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The World After Washington

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Interest attaches to the date at which the following article by Major C. H. Douglas was first published. It was 1921. It is reprinted now because of the assistance it may give to many outside our immediate circle in clarifying their ideas of the world which has to be put straight—for it is still THE WORLD AFTER WASHINGTON which we inhabit. The first part appeared in The Social Crediter of July 13. The concluding section follows:

It is necessary to rescue the foregoing statements from the damning charge of rhetoricism. It would be possible to fill pages with statistics of the undistributed output, actual and potential, of the fields, factories and farms of this country alone. It would be possible, and rather amusing, to tear to bits the latest financial bluff that we are a poor, poor country after the war and that our acres of new factories, filled with the finest machinery the World could produce—most of it adaptable to peace uses—our farms developed by the stress of demand, our stupendous reserves of motor and marine transport, didn't really mean wealth at all. But an extract from a speech by Senator E. F. Ladd, as reported in the Congressional Record, 67th Congress, 2nd Session (December 15, 1921, Washington, U.S.A.) is sufficiently illuminating. He said:—

“This country (U.S.A.) alone has resources more than sufficient to feed, clothe, and shelter the entire population of all civilised countries. Probably it would not be too strong a statement to say that with our present manpower, and material equipment, properly and effectively applied to our natural resources, we could furnish all the principal necessities for the economic support of all the people of the earth for years to come. It has been computed that we have standing room for all the human beings now living in the world in the State of Texas alone (giving to each individual 66 square feet of space. It has been estimated that California alone could furnish all necessities and many luxuries for one-half of the present population of the United States. That section of the country usually referred to as the North-West could feed the present population of the United States, with the exception of such things as are grown in tropical countries, without any great strain upon its resources, and its surplus will be sufficient to purchase these products. Taken together with the Pacific North-West it could furnish all the breadstuffs, meat products, dairy and poultry products, wool, flax, shoes, lumber, iron, steel, coal and water power, the entire country could use in the next 500 years.

“The like could be said of almost any other great subdivision of the United States, yet there are millions in this country to-day who are facing a winter of threatened suffering from exposure and lack of food. At the same time, the farmers of this country have produced so great an excess of food that it cannot be carried over by our transportation,

marketing, and credit system, and placed in the hands of consumers, even though we have employment at prices within their reach. We have ample resources of coal and other fuel to meet all needs for industrial and domestic uses of our people and more; yet many parts of the country are facing the practical certainty of a fuel famine in case the winter should be severe.”

Now, it is the fact which lies embedded in the above statement which must be grasped before any useful conception of the World Situation can be formed. The problem which is racking the world to-day is not a technological or agricultural problem, and so “increased production” is no remedy for it; it is not an administrative problem, and so Socialism, in the ordinary acceptance, is no remedy for it; it is a directive and distributive problem, and so in the truest *though not in the orthodox sense*, it is a political problem, because the direction of policy and the control of distribution are both resident in Finance.

Let no one ride off with the idea that the United States is a special case. With all her natural resources, her problems are identical in character, and even greater in severity, than those afflicting Great Britain. Apart from the fact that these islands are much nearer to being potentially self-supporting than financial interests would have us believe, the question turns on a totally different matter, which is only remotely affected by natural resources; that is, that the buying power distributed to individuals during the process of production is not available as effective demand for more than a fraction of the product.

The explanation of this apparently paradoxical fact is somewhat complex, but the fact itself is now hardly challenged by any competent authority. It ought to be obvious with this fact in mind that a country which cannot buy its own production, cannot buy goods exchanged for the unliquidated surplus, and, consequently, only the distribution of the original fraction of production is affected by such exchange. That is the position of every industrial nation to-day.

Again, the definite charge which is here made, that the energies of the working population are perverted by the financial system so that scientific and industrial progress is persistently thwarted in its task of releasing men and

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FROM WEEK TO WEEK

General de Gaulle has been reported as saying: "Thanks to me, Communism will come to France without revolution". It has come. Communism means the total subjection of the individual to the State. The most recent, and probably the best, description of its *modus operandi* in its crudest and most fundamental form is given in Hoang Van Chi's *From Colonialism to Communism**, an eye-witness account of the communisation of North Vietnam through economic levelling, terrorisation, and "land reform".

Probably not even a certified economist would believe that the wage increases 'granted' to the French workers can be 'absorbed' by French industry—i.e., not result in a rise in prices, making French goods 'non-competitive' in world markets. In fact, the increases are to be met by soaking 'the rich'—a process of levelling which is progressive until all economic power is transferred from individuals to the State. As this programme becomes effective, resistance (called by Communists counter-revolution) is likely to become apparent; de Gaulle has announced that public disorder will not be tolerated.

