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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mrs. Roosevelt Misinformed About Marxism

IN her column of Nov. 27, Mrs. Roosevelt refers to a sometime correspondent of hers, who, she says, doesn't like her at all. This correspondent, said Mrs. Roosevelt, "seems to have completely misunderstood the efforts I have made to explain the thinking of people in Asia on Marxism—their lack of knowledge about the development of this theory into a reality under Stalin which in no way coincides with the Marxist theory. . . . He (the correspondent) takes it for granted," continues Mrs. Roosevelt, "that I agree with the Marxist theory. I do not happen to agree with it, but I disagree much more violently with what Stalin has developed, because his practice means slavery of the individual and of the mind." . . .

To those as uninformed as Mrs. Roosevelt appears to be, about Marxist theory, this "explanation" will undoubtedly be accepted as a profound revelation of the ultimate truth about Marxism. To me, it sounds pathetically stupid. Under whose tutelage, one is entitled to wonder, has Mrs. Roosevelt perfected her profound misconception of Marxism?

It is a well-known postulate of Marxist dogma, that the ultimately perfect condition of communistic society can be attained only after existing societies, under Marxist tutelage and manipulation, have been caused to pass successively thru a number of explicitly defined intermediate, or evolutional stages. Marxist theory is round and firm and fully packed; nothing absolutely nothing is left out. It postulates the characteristic conditions to which societies must conform, previous to their being deemed adequately prepared for entry into another stage, and explicitly prescribes the manipulative techniques to be applied in their preparation.

In view of the very wide dissemination Marxist theory has received, I am more than a little surprised to discover that Mrs. Roosevelt has accepted those Marxist postulates pertaining only to the characteristic condition of "the perfected communistic state," as the sum and substance of Marxist theory, to which "the reality under Stanlin," as she says, does, indeed, bear little resemblance. Many a devout Marxist has paid the supreme penalty for theoretical misconstructions far less serious.

Altho most of us may be unable to understand how humanity is to be transported to a higher state of existence, by being reduced to the lowest conceivable condition of physical and mental degradation, that, precisely, is the transitional order ordained by Marxist theory.

And that, of course, is precisely the condition to which humanity has been reduced by "the reality" under Lenin-Stalin and Malenkov.

Eleanor Roosevelt

It is that next-to-final staging point in the Marxist backward march toward future perfection, where humanity pauses in its downward ascent and remains for an indeterminate interval in a state of suspended animation, while Marxist mental sculptors and reflex engineers mold its collective mind and condition its collective reflexes, in order to properly prepare it for collective enjoyment of life in the perfect communistic State.

To properly instructed Marxists, "the reality under Stalin" is understood and accepted as one of the most essential evolutionary conditions in the Marxist program of social disintegration and revision.

Unfortunately, a great many people rely implicitly upon Mrs. Roosevelt's interpretation of events and issues, as a basis for their own thinking and opinion. If Mrs. Roosevelt truly desires to serve the best interests of her country, she will most effectively fulfill that desire by remaining silent concerning matters she does not understand herself. FREDERICK L. FREEMAN.

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