

STRAIGHT TALK

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IS THE WHOLE GREATER THAN THE SUM OF ITS PARTS?

We are living in a world and century where science and technology dictate the order of the day. And soon mankind will lose the art of penmanship and be reduced to robots. This is happening in some modern countries today. Capitalism controls the economic order and derivations of socialism are propagated.

Recent modification in policy in some so-called communist and socialist states has caused many to applaud. In the past many leaders fell into the trap of conceiving the working people as a people of a certain level, who did not know anything about political dynamics and therefore needed a political party to teach them Marxism and the essentials of socialism. What the political party has to understand is the socialistic and revolutionary instincts that exist within the people and educate itself and the people in its circle.

In this century we are confronted with diverse problems of uncontrollable variables such as the energy shortage, the problem of feeding the hungry, population growth, war, pollution, monetary crises, drugs, alcoholism, homelessness and capitalism versus socialism. In spite of present day developments the world has the brain power of economists, statisticians and other scientific experts who can resolve the presented variables and establish a people's universe where everyone can live and enjoy equal benefits.

Capitalism controls the world economy--the U.S.A., FRANCE, GREAT BRITAIN, GERMANY, SWITZERLAND, JAPAN, and RUSSIA. Some analysis is needed to pin point why China and Russia are moving closer and closer to the establishment of formal trade relations with the U.S.A. despite differences in political policies. Now the U.S.A. heads the list with scientific and technological advancements as it is moving to bring the rest of the world into one place under its wings. Let us analyse this statement "bringing the world into one place". Today the U.S.A. monitors activities throughout the world. It can say exactly what military capacity every nation has and even the type of equipment that will be needed to fight in this or that hemisphere, which was done in Panama. They can also set up strategy for formulating the political machinery within a country. There are no limitations to whatever objectives they want to achieve. This is the way it is and this is the way it will be for the foreseeable future. On the other hand, there are some doctrines: scientific socialism, totalitarianism, fascism, other types doctrinaire socialism and democratic socialism fighting a territorial battle to introduce a suitable system, but this system is controlled and dictated by Capitalism.

This poetic gesture will also solidify and capture the tone of this century.

Berlin on the Mind

*A wall, a structure
A Monument--Removal
Created human interaction, reunion,
Solidarity, acclaimed democracy, justice even tension,
EXPLOITATION, DECADENCE, GUILT, INSECURITY AND PLOY--
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WHAT ABOUT OUR WALLS--
HUMAN WALLS--CONSTRUCTED THROUGH*

DECEIT AND MONOPLY CAPITAL --
The invisible wall that separates
And isolates universal peoples--
Humankind --

Provocative

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THEY TALK ABOUT POLAND, BULGARIA, BOLIVIA, AFGHANISTAN,
RUMANIA,
YUGOSLAVIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, HUNGARY, CHILE, WEST AND
EAST GERMANY
RE-UNITING -- WHAT ABOUT HUMANKIND
NOT FORGETTING
BURUNDI, BANGLADESH, PALESTINE
LITHUANIA, SOUTH AFRICA, GUYANA, HAITI, EL SALVADOR,
HONDURAS,
PANAMA, PERU, PHILIPPINES, ETHIOPIA, GUATEMALA--
AND CUBA RAISES EYE BROWS--
BERLIN ON THE MIND
A WALL, A STRUCTURE, A MONUMENT -- PLANTED
"YOUNG BLACKMEN AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM"
CONTROVERSIAL
THE SENTENCING PROJECT "REPORT"
SAYS ONE IN FOUR (23 PERCENT) BLACKMEN
IN THE AGE GROUP OF 20-29 IS EITHER IN PRISON,
JAIL OR PROBATION, OR PAROLE
PRISON CONTROL -- PRISONERS
PRISON CONTROL -- PRISONERS
BUILD MORE PRISONS -- HUMAN MONUMENTS,
WALLS--
WHO ARE THE CARE TAKERS -- SOLDIERS -- SOLDIERS
RETURNING FROM EUROPE ---
SOME SAY THEY ARE 30 TO 40 MILLION
"Blacks" IN THE CONTROLLED TERRITORY OF THE U.S.A.
FREDDIE SAYS UNEQUIVOCALLY 50 MILLION
IS THERE AN AFRICAN AND CARIBBEAN COUNT
"OTHER"
BERLIN IS ON THE MIND
A WALL -- REMOVAL--
CAUSES RE-COLONIZATION--
SOLDIERS -- DEPLOYED -- DEPLOYED
AFRICA -- ASIA -- CARIBBEAN, SOUTH AMERICA, CENTRAL AMERICA
SOLDIERS! Soldiers!
HOW WILL WE ERADICATE
THE INVISIBLE WALL OF INSECURITY,
GREED, DOMINANCE
FOR UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD
AMONG ALL HUMANKIND
BERLIN ON THE MIND