From a global point of view, the 'under-developed' areas of the world are to the 'developed' what Siberia is to Russia—a potential slave-labour camp for counter-revolutionaries. Accomplished industrialisation, with its promise of leisure and freedom on an ever-increasing scale, is the most serious threat to total power and total government. But global development offers the Conspiracy unlimited opportunity of providing 'employment' (slavery) for all well into the foreseeable future. That this 'development' is unrelated to the well-being of the present inhabitants of the undeveloped areas is displayed in its ghastly reality by the complicity of the Wilson cabal in the starvation of the Ibos of Biafra and its incitement to violence in Rhodesia.

There is very little visible hope left of averting impending disaster; what hope there is lies in facing the reality behind our troubles, and confronting those responsible at any level.

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Wilson and Co. are no whit less responsible for the descent of civilisation into catastrophe than was Hitler. They are theorists to whom, as Douglas said, "misery and death of millions is a grain of sand beside the working out of their designs". In the long run, of course, Wilson also is a grain of sand; but in the meantime, for ulterior purposes, he has damaged the British economy, deprived thousands of their normal livelihood, and created a dangerous situation in Rhodesia. Wilson is much too clever to be shielded by the injunction, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do". Wilson knows and, worse, enjoys what he does.

Abe Fortas

(FROM THE "CORRECTION, PLEASE!" SECTION OF *The Review of the News**, JULY 17, 1968.)

ITEM: From a *Los Angeles Times-Washington Post* wire news service as reported in the *Boston Globe* for June 27, 1968:

"Everyone knows Fortas is a very able lawyer," said Senator Everett M. Dirksen (R.-Ill), the Senate minority leader. "His philosophy is quite sound . . ."

CORRECTION: Because of the importance of the post for which Abe Fortas has been nominated, it would be wise to take a long hard look at his philosophy and accomplishments. As far back as the 1930's Mr. Fortas held various jobs in the federal government where, as Walter Trohan phrased it, "his best friends were members of one or another of the Communist cells which were fermenting under the care of Henry Wallace".

During the 'thirties, Fortas had no hesitation in aligning himself with the National Lawyers Guild, a Communist front officially cited as "the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions". As a matter of fact, Fortas served on the National Executive Board of this key Communist front. While serving as a Professor at Yale Law School, Fortas was on the faculty advisory board of the American Law Students Association. The ALSA was part of the American Youth Congress, which has been cited as "subversive and Communist" and "one of the principal fronts of the Communist Party" by government investigative agencies. Fortas was also affiliated during the 'forties with the Washington Committee for Democratic Action, officially cited as a Communist front because it was "operating in the field of civil rights under (Communist) Party domination and headed by responsible Party functionaries".

In the 1940's Fortas was a charter member of a lobbying group which called itself the Committee for the Nation's Health. Of the 168 charter members of CNH, 92 were known to be connected with a variety of subversive organizations. An indication of the flavor of this group is that it included such "notables" as Communist spy Agnes Smedley. Fortas was also an important enough member of the International Juridical Association to be a member of its national committee. This national committee included a number of known Communists, such as Isaac E. Ferguson, Carey McWilliams, Nathan Witt, Lee Pressman, Maurice Sugar and Joseph R. Brodsky. In the face of such evidence it is easy to see why the IJA is an officially cited

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Communist front which "actively defended Communists and consistently followed the Communist Party line".

In 1947 Fortas saw fit to actively support the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, three years after it was officially cited as a subversive organization because it was found to be under the control of the Communist Party. And, 1947 was also the year that Mr. Fortas went into private law practice with two of his leftwing cronies, Thurman Arnold and Paul Porter. Porter was one of the founders of the ultra-radical Americans for Democratic Action. Thurman Arnold has been affiliated with such officially cited Communist fronts as the League of American Writers, the National Lawyers Guild, the Committee to Defeat the Mundt Bill, and the National Committee to Abolish the House Un-American Activities Committee.

The Fortas firm has specialized over the years (more than a hundred cases) in defending Communist agents and other security risks who have been removed from their jobs in government. Certainly among Abe Fortas' most celebrated clients was Communist agent Owen Lattimore, one of the key figures in the famous Institute of Pacific Relations hearings. The case against Lattimore was so strong, however, that not even an attorney with Fortas' reputation as a "political fixer" could prevent Lattimore's indictment on seven counts of perjury.

