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WE HAD GIVEN THE SOVIET UNION \$10.8 BILLION IN LEND-LEASE IN WORLD WAR II AND NEVER SOUGHT REPAYMENT FOR LEND-LEASE GOODS USED UP IN THE WAR. BUT THE VALUE OF LEND-LEASE MATERIEL KEPT IN RUSSIA FOR PEACETIME USE IS ESTIMATED AT MORE THAN \$1 BILLION. WE OFFERED TO SETTLE FOR \$800 MILLION, BUT NEGOTIATIONS FELL THROUGH IN THE 50'S,



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AND IF THERE HAVE BEEN FURTHER EFFORTS TO SETTLE THIS DEBT SINCE THEN, THEY HAVE NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC. MEANWHILE, MOSCOW HELD ONTO 84 MERCHANT SHIPS AND 49 WATERCRAFT WHICH WERE RETURNABLE UNDER LEND-LEASE. AS WAS STATED BY LOUIS P. LOCHNER IN THE OCTOBER ISSUE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE, "ONE OF THE SADDEST FOOTNOTES TO THIS HISTORY IS THAT IT WAS ESSENTIALLY BUSINESS PRESSURES IN THE UNITED STATES, LURED BY THE PROMISE OF BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN EXPORTS TO RUSSIA, WHICH CARRIED THE DAY IN 1933 OVER ALL THE OBJECTIONS TO THE SOVIET UNION AS AN INTERNATIONAL OUTLAW. YET OUR EXPORTS TO HER NEVER CAME CLOSE TO THE AMERICAN PREDICTIONS OR SOVIET HINTS OF 1933. IN ALL 32 YEARS OF OUR RECOGNITION OF THE USSR, OUR TRADE EXPORTS HAVE COME ONLY TO \$1.3 BILLION.'

THE SAME PRESSURES ARE BEING EXERTED TODAY, BUT TODAY AMERICANS ARE BEING KILLED IN A CONFLICT NOT OF THEIR OWN MAKING AND BY AN ENEMY DIRECTLY AIDED BY COMMUNIST RUSSIA. THE ISSUE OF TRADE IS A SENSITIVE ONE, PARTICULARLY SINCE BUSINESSMEN HAVE BEEN CARRYING ON TRADE -- TO SOME LIMITED EXTENT -- WHILE FARM PRODUCTS HAVE NOT BEEN SOLD BECAUSE OF CERTAIN SHIPPING RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY THE MARITIME UNION. WITHOUT QUESTION, THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF TRADE WITH ANY COUNTRY WHO WILL PURCHASE OUR GOODS AND COMMODITIES FOR DOLLARS SHOULD BE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED. THE UNREALISTIC SHIPPING RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED UPON FARM PRODUCTS SHOULD BE REMOVED, BUT THEN, IN MY OPINION, WE SHOULD FACE UP TO WHAT I CONSIDER TO BE A REAL ISSUE OF TRADE WITH ANY COUNTRY -- COMMUNIST OR NON-COMMUNIST -- WHICH MIGHT BE ENGAGED IN HELPING THE ENEMY IN VIET NAM. PERHAPS ON VETERANS DAY, AT LEAST THIS MATTER CAN BE MENTIONED WITHOUT ANYONE ACCUSING THE SPEAKER OR ANY OTHER VETERAN WHO RAISES THE QUESTION OF ENGAGING IN "FLAG WAVING". WITHOUT QUESTION, WE LIVE IN A FAST AND COMPLICATED WORLD, AND THE ISSUE OF TRADE WITH COMMUNIST COUNTRIES IS PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE AT A



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DOES ANYONE BELIEVE THAT RUSSIA IS OUR FRIEND IN THE VIET NAM STRUGGLE? DOES ANYONE CLAIM THAT RUSSIA IS NOT AIDING THE ENEMY IN NORTH VIET NAM? DOES ANYONE CLAIM THAT RUSSIA DOES NOT HAVE MISSILE SITES IN VIET NAM OR THAT THEY DO NOT SUPPORT COMMUNIST CUBA? DOES ANYONE CLAIM THE ULTIMATE RUSSIAN OBJECTIVE "TO BURY US" HAS BEEN CHANGED? WHAT WILL IT TAKE BEFORE WE RECOGNIZE THE WAR IN VIET NAM IS A DEADLY SERIOUS CONFLICT, AND HOW MANY KANSANS MUST BE KILLED OR WOUNDED BEFORE TRADE WITH RUSSIA OR ANY COUNTRY AIDING OUR ENEMY IS QUESTIONED? A STATEMENT HAS BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO LENIN THAT WHEN COMMUNISM HANGS CAPITALISM, THERE WILL BE TWO AMERICANS COMPETING WITH EACH OTHER TO SELL THE ROPE.

