

Unitarian Church. 17 Feb 1935

Fascism and Christian Ideals.

Fascism fighting both the working class parties and Xtianity.
Is this a coincidence?

In Russia Xtianity is also going. But in Russia Xtianity failed
in Germany it is standing for its principles.

WHY DOES FASCISM CLASH WITH XTIANITY?

Fascism fights Democracy because it leads to Socialism.
a/ This is a continental experience
b/ class consciousness a continental tradition.
USA had no feudalism at home.

FASCISM ANTI INDIVIDUALIST. Fights Socialism as individualist (rightly)
But Fascism is criticism of individualism only directed
against atheist individualism: Nietzsche, Stirner type
Devastating criticism a/ individual KIRILOV
b/ society.
Prometheus, Herakles, Titans

but religious individualism not attained. Democracy is
based on it SOUL identity with
Individual as an Individual
Equality of Souls not of capacities.
The natural inequalities should be allowed to show.

Fascism attacking Xtian values. The attack on the Church not a
secular struggle for Power. It
It is more than that.

Russia returning to Democracy.

Religion in the vague sense quite open to Fascist interpretation and
misuse. The Jewish idea and the
Xtian more akin than neo-paganism.

Saving Capitalism might be the end not only of the moral but also
of the material achievements of our
world.

Only one thing to learn from it: that material goods are not the highest.
At least that for the future's sake
of the future should sacrifice present
material wellbeing.

Under the title : "Deadlock".
Parkville, Park College,

18th February, 1935.

- I. Nations contending with the same problems everywhere. ✓ Germany, Italy, Austr., Japan USA
(The Deadlock of Politics and Economics:)
Different solutions to identical problems. Russia etc

Reshaping the relationships between the political and the economic sphere.
Politics and Economics two different functions of man in society.
Democracy and the Economic system.
Every person living in both.
More integration needed. Unless this is achieved, the crisis bound to continue in both.

Different solutions briefly characterised: State Socialism
Fascism, New Deal.

~~SIMILARITIES~~ SUPERFICIAL. The same elements, not the same solution

- II. This increases Nationalism. But "Nationalism not necessarily primary.
Exceptions: Danubian new countries. *Belgium*
But take USA: not nationalism, yet self-sufficient

REACTION ON INTERNATIONAL LIFE. *instinctive*

- III. Planning for cooperation or planning for International Anarchy.
Fascism pessimistic: No increase in material wealth. No
Progress, no Human Commonwealth.

Planning might be inevitable: Gold standard as an example.
Some measure of planning

Self-sufficiency *very* a/ of countries which cannot be self-sufficient *cent*
b/ which could be. (Preparing for war for blockade)

What are you planning for? Your currency? your foreign trade? etc;

- IV. Interdependence enormously increased through planned ^{economic} international life.

a) mutual adaptations needed

b/

19th Febr. Parkville, Mo.

Fascism and Xtian ~~Mobilism~~ Ideals.

A new phenomenon in history a/ in International life, 2/ in religion.

regarding itself as a
Fascism creed directed against Democracy and Internationalism. *(Taciturn)*
exalting Nationalism, one's own people, glory, spartan

Fascism different in power than when fighting for power:

- a/ Socialist when fighting, Currency reform, promising everything to everybody.
- b/ conservative and anti-atheist; later the opposite

Germany is the real Fascism.

We are concerned about Fascism in power.: Why is it fighting organized

This is not a theological but a philosophical-political argument
religion in Germany?
The fight against Democracy leads to a clash with Xty. Western Europe and Xtian.

Attack ~~against~~ Democracy anti-individualist.:

A) atheist individualism: the isolated, self-sufficient personality, on his own
getting rid of conscience an anarchist, or egotist

a) nihilist b) socialist
Nietzsche Stirner, Bakunin, Raskolnikov

IF THERE IS NO GOD, I am God.

having a conscience

Titans, Prometheus, Herakles etc

B) religious individualism:

Because there is God, the individual *is of infinite* value.

Equality of human souls not of capacities.

The attack on the churches not a secular struggle for power, but the churches defending their entrusted mission.

Danville, Ky. 22nd March, 1935.

THE YOUTH MOVEMENT IN EUROPE.

The greatest change in Europe that has happened in this generation, has happened outside our politics. It is the change in the forms of life of the masses of the people especially of the young.

The masses of the people: Old working class: Drink, ^{card}brwals, gambling, saloons, indoor life.

In the last five years up to 1933 50% even smoking going. Why

The answer is with the young. It is the young who have changed their lives.

The young irrespective of ~~class~~ class

The youth movement.

