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Danger

A priest who had been imprisoned for years by the communists pointed out in *The Catholic Herald* that the Soviet Leaders' visit would not do much harm in Britain, but that it would be used to discourage those who disliked them as rulers.

Lt. General P. A. Del Valle, reviewing *Betrayal*, the story of Russian anti-communism, in *Task Force* (New York), writes of the Russian opposition: "Beginning auspiciously on the cover, showing a Christian cross breaking with the light of truth the fearsome hammer and sickle of Godlessness, and ending with 'An Appeal to the Free World' by H.I.H. the Grand Duke Vladimir of Russia, which is in itself a readable and factual exposé of the aberration in the minds of the West which confuses the Soviet Government with the Russian people who are only its greatest victims, we find carefully documented, irrefutable proof that Western Governments, and especially the Government of the United States, are embarked upon a course which gives aid and comfort to the bloody rulers of the Kremlin and dashes the hopes of the Christian peoples who aspire to be free of their godless incubus. . ."

Unfortunately, our greatest danger, and one that exposes the folly of reliance on foreign countries, comes from another quarter. For the idea that those in control of America are good tolerant fellows is, to borrow the phrase of a Canadian bishop we recently printed "false as hell." When R. H. Williams gave testimony before the Territories Sub-Committee of the Senate Interior and Insular Affairs Committee on the Alaska Mental Health Bill, he quoted from a book by Dr. H. A. Overstreet called *The Great Enterprise*. The author, said Mr. Williams, "included in his classifications of insane and mentally ill, persons who have 'constellations of prejudice areas.' Dr. Overstreet added, 'A man, for example, may be angrily against race equality, public housing, the TVA, financial and technical aid to backward countries, organised labour and the preaching of social rather than salvational religion.'

"Dr. Overstreet said that all of these persons are 'we now recognise well along the road towards mental illness.' Obviously these persons are political opponents and if they are insane merely by this classification, then George Washington would have been eligible for commitment under this act if he were living today." (*Williams Intelligence Summary*.) Tyranny now parades as 'Mental Health' and political imprisonment as 'Treatment.'

"Frightening Sidelight"

The Point, a Monthly of Cambridge, Mass., draws attention in its March issue to an alarming pressure group.

"1948 was election year and the fact that three-fourths of America's Jews are concentrated in 14 key political cities, plus the fact that the Jews can always control New York State's big bundle of 45 electoral votes, has a terrorising effect on American politicians. In Truman's case the pressure was further increased by the fact later attested by Jewish columnist David Lawrence that without Jewish contributions Truman could never have financed his 1948 campaign. . . ."

"Many Americans smiled upon Zionist ambitions by way of expressing their condolence for the sufferings the Jews said they had endured under the Nazis. But for other Americans, the acquiescence to Jewish schemes was inspired by the wild, desperate fancy that setting up the State of Israel would somehow spell an end to America's own increasingly urgent Jewish problem.

"The root of this problem lay in the familiar axiom that Jews everywhere are part of a single, inseparable nation, living in many Gentile lands but belonging to none of them. 'Jews are a distinctive nationality,' said Jewish Justice Louis Brandeis, 'of which every Jew, whatever his country, his station or his shade of belief, is necessarily a member. . .'

"A frightening sidelight on the matter of steady income from Israel's non-resident citizens came in September of 1952, when a special 'Reparations' fee was extorted by Israel from the government of West Germany. Fantastic as it sounds, this money (being paid in instalments of 60,000,000 dollars per annum) is to compensate for the fact that several years before the State of Israel even existed, German citizens mistreated some fellow-German citizens of Jewish blood. The clear claim of the State of Israel in all this is that the German Jews who suffered under Hitler were not Germans at all, but citizens of the Jewish State.

"At a news conference in New York a few weeks ago, Yaacov Liberman, a member of the executive committee of Israel's powerful Herut party, announced that Jews must soon seize by force the strategic coastal strip near Gaza and the entire Arab kingdom of Jordan. . . . The prospect of American boys dying in the cause of Jewish imperialism is

hardly a comforting one."

Human Events of March 10, notes the findings of a Rabbi who visited Israel and discovered that those who went there to worship "are considered curios, with their own quarter, on exhibit for sightseers."

The writer, Frank Chodorov, carefully distinguishes Zionists from Jews, and remarks:

"Israel is only part Israel, the rest being world-wide Zionism, and it is not certain which part wags which. Until this uncertainty is resolved, peace in the Middle East will be precarious, and American foreign policy will be in a similar state of turmoil.

"Getting down to cases, what the Arabs want to know is whether the Israelis (or, rather, the Zionists) will settle for the present borders, or whether they are consolidating their position in preparation for a grab of more real estate. Peace or war in the Middle East hinges on the answer to that question."

