

Ealing Church.

February 18th, 1937.

Frankly, I hardly know where to begin.

Is it politics? NO.

Is it philosophy? NO.

Presumably, it is international affairs. What is the real ~~nature~~ ^{nature} of the danger of War?

To-day ^{are} feeling deeply regarding international affairs but it is essential that they should ~~also~~ think deeply.

I. The International Situation:

a/ The End of the League. 1931 Japan.

1933 Germany.

1935 Italy defies the 52 League States.

b/ The method of Civil War being introduced.

1932 Shanghai: anti-Communist drive in ~~China~~ China. Missionaries mutilated in Mandchukuo and tortured. Civil War in China.

1934 Civil War in Austria, murder of Dollfuss;

1936 on the 17th July in Spanish Morocco and 18th in Madrid and Barcelona a military rising occurs. Against the constitutional government. Heavy bombers forced to land in French Morocco. Germans sent bombers in great numbers. IN JULY. The Russian help arrived in October.

c/ International Law and Order disregarded by the Powers of Law and Order. Pretence of Fascismversus Communism.

II. Fascismversus Communism:

Take the Spanish example. The truth is that when this trouble started there were neither Fascists nor Communists of any account in Spain. The Fascist hardly numbered 50,000 under the son of Primo de Rivera. The Communists numbered even less. Although they managed to get 16 seats out of 473, this was exclusively due to the fact that they were ~~not~~ allowed this number of seats on the left wing lists. They may have counted 50,000, at the most. While the Socialist Trade Union which is as moderate as the British Trade Union Congress counted some 1,000,000 members, and the anarchist-syndicalist counted some 1.5 to 2,000,000. But they non-political. They refuse to vote. They refuse to set up an army.

(The Spirit of Fascism).

They are very similar to the Tolstoian Anarchists in pre-War Russia except their acceptance of violence. But they refuse to accept compulsion, the state, law and discipline. Explanation of the present situation. Opposed to State Socialism as much as to Capitalism or a bourgeois state. Libertarian to the extreme; democrats to the utter extreme. They fought all the Governments of the Republic tooth and nail. These were middle class governments. Not even the moderate Socialists included. Spain not atheist, but anti-Clerical against the domination of the Catholic Church. in the political field. Poverty, illiteracy, enslavement: 67% of the land owned by 2% of the owners. (American sources). Of 24 Million inhabitants 3 Million landless.

Progressive against reactionary,
 Democrats " absolutist
 republicans " monarchists.
 clericals " anti-clericals
 popular Landreform big landowners.

But why drag Communism in?

The explanation: General Franco stated to a representative of the NEWS CHRONICLE that should the rebellion break down, he would do everything possible to precipitate an international conflict."

- a/ the way to get Italian and German support.
- b/ For Germany and Italy, and Japan the way to gain their end in Foreign Policy.
- c/ Goebbels this week on the issue. The same in Italy (the Berlin-Rome axis); the same in Japan (pressuring Chiang Kai-shek by pretending to protect him against Communism).
- c/ Communist Russia turning to Democracy, in its Constitution; in its VII, Communist International Congress the man who was accused of the Reichstag burning Dmitroff, turns against world revolution. Russia cannot afford that. The Trotzkites stand for World Revolution, that is why they have now joined hands with Hitler and the Japanese to destroy Stalin. The Popular Front Policy is a great success for this policy.

The true issue :

III. Fascism versus Democracy.

- 1) In Japan the last crisis replaced ~~Morozumi~~ by Hayashi (the man who, according to the Times, he "was at the head of affairs in Kwantung when the Japanese Army broke loose in Mukden in September 1931; and ~~Morozumi~~ without the consent of the Tokyo government

3/ (The Spirit of Fascism).

he sent reinforcements to Manchuria to assist in driving out the Chinese Government". And so on. This Government has no parliamentary character. It will reform Parliamentarism according to the true national Japanese idea...

2/ In Italy the Goddess of Liberty has been trampled upon.

3/ In Germany Communism was stamped out, but incidentally, the Catholic Centre Party, the Democratic Party & even the German Nationalist Party of the Junkers and Generals was stamped out (Schleicher murdered).

The Church not anti-Communist enough. Nobody anti-Bolshevik enough. ~~ME~~ Göbbels last speech on the Vatikan.

This proves best that the real aim is the destruction of the democratic states in the service of imperialist aims.

But this issue is not purely political. It is infact, religious.

Attack on German Catholicism; On the Protestant Churches.
IV. Fascism and Christianity:

1/ The Protestant Churches had been National Socialist, except where their Christian convictions were attacked

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| a. Aryan clause. | b. State dictatorship in the Church (Leadership principle). |
| Aryan clause. | |

2/ The Catholic Church on the same two principles.

Why the attack? Why the defence? The battle for life and death?

a. Democracy based on the Christian tenets of the equality of man the discovery of the individual.

b. Universality of man (no blood or soil basis) acceptable. The community of persons i.e. mankind. Thus democracy (rights of individuals) and internationalism (no blood and soil distinction) the same thing. Both based on Christianity. The Spirit of Fascism is un-Christian, it is not anti-Christian. Completely conscious of this: setting up a. German Christianity and b. German faith Non-Christian.

Karl Barth's appeal some three days ago in the Times

"The Jewish spirit of life and the Jewish ~~the~~ spirit of Bolshevism — to be forgotten".
The End.