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By TED YATES

CONSIDER THE SOURCE . . .

Britain's Leftist Swing Must Prove Itself: What has happened in Britain will have its repercussions in America. It will effect American thinking one way or another—nobody knows which way at the moment. But there is no point in getting too excited about it. Business in America is not going to hell in a handcart because our cousins abroad have unseated the Conservative party. Whatever the boys in the backroom of the British pub (saloon to you!) may be saying it is quite certain that the boys in the frontroom of the Main Street's drugstore aren't saying the same thing.

There are two good reasons why the British "revolution" wasn't as much of a shock as it might have been. Two years ago, National Chamber President Eric Johnston visited Britain, and came home convinced that Britain was definitely moving to the left. He said also in various talks and an article or two, and the Chamber, at least, was able to adjust its thinking well in advance of what happened.

The other good reason not to get too excited is that Britain likes to change prime ministers and governments when it winds up winning a war. The war hero gets handed his hat, is proffered a dukedom or something, and is enshrined forever in the national archives. But somebody else sweeps up.

However, there's no use denying that of the larger nations the United States is now left pretty much alone as an oasis of competitive in a widening desert of world socialism.

Nobody with sense would forecast what may happen in Britain, but it is wise to remember that like ourselves the British people are not overly fond of being shoved around. Whatever may be said for its social intent, any form of statism involves more or less pushing or shoving of the people by their government. It has to. In order to liberate you from the horror of being able to take or quit a job as it may please you, it tends to plant you in one and tells you to stay there.

You get planned for, and in time your planners are included to be violent about it if you protest. There isn't much more you

can do about it, either, not in conscience or otherwise. You voted them in, didn't you?

The American leftists, of course are quite cheered at the new situation abroad. They think it means the trend is afoot here also at a more rapid pace than before.

The world is moving fast—too fast. Events point to an unpredictable tomorrow. Our scientists are saying, "What tomorrow may bring no one can foretell."

We were taught by the Holy Scripture that only the Supreme Being knew of what lies ahead. It would seem that now with the quick change of events, the magic like "Presto, change-oo!" course taken by almost everything, that man now will stop—cease to delve into the world beyond for fear of annihilating himself.

Comics portrayed the war-like inventions in peacetime. At the beginning of World War II there were, I think, at least a half dozen comic strips that featured cosmic rays and weapons that would make the enemy drop to its knees. The atom bomb, it has been revealed, could have been released in the war against the Nazis. For fear of swallowing up victims, our own allies, in the occupied Nazi occupied lands this devastating bomb was held in check—and while so ding was perfected to such a degree that the damage which it has wrought amazed the great scientists who were responsible for its existence.

With the atom bomb, Russia's entry into the war, Japan will bend its "honorable" knees and cry out for peace.

Just what will take place during the time this material has been edited, dropped on the desk of the Copy Editor and set into type—it's not my job to predict the course of world events. Reconversion, wage controls, war contract settlements, foreign business, travel, postwar imports and exports, and the plight of Europe may have all been dealt with by the time you are ready for the next contribution for this space.

Postwar employment for those returning members of the armed forces, our Red Cross nurses and all those who have contributed to the cause is indeed a very important subject to be dealt with, and, of course, there is "the Gentleman (?) from Mississippi, Theodore G. Bilbo" to be driven

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Jotterdowns: My boy Charlie Pickering home from the wars . . . Mantan Moreland and Ben Carter into the Cafe Zanzibar . . . Herber Jeunior, the postal clerk, weds Leola Crosby in October . . . The Ford Sisters (Peggy Morris and Blythe Monroe) anticipate Sir Stor in a fortnight . . . Ella Fitzgerald has been booked for the Chesterfield show on Tuesday, September 25th . . . Nancy (Taylor) Jenkins birth-

dayed last Monday . . . Lucky Roberts has become sole owner of that swank cafe lounge up on Sugar Hill—for which goody-goody! . . . The Guild Book Center at 30 East 29th Street, in the white collar center, is currently displaying "Minorities, the Responsibility of the Majority" which features books on and by the Jew, Negro, Japanese American and other American minority groups . . . Frances (Bar-B-Q) Benton got that divorce from John Franklin Benton . . . Concertsinger Anne Brown and daughter Paula vacationing at Siasconset, Massachusetts . . .

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Federal Housing To Be Disposed of

Disposition is imminent for some 83,000 completed units of public war housing currently open to Negro occupancy in 563 projects located in 198 war production areas in 40 states and the District of Columbia, according to a preliminary report prepared by Dr. B. T. McGraw, housing analyst in the Administrator's Office of the National Housing Agency, that agency reports. Of these units, about 23,000 in 176 projects are of permanent construction and some 60,000 in 387 projects are of temporary construction.

Within two years after the national emergency has been declared no longer to exist, the Lanham Act requires disposal of all federally-owned war housing by NHA and its operating constituent, the Federal Public Housing Authority. Disposition of public projects financed under the Lanham Act is to proceed as rapidly as possible consonant with orderly demobilization; the temporary public structures to be demolished and removed, and the permanent public structures disposed of through sale to public or private agencies or to the occupants of the projects.

A recent revision of the Lanham Act, making distressed families of veterans and service men eligible for war housing, however, permits any vacant units to be utilized for this purpose.

In addition to the completed units, some 2,900 public war units in 17 projects located in 16 localities in 13 states and the District of Columbia now under construction for Negro occupancy must also be stopped or disposed of. Of these units under construction, about 1,800 in 8 projects were planned as permanent structures and 1,100 in 9 projects as temporary structures.

Ed's note: There are 8 projects containing 4,024 units in the Portland Vancouver, Wash. area all of temporary construction.

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