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Dear General Smith:

I suppose it is presumptuous on my part
to think that my observations will ^{add} anything
of stature to your knowledge of Communist ideol
ogy and tactics. In any event, in the hope that they may
be helpful, I send them. Some of the matter, written
some time before, is dated.

Allow me to congratulate you on your accession
to the directorship of the Central Intelligence Agen
cy. There's no place where we have been sold down to
the enemy, it is in the propaganda field. Two
state units of the C. I. A. could be establi
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This was written about six months ago. Some of the
observations may be helpful. Some invalid.



COMMUNIST STRATEGY

The winner in an atomic, bacteriological, jet-propelled war can hope only for a slim margin of victory, in which the damaged goods may not be worthwhile bringing home. Russia must realize this fact. An all-out, imminent war seems more remote.

The financial and industrial superiority of the United States deters Russia at this time. She needs time to build up a heavy industrial machine - an essential adjunct for either a "hot" or cold war. In this direction, she needs time to syphon off enough economic strength from her satellites to aid Russia and to keep the dependents politically manageable.

Europe, in addition, is too vulnerable now for wholesale occupation by Russia. That's why the Kremlin strategists have such a holy zeal to "liberate" Spain, Greece and Turkey. Lenin promised to burn Europe at both ends. In war these countries would be flung bastions against air and naval attacks at the heart of Europe. Their possession could bottle up the Mediterranean and seal off the Suez Canal, expose Italy to attack on both sides and open a pathway to Africa. The line of march could be Italy, France, Germany, England. Then Europe would be comparatively "safe" from the Soviet.

But the Eastern Door in the Pacific would still be open, behind it, lie a billion manpower and vast resources to be gained.

threat to eventual world conquest to neglect. Lenin himself assured us the Revolution would roll when 800 millions Asiatics came under the Russian aegis or sway. Some myopic business men seem anxious to underwrite the Communist conquest of Asia by bolstering up Mao Tse Tung in China. The West, by doing so, may seal its own doom by selling out to Moscow the great Industrial Revolution to be achieved in Asia, Africa and possibly South America. A Communist economic and political hold in the Middle and Far East may eventually bring the West to its knees politically. In this light it would appear that any Russian sword-rattling to-day is more a tactic - and a bold one - than a tonic off for all-out aggression now.

Russia possesses much more finesse and indirection. She operates through the citizens of a country - an amalgam of a C. cadre, fellow-travellers, confused liberals, misguided workers and disgruntled groups of one kind or another. Czechoslovakia and China furnish evidence of her methods.

As a consequence, the North Atlantic Pact, in itself, should not be so disturbing to Russia - and may not be - except as the prelude to implementation with arms. The Pact does not provide for internal aggression externally engendered.

In view of all the foregoing, it would seem to make more sense immediately to dispatch military aid and guidance to "trouble spots"; and for the sake of helping our own economy, reduce temporarily the military budget at home, because of the present

The long-term policy of the Soviet seems to be, then: by the United States gradually drain its resources, overspend it cause political, economic and military crises throughout the to increase American financial assistance or, even worse, gain trol of the besieged government. This unstable "not war, not policy cripples the home economy and discourages outside finan investments and trade.

Ultimately Russia seeks to coordinate the wealth and econ of her satellites through dictatorship and socialistic collect zation and aggrandisement. This process would result in a Kre holding company, controlling for the most part the wealth of dependents, in brief, a form of State capitalism used to comp against and destroy private capitalism through slave labor, s tion wages and cornered markets.

If Russia can succeed in China and Asia, it may fashion time its own Marshall Plan. However, the Soviet may be more terested in sealing enough of the world politically as to raise effective economic Iron Curtains against the West. She could us of certain raw products in time. She seeks control of Asia Africa; and then back to industrial Western Europe. Then the scheme, the Industrial Revolution, to come in Asia and Africa stem from Russia and will be used to liquidate the West, econ cally first, then politically, and, if conditions favor, mili

The more immediate policy of the Kremlin is to allow exco profit-making in the American economy to become more concentr so that the purchasing power of the lower income brackets will

of families in the United States are earning \$3000.00 and under. There are four to five million unemployed.

