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### Old Aims, New Tactics

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Imperialist propaganda recently has stepped up its hate campaign against Socialism, against all the democratic forces striving for peace. The chief target of its attacks are the fundamental principles upon which our new life is based and to which our people are irrevocably committed. On the whole it may be said that its aim is to undermine the conviction of our working people about the advantages of Socialism, to weaken our ties with the Socialist countries headed by the Soviet Union and with the revolutionary and democratic forces. This article does not intend to offer a thorough analysis of the ideological viewpoints of the imperialists. It attempts to show the reasons for the change in imperialistic tactics against the socialist countries, a change which asserts itself in spite of temporary relapses into the methods of the Cold War, and the main trends of imperialist propaganda.

#### NEW CONCEPT

A number of new features have recently appeared in the policy of the imperialist states toward the countries of the Socialist system. This applies first of all to the tactics, but also to the strategic concepts, of imperialism. The essence of the new political concept was hinted at by President Johnson in his Lexington speech in May 1964 and further explained by Senator J. W. Fulbright in an address given December last year at the university of Dallas, Texas. The green light was given to the new tendencies in the policy of the imperialist states toward the Socialist countries, especially discernible since 1963.

The kernel of the new tactical concept of imperialism is to be a differentiated approach to the Socialist countries, founded on the conviction of a "disintegration of the socialist system." The restriction of contacts with the Socialist countries is to be replaced by a policy of bridges to these countries. "We shall continue to build bridges across the abyss which has been dividing us from Eastern Europe. These bridges will be built by increased trade, by the exchange of ideas and of visitors and by economic assistance."\*

Johnson's speech and its interpretation by Fulbright were accepted in the West with extraordinary interest and the comments in the press and the observations of the various interpreters of the new policy were unanimous; the West is aware that new and more efficient ways of fighting Socialism must be sought. There is, of course, no change in the aims of the policy of the imperialist states toward the Socialist camp and Com-

munist; only the tactical concept has undergone a change dictated by the new international situation.

The new trends in the imperialist tactics are determined by the change in the balance of power in the world, by the constantly increasing strength of Socialism and the ever greater determination to seek and follow the non-capitalist way of progress in other parts of the world as well. An important role in this development has been played by a number of defeats and failures, which the imperialists have had in the international field and the opposition of the progressive circles in the capitalist countries to the reactionary policies of their governments as well as the growing military strength of the Soviet Union and the whole Socialist camp.

#### IDEOLOGICAL PRESSURE

The beginning of this new policy goes back to the admission that the old principles of the Cold War have become obsolete; its realisation starts with the admission that the policy of peaceful coexistence eliminates the forms of class struggle typical of the period when the Cold War was at its worst and that the Cold War is shifting more and more into the field of economy and ideology.

Senator Fulbright himself said in his Dallas address: "A skillfull use of trade and diplomacy and of the cultural exchanges can do much more for the liberation of Eastern Europe than all the magnificent but empty words about pulling down the Iron Curtain."

The close interdependence of the economic and ideological aspects is best proved by the various West European interpretations of the policy of bridge-building based on the idea of a united Europe and proposing various plans for projects and solutions including the whole of Europe, i.e. also the European Socialist countries.

Particularly active in this connection are some West German and West Berlin circles. West Berlin Mayor Willy Brandt referred to the 'Memorandum on the Relations to East European Countries' as follows: "Trade with the East European countries must not be judged on its own merits alone. It must be evaluated and checked constantly in the light of Western policy as a whole. Wherever possible, economic treaties should be combined with agreements in the cultural field."†

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\*L. B. Johnson, Lexington, May 23, Department of State Bulletin, June 15, 1964.

†Frankfurter, *Allgemeine Zeitung*, January 26, 1965.

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### FROM WEEK TO WEEK

In his column in the *Daily Telegraph* of Nov. 30, 1965, Peter Simple writes: "The penetration of the life of this country, in every particular and at every level, by disloyal agencies has probably gone much further than McCarthy would have imagined possible.