Just how strenuously Mr. Fortas labored for Lattimore is revealed in Lattimore's book *Ordeal by Slander*. He wrote that the outcome of these hearings "would have been different, and more tragic, if it had not been for the firm of Arnold, Fortas, and Porter; and particularly Abe Fortas, who after weeks of exhausting work on the 'case' still had wisdom and patience left to give me counsel on the book". Mrs. Lattimore described Fortas in the book as: "another solid rock, like Joe and Betty (Barnes). I hadn't been there ten minutes before I knew that going to see him was the wisest thing I'd ever done". Comparing Fortas to Joseph Fels Barnes (who ghosted *Crusade in Europe* for Eisenhower) is most interesting in view of the fact that Barnes has been identified as a Communist agent in sworn testimony by five different witnesses!

The lengths to which Fortas went to "defend" Owen Lattimore were illustrated in charges levelled at Fortas by Charles Callas, a member of the staff of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee at the time Lattimore was under investigation. In 1965 Callas told the Senate Judiciary Committee that Fortas had pressured Dr. Bella Dodd, while she was still co-operating with the Communist Conspiracy, into making out a false affidavit used to defend Lattimore. Callas further insisted that Fortas and an identified Communist had actually prepared the document, and then had Dr. Dodd sign it. This charge has never been refuted. Won't it be nice to have a lawyer who stoops to the use of perjury as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States of America?

Abe Fortas has, alas, had very close connections with a number of other top Communist agents in addition to those already mentioned. It is a matter of record, for example, that Fortas collaborated with Communists Alger Hiss and Harry Dexter White in drafting the charter for the Communist controlled United Nations.

Consider also an exchange of letters in 1945 between White and Fortas. On January 4th lawyer Fortas, then

Under Secretary of the Interior, wrote: "Dr. Harry: I am delighted that the President nominated you to be Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. Your promotion is completely deserved and it will strengthen the Government considerably. My very best wishes. Abe." White replied on March 2: "Dear Abe: Now that I have caught my breath I want to thank you in writing for your very kind note of congratulations. It is a deep satisfaction to me to have your good wishes. Sincerely, Harry." As Congressman John Ashbrook so aptly put it: "Americans will debate for years which Government was strengthened by the appointment and activities of Harry Dexter White. There will never be any doubt in my mind, however that it was not the American government . . ."

And, those of Communist associations and Communist front affiliations do pay off for the Comrades, dear reader.

On November 22, 1963, President John F. Kennedy was assassinated by Communist Lee Harvey Oswald. On November 26 the Communist newspaper *The Worker* called for a special commission to be headed by Chief Justice Earl Warren to investigate the assassination. President Johnson assigned the task of selecting the members of the Warren Commission to — you guessed it — Abe Fortas. The Commission, naturally, absolved the International Communist Conspiracy from any complicity in the event.

What Senator Dirksen called the "sound philosophy" of Abe Fortas is also revealed in Mr. Fortas' repeated and vigorous adulation of Canadian Marxist Brock Chisholm, first Director-General of the World Health Organizations, an agency of the Communist controlled United Nations. This is the same Chisholm who in 1946 delivered a series of lectures on mental health which included a biting attack against the concept of morality, a concept basic to American law. Chisholm said he believed that the goal of psychiatry should be: "The re-interpretation and eventual eradication of the concept of right and wrong which has been the basis of child training . . . If the (human) race is to be freed from its crippling burden of good and evil it must be psychiatrists who take the original responsibility . . . The people who have been taught to believe whatever they were told by their parents or their teachers are the people who are a menace to the world." Yet Mr. Fortas has had nothing but praise for Chisholm's ideas, expressing his own conviction that, "Freedom from moralities means freedom to think and behave sensibly". That's the Fortas philosophy that Dirksen says is "quite sound".

Perhaps now it is easier to understand how "amoral Abe" could have associated with some of the sleazy characters he did. For in addition to his intimate associations with so many Communists, another of his clients was LBJ's protégé Bobby Baker. Baker was involved in many shady deals, even compromising our national security by providing call girls for top government officials. At least one of those call girls also paid regular visits to the embassy of a government unfriendly to the United States.

Of course, everyone remembers Fortas' frantic attempts during 1964 in pressuring publishers to hide the fact that Walter Jenkins, for years one of President Johnson's most intimate aids, was a homosexual who had been arrested

on more than one occasion for perverted escapades. Bear in mind that if the amoral Mr. Fortas had been successful in keeping this information from the public, Jenkins would still be in the White House.