The time seems ripe to have the Government, Industry and labor meet in a national conference of top leaders to discuss and set a more equitable ratio of prices, profits and income. There occurs, too, the possibility of setting up national compulsory arbitration for strikes in basic industries.

Above the national scene, an international meeting of top Government, management and labor leaders should be arranged. Herein the matters of stabilizing Western currencies, balancing international prices, coordinating economic assets should be treated to map out an economic program of defense against Soviet international State capitalism. A financial squeeze-play on China could retard further Communist success there. If American business underwrites Mao Tse-Tung in China, it may sell Asia and the Volga River, and eventually, even the United States, financially and perhaps militarily.

Possibly the most fundamental work is to arrive now at a correct appraisal of our economic condition to prevent a continued downward drift into a more serious recession - Russia's greatest hope. The Soviet can walk to world dominion only over the exhausted, depleted body of this fair land. Despite Marshall Plan spending and post-war prosperity, the consuming power of the country has fallen off 15 per cent largely because of high prices. This has lowered production. Less production has increased

down from high profits discharges employees, and, sits back, cushioned by exorbitant post-war profits, to ride the temporary recession. The basic need is a more proportionate ratio of price, profit and income, possibly freely determined by management and labor and, if need be, guaranteed by law. Otherwise the scales gradually weigh down in favor of management and the essential equilibrium of constant, adequate, widespread purchasing power becomes a matter of caprice or selfish manipulation.

In regard to the economic assault, Russia can be expected even to maintain a costly war machine to-day to keep United States particularly, and other important Western countries, on such a military budget that normal economic recovery is retarded and flow of private investing capital is stagnated or dammed up. Kremlin is not above a global bluff as far as the imminence of all-out war is concerned. In the meanwhile Communists work feverishly in individual countries to achieve coup d'etats, to disrupt business, to drain American dollars to bring about a depression in the United States.

Many worthwhile Federal appropriations, moreover, may be timed to-day or overtly advanced in conformity with Lenin's dictum: "Give me the power to spend the currency into destruction and I will determine what sort of a social or economic system will be established."

It is tight-rope walking, but we must balance the military and economic aspects of the "cold war". The alternative is eventual

If Russia's strategy is basically materialistic she, no doubt, hopes eventually to walk into a United States that is worthwhi taking. Finally the many-faceted propaganda, economic and pol tical warfare throughout the world may be emasculation necessa for a victory-guaranteed military attack. This, however, woul be the very last resort.



All-out War Now

On the basis of manpower, military strength and of Industrial potential, is it likely or probable Russia is ready for and would start total war now.

Factors to be considered:

- 1) The industrial capacity of the United States and of Western Europe.
- 2) Our air and naval superiority.
- 3) The military strength of Yugoslavia.
- 4) The man-power potential of Western Germany and of Japan.
- 5) The discontented and rebellious and doubtlessly non-cooperative character of most of the people in the satellite nations.
- 6) Non-Communist Asia.
- 7) The disorganized condition of China and Asia in general.
- 8) The eventuality that all the non-Communist nations will unite in every way for survival and for the stopping of Communist aggression, if not for the overthrow of Soviet Government.
- 9) The element of time. Is it now or never for Russia? Or is it "war here, war there", "peace and war everywhere" systematically engaged in to enervate, weaken and conquer the Western world. If the latter, we have more time than we may think, but a race with time and destiny anyway.

Propaganda Warfare

Gather together a cabinet of experts from religious, educational, political, economic, labor, management, literary, dramatic and advertising intellectual strata.

Their work would be to ferret out, and evaluate Communist propaganda. They would use all the Communication arts to blitzkrieg all nations, especially the satellite ones and Asia with Truth Bombs about the ideology, the history, the policy, the strategy, the tactics of Communism. The purpose of this would be to discredit the character, worth, aims and raise serious doubts about the eventual success of Communism.

