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**Dangers Confronting America****EXTENSION OF REMARKS**

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Mr. HIESTAND. Mr. Speaker, we are always faced with the task of awakening the American people to the dangers confronting us.

George Todt touches on this vital point in one of his columns for the Los Angeles Herald Express:

**DANGERS CONFRONTING AMERICA**

(By George Todt)

Cuba and Laos today are nothing more than symptoms of a major disease—the pathological desire of the international Communist hierarchy to conquer the nations of the earth and press them into a Red one-world government dominated by Moscow and Peiping.

This is the greatest worldwide threat to the universal free agency of mankind in the history of civilization.

Yet the people of the United States—themselves the arch protagonist and champion of human liberty in modern times—stand confused as to the magnitude, the direction, and the scope of the threat today.

True, many of us are alert now—and the numbers are increasing daily with the passage of time. But there are still not enough.

My readers have long been aware as to my beliefs about the Reds.

Briefly, I thought the Nazis under Adolf Hitler had reached a new high in human depravity—and volunteered to fight against them in World War II. But I think the Communists of yesterday and today are even worse.

**A GOOD QUESTION**

The blackest part of the picture is they have gratuitously picked us as their mortal enemy, whom they plan to defeat by either fair means or foul. Hitler, at least, did not make us his priority No. 1 target. The latter position was reserved for such peoples as the Russ, the Poles, and the French.

Why are we so dangerously apathetic to the expanding menace, which now threatens us from the direction of the Ural Mountains in no longer faraway Eurasia? Is it, because we are so rich we cannot imagine danger can be close upon us? Why complacency?

Recently, Gen. C. P. Cabell, Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, made a discerning speech about Soviet capabilities and overall strategy that zeroed in on the military ideological target. Strangely enough, his piercing diagnosis received scant attention in our communications media.

Let my readers scan General Cabell's knowledgeable words and judge their merit for themselves. He said, in part:

**ONCE WARNED**

"What do the Communist leaders really want? The answer is, simply, the world. Call it conquest, domination or control, their aim—as stated by themselves and demonstrated by their actions—is to destroy freedom in the world and to impose a Communist structure upon the whole globe.

"Theirs is the language of total war. They have a consistency and a single mindedness about promoting a world revolution which is unique in the history of dictatorships. We have been warned before, by Hitler, of plans for world domination. We cannot ignore the present, clear Communist warning.

"The Soviets have one great intangible resource which can best be described as

gall. They are showing ever-increasing confidence and even arrogance about their growth, both in material things and in influence.

"We in Intelligence (CIA) consider the only sensible view of Communist intentions is that they seek to destroy us by any means they can use.

**GRASSROOTS**

"The next question is how? Will it be by direct military attack or by long-term erosion? The answer is both. If we display weakness in our Military Establishment—if they believe they could strike without suffering unacceptable damage in return—then they will strike. Similarly, if we maintain soft spots in our nonmilitary posture at home and around the world they will—as they have in the past—seek to exploit these weaknesses.

"In their nonmilitary arsenal they have at their disposal all the open techniques of diplomacy, trade, foreign aid and cultural missions which, when used by almost any other country, would be legitimate arms of official government business.

"The Communists have in addition local parties in nearly every country of the world—parties trained and directed by Moscow, as at the recent meeting, and dedicated to the overthrow of representative government.

**WHERE NEXT?**

"This is no secret. The Soviets have boasted there are active Communist parties in 87 countries in the world.

"The Soviets have the greatest and most expensive propaganda machine the world has ever known.

"Several years ago we were inclined to say what goes on far across the Atlantic or the Pacific does not really affect us. Then we began to recognize the real intentions of the Communist. Several months ago we could still have said: 'Today Laos is in danger; tomorrow it may be somewhere else, perhaps closer to home.' Now we are forced to say: 'Today Laos and today Cuba, 90 miles from our shores.'

"Behind their curtain of secrecy, they believe they can make preparations for a surprise military attack.

"In answer to the question: 'When will the Communists strike?'—the answer is they have attacked, they are attacking and they will continue to attack."

Perhaps an even more pertinent question might be posed to my readers:

"When will we really wake up?"