

Marx Columns Hurl Bitter Charges Against Russians

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New York—(UPI)—A barrage of bitter charges is being hurled against the Russians by one of the world's most famous men.

He brands the Russians a "barbarous race" and he labels their participation in international diplomatic negotiations a mockery.

"Russia only throws out so many notes to the western diplomats, like bones to dogs, in order to set them at an innocent amusement, while she reaps the advantage of further gaining time," he charges in a book due for publication May 1.

There are other denunciations, among them:

"Having come thus far on the way to universal empire, is it probable that this gigantic and swollen power will pause in its career?"

One Way To Deal
"There is only one way to deal with a power like Russia, and that is the fearless way."

What westerner is this speaking out against Russia? Is it a secretary of state, a president, a foreign minister or an ambassador?

The by-line on this book is a name known around the world and is either hated or loved by many. Ironically, it is most revered in the area most castigated by the author's charges.

The book is the work of none other than the patron saint of Communism, the author of the "bible" of the Communist world—Karl Marx.

In Critical Years
German-born Marx, who lived much of his life in London, wrote his charges more than a century ago during the critical years of the Crimean War, which saw the world torn between East and West.

His comments were published in the New York Daily Tribune, for which he was a regular writer on world affairs.

An impoverished man, Marx existed for a time almost entirely on the pay he received from the American newspaper.

He wrote his Communist Manifesto largely in the British museum, at a desk so high he was required to stand. The Manifesto has become the handbook of Soviet Communism despite the fact that Marx clearly did not like or trust the Russians.

Columns written by Marx between 1853 and 1856 are being published in book form in this country for the first time under the title of "Marx vs. Russia."

Conference Set on Cost, Price Problem
Regarded As Bully
Marx regarded Russia as a bully, declaring: "The bullying system is much less expensive than actual warfare."

Later he says: "Counting on the cowardice and apprehensions of the Western powers, he (Russia) bullies Europe, and pushes his demands as far as possible, in order to appear magnanimous afterwards, by contenting himself with what he immediately wanted."

J. A. Doerig, a Swiss historian who compiled and edited this Marxian volume, says the international political situation at the time these charges were written was strikingly similar to that of today.

"At that time, just as now, there was friction between East and West," Doerig wrote. "A universal tension that had actually been seething beneath the surface for centuries. Then, as now, it was a question of holding the Russian thrust to the West in check."

Significant Factor
The significant and crucial factor is Russia's age-long drive westward, a drive that is perfectly understandable from the Russian point of view.

It is true, Doerig says, that the form of government, constitution and social structure in Russia today is different than a century ago, when the Czarist system prevailed. The focuses of discord were in Constantinople (now Ankara), Crimea and what now are the Balkan states; today they are in Berlin, East Germany and the satellite states.

The basic problem of Russian expansionism remains.

The Marx articles were selected, Doerig says, in an effort to stress a fundamental appreciation of an age-old antithesis between East and West.

Enhances Value
"That Karl Marx, whom the Communist bosses have long since endowed with the mantle of infallibility, should agree so closely in his assessment of these facts with such eminent political thinkers as the French Liberal, Alexis de Toqueville (1805-1859) and the Spanish Conservative, Juan Francisco Donoso-Cortés (1809-1883), not only enhances the value of this thesis on Russia but also rectifies the image of Marx that the Kremlin—not without considerable success—has insinuated before the world," Doerig says.

Marx wrote articles for the New York Tribune for nearly

10 years after meeting its managing editor, Charles A. Dana in Europe. Friedrich Engels, another theoretician admired by the Communists, was his close friend and collaborator.

Throughout these pieces, Marx displayed a distrust of Russia as a threat to liberty in the West.

Natural Frontier
"It would appear," he wrote on April 12, 1853, "that the natural frontier of Russia runs from Dantzig, or perhaps Stettin, to Trieste. And as sure as conquest follows conquest, and annexation follows annexation, so sure would the conquest of Turkey by Russia be only the prelude for the annexation of Hungary, Prussia, Galicia, and for the ultimate realization of the Slavonic empire which certain fanatical pan-Slavistic philosophers have dreamed of."

Hans Kohn, an American historian, in an "afterword"

to the volume of Marx's writings, points out Russia is making the same kinds of claims today in the greatly magnified tug-of-war between East and West. He wonders what Marx would have thought of Russia under Lenin, Stalin and Khrushchev, and concludes that while it would be impossible to say with any degree of certainty, the following must be considered:

"Many European Liberals greeted Lenin's conquest of power hopefully, seeing in it a complete break with the

autocracy, the foreign policy and the dogmatic orthodoxy of Czarist Russia. But it should be pointed out that some of the most respected and dedicated disciples and followers of Karl Marx thought otherwise."

"... Some of the fundamental methods of domestic and foreign policy which Marx castigated in (Czar) Nicolai's Russia were continued in Lenin's and Stalin's Russia."

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