

the Soviets

SECOND FRONT

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SOMEONE has said that many great wars have been lost because the leaders fought the wrong war in the wrong place at the wrong time. That is what we are doing here. And that is why we are losing the only war in which we are involved that is worth winning.

As a matter of fact, there is no effectively organized force in the United States even remotely interested in fighting the war to which I refer. Certainly the Democratic Party is not, and certainly President Eisenhower is not. He is heavily committed to fighting the Communist menace in Europe and Asia. He has soldiers all over the seven seas for this purpose. But so far as I

know, he has not a single soldier in America armed to fight it with the only weapons that have any meaning.

What is the Communist threat in America today? It has two objectives. One is to support the aims of the Communist world in Europe and Asia. The other is to make the United States into a socialist society. We have at last succeeded in alerting the American people to the Communist spy who inserts himself in some sensitive spot in our government to collect unguarded secrets for Russia and to influence policy in Europe and Asia in favor of Russia. But the Communists have another objective. That is the spread of socialism here in this country. Any

American citizen or organization who promotes socialism here is, whether he knows it or not, promoting the second great aim of Russia in the United States.

There are, of course, differences between socialists. There are socialists who seek to bring socialism into effect gradually, and fondly imagine they can operate it by democratic methods. There are some who want total socialism; others who seek to socialize merely a large sector of the system. There are some who believe it should be done gradually and others who think it can be done more effectively by swift, violent, revolutionary action. But all are agreed on the one great central aim — namely that the all-powerful state must assume total authority over the economic system.

THE Soviet government is a socialist government. Russia's official title is "The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics." The bible of all socialists, including the Russians, is the *Communist Manifesto* of Marx and Engels. When it was written, a question arose as to whether it should be called the Socialist Manifesto. But Engels urged that the word "socialism" had gotten associated at that time with such crackpot little Utopias as Brook Farm, and they did not want their movement confused with that. They adopted the word "Communism" for what today we call socialism. C. D. H. Cole, the British socialist

writer, tells us that the only difference between what is called socialism in England and Communism in Russia is a matter not of principle but of tactics. The Communist has two war zones. One includes the promotion of Russia's international objectives. *The other is the promotion of socialism in the United States.*

Once upon a time we had an American Socialist Party, led by Norman Thomas. It called itself a Socialist Party and made an honest appeal to voters for socialism. But the Socialist Party has disappeared. The socialist label has no sales value. Now the socialist cause is carried on by wholly different groups. They promote the socialist revolution in America under a banner labeled "anti-Communist."

We do not fight with any degree of understanding or energy or success these new-style socialist revolutionaries who labor everywhere to introduce socialist institutions here, which is precisely what the Communists wish. To begin this fight is the greatest task before American statesmen and American patriots now — infinitely more important than wasting our substance in a futile struggle to save what still remains on the continent of Europe outside of Communist authority. Now let us see and measure this revolutionary threat in America.

Eugene Debs and Norman Thomas tried to sell socialism to America. They failed because they labeled it socialism. Debs once

polled nearly a million votes and Thomas nearly 900,000. But that was high tide in 1932. In the 1936 election Thomas got only 187,000. That was because other socialist forces under a different and slicker leadership had found a better way. The leader in this movement was Sidney Hillman, head of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America — a heavily pro-Communist union. He was joined by David Dubinsky, head of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, which was heavily socialist.

Hillman formed a new party — the American Labor Party. His plan was to create one big stockade in which he could corral a great variety of Communist and socialist votes. With this weapon he could black-jack the Democrats in New York into nominating candidates of his choice. In 1938, this coalition of Communist and socialist votes proved its power. Dewey got 2,302,000 Republican votes; Lehman got 1,971,000 Democratic votes. But Hillman and Dubinsky gave Lehman an additional 409,979 Communist and socialist votes and made him governor. In 1940, Republican Willkie had 171,000 more votes than Roosevelt got from the Democrats. But the Hillman-Dubinsky combination gave Roosevelt 422,518 additional votes — enough to wipe out the Willkie lead and give Roosevelt New York's electoral vote.

By 1944, the socialist group began to resent the domination of Moscow

and split from the American Labor Party to form the Liberal Party. However, they voted alike in the elections. In the 1944 election, these two groups gave Roosevelt 825,235 votes in New York — enough to wipe out Dewey's majority over the Democrats. From this point on, the Democratic Party in New York State has continued as the prisoner of these Communist and socialist armies.

This was true in other states, but the precise size of the Communist and socialist minority cannot be fixed because in states like Connecticut, New Jersey, Illinois, Pennsylvania and others, the left-wing leaders operated inside the Democratic organization. It is a fact of startling significance when we realize that Harry Truman was told by Roosevelt in 1944 that to get the nomination for Vice-President which ultimately made him President, he had to "clear it with Sidney [Hillman]." Indeed, every important decision of the Democratic Convention in 1944 had to be, by Roosevelt's orders, cleared with Sidney. No one can refuse to recognize the great hold this collection of socialist and Communist revolutionists got on American policy.

BUT, even more important, the socialist Liberal Party got from Stuart Chase and George Soule early in the New Deal days a new name for socialism. They called it the Planned Economy. This was a

stroke of salesmanship genius. It thus became possible for professors and journalists to adopt the great cause without the stigma of Marx on the label. After all, what could be more appealing to the practical-minded American than an economic system rationally and wisely planned?

But these men did not mean a planned capitalist system. They meant a planned socialist society. This rational and persuasive brand label made it possible even for some luminous-minded businessmen to take the curse of business off their egos and act like "intellectuals" by embracing a philosophy of society which was "planned." This Liberal Party is now the successor of the Socialist Party of Norman Thomas, but far more radical and aggressive, and impudent, in its respectability.