He recalls that 900,000 Arabs were pushed out of their homes by the Israelis, and the Rabbi describes their condition as "worse than that suffered by Jews in Hitler's concentration camps."

As for the 'take' of the Zionist collecting agency, Mr. Chodorov says that "it takes organisation and methods that only callous crusaders can employ, methods that border on blackmail."

Discontent and Discernment

These aspects of American chaos, and the repercussions within the Soviet state that was founded on theft and murder, naturally produce a healthy discontent with rulers and their policies. Bribery and fear may repress dissatisfaction before it leads to discernment. But we trust that these weapons will not divert *The Spectator* which (April 6) complains that Sir Anthony Eden's "unremediable faults appear to be an exceptional lack of vision or originality and an excess of vanity." Mr. Curran in the same issue points out that "Today, for the first time, the professors are in charge of British Socialism. . . . The Socialist professors are profoundly mistaken, I suggest, if they suppose that egalitarianism . . . is likely to stir the Welfare State voter. . . . Inflation and redeployment—those are the two living issues in the domestic scene."

But *The Spectator* does not take us beyond personalities to policies. The Roman fortnightly *ABC*, after pointing out that the French collapse of 1940 was due to "centralisation and the delegation of power," and that confusion of language plays into the communists' hands, make the interesting statement that "the decadence of the traditional *élites* is nothing but their lack of courage in exercising their directive functions." What we need is the voice of *Authority* to exercise its function, a need that the Bishop of Oxford and the Vicar of Quethiock have given the lead in meeting.
H.S.

"Another Side"

"General Serov is an unmistakable reminder that there is another side to the Soviet picture."—*The Church Times*, March 29.

The Tablet, N.Y.

"It is not religion but a false terminology that is the opium of the people." (Ezra Pound).

After patient search we have discovered that a few Americans are able to get the news, not daily but once a week. This bonanza is offered by *The Tablet* (printed at One Hanson Place, Brooklyn 17, N.Y. at \$4 a year local and \$6.50 to foreign countries). The single issue for March 31 contains a clear report on the documents now available to a sub-committee concerned with the traitor "White" with a list of his associates. It reprints *The New York Times* editorial of August 18, 1948, trying to cover up White's treason, an article parallel with Mrs. Roosevelt's similar wails. It states that McCarthyism is not dead. It does not attain the clarity of the Rev. A. R. Lintell's summary of the dilemma of purchasing power not getting distributed as rapidly as prices are created under the 'New Deal' and previous obscurities, but it is worried by the situation. It mentions the cheerful item that the city of Amsterdam, N.Y. has ended fluoridation. It deplores bias in reporting from Spain. It mentions the potential evils of hypnosis. It deplores fads in Catholic universities practised to the neglect of scholastic precision. It mentions opposition to fluorine in S. Brooklyn. The format is that of a usual newspaper and presents 22 pages. It is, to date, the only means that we have discovered of getting some news not controlled by Meyer and *The New York Times*, and is well worth the price.

"One senate candidate has stated clearly that if objection to Meyer, Lehman and a few of their cronies is anti-semitism, he is ready to be called anti-semitic. The Presbyterian head of the recent church mission to Russia seemed, in his televised interview with the deplorable Spivak and co., to prefer the use of ethics on earth to discussion of life beyond the grave. Whether any British telegraph service carries these and similar items to the English one cannot make out at this distance.

"Among White's familiars we find Appleby, Baldwin, Bernstein, Bonosky, H. Bryson, Branston, V. F. Coe, Mordecai Ezekiel, I. Kaplan, Otto Nathan, Silvermaster, Pressman, W. U. Ullmann, Henry Wallace (who may be presumed to have been a plain goose without evil intentions, but all the more dangerous because of his simplicity) and Janusz Zoltowski, a Polish communist official. *The Tablet* observes that two of these characters are drawing \$18,500 from N.Y. taxpayers, and that Ezekiel is deputy director of the U.N. Food and Agricultural division. America's hope is from the survivors of the navy who knew at the time that Roosevelt was a brazen liar."
V.B.

"Futile Work"

"Dr. Matthews, the Dean of St. Paul's was particularly challenging when he talked about work—the unsatisfying and seemingly futile work which is now so many people's lot. It was, he said, the duty of Christians to be 'very critical' on this matter. The problems involved could not be left to the exclusive study of economists and political philosophers—and still less to politicians."—*The Daily Telegraph*, March 31.

