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Why Don't You Wait And Buy Another One Of These?

Marquis Childs

Communists In Italy

ROME, Italy. One obvious result of the Italian economic crisis is the prediction of Communist revolution in the near future. Certain signs of the revolution are strikes and demonstrations, point to that end.

How predictions seem premature. Leaders of Italy's Communist Party say vehemently against again that they have no intention of resorting to illegal violence. They say they intend to win the elections and then to form a government in which other parties would have minority representation.

Given Communist tactics, that would be reason to believe the opposite and to assume that secret plans were being developed to take over by force. That can happen. But the logic of the present situation in Italy points to a different course.

Palmito Togliatti, boss of Italy's Communists who comprise the largest Communist Party in Europe, did not spend fifteen years in Moscow for nothing. He knows how to run a party and he knows how to act on them.

TOUGH WINTER AHEAD

All indications are that the Italian winter will be very hard. Purchases of coal and wheat have been stopped because there are no dollars in the hill paid for essential commodities. That means the current of Italy's recovery, industrial recovery.

As this is written, the kind and degree of the winter to be experienced in the United States in the interim period before the Marshall Plan money that the Foreign Minister, Count Carlo Sforza, had to wire to all Italian ambassadors and consuls telling them to hold down their tables to the Foreign Office to a minimum. The Government cannot pay the cable bills.

There will be hunger in Italy this winter even if America sends at once. Houses will be crowded with unemployed, now put officially at about 2,000,000, will grow as industry slows down for lack of fuel.

These components of despair the Communists know all too well how to exploit. They will put the blame on the government of Prime Minister Alcide De Gasperi, a Christian Democrat. They also will blame the United States for the lack of aid and hunger people in the Communist countries in the legend of America's boundless wealth.

SOVIET STRATEGY. It is fairly certain that the Soviets will have surplus wheat to sell. The drought that has scared most of the rest of Europe has not touched the Soviet Union. It will come at the psychological moment when the bottom of the barrel has been scraped to maintain the bread ration at a level just sufficient to sustain life.

There is a compelling reason why the Communists should not at this time resort to operating on their own. They themselves rarely, if ever, speak about it. Nor does anyone else. That is the evidence of the Communist growing faith that would lead to a showdown at this time even if such a showdown should mean civil war with the West.

Therefore, the logic of the moment is to wait until the parliamentarianism means. The goal is to put second or third-rate Communists in the position of the Government in the outside world. That is the next step. By this strategy the Communists have everything to gain and little to lose.

WASHINGTON. The genius for anti-communism in the United States is Senator S. Truman's most notable characteristic has served to obscure the real importance of the Communist States failed to act in time. Characteristically, the United States was slow to act. It was Marshall left a deep impression on his listeners.

But will Congress stick even to the risk of a Communist takeover? As the White House meeting, one of the questions is whether, on the basis of his own experience as a Senator, he could really expect the Congress to act on a grave matter within a mere three or four weeks. His point gained weight when a Congressional prod, it was reluctantly admitted that the stoppage of aid could not only be a disaster before the Congress. It will almost certainly be necessary to renege on the aid to Germany, but not only \$24,000,000 in underwrite British dollar costs in Germany, but also \$100,000,000 for increased American occupation costs.

SITUATION GRAVE. The billion dollars will have to be asked, and as a mere first installment, from an American source. But the distance already stifled by ominous reports from home that more aid would be needed for the winter. The aid on "all this foreign spending."

Truman's call for the Presidential election will be less than a year away. The aid to Germany and the aid to France are the two big questions. The aid to France is the more important. The aid to France is the more important. The aid to France is the more important.

Great Error Of Decade

"[S]T" there some way you can scrape the barrel without resorting to a special session? one leader asked.

But the Democrats are already in the hands of the President. "We're already down to the splinters."

Senate Sol Bloom of New York who pushed most of FDR's war-time foreign policy through the President's hands, summed up the situation:

"If we were given a hand to the instrument by voting to use the instrument at all. Instead of a Marshall Plan, we would have a Marshall Plan. We would have a Marshall Plan. We would have a Marshall Plan."

In brief, every Congressional leader called to the White House to discuss the aid to France and Italy. They were given five minutes to decide a problem which the White House and the State Department had already decided. The aid to France and Italy was the only aid that was given. The aid to France and Italy was the only aid that was given.

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Let's Remember Jimison

IT IS NOW almost eight years since Tom Jimison's stunning articles exposed life behind the grim walls of the State Hospital at Morganton, but the people of North Carolina have not forgotten them. A good many may recall them with distaste, remembering them as a series of sensational—but a re-examination shows that they were not. Instead, they were reasoned and somewhat conservative, in light of official findings which followed. Whatever else we may point as the beginning of progress in the care of our mentally ill, the whole affair began with Jimison.

