

The Address—Mr. Hansell

tin Ebon, who I fancy is a communist and who certainly is not afraid to remove the mask. The question is asked, "Can communism win the battle for world domination?" and the author replies, "Let us be frank. Yes, it can". He then proceeds to show that the coming test of communist strength will develop when the next serious economic crisis spreads across the globe, and this is what he says on page 464:

Communism is organized desperation. It does not need the weapons of war to achieve its aims, although it may use them as collateral or alternative tools of revolution. Hunger and despair can be as effective as the most devastating weapon of war. As President Harry S. Truman said on March 12, 1947, when he asked the United States Congress to support Greece against communism, "The seeds of totalitarian regimes are nurtured by misery and want. They spread and grow in the evil soil of poverty and strife. They reach their full growth when the hope of people for a better life has died."

The author continues to assert that when the next depression comes communism will be ready for it. In the long-range view of the intellectual communist, together with the strategists, the machine is already geared and set for when that time comes. The author of this book quotes from an article in *Pravda* by Dr. Eugene Varga, who is director of the soviet institute for world economics and world politics. Dr. Varga said:

The fear of a new approaching economic crisis is beginning to be felt in the capitalist world . . .

The general crisis of the capitalist system, as pointed out by Comrade Stalin, has changed the cyclical process of capitalist production in the sense that the phases of crises and depressions have become longer, and that a depression is followed only by a phase of revival, but not by a phase of full prosperity.

And then again, continuing the quotation from Dr. Varga:

The coming economic crisis in the United States will inevitably have a tremendous effect upon the situation in other capitalist countries. . . . In capitalist countries the transition from war to peace is always bound up with narrowing markets, decline of production, closing down of industrial enterprises, and growth of unemployment. Only the Soviet union does not know such phenomena. In the Soviet union there is no anarchy of production, characteristic of capitalism, which leads to the rotation of periods of boom and crisis, which shake the very foundation of the economic system and create a constant uncertainty among the working masses as to their future.

It might be well if we paid just a little attention to what some of the intellectuals in the Marxist machine are thinking and are even warning the democratic world about. Our government carries on the same old *laissez-faire* sort of administration.

Mr. Blackmore: Unteachable.

Mr. Hansell: It is an unteachable government, a government that will not answer direct questions when they are put to it. How often have we heard the hon. member for

Lethbridge (Mr. Blackmore) put one, two, three, four, five, six or more direct questions to the Minister of Finance (Mr. Abbott) and say, "Answer those." But he has turned a deaf ear.

Mr. Blackmore: Two deaf ears.

Mr. Hansell: He remained silent. Why? Because he did not know. Because he is a victim of lying propaganda.

Mr. Blackmore: Because he did not care.

Mr. Hansell: Because he did not care. One of these days it will be too late. Let us remember that, when once a nation is enslaved, it is enslaved forever.

Mr. Blackmore: The Minister of Finance will be enslaved along with the others.

Mr. Hansell: Let us remember that the communist high command, the communist intellectuals, have their hands on the pulse of the world's heart throb. They stand in readiness while we let things move along and take their course. What are we going to do about it? A year ago I heard the Minister of Labour (Mr. Mitchell) make a remark. I have great respect for the Minister of Labour but I do not regard him as one of the intellectuals.

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh.

Mr. Hansell: I want to tell you that if you listen to the intellectuals you will go wrong every time. My regard for the Minister of Labour is based upon my belief that he is a practical man with a great deal of common sense, a man with a sort of homespun philosophy. He said that we are on the verge of a new civilization. If we are on the verge of a new civilization, what kind of civilization is it going to be? It is going to be either a civilization of slaves or a civilization of free but economically secure people. It must be one or the other.

Since the Liberal government are in power it is their duty to see that we move into that age of freedom and security, an age where men can live, where men are free, where men will be in possession of the good things, of the good earth which has been abundantly bestowed upon us by a good God. Is this government able to bring us into that age? Judging by past experience, I think the answer would be, "Absolutely no."

If I were to ask the same question of my Conservative friends I would first tell them that it cannot be done by simply paring a bit of taxation off here and firing a few hundred civil servants, and putting something somewhere else, patching up here and patching up there. The old system needs no patching;