"The Supreme Conflict"

Having had opportunity to read one or two copies of *Voice* I must say how delighted I am that you are "giving voice" to Christian Principles at a time when many Church leaders seem utterly fogged, or bogged down, or even speak for the other side when they say anything at all. I have for some time been thinking how lonely it is to maintain the Christian Principle which recognises personality as the supreme value (with all that robs individuals of it as evil) in the face of a fast rising tide of impersonalism throughout the world. The necessity of definite action is, I believe, forced upon the Christian conscience by the dilemma of Communism and the Hydrogen bomb (your observations about "work" as it is understood in the puritan sense reveal the full magnitude of any action we must take).

Underlying our situation today is the great fact of Communism—active in our midst and triumphant behind the Iron Curtain. The people we are dealing with have placed their allegiance to the Party above nation, family, wife or husband, health, wealth—even life itself. This is the measure of the problem confronting us, and the Christian dilemma lies in the fact that the Western world assumes our assent to the use of nuclear weapons as the basis of our defence in time of war.

The appearance of these weapons marks the beginning of a new age of warfare, the way for which was prepared in the Two World Wars. Mass destruction became accepted almost unconsciously as legitimate by the end of the last war, and the nuclear weapon makes this an inevitable part of the Western defence—quite apart from other complications occasioned by these explosions.

The point of saying this is concerned with the *principles* which the acceptance of these weapons inevitably brings into play within our minds in our whole attitude to life in peace and war. There does not seem much to choose between the principles which will liquidate men via the slave camp and other instruments of Communism, as the means to some 'glorious' end, and the principles which, in the face of a threat to her security, will liquidate men via the H bomb (and other weapons as unselective of their victims) as the means of preserving 'freedom.'

The alliance of the Church with secular, humanist principles today strains to breaking-point her integrity as never before: our guilt in this alliance is made obvious now by the fact that Christian Principles utterly contradict the declared intentions of the Western world at the outset of any war provoked by Communist aggression—and these intentions, incidentally, reveal just what the mind which rules our 'peace' is made of.

The forces of history are clearly not controlled by Christians today, and in the perplexities of the situation it is very easy to be swept into an 'other worldliness' which refuses to face the matter at all, or to be swept into actions occasioned by fear or hatred, which betray the Name of Christ.

Those elements in Western 'freedom' which made it more acceptable to Christian conscience than totalitarianism are now being strangled by this 'liquidation mind' (which simply means that devaluation of personality we also witness in the industrial mind, *etc.*:—as you point out so well).

It seems to me that the only true course left to Christians is first to accept the legitimate claims of Christ to an allegiance above their nation, family, wife or husband, health, wealth—even life itself, and then to sort out together what this implies in relation to the demands of their country and its leaders.

The supreme conflict is between 'the mind of Christ' which calls men to contemplation and union with God as the goal of life, and this 'mind of darkness' which gains ascendancy by various means even where the flag of 'freedom' is flown. It is not merely a conflict between "Western thought" and Communism. Whatever be the personal consequences of our actions this is very definitely our battle, which we must fight as much here as behind the Iron Curtain.

Graham Phillips,
Curate of Thrybergh.

American Notes

by HERBERT BRISCOE.

Needless to say the new tone in the British press, referring to Eden as a wet hen and similar laudations carries a grain of comfort to the survivors of 21 million members of the old America First party that wanted constitutional government back in the long dead 1930s. This pleasure is augmented for the few Americans who get any European news by finding the late unlamented F.D.R. referred to in the continental press as the great imbecile, belatedly confirming George Holden Tinkham's opinion of that dangerous "hysterical."

The idea of destroying the balance of power in Europe was not brilliant. Talleyrand understood geography better than the British cocktail set of the "thirties." The idea of basing British policy, if any, in 1914 on a France which had fallen apart in 1870, and been saved only by Talleyrand's long view, was not brilliant.

The Regius Professorships smothering history, and the dark-lanterns of the London School quite shamelessly falsifying C. H. Douglas's teaching, have not cemented your empire. The total neglect of such serious thought as was committed on the continent between the malignities of Versailles and the blaze of Vansittartism has been of no advantage either to England or the amateur anglophiles in the U.S.

The Republican or Bourbon party in the U.S. has, in the last few weeks, lost ground to the less refined section of the Democrats. Adlai's "New Yorker" tone has not helped him in the farm areas. The Republicans are perhaps not as scared as they should be.

Ike's remarks about observing the Constitution have not been played up as a definite repudiation of Rooseveltian illegality. Would it be wishful thinking to grasp at straws in the wind, as for example a new Commissioner for the District of Columbia being shown on television in detail taking his oath of office, implicitly NOT to violate the Constitution, "So help him God!"?

One wonders if one living Englishman in a million; in a half million has ever read that document. Possibly Lord Bryce had in the time of our grandfathers. Has Toynbee?