In the years since, because of the lasting impression of his words, the whole system has been turned upside down, new staffs have come, new forms of control and direction is operating. We have begun the task of giving some 9,000 inmates decent care. We have only begun, but that is another story. Jimison started us on the right track.

Without Jimison's sharp pen the Hospital Board would have continued as a casually moving group, entangled often in politics. There would never have been a Board of Control, and there would never have been a Dr. David Kohler as general superintendent. There would never have been dietitians nor social workers nor therapists. There would never have been a miraculous opportunity like Camp Butler.

Bravely Now, The New World

WE ARE in a strange time. It is a time when the world is wracked by poverty and hunger, beset by wild inflation and rumors of war. But in America it is also a time of growing plenty, of flowing money—in which most people can't keep up with the soaring cost of daily living. But the strangest thing about our time is the despairing chorus of the voices of our people.

We no longer have hopeful, helpful notes from the soothsayers. There is no one to shout that we must do this and so, to return to war-time controls, or to slap a ceiling on profits. There is no one to point the way to increased production. We hear the curious advice that the people, alas, must minister to their own miseries.

Robert Taft sounded the first bugle note of the new statesmanship, advising Americans to eat less food, and to whip the inflation. He is followed by President Truman, who suggests gently that we are eating too much bread for our own good—both

Midwood Shows Us How

THERE'll never be a movement for Federal Aid To Midwood. The people out there in that populous northeastern section of the city are of a mind to do for themselves. It may not sound like much of a project to professional money-rulers in this money-happy community, but Midwood finished a remarkable job this week in raising more than \$6,000 to buy a park for themselves.

It wasn't much money, but the Midwood park drive was a pointed object lesson to other sections of the City—or to any neighborhood anywhere. The six and a half acre tract was bought by five and ten-dollar donations, not by a few well-heeled citizens who decided to do a good deed. More than 400 people gave money for it, exclusive of those who joined in entertainments staged for the fund.

The campaign expenses ran to the astonishing total of \$25.75; that itself is a stirring example of the spirit of the people. People simply got down to work and combed their neighborhood; they found almost everyone willing to help build a Midwood park for their own people. They say they are now waiting for the City to come along in its own good time and take care of it. But before they moved

From The Richmond Times-Dispatch

Social Security, Russian Style

A COMPLETE program of "cradle-to-grave security" for the Russian coal miner has been announced by Moscow. He will receive social pay, seniority bonus and pension after 25 years' retirement at the age of 50 following twenty years' service, and is "guaranteed" a house and garden as his private property, as well as free medical help for himself and family.

In other words, he will be paid, bonused, pensioned, housed, and doctored "by the Government." That will take a lot of money. Will it be Stalin, or Molotov or Vishinsky? Will they, or the Communist Party members, be the ones to pay the bill?

The bills will be paid by the Russian people's exorbitant taxes. The taxes will be taken from the collective incomes of the people, including the miners' incomes. And since the taxes must be high to support such a cradle-to-grave security plan, even if only for the miners, the net income of the Russian people will be proportionately less. This will be true to a vastly greater degree for the non-miners, since their pension-and-medical care plan is ultimately extended to all Russians and their satellites.

Any incentive to "take care of themselves" is gone. The incentive of responsibility to save for old age or a rainy day, to exercise thrift and foresight voluntarily, will be emasculated—as it is in the case of a work horse, which is assured of shelter,

Without taking undue credit for itself—the Jimison articles were also published in two other large North Carolina newspapers—The News proposes that the Hospitals somehow honor Jimison's memory. Perhaps it could be done with a new building planned at the Hill and Morganton. Perhaps it could be done by Camp Butler—a name which seems somehow foreign to the hospital system itself. Perhaps it could be done with the feeble-minded colony soon to open at Butler, to be operated by Tom's widow.

We don't suppose the Hospitals Board will give the suggestion a warm welcome. For all the good Jimison's articles worked, officials and medical men still disapprove of the approach, and find it couched in plain talk, aimed at average readers.

But we believe it would be good public relations to give official and lasting recognition to Tom Jimison for the service he rendered the thousands of North Carolina's unfortunate. Before him the experts dug and delved, and presented their recommendations for improvement of the cruel and sometimes barbarous treatment of inmates. After him politicians and Governors and from the Legislature worked hard to better the system. But the great contribution was by Tom Jimison. There are many who won't forget that. The Board should consider some form of perpetuating his memory, so that North Carolina will not forget.

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