Communism—not just Russia—is our real enemy



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LENIN, the anti-Christ, prophesied that Europe would go Red at both ends. Twenty years ago Spain waded through blood and showed a duped world that the Russian prophet had underestimated the virility and vitality of the Christian spirit. One end of Europe rejected Communism in its totality, and postponed the destruction of Western civilization. America did not realize the implications of the Spanish tragedy. The vocal liberal mob made sure of this. And for the past two decades the intellectual hoodlums, who police American public opinion, have slandered and spurned the Spanish Christian people and befogged the main issue of the Spanish Civil War. Spain

saved one end of Europe from Red domination as she had rescued it centuries ago from the menace of Islam.

At the other end of Europe stands Hungary, proud of her Christian heritage, and conscious of the fact that her people, under John Hunyani, had checked the Islamic anti-Christian onslaught on Eastern Europe five hundred years ago. In 1956 Hungary stood, as she stood in 1456, alone. The communist tanks were slaughtering a brave people, they were battling the Christian spirit which the Hungarian people still believe is worth dying for.

Shortly before the Budapest massacre, the American people were whirling in the Geneva spirit, dancing to the Communist tune of co-existence. George F. Kennan and the liberal "experts" were telling us that we should be realistic and accept the communist map of Europe as permanent. They, like the Reds, were surprised to see men, women and children throw their lives away in defense of human rights in the squares of Budapest.

The depth of our moral slumber was illustrated by our reaction. Momentarily we were indignant. But without shame, we watched the United Nations fumble in doubletalk; we meekly said it had a double standard of morality. That moribund body is bankrupt of all

Christian morality—it is no more and no less than a compromised public-relations debating society.

For two decades the role of Spain has been ignored because the Communists wanted it ostracised. The Hungarian slaughter went unpunished. Why? Because we are not really opposed to Communism; we are simply opposed to Russia as a world power. The meaning of Budapest was lost on us. Secretary Dulles stated that we do not encourage armed revolt within the enslaved nations, that the United States will not give military assistance to such people. This is tantamount to saying that the United States no longer believes that the dignity of the human person is worthy of the greatest human sacrifice.

Dulles believes in a quiet evolution from tyranny to freedom. But, of course, he has no idea how this is going to come about. Neither has anybody else. It is nonsense; but it was accepted by the American people, who have been twisted into the belief that Communism without Russia is an acceptable thing. America is not fighting Communism but Russia, which happens to be a communist nation.

THE AMERICAN people are sheltered from the main issue by the self-appointed horde of miseducated educators and newspaper philosophers. Many of these are

more to be pitied than blamed: they have no consistent philosophy of their own and are in no position to understand the dreadful implications of the communist creed. Had Senator McCarthy been less a man and confined his criticism to Russia, he would never have been hounded down. His great and unforgivable sin was that he opposed Communism everywhere, in all its shapes and forms. The mob that slandered him to an early grave, is not opposed to it. They are now peddling a new dope: "national" Communism.

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America is subsidizing the despotism of Tito and hastened to bolster the Gomulka regime. We are duped into believing that the Yugoslav and Polish form of Communism is a new and better brand. It is the same evil product, packed in colored cartons with the approval of the patent-holder-Russia. If Tito renounced the communist cult, do you believe he would be allowed to exist? He would not. Tito may differ in minor points of Russian policy for his own ambitious reasons, but he does not renege his allegiance to Communism and its ideals. He exists because Russia can trust him as a diehard Communist. Gomulka is assured of a lease of life for the same reason. Had Tito or Gomulka wavered like Nagy, they would have been ruthlessly pushed aside.

Unlike Tito and Gomulka, Kadar is unlikely to sell his brand of

"national" Communism to us—at least not at present. But the day will come when we will be stampeded into subsidizing the Red Hungarian regime. Kadar has shown his cards, the blood is still on his hands. But if that monster can beat the spirit of Hungary into pulp, and can choke the voice of human freedom into a dying whisper, we can expect the following to happen:

A party coup d'etat will replace Kadar with a lesser known criminal, who will utter a rehearsed criticism of the Moscow-line.

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Russian troops will be requested to withdraw, and will oblige.

After an international build-up, the new despot will be presented as the new and better type communist, more patriot than communist. Then the liberal horde will howl indignantly for American aid to bolster Hungarian "economic independence" from Moscow.

We have not yet realized that Communism is a Godless religion. That is the source of its energy, the secret of its lure. Communism will survive the present Russian state, and will flourish wherever minds are muddled and souls are barren. It will thrive in all lands

where natural and supernatural law has become a mere relic.

THE OLD American way of life had Christian roots. In the past the energy and spiritual drive of our culture was nourished by the religious idealism of sectarian Protestants. But that cultural force is dying, almost dead, compromised into a state of anemia. Today American religion has forfeited much of its supernatural faith; its philosophy has been shorn of its rational certitude. All that remains is a vague moral idealism and a hazy emotional philosophical optimism. Christianity has been clipped to suit our materialism, and in approaching days we can expect the deluge. We are ill-equipped to recognize the insidious nature of Communism and our blindness is our weakness.

The religion of Communism, under another name, will claim the souls of many of our children. History will not blame them, for they are now being betrayed. We, who rightly oppose the expansion of Russia, have refused to believe that Communism is more terrible than Russia, that it is religion without God.

The phrase "giving him the cold shoulder" dates back to a medieval custom in French chateaux. Honored guests were served hot-meat dishes, but when they over-stayed their welcome or became otherwise unpopular their host literally gave them a "cold shoulder" of beef or mutton.

A Joy Forever are the Service Wives who can take their Military Men with a loving sense of humor, and the tasks their husbands have to do with grace and understanding. Here, hiding behind a pen-name, we give you the amusing thoughts of the wife of a Colonel in the U.S. Marines. "The military," she says, "does not pride itself on training a husband, but it is pretty cocky about turning out a man." . . . To which we, at The Mercury, would like to add: "The U.S. Marine Corps is pretty skillful in selecting its wives!"



Military Men Make Miserable Husbands

Under NEATH that uniform is a man sliced neatly in half. One half belongs to you and the other half belongs to the Service. What mixes you up is that your half is so often abruptly sent off with the other half that you have no husband at all.

Being halved like a melon is confusing to a man. Sometimes he gets the halves turned around and gives your half to the commanding officer, who doesn't want it at all, and brings home the commanding officer's half which causes all sorts of disturbances around the house.

It's difficult for a man used to giving orders—and taking them—

to make a request or receive one. Do it, he says. Yes sir, he answers. You have to stop a minute and wonder if he means you. It's like the first time he sprang a surprise inspection of the kitchen and didn't realize he was at home until he saw beer in the icebox. The wife of a military man must remember that if he wasn't exactly brainwashed during his four years at Annapolis or West Point, he was doused up and down in the suds until he has a high-water mark. He's your husband but he is also a leader of men.

The insignia of rank he wears on his shoulder bars is just as bind-