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Communism Gains Ground In Under-Developed Nations

BY WALTER LIPPMANN

At the beginning of the new year, there are those who think that our position in the cold war has improved and that in the end all will be well if we stand firm and persevere. They think that time is on our side. On the other hand, there are those who think that the balance of military power is turning against us, and that in the under-developed regions of Africa, Asia, and South America, the tide is running against us.

not on our side unless we make a prodigious effort in armaments, in the development of our own economy to support them, and in a demonstration that there is a way, other than the Communist way, by which the under-developed nations can overcome their weakness and master their poverty.

WHERE WE STAND

I shall leave to others, who are more expert in these matters, the problem of what should be done. I should like to define the central reason why, as things are now, the West is losing and the Communists are winning.



Living Standards Soor . . .

the contest in the under-developed countries.

ern countries of North America and Western Europe and Australia are growing richer while the under-developed countries, outside the Communist orbit, remain in dire poverty and backwardness as they are advancing, are moving very slowly. It is in this factual situation, it is in this sad, that Communism is expanding. For the Soviet Union has succeeded in demonstrating that there is a way, other than the Communist way, by which a country can be raised by its own bootstraps.

COMPARING WEALTH

A few figures, which are generally accepted as approximately correct, will make concrete the nature of our problem. There are, roughly speaking, about 400 million people in Western Europe, North America, and Australia, and they have, measured in 1949 prices, an average income per capita of not quite \$800 a year.

In the under-developed countries, excluding Red China, there are about 1,000 million people and they have an average per capita income of about \$60 a year, which is less than one-tenth of the average in the West.

ONLY THE BEGINNING

But this is only the beginning of the story. It is obvious that this enormous gap can be narrowed only if the backward countries are able to use modern technology in agriculture, mining, and industry. But to use this modern technology there are needed technically trained men and capital. The technicians can be trained from backward countries, but where is the capital to come from?

SHARP CONTRAST

Now in the West, we are able to save and invest productively about 10 per cent of our income per capita per year. That comes to an average of about \$90 invested per person in new plant and machinery. That is why Western countries are growing richer — as a matter of fact at an average rate of 2 per cent per capita per year.

... In The 'Wealthy' West

But that \$90, which the West is able to save and to invest, is more than the whole income of the average person in the under-developed countries. That is why they remain poor and are unable to do much about their poverty.

STALINISM

This is the point at which the Communist challenge really becomes so formidable. For communism, as practiced in the Soviet Union, has proved that it is a more powerful and ruthless enemy than the capitalist system. The capital required for the new technology can be extracted from the work and the sacrifices of the people themselves.

The tyranny of Stalin and of Mao is in its essence the method of capital formation of a backward people which does not have the capital markets of the richer countries. Therefore, to avert Stalinism of one sort or another in the under-developed countries, it is imperative that the West provide and lend the capital needed for the transition from backwardness to the modern technology. If the richer nations will not or cannot do this, they must expect in the end to lose the contest for influence, which we call the cold war.

LOOK AT IRAQ

Let us be warned that while it is imperative and essential to maintain the balance of military power, Communist expansion in the under-developed countries cannot be contained by military means. If anyone doubts this, let him look at Iraq, which on the map is protected from the Soviet Union by the containing wall of Turkey and Iran. Yet it is obvious that Iraq cannot be protected against communism merely by standing firm in Turkey and Iran.

People's Platform

Improper Lights Are A Highway Menace

Charlotte
 Editor, The News:
 While driving along U. S. Highway 74 a few nights ago, I noticed a great number of cars with poorly aimed lights — headlights and dim. The newer model cars seem to be the most at fault.

Isn't this a dangerous thing — to have lights that, even when dimmed, will blind the on-coming traffic?

Shouldn't a safety program be initiated in North Carolina to have the lights of every car checked and properly aimed? Let us aim our lights for greater safety on the highway.

—DONALD L. NEWMAN

Keep Asking Them If They're Commies

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 STRANGE brainwork was your editorial of Dec. 30 applauding the possibility that University of North Carolina job applicants may not have to continue to answer if trustees approve the question on application forms to whether or not they are Reds or fellow travelers. You hold that the question is a "silly" question which has answered affirmatively, and therefore the question should be dropped.

I wonder how many taxpaying North Carolinians think it silly to include that question on the application form of anyone whose compensation they are to pay. I wonder how many parents think it is silly for UNC trustees to take at least simple and basic measures to have their children taught by professors and instructors who believe in the libertarian American system, as opposed to the totalitarian Communist system. I wonder if any of our thinking people would be so stupid as to let a subversive Communist and fellow traveler on any campus in America know the meaning of academic or intellectual freedom.

Through some of these articles we have had hundreds of calls to this office and many dissatisfied customers have been made happy.

A. Y. HAMRICK
 Secretary-Manager
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Mr. Mole Is Back In Town

By JOSEPH ALSOP
 Wise men constantly warn against too strong attachments to material objects, and no doubt this is sound doctrine. But even a Buddhist monk must develop an affection for his own, his very own begonia, at least after he has entered middle age.

