underlying realities of the situation, it is quite clear that the ‘problems’ of the Negroes are insoluble except over a relatively long period of time. Uneducated adults have become ineducable; bad living habits of laziness and irresponsibility have become ingrained; slums—some having become so through the habits of the inhabitants—cannot be replaced except in years; and with the progress of automation, employment is becoming ever more sophisticated. All this is to say that the problem is dynamic, not static; it is the dog chasing its tail. On this basis, it is clear that with the best of good-will and the most enlightened of policies, the problem is one extending over a minimum of a generation, probably of two—say, something like fifty years. And every riot, with its physical destruction, adds further years to the problem.

It is not possible exactly to estimate the time-table of disaster, but it appears certain at this juncture that the point of no return lies well within fifty years, and with a high degree of probability, within the next five. But what does appear to be certain is that the position of this indeterminate point will largely be determined by the handling of the Negro ‘problem’. If it is aggravated, we are doomed; if it can be resolved in terms of economic and political realism, hope remains. For all too obviously now, the fate of the world depends on events within the U.S.A.

There is a series of interconnections among those who are now in charge of Svetlana’s affairs which, in the absence of “politics”, it may be useful to travel. The firm of Greenbaum, Wolff & Ernst represented Harper & Row in the struggle with Mrs. Kennedy over The Death of a President. Harper & Row will soon publish the confessions of Marina Oswald. Marina Oswald’s co-author is Priscilla Johnson MacMillan, Svetlana’s translator and hostess. Priscilla Johnson MacMillan interviewed Svetlana in 1956 in Russia. She interviewed Lee Harvey Oswald in 1959 in Russia. Her translation of Svetlana’s memoirs will be edited at Harper’s by Evan Thomas, who edited the Manchester book and who, we note in passing, is the son of Norman Thomas. The least that might be deduced from this extraordinary compact bunch of associations is that the raw material of these twin convulsive episodes in Soviet-American affairs has somehow managed to find itself a singularly narrow outlet. Or to put the matter more dramatically, when the stage management is this careful, it is likely that there is something more to the act.

—Regina Notes (Dublin), July, 1967.

“It now is definitely established by authoritative sources,” said U.S. News and World Report last week, “that a major Soviet blunder led to the Arab-Israeli war early in June. The Soviet government, to further its purposes, faked intelligence reports to the governments of Egypt and Syria—that Israel was massing troops to attack Syria.”


Blunder? American Opinion Scoreboard 1967 assesses Israel as being 70-80% Communist controlled—again, in the sense of the global Conspiracy. The Israelis are a highly integrated community (not in the sense that Arabs hold any positions of importance in that community), whereas the Arabs are not. It is impossible to imagine the Arab states as playing any critical role in a scheme for World Government, of which, geographically, the Middle East is the strategic centre. But it is far from impossible to imagine Israel in such a role.

The outcome of the Israel-Arab‘war’ furthered Communist objectives through an operation as neatly devised and cunningly camouflaged through all the usual channels of propaganda as history has ever recorded.

“Sen. Gordon Allott (R.-Colo.) noted recently that in-
terest on the national debt will increase to $14.2 billion in the coming fiscal year. This, he points out, is more than the combined total spent by the Departments of State, Labor, Commerce, Agriculture, Interior and Justice, plus the Atomic Energy Commission and the District of Columbia government. It is also more than the entire federal budget as recently as 1941."

—Human Events, July 1967.

