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Asia has overthrown Western Imperialism. India, Burma, Pakistan, Indonesia, Philippines, Ceylon, Palestine, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon and Jordan have become free nations after long periods of political slavery. We Asians are now free to plan and build our own future in terms of our own resources, talents and traditions.

But along with the new hope, a new menace has appeared on the horizon—the menace of Russia's totalitarian Imperialism. Russia has already enslaved the whole of China and Tibet and half of Korea, and Russian stooges have be-trayed the freedom struggles in Indo-China and Malaya. Combining methods of political infiltration and subversion, *Russian Imperialism advances under false slogans and false promises by means of organised misinformation* retailed through local pedlars, the communist parties and their fellow travellers.

Russia is ideologically committed to the conquest of Asia on her way to world-conquest. Long ago, Lenin said that the road from Moscow to Paris passes through Peking, Shanghai and Calcutta. Even in the year 1953, the Russians and their satraps all over the world talk about "emancipation" of "feudal-colonial" Asia. We Asians have to tell the Russian warlords that Asia is already emancipated and that, in any case, Asia does not need Russian type of "emancipation."

For under the name of "emancipation" Russia conquers foreign lands, turning independent nations into

Satellites. Russia forcibly removes foreign wealth into her own coffers, and foreign nationals into her slave camps. Russia destroys the hard core of nationalism everywhere and imposes her home-trained puppets, her imperial colonial trade, her forced collectivisation, her concentration camps, her thought-control and brain-washing and her language and culture. Far exceeding the ravages of the nineteenth century colonialism and capitalism, *Russian imperialism stands for the total eclipse of man, his spiritual stagnation and death and increasing impoverishment of the masses.*

Moreover, the Western Powers are conscious of the Russian strategy of encirclement via Asia and are bound to intervene wherever Russian Imperialism makes a headway. If Asia does not resist Russian imperialism she would inevitably become the battle-field between Russian Imperialism and Western intervention. *Korea, Indo-China and Malaya are portents of what the whole of Asia may become to-morrow if Asians do not wake up in time.*

But Asia is not yet fully awake to this menace. We can discover three major fallacies in Asia's attitude to this problem.

1. Asia is deeply suspicious towards the West and finding that the Western nations are determined to fight Russian imperialism in the East, some Asians conclude that Russian Imperialism is primarily a problem for and responsibility of the Western nations. *This is a mistake.* As already pointed out, Russian imperialism can not become a menace to the West before Russia's has

conquered Asia. Moreover, the armed and can defeat Russia if it comes to a final showdown. On the other hand, Asia is weak, unarmed and disunited. *Asia can easily fall a prey to Russian Imperialism either through internal subversion by communist parties or through conquest by Russia's puppet armies. Russian imperialism, therefore, is primarily Asia's problem.*

2. Some people in Asia think that Russian communism means some sort of socialism i. e. a greater equality and a better standard of living. They, therefore, oppose it to capitalism. *Nothing could be more fallacious. Russian communism is as far from any socialism as the North Pole from the South Pole.* Ever since the communists have assumed power in Russia, the standard of living of the masses in terms of food, clothing and housing has shown a continuous decline. Communist Russia has been producing colossal quantities of steel and iron to manufacture tanks and bombers, but very small quantities of consumer goods for the masses. And the inequalities of income, status and power, between the ruling classes and the toiling masses of Russia, cannot be found in any other country of the world. All these are questions of facts which are easily accessible to anyone who cares to know. In fact, *Russian communism is super-capitalism* in which democracy has been abolished, the workers deprived of their right to organise, agitate and strike, the peasants made chattels on mechanised, collectivised farms, and in which the ruling class wields total power for extracting everincreasing amounts of surplus-value from the labouring masses for purposes of militarist industrialisation. Russian

communism is, therefore, no choice for *Asia who must evolve her own patterns of economy* in terms of her own moral, material and human resources.

3. Some other Asians think that the menace of Russian imperialism arises from within, from poverty, inequality, exploitation and oppression which exist everywhere in Asia and against which the masses may see an escape into communism. They conclude, therefore, that if Asia can wipe out these socio-economic evils, Russian communism would die out. *This is a dangerous fallacy.* It is true that social, political and economic evils are very helpful to Russian imperialism, but it must be admitted that *the menace comes from outside, from the totalitarian, imperialist centre in Russia which maintains vast fifth-columns in every country and which floods Asia with false propaganda and armed bandits.* Communism is not a symptom of Asia's poverty and misery, but a conspiracy of Russian warlords who want to exploit that poverty and misery in the service of Russia's imperialist aims. We should, therefore, keep the issues separate. We should not confuse our domestic problems of poverty, inequality and national disputes with the problem of Russian Imperialism. *Whichever way we solve our domestic and international problems, Russian imperialism must be kept at bay*

It was in the context of this analysis that the *Society for Defence of Freedom in Asia* was formed in the cities of Calcutta and Delhi over an year ago. Since then many local units have sprung into action, spontaneously, all over the country. At present the *Society* represents a considerable force which the communists can not ignore. Starting

with an official Russian attack on our organisation in *Pravda* and *Izvestia* dated October 16, 1952, the Russian controlled papers in India have intensified their campaign of villification. *This gives us moral strength.* The communists cannot reply to our arguments ; they only abuse.