Lenin specifically provided for the scientific use of terror. We should reverse Communism in this and in many other aspects. To the Koreans and Chinese and to all Asiatics, we should say: You are being made cannon fodder for the Kremlin, for Russia. See how Russia allows Koreans to die for them while they sit back and wait to walk over the prostrate body of Asia to world conquest. It's better to unite with United States, the United Nations. The West is out to help you save your country. The United States gained nothing from World War II. But the imperialistic, land-hungry, blood-stained Russian Bear has swallowed the Baltic countries, southeastern Europe, China. You're next.

made plus an international Schuman Plan
to boycott and undersell Russia and its satellites
might cool the war-like ardor of the Kremlin.

By the Voice of America, by leaflets, papers, magazines, by word of mouth particularly through maritime channels we could circulate our message in short, pithy statements, possibly in satiric limericks, jungles and songs.

Something like:

"Peace, peace", the Kremlin cries
Let all warlike gestures cease
For all that Russia wants to do
Is take the world-piece by piece.

A promising project would be, by diplomacy, economic overtures and propaganda, to unite the Balkans around Tito if possible. If not, let Russia know that this is an "interesting" possibility, whatever, or even if no, progress is made in this direction. To Stalin we might say, "When the chips are down for Western Europe, you don't expect the love, the loyalty, the cooperation of Yugoslavia and the Balkans? Do you expect them to reward Russia for enslaving them and taking away their national independence.

In China we could spread what is the truth that the Chinese will have the great honor of dying for the Communists, that China will be a great battle-field upon which the Chinese nation and people will be crucified by the Hammer of Godless hatred and cut down by the Sickle of world-hungry greed. The reward, China is that your age-long, scholarly, respectable and highly moral nation will cease to exist and you will be a lackey for Stalin, who will lead you about like a little dog and kick you when it pleases the master. Mao Tse Tung has sold out your nation to Russia. As you can see now, your national independence is dying. The glory of your ancient nation is being swallowed up in the Red fire of Russian expansionism. Rise up and save Asia for the Asiatics.

Mass international education of the people of the world on the content and record of Communism is needed.

Reverse the Stockholm Petition by circulating throughout the world a petition for the cessation of Communistic aggression and infiltration everywhere as the greatest threat to world peace. "Whereas, such and such is true, etc, be it resolved that the Soviet cease interfering in other nations affairs, that it cease its class-warfare, violent insurrection propaganda, that it therefore desist from such war-mongering and imperialistic designs and machinations to seize the world.

We can learn one lesson from the Soviet: the value of influencing world public opinion (the Kremlin, or confusing public opinion, and of discrediting the West in so many parts of the world

Guerrilla Warfare

Guerrilla warfare for national independence and integrity

*of win him for the West. Convincing Mao Tse Tung that he ought to line up with
Chiang Kai-shek to save China and Asia from being a banquet for the tremor
is an inviting possibility - under U.N. guidance*

its already taking place. Propaganda warfare could discredit Mao e Tung. Opposition could be aroused on the basis of Chinese tionalism. The prospect of China's being the initial spear-head Russia's grab for the world might be emphasized.

An "interesting" possibility is a nationalistic, insurrection movement in Russia itself. If the Russian people could be reached and impressed with the fact that the Kremlin is preparing to sacrifice millions of their choice man power, not because Russia is in danger, not because the West wants war or land, but because the Kremlin wants the world, a great deal of sullen, passive resistance could be engendered.

