

What Is Russian



COMMUNISM

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COMMUNISM DESTROYS PATRIOTISM

SINCE Ruscomists avowedly aim at the violent overthrow of parliamentary government, in place of which they desire to set up a despotic communist regime, as they have already done in the enslaved countries behind the iron curtain; since these benighted fifth columnists despise the flag of their own respective countries, which they wish to tear down and unroll in place of it the repulsive banner of the hammer and sickle; since they act like automata or robots moved and directed by an alien tyrannical power enthroned in Moscow, it is evident that they spurn patriotism as they despise true democracy.

Ralph de Toledano, born in the International Zone of Tangier of American parents, and educated at the Fieldston School and Columbia University, who became a writer before he joined the armed forces, has made a detailed study of all forms of totalitarianism and has had extensive experience in field work and investigation. As a discussion leader at an experimental youth camp, he has grappled with the problem of the indoctrination of teenagers who have been blinded and poisoned by communist propaganda. In his excellent pamphlet, **How Communism Demoralizes Youth**, he writes:

"All loyalty for country, for family, for friends becomes secondary in their worship of the Soviet Union. If betrayal of their country is demanded, if they are told to spy

on their friends, if they are ordered to turn in their relatives, so all-embracing is their devotion that it is sure to be done. It is sometimes hard for us to believe this, but an abundance of evidence, incontrovertibly damning, thrusts itself at us to demonstrate its truth. The Report of the Royal Commission in Canada which investigated the theft of atom secrets is one shocking and revealing document attesting to the hold of the Communist ideology on its adherents, showing to what lengths they will go in its service." (p. 13)

But we need not go to Canada to get proof of the demoralizing influence Ruscomism exercises on its duped or knavish followers. The Committee on un-American Activities has brought before the public some astounding revelations, and will unearth perhaps still more astonishing evidence, — of the complete lack of patriotism — of loyalty and fidelity to their own country — and of mental and moral corruption in those who have swallowed the venomous dope or opiate styled Russian Communism.

TRAITORS TO THEIR COUNTRY

A Canadian friend of mine, whose home was open to soldiers during the war; who, in fact, "mothered" them in their absence from their own home or homeland; and who will ever be gratefully remembered by many a soldier and by many a soldier's mother, told me that on one occasion, when she was entertaining a group of soldiers, the conversation turned to the possibility of war with Russia, and one of the soldiers declared that, in such a contingency, he would lay down

his arms. The good lady promptly rebuked him for his disloyalty. I do not know whether the soldier in question was a Canadian, an Australian, a New Zealander or some other national; this matters not, for all Ruscomists and fellow travellers are "tarred with the same brush." They would fight Nazism or Fascism, but not a still greater evil — Russian Communism. We must bear in mind that the war — World War II — was in progress for two years before Hitler broke with Stalin. Communists conveniently forget that for two years the Hitler-Stalin pact was in force, in virtue of which Poland was crucified.

Whilst the Nazi-Bolshevik pact prevailed, Ruscomists in every country denounced the war as imperialistic and capitalistic and condemned it in the severest terms. But no sooner had Hitler invaded Russia than the whole character of the war changed. Now it was a glorious thing to fight — for beloved Soviet Russia! The soldier I have mentioned was probably not a dyed-in-the-wool Communist, for he had volunteered to fight, but he was tainted or impregnated with the virus of Bolshevik idolatry. After Russia stabbed Poland in the back, there was a solid likelihood that the Allies would yet have to fight the Soviet forces. It was probably of such a contingency that the group of soldiers were talking in Canada.

I was in Australia throughout the war, and I vividly remember how the Communists denounced and condemned the war as imperialistic and capitalistic, and how.

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I Admire the Communists

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myself to be of use to the Church in times to come? The Communists like to say: 'For one man who falls, ten thousand will rise.' Should a Catholic, then, forget that the blood of martyrs is the seed of christians?

"I admire the Communists because they are not afraid when they have been accused of foul deeds. They will say: 'The eyes of the people see clear and cannot be deceived in such things.' That's why they proudly march to the place of their execution. And should a Christian shrink from being accused unjustly, from being persecuted? Should he regard it as worthless and absurd to die innocently? Then he would be oblivious of the fact that our supreme Judge is God Almighty, Who is full of wisdom and goodness. Who is justice and right personified.

