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The Cold Warriors

To the Editor of the Journal:

The Cold Warriors are frantically battering the hatches against all possibilities of improved communications so necessary to a better understanding of our opponents in a dangerously divided world. Otherwise, they fear there might develop the idea of the possibility of cooperation between the East and the West. And this would of course, they think, destroy their scheme for the destruction of their "Pet Devil": Communism.

The Joseph Alsops, the Constantine Browns, the William Chamberlins (Wall Street Journal), the Maggie Higginses (N. Y. Herald Tribune), the David Lawrences, the William Whites, and others are obviously frightened that Mr. Kennedy may find that Khrushchev is a human being and deal with him as such. This would, of course, according to their Maginot minds, constitute another Munich, with the bold and brilliant Sir Galahad-Kennedy unseated by the crude but foxy coal miner-Khrushchev. All the vigilantes, therefore, must be called to arms and the people alerted to this diabolically subversive plot.

All "summit" meetings should be, they believe, abolished and if necessary, by Congress. What about the Atlantic Charter, they ask, which forbade our taking other people's territory (Iwo Jima and others)? What about the Cairo Agreement which gave Formosa to China (instead of to our puppet, Chiang Kai-Shek)? What about Yalta which surrendered our rights to rule (well, the Universe)? What about the United Nations Charter which gave our right to extend the Monroe Doctrine (over there)? And finally what about the OAS Charter which makes it a violation of our treaty agreement to invade (Cuba, or any other small Latin American country at times and places of our choice)?

All of these, they remind us, were summit conferences and all of these, they believe, constitute a violation of the Divine Right of Kings, that is, the inherent national sovereign right to do as we please with the atheistic, barbaric, non-religious world: about three-quarters of the human race. Their answer to all of this, of course, is to surround it with action: (1) The John Birchers (Robert A. Welch, Jr., of N. C. Class '18); (2) The Dr. Fred Schwarzburgs (Australia) and their U. S. military allies; (3) the American Strategy, Incorporated (New York State) with its national guard and reserve association; and finally, all the "hundred percent" patriotic organizations, opposed to everything "made in the U. S.", and everyone not of a "white" skin.

Certainly the columnists mentioned earlier in this article did everything they could to prevent the meeting between Kennedy and Khrushchev scheduled for June and are now doing all in their power to discredit this effort in advance of the meeting. (Some are apprehensive that the CIA may yet prevent it). The Cold War columnists did the same thing before and after the only post World War II summit meeting at Geneva, July 1955. Now they are using the failure of that conference—a failure which John Foster Dulles and they made inevitable—to compromise the newly planned meeting between Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Khrushchev.

For them, apparently, the greatest possible tragedy would be an agreement between the East and the West to coexist. It is certain such an agreement would pull the rug of fear and hate—the only one upon which they can stand—down under the Birchers, the Schwarzburgs, their military and paramilitary allies and their "one hundred percent" patriotic associates. For this reason they may be expected to step up their divisive activities of rule and ruin. The truth is, they fear now to do to this nation what Nazism and fascism did to Germany, Japan and Italy before World War II and again in the name of "Anti-Communism."

It is the cardinal belief of this writer, given a protracted period of international peace, that freedom with justice, under law, can be greatly expanded for all peoples and nations. This is so, first, because it is now finally possible to abolish poverty, and this in itself may be expected to reduce materially the other two major enemies of mankind: ignorance and bigotry; second, because the cold warriors cannot, however efficient, permanently hold the world in the grip of fear and hate against all the other positive factors of human desires.

It is in this faith, this belief that this writer hopes that President Kennedy and Prime Minister Khrushchev will receive the full support of all people of goodwill in their efforts to reduce world tensions, now almost unbearable, and explore all avenues to peaceful cooperation in the "one-world" of Wendell Wilkie. Since "there is no alternative to peace," there can be no substitute for negotiations at all levels. Again, in the writer's opinion, this is the only way by which to end the cold war—presently man's greatest menace—and expose the cold warriors as naked frauds: like the King "without clothes."

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