"Among all the free countries of Europe, the mind of England is most nearly in the grasp of those who have no loyalty to any country, but only to some world order of the future, whether Communist or other. Is it likely that they would easily give up such a prize?"

It is quite evident now that under the, probably temporary, cloak of the forms of parliamentary democracy, the trained agents of the international Financial-Communist Conspiracy are in full control of the 'British' government, and it is more than doubtful whether they would allow themselves to be dislodged as the result of an election that threatened to do anything more than replace Wilson with Heath, and possibly not even that much.

The most obvious use to which this captured machinery of government is being put at the moment is the driving of Christian civilisation from the remainder of Africa. Wilson clearly provoked Mr. Ian Smith and his colleagues into UDI, in order to invoke sanctions against them, as a step on the way to the conquest of South Africa as an international military objective. With that task completed, it will no longer be necessary to maintain the fiction of an independent 'Britain'.

### IT'S VERY SIMPLE, THE TRUE STORY OF CIVIL RIGHTS

By ALAN STANG

By closely examining a number of the more active Civil Rights groups, their tactics and their leadership, Alan Stang's book makes it quite clear and very simple that they are following closely the programme drawn up by the Communists as far back as 1928 to promote a revolution in the United States.

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### "And Deliver Us From Evil"

By H. R. PURCHASE

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Many people ask: "Why are things going from bad to worse?" The quick answer is Apathy; apathy on the part of the great mass of the British people, particularly the English, who, at any rate in former generations, were famous for their sound political instincts. But the quick answer poses the further question raised by only a few people: "Why the apathy?"

The answer to that is complex but turns round the undoubted fact that few people are able to see history in its true perspective, to see the blood-stained thread that runs continuously through the happenings we call history and which explains so much. This lack of understanding is not surprising in view of the way history is taught and generally written. Practically all textbooks present history as episodic and disjointed. They carefully omit mention of the bloody thread. For instance we who are now living know full well that the economic and financial clauses of the Treaty of Versailles inevitably lead to the 1939 war. We can see that Korea, Berlin, and many other points of agreement between the leaders of Great Britain, the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R. inevitably lead to the Cold War and may lead to a shooting war. Unless the principles of recording history are changed, then in a hundred years from now the deliberate engineering of such causes of war will be omitted, slurred over, or misrepresented.

There are many other problems that worry most of us. There is the break-up of the British Empire marked by parts of it being handed over to tyranny and oppression. There is inflation, obvious proof that our financial laws, rules, and regulations are wrong and the policy underlying them the reverse of what it should be. There is the current credit squeeze which has ruined some small and medium-sized concerns and of which a Conservative M.P. said: "... the Government has trumped up an imaginary threat to our economic system. . . ." There is the looming shadow of the Common Market threatening our racial integrity, and our industrial, economic and political independence, our sovereignty. There are scores of similar threatening phenomena.

Today we live in an age which is highly materialistic and in which we are losing much that is valuable and good. Those with eyes to see feel that the Forces of Evil have never been so near to success, so near to enslaving mankind. Admittedly there have been periods that looked equally hopeless and that passed away; but only due to the efforts of good men and women; Stephen Langton comes to mind.

To grasp what are the aims of the forces of evil we should answer another question. It is: "What in Christian eyes is the greatest sin?" Many would thoughtlessly say murder. But by murder we mean murder of the body, immeasurably less horrible than perversion of the mind and murder of the soul. The greatest sin of all is domination of your fellow men, the craving for and exercise of irresponsible power. This is the thread that goes through all known history and it is the only possible explanation of the present state of affairs. The human mind is precariously balanced on a knife edge. The more intelligent an individual is or the greater his personal influence on others, the greater is the temptation to seek and exercise power.