The global Communist Conspiracy has many components. The components consist of chains of related events, such as Balfour to Middle East 1967; the Negro ‘problem’ 1924-1967; anti-colonialism 1942-1967; increasing cartelisation; USSR’s alleged growing nuclear supremacy; the growth of astronomical debt; increasing economic difficulties in a world of increasing abundance. If these chains of events are drawn as lines on a sheet of paper, they will be seen as converging to a point—the point of no return, where the process of the destruction of Christian Western civilisation can no longer be checked, let alone reversed. The indications are that we are perilously close—NATO dismantled in all but name, de Gaulle pronouncing Communist objectives in Quebec, the Heartland in the control of the Communists, the strategic centre of the Middle East seized, disorder in Hong Kong, the announcement of British withdrawal “East of Suez”, the no-win war in Vietnam (why did General Taylor fly to Australia?), the culminating riots and crime in the U.S.A., Cuba, under U.S.A. protection, an underground arsenal with weapons aimed at the U.S.A. (where else would they be aimed?), Soviet build-up of war capacity in ‘East’ Germany, increasing activity by North Korea, a mounting threat to Morocco, chaos in Africa, sanctions against Rhodesia, the (planned) failure of British economic measures: it all adds up to something too much for the U.S.A. (“the guardian of world peace”) to handle, or so we are supposed to believe.

Nobody outside the inner Conspiracy knows how much time is left; but the one thing left to us is to utilise whatever time there is to expose the Conspiracy, its aims, and its techniques. Quite sufficient ammunition for this war of exposure is now available. Aim high, and shoot fast.

Trouble Spots

Vietnam Toll
Saigon, July 6—A Military spokesman says that 161 American fighting men died in combat last week boosting total U.S. casualties to 11,695 killed, 69,870 wounded, and 670 missing.


Korean Spies
Seoul, July 8—South Korean intelligence officials assert that they have cracked a Communist North Korean spy ring and have arrested about 70 persons, including several who allegedly worked in the United States and Europe. In addition, 130 other South Koreans are under investigation, according to Kim Hyung Wuk, the director of South Korea’s Central Intelligence Agency. Several prominent South Koreans are among those connected with the ring. They include 15 professors, an artist, and a composer who lives in West Germany. The list of suspects also includes South Koreans living in the United States, England and Austria.

—Ibid.

Ben-Gurion on Nasser
Tel Aviv, July 8—Former Israeli Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion, in an exclusive interview with United Press International, states that “without Russian interference there would be no Mideast war.” He also says the UAR President Gamal Abdel Nasser, the Kremlin’s triggerman, “is a patriot and a statesman. But if he continues getting arms from Russia he will certainly prepare for another round of fighting against Israel.” Ben-Gurion further observes that in 10 to 15 years Communist China, armed with the H-Bomb and inter-continental rockets, will be the “world’s most powerful country”. And he suggests that only an alliance of the United States, Russia and a united western Europe could meet this future Red Chinese threat.

—Ibid.

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strategy after the Tehran Conference of 1943, should have been psychologically consolidated and, as it were, legitimised by subsequently renaming the region “Eastern Europe.” An interesting admission of the facts underlying the foregoing argument comes from a “Liberal” source, Michael B. Petrovich, Professor of History at the University of Wisconsin, and further identified by the periodical Current History (April, 1967) as “a specialist in Russian and Balkan history, (who) has been a visiting professor at the University of California and at Harvard. . . . has travelled widely through the Soviet Union and East Europe (sic!)”, writes (loc. cit.): “There have always been deep cultural divergences, which have separated the East European (sic!) countries from one another . . . Historically, Poland has been a more part of Western civilization than Spain; the border between Poland and Germany is a changing political one, but that between Poland and Russia is a cultural iron curtain of a millennium. One can hardly understand the vagaries of Tito’s Yugoslavia without realizing that the Yugoslavs have been straddling the boundary between ‘East’ and ‘West’ since the sixth century.

I cannot tell you why it seems not to have occurred to Professor Petrovich and his colleagues of the academic establishment that if Poland has been more a part of Western civilization than Spain, and if the boundary between Poland and Russia is more significant by an order of magnitude than that between Poland and Germany, then it would be intellectually convenient, to say the least of the matter, if we refrained from categorizing Russia and Poland together under the delusive rubric “East European.” And my argument applies a fortiori, of course, to Brandenburg, Saxony, and other territory deep in the heart of Germany. Such a city as Leipzig is not merely not East European, it is not even East German in any cultural or geographical sense, being some three hundred and fifty miles to the west of the famous German city of Königsberg, which is authentically East German, but is now called “Kaliningrad” and assigned (preposterously) to Russia. One of the Communists’ major victories in psychological warfare has been their success in causing to pass current the terms “East Germany” for Central Germany and “Eastern Europe” for Central Europe.