Finally, a glimpse at the way Fortas has voted on significant decisions rendered by the Supreme Court gives us additional cause for concern. In the famous confessions case of *Miranda vs. Arizona*, the decision on which was handed down in June of 1966, Fortas cast a key favorable vote in the 5 to 4 tally. That decision has made the use of even freely-given confessions virtually impossible, and has in fact forced courts to release admitted felons all over the nation.

You may also recall the *Robel* decision rendered by the Supreme Court last December which says in effect that known Communists cannot be prevented from working in defense plants. There Mr. Justice Fortas voted with Chief Justice Warren on the basis that although *Robel* was a Communist, the government could not bar him from defense work if he were a "passive" Communist! Gus Hall, general secretary of the Communist Party, U.S.A., hailed the decision as "a major victory for all trade unionists and shop workers".

In spite of Justice Fortas' horrendous record, Senator Dirksen has the effrontery to claim that this political crony of Lyndon Johnson is qualified to set as the highest judicial officer in the United States. But Dirksen has consistently gone out of his way to help his buddy, LBJ. He is so enamored with the President that on December 5, 1967 he said: "I always liked the President so much, even when he was Senate majority leader, that I could eat him." Ah, Senator Dirksen, if you only would.

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women from the bondage of purely economic production, is not made on the ground of any abstract or doctrinaire theory of "right", or "justice". On the contrary, all such ideas belong to the static world beloved of the Doctrine, whereas our hope lies in Social Dynamics. In plain English, that means that when, say, Professor Soddy, is engaged on critical investigations connected with the structure of the atom, it is absurd that he should not have someone to black his boots if that is the only way to get them blacked. But it is equally absurd that any human being should black his boots if the work can be well and conveniently done by a quiet little machine operated by the tide in the Bristol Channel.

And the outcome? Well, War, Murder, Inconclusive Revolution, Chaos—or a change in the Financial System. The strategy of Wall Street and branches is plain enough and sound enough *in vacuo*—in an abstract world in which all the factors are "given". It is to support and stimulate all movements which attack private, personal, and individual means of livelihood and consequent liberty, by the steady inculcation of the idea that economic "work" is the only title to life ("Down with the parasites!"), and the devising of means to sabotage production and raise prices, and so maintain and enhance the illusion of scarcity. ("We are a poor country after the war—only hard work and economy can save us.")

Carried to a successful conclusion this results in bringing the world under the sway of the purveyors of Employment.

At the same time, with the aid of the same plea for economy, and by the exercise of financial pressure, steps are being taken to force the reduction of armaments in every country, so that only a highly specialised naval, military, and aerial caste, trained to rigid obedience, and with a strong class bias, shall retain the determinant of armed force. By the control of credit, which controls policy, the local, omnipotent police forces thus formed, will be at the behest of the money kings; and one squadron of bombing aeroplanes will be happy to show any social or industrial malcontents what's what.

It is not a negligible scheme, but it is not so good as it looks, by reason of its dependance upon time. Much of the best talent in the world is in those ranks of society equally removed from great wealth and that utter submergence which makes intelligent action almost impossible; and many of the individuals possessing it are feeling the pressure of the policy while not yet entirely disarmed. Out of these, technicians, professional men, and others, action may come. High Finance will not have a complete walk-over.

The methods by which the great and final effort to subordinate Humanity to a system—to make men the slaves of machines rather than machines the servants of men—can be effectively countered are technical matters for experts and so out of place here. But they are known. It may be well to point out that the ballot-box has very little to do with them.

Governments, Cabinets, Ministers of State, are administrators, not originators of policy. The battle cries of the hustings do not touch the questions of credit-control and price making, nor does the mechanism exist at the moment by which the political democracy could be made effective on such issues. Similarly, when elected, the "representatives" of the people can vote on a machine-made issue, or can abstain from voting, but it is elementary knowledge that none of them can create a live issue and keep it alive against the "interests".

Let it be repeated—you do not capture policy by capturing administration, but you do acquire control of administration if you are in a position to impose policy.

There is no time to lose. The easy method of delegating someone else to pull the hot chestnuts out of the fire is not going to meet this emergency. If, however, the manufacturers, traders, engineers and professional men of Great Britain could be persuaded to stop repeating the optimistic sentiments served out to the Press from the Bank Parlours, and would look facts in the face, as the English of Elizabethan days looked a very similar situation in the face, then there might be just enough time.

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