LAST WEEK I SPENT 4 DAYS ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES IN KANSAS VISITING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE IN AN EFFORT TO LEARN JUST WHAT THEY WERE THINKING ABOUT AND HOW THEY VIEWED THE STRUGGLE IN VIET NAM. THE YOUNG MEN ARE CONCERNED -- NOT AFRAID, BUT CONCERNED -- BECAUSE IF DRAFTED, IT WILL MEAN AN INTERRUPTION OF THEIR EDUCATION; AND, OF COURSE, WHEN THE YOUNG MEN ARE CONCERNED, THE YOUNG WOMEN ARE CONCERNED. ALL IN ALL, I WAS DEEPLY IMPRESSED WITH THE ATTITUDE OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, AND WHILE IN CALIFORNIA AND NEW YORK WE READ WITH DISGUST ABOUT ANTI-AMERICAN AND ANTI-VIET NAM DEMONSTRATIONS, I WOULD GUESS THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO FIND A HANDFUL OF YOUNG KANSAS STUDENTS WHO WOULD ENGAGE IN ANY SUCH ACTIVITY. THE DRAFT CALLS ARE INCREASING, THE CASUALTY LIST IS GROWING, AND IF THE WAR CONTINUES EVEN FOR ANOTHER YEAR, IT IS QUITE LIKELY THAT EVERY AMERICAN FAMILY WILL HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY AFFECTED. SO CERTAINLY, TODAY WE CANNOT JUST MEET FOR AN HOUR -- PAY OUR RESPECTS TO AMERICAN VETERANS AND THEN GO MERRILY



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THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY OTHER NEGOTIATIONS, BY TOP LEADERS OF BOTH COUNTRIES AND INCLUDED PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT AND LITVINOV, AND IT SEEMED THAT THEY WERE RESOLVING ALL DIFFERENCES EXCEPT THE ONE WITH REFERENCE TO UNPAID DEBTS. ON THIS SCORE, THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF PREPARED A "GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT" FIXING THE AMOUNT TO BE PAID BY RUSSIA AT "NOT LESS" THAN \$75 MILLION IN PAYMENT OF A DEBT OF \$188 MILLION.

WE HAD GIVEN THE SOVIET UNION \$10.8 BILLION IN LEND-LEASE IN WORLD WAR II AND NEVER SOUGHT REPAYMENT FOR LEND-LEASE GOODS USED UP IN THE WAR. BUT THE VALUE OF LEND-LEASE MATERIEL KEPT IN RUSSIA FOR PEACETIME USE IS ESTIMATED AT MORE THAN \$1 BILLION. WE OFFERED TO SETTLE FOR \$800 MILLION, BUT NEGOTIATIONS FELL THROUGH IN THE 50's,



AND IF THERE HAVE BEEN FURTHER EFFORTS TO SETTLE THIS DEBT SINCE THEN, THEY HAVE NOT BEEN MADE PUBLIC. MEANWHILE, MOSCOW HELD ONTO 84 MERCHANT SHIPS AND 49 WATERCRAFT WHICH WERE RETURNABLE UNDER LEND-LEASE. AS WAS STATED BY LOUIS P. LOCHNER IN THE OCTOBER ISSUE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE, "ONE OF THE SADDEST FOOTNOTES TO THIS HISTORY IS THAT IT WAS ESSENTIALLY BUSINESS PRESSURES IN THE UNITED STATES, LURED BY THE PROMISE OF BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN EXPORTS TO RUSSIA, WHICH CARRIED THE DAY IN 1933 OVER ALL THE OBJECTIONS TO THE SOVIET UNION AS AN INTERNATIONAL OUTLAW. YET ~~OUR~~ EXPORTS TO HER NEVER CAME CLOSE TO THE AMERICAN PREDICTIONS OR SOVIET HINTS OF 1933. IN ALL 32 YEARS OF OUR RECOGNITION OF THE USSR, OUR TRADE EXPORTS HAVE COME ONLY TO \$1.3 BILLION!"