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We Rightwingers should consider the possibility that we might be wrong. Does that shock you? We should, because it is important whether we are actually right. The “Liberal,” in contrast, does not need to be right, he only needs to think that he is right; for to him it is only the thinking that makes any difference between right and wrong anyhow.
Now let's you and me do a little thinking. (Don't edit that, it's grammatically correct the way it is.) If hostility between "East" and "West" is in process of dissolving, if the "Iron Curtain" is becoming a ceremonial vestige of old days now happily past, if "The Wall" is merely symbolic—if diplomatic, consular, economic, cultural, and other exchange is now feasible between what were formerly armed camps bent on mutual destruction, would we not be egregiously destestable to stand hurling inflammatory insults at leaders and managers who on both sides are laboring so selflessly—Lyndon Johnson is an outstanding example—to build bridges of sympathy between once desperate enemies who need only to understand one another in order to love one another? When Professor Petrovich grieves that Firestone cancelled a contract to build a synthetic rubber plant in Romania "after a right-wing organization threatened a boycott," and reminds us that in recent years "Committees to Warn of the Arrival of Communist Merchandise on the Local Scene" have, by objecting to the sale of Polish hams and Czech ashtrays, annoyed the U.S. State Department, is it not high time that we Rightwingers should call ourselves to account and indeed consider the possibility that we might be wrong?

I'll tell you something. I have considered it. And I have excluded it. There is, unfortunately, no chance that we are wrong—not, at any rate, in our conviction that we are up against a conspiracy to achieve a monopoly of world power. We may be wrong in our descriptions of the conspiracy—some of us must be, for we do not agree among ourselves in describing it. The four blind men in the fable who came each in contact with a different portion of an elephant's anatomy gave widely divergent reports as to the nature of the beast. One said it was like a house, another that it was like a tree, the third that it was like a snake, and so on. But—and here is the point—they all knew they were up against something! We Rightwingers may be wrong in certain of our undertakings to do something about the situation evidently we have been, for with a vast potential majority on our side we have nevertheless seen the conspiracy prosper. But we are not wrong that there is a conspiracy, and I submit that we are not wrong that Communism is its major face, and that force and fraud even to and over the edge of nihilistic insanity are its modes of operation.

Think a minute about The Wall—about the whole Iron Curtain. Is that merely ceremonial, simply symbolic? You could get your heart cut out, your head blown off, if you tested it. Because at The Wall sudden death has struck the innocent while American power looked on powerless, this section of the mad barrier is more freshly in our consciousness than the rest; but because of its enormous, familiar, and generally neglected significance I want you to go a bit patiently with me through an itemized listing of the component parts of the Iron Curtain which partitions the Soviet Zone from the parts of Germany to the west and to the south. I am indebted to Willard A. Heaps' The Wall of Shame (Duell, Sloan and Pearce, 1964) for the following succinct description:

First there is a three-mile banned area approaching the border, which is to be entered only with a permit. Then, in order:

- High barbedwire fence.
- Protective strip with low plants and shrubs, 1,500 feet wide.
- Barbedwire fence.
- Security strip without trees, shrubs, or houses, 450 feet wide.
- Control strip for border-guard patrols, 20 feet wide.
- Barbedwire fence.
- Mined belt, 75 feet wide, with a few secret passageways. This is featured only along 200 miles of open and rural areas.
- Barbedwire fence.
- Wasteland strip of grass, 75-100 feet wide.
- Barbedwire fence.
- Death strip, plowed and harrowed, 32 feet wide.
- Warning fence, 4 feet high.

That last item, which would be the first one encountered by anyone wanting to enter the Soviet Zone (who would?), is something an active man could jump over if he didn't mind landing in the death strip.

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