Peking and Shanghai have fallen to Russian Imperialism. But Calcutta stands, defiant and determined, to stop the advance of Russian armies along the road charted for them by Lenin. At the largest city of the largest country in Free Asia, Calcutta is the symbol of Asian freedom. It was in this city that the initial battles were fought in the struggle for Indian freedom which became a struggle for the freedom of all Asian nations. And it is in this city that Asia's resolve to dig the grave of Russian imperialism has taken shape and found a voice.

In this struggle, *Truth* is the greatest weapon of defence in the hands of Asian democracy and freedom. Let the Asian people know the truth about Russian imperialism, about the enslavement of a dozen nations in Europe and Asia, about Russian slave camps, purges, terror, speed-up, stage-trials, secret-police, increasing industrialisation and militarisation and decreasing standards of living, and regimentation of the artist and thinker ; and Russian imperialism will stand exposed and rejected. Knowledge about the truth of Russian communism will inspire the Asian masses to *resist, isolate and immobilise* the Russian fifth-columns, active in every Asian country. And deprived of her imperialist tools, *Russia would lose the temptation to conquer Asia.* In the final outcome it will not only be good for Asia, but good for Russia herself and good for the whole world, because the *emergence*

of a self-confident Asia as a positive force in world affairs is the only guarantee of world peace

While we leave it to our friends in other Asian countries to organise the movement in their own countries according to their own resources and inspiration, we give below an outline of our aims and objectives in India. This outline may, however, be helpful for democrats in other countries.

INDIA

We should make it clear at the outset that the *Society* is a non-party organisation which would resist, at all stages, the temptation to become a political party by itself. *We respect all our national political leaders and parties* and we believe that ultimately the battle against Russian Imperialism is to be fought by them. The *Society* is out to make only a *specialised effort* to draw national attention towards an important problem. We do not say that other problems like food, education and culture are less important or should in any way be shelved or minimised. But we do say that *communism is an important problem requiring special attention.*

Although individual members of the *Society* may have their individual opinions about many issues about which our national parties are divided, the *Society* is neutral about all such issues. The *Society*, however, wants that party interests be subordinated to the national interests because *our loyalties as citizens of an independent and democratic India are higher and larger than our loyalties as Congressmen, Praja-Socialists or as members of the Jana Sangha.*

AIMS

1. Fostering a realisation that communism is not an issue for domestic strife but a national issue like *flood, war, pestilence or famine* and advocating a broad national effort against communism.

2. Exposing and immobilising the Communist Party of India, communist Fronts and fellow-travellers by means of education, propaganda, agitation and *community action*.

3. Stopping the *politicalisation* of our religious, cultural, social, philanthropic and public organisations, institutions and associations—a process which has assumed menacing proportions because of a deliberate communist attempt to secure all strategic points in our national life.

4. Encouraging an atmosphere in which all issues and problems are studied, debated and decided in a peaceful and democratic manner.

PROGRAMME

1. To create and disseminate objective and documented information on all aspects of communist ideology, communist parties and communist countries, in all languages and suited to all levels of understanding.

2. To publish specialised newspapers and magazines in all languages for educating public opinion on current issues vis-a-vis communism.

3. To organise libraries, reading rooms and study circles for particular discussions about communism and for general democratic education.

4. To develop suitable community action against all types of communist activity, especially the communist fronts.

RULES OF MEMBERSHIP

1. Any Indian citizen who stands for the sovereign independence of India and peaceful, democratic change can become a member of the *Society*. A *Society* member may become the member of any national party, movement or institution, but should scrupulously avoid any communist front.

2. A member should pay a minimum subscription of annas -/4/- per month (*he or she can pay more according to his or her capacity*) as soon as a local unit comes into existence.

3. A member should subscribe to a particular magazine which the *Society* may suggest.

4. A member should sell *Society's* literature and help in organising the sales in his or her area.

5. A member should help in suggesting and implementing programmes on local, regional or national level to mobilise mass opinion against communism.

6. A member should try his or her utmost to collect contributions to the Truth Fund.

The keynote everywhere has to be spontaneity, local effort, local resources and local initiative.

**COMMUNISM HAS NOTHING TO OFFER BUT CHAINS.
THE PRICE OF LIBERTY IS ETERNAL VIGILANCE.**

TRUTH FUND

Communism threatens freedom everywhere, particularly the freedom of the new, emergent Asia. Exceeding the ravages of 19th century colonialism and capitalism, it stands for the total eclipse of man, his spiritual stagnation and death, and the increasing impoverishment of the masses.

Combining methods of political infiltration and subversion, communism advances under false slogans and false promises by means of organised misinformation retailed through local pedlars.

In this struggle, **TRUTH** is the greatest weapon of defence in the hands of world democracy and Asian freedom. Let free people know the truth about Soviet slave labour camps, purges, terror, speed-ups, staged-trials, increasing industrialisation and decreasing standard of living, regimentation of the artists and the thinkers and communism will shrink within and die of its own lies.

This is how the '**Society for Defence of Freedom in Asia**' conceives the danger and this is how it contemplates to meet it. This, we believe, is the way of truth, peace and discrimination.

We invite all those who agree with us to donate liberally to the Truth Fund. The contributor may donate in any shape, donate the cost or part-cost of printing and publishing a book, a pamphlet, a poster. No donation is too big or too small for our purpose.

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