"It cannot be imposed from above"

James J. Kilpatrick, the Editor of the *Richmond (Va.) News-Leader*, made a useful contribution to the problem of race relations in an article called "Not to be solved on a slide-rule" which *Human Events* recently printed.

The Supreme Court ruled that segregation should end, and in view of what Mr. Kilpatrick writes the Supreme Court would appear to be reviving a problem whose solution was well in hand. As he puts it, "A host of changes, less dramatic but sometimes more meaningful, have occurred through a measurable, traceable process of evolution." He instances Negro jurors, policemen and firemen, who would have been unknown not many years ago.

But he opposes with facts the case of the interested sentimentalists. He says, "White parents, aware of disparate racial mores, ought not to be denounced as bigoted fascists if they exhibit what seems to them a well-founded concern for the well-being of their children.

"If integration is to be achieved successfully in the South, it must come from below; it cannot be imposed from above. If it is to be solved where it is a serious problem, it must first be solved where it is not a serious problem—in those school districts where Negro pupils are few. From these beginnings . . . this most difficult problem of a dual society can probably be worked out. . . . You do not work this one out on a slide rule."

"Middle Class Revolt"

"More burdens on the middle class, for the sake of maintaining subsidies which most of the population do not need, could easily lead to a middle class revolt of which there are already some signs."—*The Tablet*, March 3.

Any shuffling of burdens would of course be totally inadequate as they could always be passed back again with increment by a House of Commons that claims to be able to do anything. Solon was known for shaking the burdens right off. It is time that Authority demanded an approach to the problems of debt and taxes that should bear some relation to the facts of life.

"M. Khrushchev . . . as Secretary of the Communist Party in the Ukraine, was responsible for the summary 'liquidation' of the entire Catholic Church of the Ruthenian rite in the Western Ukraine in the Spring of 1945, after that territory had been transferred to the Soviet Union from Poland under the Yalta agreement."—*The Tablet*, March 24, 1956.

And who was responsible for Yalta? The war, ostensibly, started to free Poland. At the time of Yalta, the Soviet Union was supposed to have suffered ten or fourteen million casualties, so should not have been in a position to dominate the conference. The communists acted in the Western Ukraine precisely as anyone but an infant would have expected. The inflated "Western leaders," in fact, come out of it very badly as the facts are pieced together and so do those who have inflated them. The sop to Cerberus of half a dozen or more countries must be the most cynical act of "statesmanship" since Europe emerged from tribal barbarism. Hitler might have accepted less!

Easter Messages

The Pope in his Easter Allocution comments on "the vague sense of Christianity, flabby and empty. . . ."

"It seeks in the Christian law a mere human ethic of solidarity and a certain attitude to promote work, technique, extrinsic well-being. . . ."

"Such in particular would be those Christians who, either ensnared by deceit or crushed by terror, co-operated in doubtful systems of material progress which demand, as a complementary contribution, the abandonment of the supernatural principles of the faith and of the natural rights of man.

"The true friend of peace must know how to react to such insinuations, and be persuaded that it is precisely on the weak points of man—his pessimism, his cupidity, his envy, his urge towards unfounded criticism—that the enemy of peace exerts pressure to sow confusion in men's minds.

"It is sufficient to consider what has recently taken place in the applications of nuclear energy, about which so much is being written, and on which is being concentrated so much study, so many hopes and fears.

"And the human race almost loses hope of being able to stop this homicidal, this suicidal madness. To increase the alarm and terror there have come modern radio-guided missiles, capable of traversing enormous distances, to carry thither, by means of atomic weapons, total destruction to men and things.

"In order, then, that nations may be checked in this race towards the abyss, We once again raise Our voice, asking for light and strength from the Risen Christ for those who control the destinies of nations." *The Tablet*, April 7.

"Wrong"

Cardinal Griffin said the following in the course of his Easter sermon in Westminster Cathedral:

"So great is the pace of modern life that it could be almost nervous exhaustion that lies behind the indifference of to-day. . . ."

"To feel frustrated by financial restrictions is but an acknowledgement of the present imperfect state of human relations in industry.

"But to feel that it has nothing whatever to do with each individual member of the community, that it is not our concern and that we personally can do nothing whatever about it, is wrong."—*The Catholic Herald*, April 6.

"Mobility"

Dealing with what it calls "The Illusion of Mobility," *The Tablet* of March 3, points out that "Well-paid motor mechanics in Coventry who have all their interests and prospects there are not easily going to migrate, or enter other less congenial or well paid callings offered at the Labour Exchange." Yet this is just what Full Employment demands, for it is a policy that cares no more for the interests and prospects of the individual than does the statue of Lady Godiva.