

The Soviet Minister of War a former member of the Primrose League or the 1922 Committee, what a difference that would make to the balance of power in the World to-day!

After all, the Secretary of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain is an avowed Communist, and our Secretary for War once held Communist sympathies.

Twelve years ago, agreeing with those people who believed that a Second World War would probably germinate a third, I did my humble best, as a private citizen, to prevent a Second World War from breaking out; though my political motives were open to misconception at the time, I have never regretted my actions in those days, if only because of the turn which events have taken since 1945.

In 1939 we set out to destroy one police state, only to provide another with the means of becoming ten times more powerful than the one we eventually eliminated at such tremendous cost in blood and treasure. Those two police states, National Socialist Germany and Soviet Russia were sisters in fact, if not in name. Morally speaking there was precious little to choose between them; one was evil, hysterical and unbalanced being governed by a madman; the other the survivor is, and was since its inception, more devilishly cunning amoral, and unscrupulous than any that has gone before it in all the long, varied annals of recorded history. This is perhaps strong language, but I am afraid it fits the facts, because the ultimate aim of the Soviet Union is no less than to exercise absolute dominion over all the peoples on the surface of the earth.

If tomorrow, of a sudden, it were to coo like a dove, the next day to roar like a wild and savage beast, its motives would remain the same, whatever its moods; whatever the temporary accommodations it might think it expedient to make with those nations it wishes to destroy.

Let the Chinese Satellite armies roll back, at the bidding of the United Nations, across the frontiers they have violated, even at this late and perilous hour. Let the prospective four power conference on Germany prove an ostensible success, nothing will alter the fundamental purpose of the Soviet Union. Its feints; its threats, its World peace Congresses, its piloted and open aggressions even its retreats, are but milestones on the fatal road it has chosen to tread with such dire and sombre consequences to itself and all mankind.

The final physical collision may have already begun; it may happen tomorrow before you even read these lines, or it may not occur for the next ten or twenty years, but it is rendered inevitable by the very character of the Communist regime and doctrine. Lenin said so, and Lenin is the law. Those nations and individuals who deviate from the party line are no longer Communists in the "practicing" sense. No Communist can compromise without surrendering the ethics of the creed, unless he does so simply for tactical reasons.

During the last recorded interview given to an American journalist by Adolph Hitler (an interview which I am told actually