

Communists, think that the basic principle of Communist parties lies in socialist ideals. This is not so. The basic principle is what they call "party loyalty", and which in Communist movements means 100 per cent subservience to the party bosses, who must themselves be 100 per cent subservient to the rulers of Russia.

A former editor of the *Daily Worker*, Louis Budenz, in his book "This Is My Story", at page 234 wrote:

"The first requisite for a Communist is to understand that he is serving Soviet Russia and no other nation or interest. Never will he be permitted to express one word of reservation or criticism of the Soviet Government, its leaders or their decisions. Whatever they say or do is always 100 per cent right, and America can be right only by being in complete agreement with the Soviet Union. Never, during the twenty-five years of its existence, has the *Daily Worker* deviated from that rule; never has it ceased to prostrate itself before Soviet leadership."

Since Mr. Vishinsky has raised this question of the basic principles necessary for peace, I must take this occasion to tell him that a major contribution which his Government can make, is the disbandment of their fifth columns in other countries. It is abhorrent that any group of rulers should seek to dominate the minds and souls of men, and to demand that complete subservience which is due only to God. For the Russian people, who suffer under this domination, we must all feel pity. But when these Russian rulers extend their pretensions to other lands, and seek to claim the subservience of the citizens of other countries, these pretensions become a threat to the peace of the world.

We must take this occasion also to tell Mr. Vishinsky that we in the West view with growing alarm the effects of a totalitarian Communist philosophy which shuts its people off as much as possible from contacts with the rest of the world. I know that Mr. Vishinsky will tell us that the Soviet Government secludes its people because it does not like the kind of thing which happens in the Western countries and wishes to protect them from these things which it regards as evil. I cannot believe, however, that the Soviet leaders really have so little confidence in the judgment of their own people. I can only conclude, therefore, that the Russian Government finds it necessary to give to the people of Russia a completely false impression of the Western world. The only way it can get its people to accept this false impression is by shutting them off from all normal contacts with the outside world. Consequently it goes to enormous lengths to prevent its own people from leaving the Soviet Union, to prevent people from outside the Soviet Union from entering that country, to exclude from normal contacts with the Russian people even the people of the neighbouring states which it regards as friendly, such as Poland and Roumania. The Soviet Government obstructs the movement of journalists and diplomats in the Soviet world, it permits them to move only under strict limitations. It excludes the ordinary traveller. A visitor from Russia may move freely in my country, but no private visitor from Canada can even set foot within the boundaries of the Soviet Union, except in the most unusual circumstances. The ordinary citizen of the Soviet Union is denied the opportunity to read our books, to listen to our philosophers, to study our scientists, to find out for himself what the West is like. If Mr. Vishinsky is concerned about the preparations of a new war, he should remember that war grows out of fear and fear out of ignorance. The ignorance which lies within the shadow of the iron curtain is as great a menace to peace as anything in the world