If the feeling becomes strong enough, some small intensely nationalistic group in Russia might provide some kind of leadership and direction to a widespread, popular, even if muted, opposition to an all-out war. A widespread, whispering campaign in Russia against the Soviet Government is not something to be passed over lightly. It might go somewhat in this wise: "This Government of ours preparing to sacrifice millions of our flesh and blood in a war against the West. We're a strong nation. We're not being attacked. The United States didn't gain anything from World War II. She could have taken Europe, if she wanted to. Her army was great. Stalin wants to use the Russian people to drench our nation in blood and conquer the world. We don't wish to take other people's countries. We want to remain in peace in our Motherland, Russia. Why should we fight? There are 180 millions of us Russians. If enough of us united, we could get rid of this world-hungry Government of ours. We may die later on, anyway. Maybe we could smuggle in enough arms and overthrow the Kremlin and make Russia free once again. Or what could the Kremlin do, if most of us refuse to fight.



International Schuman Plan. Economic coordination and Cooperation
of a free world.

1. Some such economic rapprochement, if only "for the duration" seems necessary to offset Communism's abiding plan to effect throughout the world what Stalin termed "a coordinated proletarian economy.

2. An international conference of the free nations of the world in which Government, Management and Labor would be represented in order. As much secrecy possible is advisable. Basic in Communist ideology is the predicted collapse of capitalism, first from internal defects and second by external pressures artificially exerted by Communist teachings, strategy and tactics. An honest, complete appraisal of free enterprise is needed. Possibly the fundamental advantage the Soviet has, is the erection of a highly concentrated international capitalism in which satellite people and resources revolve about the central star, the Kremlin. The Soviet hopes to shut off more and more markets from the West, to make extensive use of slave labor, to undersell the west, to keep the world economies unbalanced by necessitating large military budgets "to coordinate proletarian economies. This is a two-pronged

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nternational State capitalism against free private capitalism is
he set-up.

In the light of both possibilities, the proposals of Bernard
[unclear] seem necessary to offset the snow-balling profit-making at
the top, inflation and consequent diminution of purchasing power.

An international Schuman Plan, accepted for the duration of
the Communist threat, could undersell Russia throughout the world,
could step up production; could eliminate luxurious competition,
could wield a united front and phalanx, particularly in the heavy
industries. A gentleman's agreement to boycott Russia until it
behaves itself is to be considered. *I could help to secure for the Western
European workers a decent wage from the Marshall & Gappy European funds*
If Russia has a time-table for World War III, she, no doubt,
is syphoning off industrial potential from her satellite countries
and herding and grooming man-power to fight her own battles.

Political Considerations

1. Great emphasis should be given to the basic tenet that
the free world is lined up against Soviet slavery. Hence, even
for propaganda, secure the public commitment of an Asiatic Pact,
a North Atlantic Pact, an All-American Alliance to this fundamental
premise. *This grouping may make Russia pause when the time seems
opportune and the advantage seen*

2. In the U.N., a resolution might be adopted to this effect
any nation which, on the basis of adequate evidence, the majority
of the U.N. finds guilty, directly or indirectly, of aggression
in another country, is disqualified as a member of the U.N., so
long as the aggressive action perdures, directly or indirectly.

3. Pressure should be brought to bear to get as many countries
into the U.N. as possible. Instead of being ham-strung by the
dictatorial veto power of the Security Council, a two-third
majority of the General Assembly would be a more democratic repre-
sentation of world opinion. The time for such securing admissions
and allies is running out. We can scarcely invite other nations
in the U.N. when World War III seems imminent, if such should be
the case.

*Cooperation with Spain would help in consolidating South America
in the U.N. camp. It would alienate only the Communies and
phony liberals throughout the world. The matter is not a
"black and white" situation - more white than black, however.*

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to play ball again in a "democratic" Spain and at
the same time give them an opportunity and a setting
to knife the West in the back in its own back. You

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Dear Father Grace:

In General Smith's absence I am taking the liberty of acknowledging your letter to him of 20 August.

I am sure that General Smith will read with interest your observations regarding Communist ideology and tactics. It is always a source of deep gratification for him to learn from letters like yours that so many public-spirited citizens are giving such serious thought to matters of this nature.

You were thoughtful to congratulate the General on his accession to the directorship of the Central Intelligence Agency. He will be very grateful.

Sincerely yours,

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