That temptation is the Evil within us. It has to be fought out by each individual. The danger to ourselves and our civilisation comes today mainly from the Evil without. The monopoly, centralisation of control, and suppression of personality which we are experiencing are the hallmark of so-called Communism. The Tyranny its leaders aim at and exercise is not possible without the brainwashing that kills the soul. In the Russian and Chinese spheres of influence tens of millions of people have been murdered but hundreds of millions are daily, nay hourly, subjected to that brainwashing.

Today we see that those who have come down on the wrong side of the knife edge are very powerful and highly organised. Political leaders are mere stooges and tools, sometimes without even quite realising it, of those wielding real power. It should be obvious to all that every country, some quickly, others slowly, is heading for slavery of mind, body, and soul. The Soviet bloc is a pilot plant, a faint shadow of what is in store for humanity if good men and women do not come forward and fight the evil policy that is enmeshing us. Although the men constituting the Forces of Evil do their utmost to remain hidden, their policy is obvious. The power of the people, if exercised against them, would brush them aside, as you can a spider web.

Since the dawn of history there has been this war between the power seekers and those who want to remain free. Are we going to surrender or give battle?

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#### OLD AIMS, NEW TACTICS

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The crux of the new tactical concept lies in the ideological sphere. Its chief goal and purpose is the creation of favourable conditions for the penetration of anti-Communist propaganda into the Socialist countries. This is the source of the efforts of imperialist propaganda to make maximal use of all existing channels to infiltrate into the Socialist countries through the press, radio, tourist traffic, cultural relations, film festivals, international congresses, expositions, fairs, etc., and to increase the number of these channels through international agreements on cultural relations having as their aim, among other things, more widespread sales of Western Press and literature, permission to set up information centres in our countries, etc.

This also applies to the method of preparing and executing individual propaganda actions and ideological penetration. Our adversaries want to know us better, to get hold of as many facts as possible, to obtain data concerning the specific conditions in our country and to acquire knowledge about the mentality and psychology of our people. In this connection it is interesting to note that the obliging services of the reactionary émigrés have recently been used less and less for the purpose of gaining insight into the situation in our countries while preference is being given to people who are in touch with the developments within the Socialist system.

The recent documents of the various official bodies of the imperialist states confirm that all steps taken by the Socialist countries in the field of internal and foreign policy are systematically registered and that anti-Communist propaganda bases its appraisal of the situation upon realistic considerations and concentrates on systematic work with a view to the future, in preference to single actions. In this connection it should be noted that imperialist propaganda uses deformed and distorted truth in its arguments rather than outright lies. In the attacks against the Socialist countries, information obtained from our press, radio and TV and from direct observation is used more and more.

#### FUNDAMENTALS OF ANTI-COMMUNISM

The importance attached to serious propaganda is partly dictated by knowledge of the danger which might result from the spreading of clearly slanderous and subversive materials. In order to safeguard the possibility of continued propaganda activity in the socialist countries most of the relevant material is today kept within limits, while the main ideological line is, of course, preserved. For this reason more weight is given to consultations with the various official bodies kept in the Socialist countries and with the missions of the State Department when bigger propaganda actions are prepared and executed. The U.S. Information Agency does not today embark on any large propaganda campaign without first carrying out a preliminary analysis on the effect on, and the probable reaction of, the population and without consulting the State Department and the U.S. diplomatic mission in the relevant area.

Characteristic of the present methods and practices of anti-Communist propaganda is the trend to act 'under a foreign flag' and to use and misuse somebody else's slogans and arguments. Thus it has recently attempted to use the slogans of peace and peaceful coexistence against the Socialist countries. The thesis of the peaceful intentions of the United States, the German Federal Republic and the other imperialist states has become an indispensable part of all the propaganda materials prepared and published in the West, even at a time when military aggression against the Vietnamese Democratic Republic and the Dominican Republic has been stepped up.

