

# Karel Hujer:

# Remembering Yalta

It took place three decades ago, in 1945, the Yalta Declaration which today carries portentous fruits, now accelerating with ever increasing magnitude. The Yalta Declaration was signed by Roosevelt, Churchill and Stalin on February 11, 1945. It was a solemn pledge to liberate occupied countries and permit their peoples to choose the government under which they chose to live. The Western powers honored their agreement and liberated eight occupied countries, but those assigned to the Soviets were treacherously betrayed into Communist slavery. Over fifteen million people were directly absorbed into the U.S.S.R. system such as the Lithuanian or Estonian SSR. Then over one hundred millions in Central and Eastern Europe, between the Baltic and Adriatic seas, became satellite countries, captive nations. Soviet expansion has no parallel in its history, with its new incomparable colonial system of exploitation carefully cloaked and guarded with political lies. The "Iron Curtain" was created and the complacent West accepted it. Yet, despite today's so-called detente, Communist domestic propaganda never tires of accusing the United States of colonialism and police rule.

Stalin insisted but failed in having the Yalta Declaration called the Crimean Declaration, to avenge the humiliating defeat of Tsarist Russia more than a hundred years ago in the Crimean war, when the Black Sea was ordered neutralized and the Russian navy destroyed. The Mediterranean Sea, until not long ago a British lake when Britannia ruled the waves, is now a Soviet lake, with Israel playing the role of a precarious pawn between the two powers—the U.S. and the U.S.S.R.

Since the Yalta conference, the Soviet Union has experienced an unparalleled imperialist expansion. Now they plot and scheme and are strategically planning to march straight to the Atlantic coast, preparing to absorb the remaining strip of free Europe on the Eurasiatic continent, already much under Communist control. Recent events in Portugal, at the strategic gate of Gibraltar, are ominous symptoms. Carefully examine a map of the Eurasiatic continent and note how insignificant a strip

is left of what may still be called free Europe and its Western civilization, and judge for yourself. History has revealed that time always works in favor of the barbarians while civilizations, with their affluence, have been lulled to sleep.

It seems beyond all comprehension that leaders of the free world continue to trust the Soviet detente while the U.S.S.R. grows daily in military power and might, keenly eyeing the turmoil both in what is left of free Europe and what occurs in the U.S. The thirtieth anniversary of Yalta with its catastrophic consequences the beginning of the great Soviet push westward — should then offer capital reason to remind the world that it is facing an unpredictable Communist empire, its cheapest commodity human beings. This is what the Marxist doctrine advocates, and is the very opposite of what Christian teaching has tried to instill in the human mind these last two thousand years the value of each individual.

Time is running out. No Geneva conference will solve the problems with Soviets sitting at the table. It will be a

repeat of what occurred in Paris during the Vietnam "peacemaking," with weeks spent debating on the shape of the table. U.S., with all its internal problems of a pluralistic society, is heading toward a most foreboding isolation in a hostile world, yet freedom is indivisible. Manhattan's Trojan Horse, the United Nations, is the private property of Communist and Afro-Asian blocs, and reminds us only of pitiful scenes in which the true cause of humanity was trampled under the feet of tyrants described as "delegates."

Is this a voice in the wilderness? We appear to be heading toward the fulfillment of Lenin's prophecy of the spirit of bloody revolution: "When the capitalist nations will begin to trade with us, on that day they will have begun their downfall." Lenin actually meant the word "trade" in a much broader sense than commercial dealings between the Communist and non-Communist worlds. Are we not feeling the continued disastrous effect of the Nixon administration's wheat deal with Russia which cost the American taxpayers uncounted millions and which

siphoned our surpluses? Did not over fifty thousand of the flower of American youth die in vain in the catastrophe of Vietnam to the pernicious chuckle of the Communist world? It is a gigantic Soviet victory, to the detriment of American honor so glorified at the end of both victorious world wars.

Never since the American revolutionary war has this land of Jefferson and Lincoln experienced so ominous a threat, at the eve of our celebration of the bicentenary of American sovereignty. "Lenin," as Senator McClure said recently, (and never mind whether he is Democrat or Republican) "would have been delighted by the lulling effect achieved through SALT in Helsinki and the euphoria of detente." We have forgotten that the price of freedom is eternal vigilance or that the price of victory is defeat. Is America or is Asiatic Russia now destined to become a Rome to the dying Athens which is Europe today?

One late evening scene recurs to my mind while standing on the Red Square close to what formerly was the holy St. Basil's Cathedral. It is now an anti-God museum, with a great pendulum swinging in its Marx-Engels gallery, evidently to demonstrate the force of gravity in refutation of claims made on behalf of any divinity shaping our ends. The fraudulence of the mummified Communist "saint," Vladimir Ilyich Lenin, displayed in a glass case, with honor guards goosestepping and dressed like Nazi SS storm troopers, while nearby the red flag waves above the great Kremlin palace, illuminated at night, appearing as a little pool of blood fluttering westward in the direction of the European Nineveh. . . This is no time for cheap optimism so easily applauded by a complacent society. Another Dark Age will soon be upon us despite the triumphs of our technology. "God will not descend from the machine," says Lewis Mumford. "He will rise from the weary human soul."

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