In this twentieth century one finds one's self in the midst of chaos searching for answers as to whether socialism will be defeated and capitalism will dominate, but students of political activity should monitor whether individual rights for all humankind will be respected, and protected within the countries that are experiencing reform. Third world countries, as they are labelled are working within the capitalist framework to achieve a new economic order under the banner of socialism and other brand names. They

are seriously attempting to set up an egalitarian society in spite of a world capitalist economy and the fact that they do not have an economic order of their own. One can search forever for answers to this dilemma.

In 1904 Rosa Luxemburg talked about social democracy and Trotsky called for a world revolution. C.L.R. James enumerated "WHAT IS TO BE DONE". In 1914 the working class movement internationally labelled itself as Marxist and passed resolutions against capitalism but today even Marxism is being discredited and yet politicians continue along that path. From the time of Engels and Marx there have been a lot of technological developments, but one should analyse their ideologies and relate it to present day situations for there is a past and a present. So what one has to do is to study and analyse those dimensions. Using an analytical approach one could start with the Russian Revolution about which there is a lot of literature. One could then proceed to the revolution of Hungary, Cuba, Algeria, Guinea Bissau, Mozambique, Angola, Vietnam and many others in this century.

The party is an organ of both capitalism and socialism. Today the concept of party and national leadership is flourishing throughout the third world and yet in some countries no one sees it fit to groom young leaders. The party promotes the idea that without it society would collapse. Present also are die-hard opposition parties or some who are more pleased to be called left wing. One does not know to the left of what. These opposition parties oppose everything. If the party in power "by any means necessary" puts forward any representation they oppose.

They seldom present a system of their own to which the masses can relate. Instead they point out weaknesses of the system; they attack and moreover their concern is for individuals. They never present a detailed document of what should be and what should not. A colleague once said "they are perpetuating what they did not achieve while they were in power".

The power of existing governments supposedly comes from the people but the manner in which that power is exercised in some third world countries does not seem to take this into consideration. What sort of power is that? Their political parties do not have the people behind them so one cannot say where they generate power from. Ideally the people appoint representatives and by the same token they should have the power to remove them, but this does not occur in practice. The Government maintains power not by a mandate from the people but they use any means necessary. People are being killed and wounded because of their political positions and the oppositions do not investigate and put out their findings. Such investigations are necessary to combat party politics. That's why the party gets away with murder and even the people themselves accept the corruption of the ruling party. The people have this attitude: "What can one do but to live with it. There is no one else capable of running the Government". This type of attitude exists because the opposition is not doing its homework in pointing out that in the first instance a one party state is hopeless for a modern Government and secondly, it is necessary for the people to organize their efforts against the tyrannical rule of such governments.

It should be emphasized that not all Third World countries suffer the foregoing ills. However, it would be interesting to see how Eastern bloc revolts will affect Third World countries suffering political oppression.

In the final analysis, the people will continue to rebel against tyrants whether they are trying to promote a capitalistic or socialistic order.