Actually the terms 'imperialism' and 'imperialist' are now considered abusive words in the Western vocabulary. Therefore, contemporary imperialist propaganda tries to accuse the U.S.S.R. and the other socialist countries of imperialist intentions and refers to 'red' or 'Communist imperialism.' Similarly it has lately been spreading the would-be scientific theories of 'hybridisation' or 'crossbreeding' of Socialism and capitalism with the aim of obscuring some very concrete aspects which have become very disquieting to capitalism and of proving that, in the end, there will in any case be a complete merger of both antagonistic social systems.

The general argument of imperialist propaganda against Socialism and Communism and their fundamental principles and values is now supplemented by arguments questioning their suitability and usefulness for individual countries. Among the specifically anti-Czechoslovak arguments in recent anti-Communist propaganda, particular mention should be made of those maintaining that progress in our country has been achieved not thanks to the Socialist system but in spite of it and, therefore, it is not comparable to the results achieved during the same period of time in some capitalist countries, for instance in West Germany, France, Austria and elsewhere.

The relatively high standard of living and culture of our people is not denied by contemporary anti-Communist propaganda. The Socialist system in Czechoslovakia is blamed, however, for causing the uniformity and greyness of our daily life with the resulting apathy of the people, etc. Life in our big cities is compared with that in Vienna, Paris or Rome. In order to give the propaganda an air of trustworthiness and objectivity, critical notes from our press, radio and TV are often quoted.

A very special place in anti-Czechoslovak propaganda is reserved for our alliance and general co-operation with the Soviet Union which has been and will remain the firm guarantee of our Socialist future. In harmony with the policy of fomenting eccentric and nationalistic tendencies in the countries of the Socialist camp, the hate campaign against this alliance and the assertion

that "the CSSR is paying a heavy tax to the Soviet great power policy" are repeated again and again in anti-Czechoslovak propaganda which maintains that we suffer heavy losses because of the terms of trade with the U.S.S.R. and the other Socialist countries and that we must carry an inordinate burden in the field of assistance to the developing countries. American propaganda tries, naturally, to present our co-operation with Cuba as one of the major reasons for our temporary economic difficulties.

#### IDEOLOGICAL INFILTRATION

For their anti-Communist propaganda in the non-Socialist part of the world, the imperialist countries have at their disposal enormous official and unofficial funds. One of the chief instruments of the American foreign propaganda, the USIA, alone employs at present some 11,200 people, 8,000 of them abroad. To this number must be added the many thousands of local employees. In 106 countries, the USIA now has 239 offices, 182 libraries, 79 reading rooms, many printing presses, radio and relay stations, movies, etc. It publishes a large number of propaganda publications and periodicals in many languages; the periodicals alone amount to some 30 million copies a year in 28 languages.

In addition to the USIA, there are many other agencies engaged in this propaganda work; some of them state-owned, some not. Among them are mammoth press agencies, radio and TV companies and various other institutions and organisations. Not only do many American firms have their own propaganda sections, but the Pentagon, CIA, the US Army commands in Europe and all the larger military formations abroad, also have them.

So far, the possibility of a direct penetration of anti-Communist propaganda into the Socialist countries is a very limited one. The present intensive propaganda efforts made by the imperialists indicate, however, that our adversaries are intent on exploiting the new international climate for chances of ideological infiltration into our countries. They don't want to miss a single opportunity.

The Communist Party of Czechoslovakia or the other fraternal Parties in the Socialist countries have no intention of preventing their citizens from contact with the capitalist world; firstly, because they are fully aware that the building of Socialism and Communism demands mastery of the best results achieved in science and culture anywhere in the world, and, secondly, because they know that all those people for whom peaceful coexistence is not just a cover for nefarious aims are interested in contact with the countries of the Socialist camp.

Together with the other Socialist countries, we implement consistently the principles of peaceful coexistence between states with different social systems. This, however, is not in conflict with our constant exposure of the essentially reactionary nature of imperialism, with our defence of nations whose freedom has been endangered by imperialist attacks, with our energetic disclosure of the treacherous ideological weapons and arguments of the anti-Communist propaganda.

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—Louis Even (Translation of final paragraph of an article in *Vers Demain*, June, 1965.)

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