"I admire the Communists because of a third quality. When they feel they are right and cannot convince others, they still know how to stick to their belief without wavering. When they are unable to refute their opponents at a discussion, they do not capitulate and make concessions to them regarding their ideas, nor do they despair of their party and desert it. Is it possible for a Christian to forget that his Faith derives from God? Why should he, when unable to defend his cause successfully, give up his viewpoint and declare that he is

wrong? In the end, he would twist the truth of his doctrine, upset the order of the Church, and become a traitor to God and his own soul. And if I should perchance be a traitor to God and my soul, who could vouch that I would not betray my country and my people? Therefore I will not waver in my Faith and, still less so, shall I make other Christians waver in their convictions or abuse my position as a priest to undermine the Faith of the faithful.

"The Communists, whom I admire, and their government genuinely respect our Catholic Church, which I love. They endeavor to win the support and aid of Christians. I must say I feel honored because of this. Must I not double my efforts to be a steadfast Christian, who can also meet the noble purposes of the Government?

"I have a great desire to invite you also into my dearly beloved Church, in order to lead you to God and make you our brethren in the Faith. Do not consider me a fool talking nonsense, nor think that I am not serious. I am fully convinced that idealistic Communists, once they get to know the Catholic Church, will become Catholics living wholly by their Faith, far superior to a Catholic of my caliber. So I pray to God to turn many Sauls into Pauls within the Communist party, far surpassing the miserable priest that I am. This is my view of the

situation.

"I beg your pardon for the faults of this address, which it was impossible for me to prepare as I would have liked to. I wish to point out, moreover, that my speech has not been authorized by the Church authorities and hence cannot claim to give the viewpoint of the Church. Nor has my talk been approved by the government. My words are merely an expression of what I conceive to be an ideal, which perhaps will remain my own beautiful dream for the time being.

"To sum up: I am a Chinese Catholic, I love my country, I love my Church too. I reject emphatically whatever is at variance with the laws of my country and the precepts of my Church, and I refuse to cooperate with whatever may cause discord. But if the government and my Church cannot come to an understanding, there remains nothing for a Chinese Catholic but to die sooner or later. Why not offer one's life even now, in order to bring about an early understanding of the parties now one against the other? If my proposals are rejected and any mutual understanding is declined, then any peace move is blocked. If, despite the desperate situation, a solution is attempted courageously, the objective, namely, reconciliation will be reached. Once more, pardon all the deficiencies of my speech."

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from the moment Russia was invaded, they completely somersaulted, praised the war, and demanded that the allies should open a second front. A certain Australian member of Parliament replied to a Communist objector at a public meeting: "Yes I am in favor of a second front — in Siberia!

To speak of Russia as being "our gallant ally" during the war is to utter sheer nonsense. Russia was never an ally in the accepted sense of the term. This I emphatically pointed out in a lecture in Australia during the war: "Let us suppose that three nations, A, B, and C are allies. This means that, if of the three is attacked, the other two will come to their assistance, and that, if two of them are attacked, the third will come to their help. Now, Australia has her back to the wall, fighting Japan, and what does Russia, our so-called ally, do? She fails to lift even a little finger

against our most dreaded foe; she has even a trading pact with Japan!"

I have no wish to revive the cruel memories of the terrible war — the most terrible in history. But I could not refrain from pointing out the fact that Communists throughout the world viewed the struggle not with the eyes of national patriots, not with the eyes of their own country, but with jaundiced eyes — with eyes, implanted in them, as it were, by Moscow.

A COMMUNIST'S FIRST LOYALTY IS TO SOVIET RUSSIA

"The first requisite for a Communist," writes Louis Budenz, "is to understand that he is serving Soviet Russia and no other nation or interest. Never will he be permitted to express one word of reservation or criticism of the Soviet Government, its leaders or their decisions. Whatever they say or do is always 100 per cent right, and America can be right only by being in complete

agreement with the Soviet Union. Never, during the twenty-five years of its existence, has the Daily Worker deviated from that rule; never has it ceased to prostrate itself before the Soviet leadership." (This is My Story, p. 234.)

"The Communists in the United States openly admit their allegiance to the Communist International at Moscow, and glory in the fact that they obey all the orders issued from there immediately and implicitly." — H. R. Report No. 2290, 71st Congress, 3rd Session, Jan. 17, 1931, p. 9.

The *International Communist*, French edition, August 5, 1935, declared: "Those who say we do not take orders from Moscow are against the proletarian state. It proves they are allied to the bourgeoisie . . . and are the enemy of the proletarian class. . . . To receive orders from Moscow, as Dimitrov said, is to follow the example of Lenin and Stalin."