For those with a jack-of-all-disposition, moreover, the objects they accumulate have commensurate value. That bronze recalls Siam in wartime, when the water lilies in the courtyard and the Japanese were almost at the gates. Those condolettas are symbols of the stirring days in Paris when the Fourth Republic decided to climb into the grave and had carefully dug for itself. In short, such things are not merely the furniture of one's life. They are even a kind of summary of one's life, richly but comprehensively recording failures and successes, bad moments and good in the matter of knots in the old Peruvian quipus or string-tally.

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These reminiscences are certainly a rather peculiar substitute for a serious political report. But this is the New Year. After Baghdad and Cairo, Beirut and Berlin, Amman and Paris, this reporter has just got home again, feeling precisely like the mole in the book. Instead of a grim analysis of the past year's grim events, the grim forecast of the grim challenges of the next

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They have also brought in additional administrators, coordinators, and advisers who, in turn, are surrounded themselves with assorted assistants. They have introduced new procedures, created new committees, started new studies. For we implore that the size of the bureaucratic empire they can build up.

More Paper Work

All this has added to the paper work which has slowed down rather than



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Who Is The Council Trying To Kid?

THE City Council is guilty of outrageous piousness on the question of unionized policing.

It is "against" Jimmy Hoffa's Teamsters who isn't? It is like being against boll weevils, Asian flu, and the common house fly.

But on the central question—whether it would give aid and comfort to a policeman's union of any description—it is shamefully silent.

This is unfortunate as yet the least. Charlotteans are not likely to stand idly by their policemen are taken in tow by Hoffa's Teamsters or any other labor organization.

The reason should be obvious. A policeman's role is too sensitive, too dependent upon complete impartiality, to be laid to union pressures.

His allegiance is to the public, the common good, the general welfare. It is not fair to him or to the public to tamper with his essential neutrality and force him into a compromising position. Hoffa could reasonably be expected to perform his duties properly and in good conscience when there would always be

the risk of jerking puppet strings from afar?

If the city cannot properly resist some other union from taking over the police department then it is not likely that it could resist the Teamsters. The Council's present attitude is in reality a subtle acceptance of any union that chooses to move in. Who is it trying to kid? Certainly not organized labor's leadership.

It is true that other municipal departments have been unionized. This is not the problem at hand. But complicates the problem at hand. The presence of unions in less sensitive departments is hardly reason to expose a law enforcement agency to improper influences. Of all the city's employees a policeman must be protected from even the remotest possibility of outside pressure if he is to perform his duties properly and receive the respect of the community at large. The dogma and disciplines of trade unionism are not for him.

The City Council ought to recognize that if it does not act will be serving the community's best interests — and those of the police department — poorly.

Castro Better Grab Hold While He Can

IMMEDIATELY upon his arrival in Ciudad Trujillo, Dominican Republic, exiled Cuban President Fulgencio Batista collapsed into a chair in a hotel coffee shop. Sipping his java, he sent his best wishes to Cuba.

He showed no bitterness, reporters said, over the revolution which struck like a summer thunderstorm and drove him out of Havana along with his subordinates and generals. Maybe Batista is casual because Latin American revolutions are themselves casual, thus not galling to those thrown out of power. Maybe Batista admits to himself, though no public action has revealed it, that something was rotten in Cuba. Or maybe the sand and sea of his mansion at Daytona Beach, Fla., is more inviting than the Havana presidential palace which Castro could haunt from a distance.

So far he has left an empty house behind. Rebel leader Fidel Castro has his foot in the door, but even he does not fit the picture of the modern-day radical revolutionary. He is a relic from the band of middle class professional men who began the French Revolution in 1789 — a law student, son of a wealthy planter.

Castro will do well to make sure he is not caught in the dilemma of his revolutionary forebears of 1789 France, who learned what Macbeth meant by "bloody

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From The Washington Post & Times Herald

GIVE US THIS DAY

What hath this day deserved? What hath it done? It is like being against Golden letters should be set among the high tides of the calendar? —SHAKESPEARE.

IT used to be easy to answer Mr. Shakespeare's question with promptness and precision. One merely had to flick through a 43-page booklet listing 400 special days, weeks and months and know exactly whether it was Old Maid's Day or Krout and Frankfurter Week. But, alas, all may be confusion now. The United States Chamber of Commerce has decided that it has no time for such frivolous stuff and beginning this year it will cease publishing its little compendium of days which various manufacturers and publicists wish us to remember.

This is indeed a worrisome event. It means that American people may in blithe ignorance eat shrimps eggs on Pancake Day, imbibe in vodka on Temperance Day and think small thoughts during Large Size Week (this last is to promote sales of "large, economy sizes"

in chain drugstores). Heaven knows what may happen during "Cling Peach Salad Time or May Day Health Week."

The fate of the Chamber's catalogue of days is still undecided and there is a chance that a commercial printing house in Flint, Mich., may continue to issue the booklet to remind us that we are amenable. Expectations Father's Day or Honey for Breakfast Week. But gentlemen, the calendar is growing already. How about a year without any days at all to give us all a needed respite? Then we could return with renewed spirits to the observance of National Laugh Week and Idaho Potato and Onion Week. After all, was it an accident that the announcement of the Chamber's decision came in the edition published on Thanksgiving Day?

"I'm not wealthy and I don't have a yacht and a convertible like Jerome Green," apologized the suitor. "But darling, I love you."

"And I love you, too," replied the girl. "Now tell me more about Jerome." —FORT MYERS (Fla.) News-Press.