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Word Is Colonialism

To the Editor:

Colonialism is a cloak under which control of the land of a nation was established by conquest and the people shamefully exploited of the produce of their labor. A by-product was human degradation.

England took head start and sparked the system; Holland, Belgium, Spain, France and the United States could not be denied by England. Germany and Italy got squeezed out by reason of lack of internal unification, but bravely took to the "colonial" method of the sword to mend this—and failed.

New contenders in colonialism, Russia and China, with new methods and mental and spiritual tortures, loom high on the horizon. As Western colonialism recedes, due not to a seeking for justice, of course, but to Communist and internal nationalist pressures sparked by the Communists, the Communist "colonialism" expands.

Colonialism is not merely a matter of reins of control held in the hands of a few exploiters of the controlling country; it is a matter of an internal pattern in the country controlled. Power and wealth had to be placed in the hands of the internal collaborators, and these were the titleholders to land. Usually the mother country of the colonies would have its favorites who would do their exploiting by control of industry and trade, in the process arranging to give less value in trade than they got.

Only the cloak of colonialism is falling. The hard core residue within the country exploited remains, a sort of "fifth column" colonialism, and this encourages threatening Communist-type colonialism.

Colonialism! Why in the 1880s it was called, in Ireland, "The Irish Land Problem." Shade of Moses! Examination shows, wherever it is, it is "the land problem." It has been seen in Mexico, Puerto Rico,

Iran, Iraq, Egypt, Malaya, Philippines, Indo-China, India, Russia, China, England and in the United States. It is a social and economic disease. For its cure see a true science of economics, not mere disjointed principles of economics. A specific, not a shotgun Marxist remedy, is available.

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THE MAIL BAG *note?*

What Co-Existence?

To the Editor:

A form of co-existence with Communism is possible—the armed truce. However, it is the height of folly and illusion to inject the word "peaceful." Peace is not to be thought of as merely a state of existence free of killing and destruction of private and public property. Communist ideology calls for "peaceful" co-existence so long as a hot military war may end their own existence. The Communists want "co-existence" without war since they are cock-sure they can win a peace broken only by acts of their cold-war techniques.

Nations of what is called Western civilization have long been riding for a fall. In days when colonialism—control of people through control of land—was a budding and a-flourishing, and frontiers were to be pushed back along with the native people of the land, resources were to be wasted and hogged, and conditions of education and natural opportunity, and a shortage of labor produced an epic period of basic inventions, we were—we thought—setting pretty. The propaganda pattern, most useful for the moment and now most popular, the "hurrah" and the "booster" type, the singer of songs of freedom (now like incantations in many cases), and now de-rooted from a basis of natural opportunity, carry on; it is as if a "huff" and a "puff" would tear down this house the Communists have built and are building.

An odd thing, looking backwards, is this; that although they were long in power in the United States the crowd called "conservatives"—said to have been practical men—failed to conserve. Observe a direct tax of 92 per cent on certain incomes and more taken by other direct and indirect taxes. How raw-looking-red are their successes today. And, while looking ahead and at the present as well—and 20 years backward, the crowd today called liberals and progressives, move at great speed towards the destruction of values men of the past sacrificed so nobly to achieve, individual freedom in a freedom atmosphere. The only choice in politics for men and women who are independent in thinking lies in which of these two forces, both inept for freedom idealism, will destroy us at the slowest rate.

We hope for a military state mate based on the unquestioned destructiveness of war. Then what? Can we yet win the freedom environment, economic and spiritual, in which the individual may flower as was the ideas of the founding fathers that he would? We can if—and it is a big and doubtful if—we will do the correct things.

Because the great holders of title to land in the South could not solve the freedom conflict of property in man (slaves) and rights of man to property, the Civil War was fought. Other causes might not have activated the war with this cause removed. If capitalists, and most adult Americans are capitalists to some degree, can end the dilemma of conflict between a true and pure free enterprise and one encrusted with barnacles of monopolism and privileges—polite rackets—and establish an economic basis of moral and economic pursuit of life, liberty and happiness and real private property, we can win the real war to be fought under "peaceful co-existence" with the Communists. The "Achilles Heel" of the Communist heels' lies in the utter stupidity and unworkability of their economic and social system; in their lack of freedom. We cannot win by merely compounding our accumulated economic evils with evil economic remedies issued under a guise of progressivism or of "democratic action."

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