

The Communist View

A Plan For America

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For the year 1966, the Communist Party, U.S.A., has published a draft of their new programs for a Socialist America.

Reading the draft in its paperback form convinces the capitalist-American reader of one thing from the outset: it is a sharply-written issue of the same old Communist line.

It is a description of both the goals of the party, and the means it intends to use to gain these goals. There is much truth within its pages. And great lies.

The Communist Party, U.S.A., describes itself as "a revolutionary working-class party dedicated to the struggle against the evils of capitalism as they affect the lives of our people today and to the struggle for a socialist U.S.A."

They say that to fully realize America's enormous potential the people must wrest ownership of its resources from the corporate power and use them for the common good instead of private profit.

But, they assure the reader, this will not be the oppressive kind of Communism found in Russia or eastern Europe. That was the result of the extreme poverty existant in those countries when Communism came to their rescue.

No, America will adapt Communism to its own realities, traditions and institutions. It will follow, "the American way to Socialism."

The program pictures the current American scene as one in such a crisis that only Communism can lead the way to a brighter life. Pointing to the American foreign policy that is "magnifying the peril, instead of diminishing it," the technological revolution that is displacing workers, and the Negro revolt, they say that a Communist America would wipe all this away and give us a land of peace and prosperity.

The root of all this trouble say the Communist, is the "power elite of corporation officers, military commanders and political administrators." This triumvirate of exploitation and imperialism is really one, with the same men switching roles at various stages of their lives to insure that their grip on America will remain solid.

Imperialism, to the Communist mind, is not the same as it is to the capitalist. The followers of Marx see imperialism as a stage of capitalism. The stage, in fact, the U.S. is currently undergoing.

They say the US is fighting to preserve this neoimperialism in Vietnam, and say that the supreme fight for world peace today is "to halt U.S. aggression, to end U.S. military occupation of South Viet Nam so that the Vietnamese can decide their own destiny."

They see the U.S., not the Communists, as the aggressors in that little war, and say that the U.S. interests there are purely imperialistic.

On the home front, they hold up the American labor union as the true champion of liberty in this nation, and envision a labor-Negro coalition as the agent which will eventually overthrow the capitalists.

At this stage of the game, the Communist seek to put on their white hats. Here they point out that they are the true defenders of the American Constitution. They seek to work totally within the framework of the Constitution, making, of course, suitable amendments to it.

They advocate an amendment which would abolish the capitalist form of property. There is a difference, the Communists say, between private property and property which is being used by a minority to exploit the majority. It is the latter that will be confiscated. Just who will determine which is oppressive isn't made clear. The

government, more than likely, operating "decisively" under the "mandate" of the people.

In the end, the Communist Party, U.S.A., envisions a Socialist-democratic America, in which all business larger than family size will be publicly owned. The nation-wide and primary industries will be owned by the Federal government, the statewide and secondary industries by the states, and the local industries owned by the counties and cities. Farms and family sized businesses would only be publicly owned at the present owners request.

Of course the Communists realize that these far-reaching goals may be years away, but they do outline positive programs which will hasten the day of "mankind's bright horizon—Socialism." They call for Communists to join with others to work within the two-party system when these other groups are working for a cause with which they agree. Thus, they join the Negro civil rights movement, labor union struggles and demonstrations to end "imperialism" in Viet Nam.

But, they warn, they will not let themselves be deluded by promises of the establishment, whether it be the Democrats or Republicans.

Always they will work to strengthen their own party and other of the Left.

In the end, they picture themselves as the champions of the people and the supporters of the Constitution. They also are cooperators with religion for good and the true savior of mankind from his present suffering at the hands of the big industrialists.

The New Program of the Communist Party, U.S.A., is available from New Orleans Publishers & Distributors, 32 Union Square East, New York City.

For anyone desiring to know about a party that would transform our nation into a Socialist utopia, it should be required reading.

Senior Pulls Caps From Milk Bottles

Wire in the right hand, bottle in the left . . . and Roy Langhoff is on the job.

The Corps tradition of putting the milk bottle caps back inside the bottles has become Langhoff's biggest headache.

Langhoff, a senior Dairy Science major from Yoakum, works at the A&M Creamery. Besides his job of general handyman he is assigned the task of removing the caps from the milk bottles.

"Yeah, one of my jobs is pulling out the caps," Langhoff said. He commented that he couldn't understand why people put them back in the bottles. He writes it off as being some kind of tradition.

Langhoff said sometimes he feels they do it just for meanness.

He estimates that he takes the caps out of about 2,000 bottles daily. He said most of the cap-filled bottles come from Duncan Dining Hall.

How do you get the caps out of the bottles? "We have a little wire to go down in there and pull them out."

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