

Folly of Communism and Its Reactions on the Russia of Tomorrow

THAT A REALIZATION of the folly of communism is dawning in the minds of many leaders in Russia is clear, but how to untie some of the communistic knots and re-educate those who have come to believe in the communistic creed is not an easy matter. Indications are that Trotzky is one of the leaders in the communism opposition movement which seems to have considerable support in the Russian army. Trotzky's enforced retirement last year, as head of the army, sustains the contention that he is no longer a co-worker for communism. That those who took the mantle of the late Lenin, creator of communism, are having "the time of their life" to keep up the communistic dictatorship is too plainly seen to be in doubt.

If the communists in America lived more in the future and less in the past, they would concern themselves rather with the failure of communism in practice than with communism in theory, which upon careful analysis can be seen to be clouded and overshadowed by superficial foibles.

When the treasures of the old dynasties of Russia have been spent — and there can't be much left by this time — communism is likely to appear to most Russians as a vapor — a mirage created by a prolific slav mind.

Communism is like a fire in dry grass. It would have gained no headway had it not been fanned by favorable cross currents of post-war hatred and desires for revenge. Its spread became at once a menace like a forest fire and called for world action against its aggressive proponents. Every effort against communism has been well spent and, as the fire is still raging fiercely in some sections and smoldering in others, a careful watch is still necessary if a new outbreak and the disastrous results of its spread is to be prevented.

Like every other Utopian dream, communism contained something fascinatingly promising with an appeal to the simple and untrained mind. The teachings of the heavenly abode in the hereafter was converted into a state of reality and named the Communistic State. But as the Communistic State emerged, the simple-minded peasants learned all too soon that it contained little or nothing of the theoretic state of communism.

Passive resistance was the only action the slav mind could think of, and it became the Russian peasant's only weapon against another form of tyranny.

As a result the back of Communism has been broken within its own domain. The opposition from abroad has only served the purpose of preventing its spread and its crude emaciated form, which is still stalking through the great land of the slav, is gradually shriveling and shrinking. On the horizon of the morrow are signs of a new political plan in Russia. It will have a republican form, with a representative system and popular elections with equal franchise for rich and poor. There will come out of the chaos a constitution with a satisfying guarantee of individual liberty, and the thrifty will reap the full benefit of his thrift. The fences of self-protection will be torn down by the nations of the world, and Russia will open up its vast stores for its starving millions. It will feed them well and leave enough over, to supply the world with many needed commodities.

The new Russia that will rise from the wreckage

of Bolshevism and Communism will have a national spirit that will find the way to economic expansion abroad as well as for internal industrial developments.

No matter the present "arrangements" and "understanding" in the Dardanelles, the conditions that have contributed to changing Europe's topography rather than its geography will not close the door to Russia on its eastern border where Russia's temperamental and commercial potentialities will find an open outlet.

Siberia, the land beyond the Ural Mountains, fertile as any North American West and as vast and diversified as a latitudinal expanse parallel with that from the Alaskan Yukon to the midwestern hub of the American continental mainland at Chicago, will provide the Russian people the realization of world recognition and power anew, the power that rightfully will come to a people when it emerges with a reliable and tolerant form of political government, built on acceptable principles. In the comity of nations there is a place for Russia when her people have cast off the spell of communism.

On the eastern shore of the Caspian Sea there is an abundance of oil. The Russian people are entitled to develop these natural resources from within. The soil is productive in the vast rural regions in this great section of the country and the natural resources are plentiful. Russia has great stores of coal, iron, oil, agricultural and horticultural lands and an abundance of labor power.

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