The next phase of this plan was the organization of a movement to direct and control the party on the model of the Fabian Society, which directed Britain's socialist revolution. In 1947, therefore, the leaders organized the Americans for Democratic Action — the ADA — which is really the socialist Politburo — the planning body of the socialist movement. Its purpose is not merely political. It is revolutionary. Its plan is (1) to introduce socialism one step at a time; (2) to introduce socialist ideas into school textbooks, churches, the press and other media of information; (3) to couple socialist objectives with reform movements; (4) to infiltrate whatever

political party offers the best medium for propagating its ideas; (5) to advocate measures designed to cripple the system of private enterprise, such as heavy income taxes, government invasions of business, handouts of every description, and measures to buy with money or favors large racial, economic or religious groups — but never using the word "socialist."

And how much more effective it would be if the ADA could run its candidate for the Presidency on the Democratic ticket instead of the Socialist ticket. Impossible, you say? By no means. Adlai Stevenson was their candidate. They nominated him for President on the Liberal Party ticket, and he was nominated by the Democrats. Wilson Wyatt, former Housing Administrator, was the first head of ADA. He managed Stevenson's campaign for the Presidency. Mr. Arthur Schlesinger, Jr. is one of the ADA's most vocal members and apologists. He was Adlai Stevenson's speech writer in the last campaign. Not a bad job of infiltration, I would say. The ADA supplied the Democratic candidate, his speech writer and his campaign manager.

MR. SCHLESINGER is one of the ADA's most outspoken philosophers. American New Dealers, he says, are "gradually advancing out of the jungle of private enterprise." He informs us that Britain has "submitted herself to social democ-

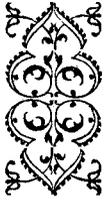
racy and the United States will very likely advance in the same direction through a series of New Deals." He rejoices that "the next depression will inevitably mean a vast expansion in government ownership and control" and, with complete contempt for the political insouciance of business, he sneers that "the private owners will not just submit" to government control or ownership but in characteristic fashion "will demand it." He observes that there is no sign in either nation (Britain or the United States) "that the capitalists are putting up a really determined fight against those who would use the State to restrict their profits and reduce their power — even perhaps take their property away from them."

Why should he not hold them in contempt? Has he not seen a great political party led by anti-socialists and financed by businessmen nominating the choice of the socialist ADA for President? And has he not seen great numbers of businessmen and wealthy families and their rich foundations financing the incredible adventures of his Red and Pink companions — foundations which have been the principal support of the most extreme and daring Communist activities such as, for instance, the Institute of Pacific Relations which helped deliver China to the Reds? ADA is supported not only by the powerful CIO unions but by the two huge and rich left-wing garment workers' unions.

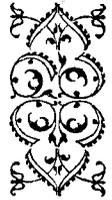
THE POINT of all this, of course, is that here is a group doing infinitely more to lay the foundations for a Communist America than the Communist leaders can do. They promote socialism here. They do not peddle it. They are wholesalers. They have captured one of our great parties and have actually infiltrated the other. They swarm in our colleges and high schools, our publishing houses, our leading journals, our newspapers — even some of the most conservative. They are crowded into radio and television, the movies and the stage. They have captured labor. And they cannot be tagged with the discrediting label of Communism.

They actually call themselves anti-Communist and under this label of anti-Communism they lay the foundation for a Communist America. They include among their supporters such men in high places as Senator Herbert Lehman of New York, Senator Paul Douglas of Illinois, Senator Estes Kefauver of Tennessee, Francis Biddle, a former Attorney General of the United States and their present chairman, and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt — plus many, many others.

We will begin to fight American Communism in America when we stop spending billions to fight foolish and losing wars against Communism in Europe and Asia and direct our fire at this army of Creepies in America which builds the foundations on which Communism will later roost.



ROME



By Irene Corbally Kuhn

CHAUCER said it in 1391, but Alain de Lille said it two centuries earlier — “A thousand roads lead men forever to Rome.” The roads are ten times ten thousand today, and they are traveled by pilgrim and profligate, student and sybarite, rich man, poor man, philosopher, and fool. For in Italy today a second Renaissance is in progress, and Rome is its madly beating heart.

On the Via Veneto, in the Palazzo Margherita, named for the Dowager Queen of Italy who lived there for the first quarter of the twentieth century, a precedent-shattering American woman now presides over the affairs of the United States of America in Italy. The Palazzo is the American Embassy, and its reigning queen is the slender blonde Ambassador Clare Booth Luce, whose flower-like beauty and feminine charm disguise her strong intellect and sharp wit.

And near the top of that same Via Veneto — the Via Vittorio Veneto, to give it its full name — a mere wolf's whistle from the Embassy, is a stretch that is the town's parade

ground, the place to see and be seen. Romans and foreigners drift about through the pavement cafés in good weather, eyeing the traffic in and out of the luxurious Excelsior Hotel, the haven of movie stars and free-spending tourists. Here and at the Ambassador across the way, at the Flora up the street, and all along this stretch of the Via Veneto, before lunch and again in the evening, you can see one aspect of modern Rome.

It is only one aspect, though, of a city that is ageless for all its 2,700 years. It is a city in which ancient, medieval, and contemporary civilizations blend as smoothly as the water, flour and egg in the *pasta-ciuatta* of Italy, whether the *pasta* be macaroni, spaghetti, or *fettucini* as Alfredo serves it in his popular restaurant which, like Sardi's in New York, is the meeting place of the theatrical and movie names, and the focal point for the more conventional-minded sightseer.

Seldom will you see the tourist in the Trastevere, the section across the Tiber where live the Roman