OUTDOOR LIFE

A/ Pre-war development. : Reaction to overindustrialised town life. Wandervogel. A great movement of adaptation Nature. natural sounds, pleasures Entertainments. Rhythm and aesthetics of nature. Physical sports, the body, songs Folk dances

Companionship. Relaxation. Using time

B/ Postwar development: The comradeship of the treckes. Spartan trait, Endurance, Hardship. Independence. Self-respect and responsibility.

Stefan George and Rainer M. Rilke

FIDUS

C/ Present situation result of this: Entire change in forms of life and enjoyment. Not costing enjoyment

To BE, not to Have.

Existence in nature. conversation contentment, concentration PERSONALITY.

*drink dog race }
had movies }
Saloons }
Dance*

*not given the same
Sunk*

Fascism and Christian Ideals in Europe.

Asheville Normal and Teachers College .
Asheville. 31 st March, 1936.

I. The Problem.

A new force has arisen in several countries - in Italy, Austria, but most of all in Germany. Different names but the same idea: Fascism.

In Germany Fascism seems to clash with the Churches. Men like Karl Barth have arisen to defend the independence of the Protestant Conscience against interference by the Fascist State? What is Fascism and why does it clash with Christian Values?

II. Fascism not only a political movement, a party, but also a philosophy.

As a movement it destroys parliament, takes away the rights of citizens.
The aim of Fascism is the destruction of Democracy, of the idea that human beings ought to rule themselves. It claims all power for the State, Totalitarianism. Especially against the influence of the working classes, and of Collectivist ideas.

Democracy based on individualism.

The criticism of Fascism necessarily directed against ~~Democracy~~ Individualism. Anti-individualist.

III. Two types of Individualism.:

Atheist individualism, which exalts the interests and the passions of the individual ego at the cost of God.

KIRILOFF. This leads to egotistic, competitive individualism of the destructive type.

Religious individualism: the opposite: Individuals have a value because they have souls. Because there is God, the individual has an infinite value. But as an individual. Not in his difference from others, but in that in which he is similar to the rest.

Violence, race, nationalism glorified

IV. Fascist criticism of Individualism is not effective at all. Democracy is rooted in religious idealism, and Fascism clashes with religion when it tries to make an end of Democracy.

Improve individualism, improve Democracy, make best movement for all, Christians have a great social mission in our time.

Studying Current History with the help of Newspapers.

Current History : History happening now.
Not only diplomatic intrigues and manoeuvres.
but real problems leaving little elbow room to the statesmen.

News ~~Papers~~ the only source: Experts using this source.
No other source available even to diplomats
The newspaper has two functions: Making history and reproducing it.

The reporting suffers by making it.
Many institutions have such incompatible functions: Parliaments mirror the will of the people but also rule and govern, which is entirely different thing.

- a/ You must know what you are looking for
- b/ You must collect the documents.
- c/ you must master a technique which is useful also in other ways.
- d/ it can be a job in the future.
- e/ it is something which makes you capable to judge periodicals (comment)

How to do it? Check, cut, file, make date stamps and order chronologically
don't rim, don't stick,

Throw them away later.
Meetings of Foreign policy associations.
You can form the public opinion of your community.

History is the scene of really great changes.
In history everything is possible., but only
a/ if you know the facts,
b/ have no illusions.

Italy - Ethiopian Conflict

*Background
Rome Agreement (January)
Lithuania
Polish frontiers
Changes*

Hitler - Stalin

*Warsaw
Munich*

*Fronts were weakened
Japan's / own depend
on whether Russia can be
isolated, as the hope*

The life of the young people in Europe.

I Great change has come:
 indoors life gone
 outdoors life: Sport, dance,
 hiking, tourism,
 alpinism
 beach life
 water sport
 rock climbing

week-end in Europe

no drinking,
 smoking (not on the job),
 gambling
 dissipation

Youth movement: A) Before the war:
 non economic } reaches to urban
 life
 description of Wander-
 vögel

- { not working enjoyment
 alone, but
 non-working men
 time spent in
 best
- a) not have, but be.
 - b) companionship of
 boys
 - c) boys & girls
 - d) popular, non-
 sectarian
 (no youth).
 - e) but personal
 developed.

poetic & tragic, multiple
 of life

f) non-political
 Fr. das, Stefan George
 Rainer Maria
 Rilke

B) After the war:
 friends, equality
 war detests,
 simplicity,
 partisan

2).

After the war: Tremendous
development. New type
of life altogether

{ Shelters, cabarets, cheap
travel,
new beauty of the body,
new character of dance
of song.

capacity to enjoy, is the personal
difference
freedom, a uniqueness of regard upon

themselves, doing ~~or~~
any sort of work
a) cooking, household
work!

b) responsibilities realizing

a very ^{great} grand generation is
forming up in Europe. —

world of its thousands
with arms and

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