X THE SAME PRESSURES ARE BEING EXERTED TODAY, BUT ~~TODAY~~ AMERICANS ARE BEING KILLED IN A CONFLICT NOT OF THEIR OWN MAKING AND BY AN ENEMY DIRECTLY AIDED BY COMMUNIST RUSSIA. THE ISSUE OF TRADE IS A SENSITIVE ONE, PARTICULARLY SINCE ~~BUSINESSMEN~~ <sup>Some American</sup> HAVE BEEN CARRYING ON TRADE -- TO SOME LIMITED EXTENT -- WHILE FARM PRODUCTS HAVE NOT BEEN SOLD BECAUSE OF CERTAIN SHIPPING RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY THE MARITIME UNION. WITHOUT QUESTION, THE ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF TRADE WITH ANY COUNTRY WHO WILL PURCHASE OUR GOODS AND COMMODITIES FOR DOLLARS SHOULD BE SERIOUSLY CONSIDERED. THE ~~UNREALISTIC SHIPPING RESTRICTIONS~~ IMPOSED UPON ~~FARM PRODUCTS~~ SHOULD BE REMOVED, BUT ~~THEN~~, IN MY OPINION, WE SHOULD FACE UP TO WHAT ~~I~~ <sup>must</sup> ~~CONSIDER TO BE~~ <sup>The Real</sup> A REAL ISSUE OF TRADE WITH ANY COUNTRY -- COMMUNIST OR NON-COMMUNIST -- WHICH MIGHT BE ENGAGED IN HELPING THE ENEMY IN VIET NAM. PERHAPS ON VETERANS DAY, AT LEAST THIS MATTER CAN BE MENTIONED WITHOUT ANYONE ACCUSING THE SPEAKER OR ANY OTHER VETERAN WHO RAISES THE QUESTION OF ENGAGING IN "FLAG WAVING". WITHOUT QUESTION, WE LIVE IN A ~~WAST~~ AND COMPLICATED WORLD, AND THE ISSUE OF TRADE WITH COMMUNIST COUNTRIES IS PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE AT A



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TIME SUCH AS THIS, BUT WHY IS IT THE WHOLE ISSUE CANNOT BE DISCUSSED IN A CALM AND DISPASSIONATE MANNER.

DOES ANYONE BELIEVE THAT <sup>Commun</sup>RUSSIA <sup>is</sup> OUR FRIENDS IN THE VIET NAM STRUGGLE? DOES ANYONE CLAIM THAT RUSSIA <sup>is</sup> NOT AIDING THE ENEMY IN NORTH VIET NAM? DOES ANYONE CLAIM THAT RUSSIA <sup>do</sup> DOES NOT HAVE MISSILE SITES IN VIET NAM OR THAT THEY DO NOT SUPPORT COMMUNIST CUBA? DOES ANYONE CLAIM THE ULTIMATE RUSSIAN <sup>Red Chinese</sup> OBJECTIVE "TO BURY US" HAS BEEN CHANGED? WHAT WILL IT TAKE BEFORE WE RECOGNIZE THE WAR IN VIET NAM IS A DEADLY SERIOUS CONFLICT, AND HOW MANY KANSANS MUST BE KILLED OR WOUNDED BEFORE TRADE WITH RUSSIA <sup>Red China</sup> OR ANY COUNTRY AIDING OUR ENEMY IS QUESTIONED? A STATEMENT HAS BEEN ATTRIBUTED TO LENIN THAT WHEN COMMUNISM HANGS CAPITALISM, THERE WILL BE TWO AMERICANS COMPETING WITH EACH OTHER TO SELL THE ROPE.

LAST WEEK I SPENT 4 DAYS ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES IN KANSAS VISITING WITH YOUNG PEOPLE IN AN EFFORT TO LEARN JUST WHAT THEY WERE THINKING ABOUT AND HOW THEY VIEWED THE STRUGGLE IN VIET NAM. THE YOUNG MEN ARE CONCERNED -- NOT AFRAID, BUT CONCERNED -- BECAUSE IF DRAFTED, IT WILL MEAN AN INTERRUPTION OF THEIR EDUCATION; AND, OF COURSE, WHEN THE YOUNG MEN ARE CONCERNED, THE YOUNG WOMEN ARE CONCERNED. ALL IN ALL, I WAS DEEPLY IMPRESSED WITH THE ATTITUDE OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, AND WHILE IN CALIFORNIA AND NEW YORK WE READ WITH DISGUST ABOUT ANTI-AMERICAN AND ANTI-VIET NAM DEMONSTRATIONS, I WOULD GUESS THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO FIND A HANDFUL OF YOUNG KANSAS STUDENTS WHO WOULD ENGAGE IN ANY SUCH ACTIVITY. THE DRAFT CALLS ARE INCREASING, THE CASUALTY LIST IS GROWING, AND IF THE WAR CONTINUES EVEN FOR ANOTHER YEAR, IT IS QUITE LIKELY THAT EVERY AMERICAN FAMILY WILL HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY AFFECTED. SO CERTAINLY, TODAY WE CANNOT JUST MEET FOR AN HOUR -- PAY OUR RESPECTS TO AMERICAN VETERANS AND THEN GO MERRILY



ON OUR WAY UNTIL NEXT YEAR AT THIS TIME.

SO LONG AS THERE ARE NATIONS WHICH ARE READY TO EMPLOY COERCION TO ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS, WORLD STABILITY AND, THEREFORE, PEACE CANNOT BE ACHIEVED EXCLUSIVELY BY MORAL CRUSADING, NO MATTER HOW SINCERE THE CRUSADERS. THE SOVIET UNION AND COMMUNIST CHINA ARE BOTH GREAT POWERS AND HAVE SET OUT TOGETHER WITH THEIR VARIOUS SATELLITES AND ALLIES, TO CHANGE THE WORLD BY COERCION AND REVOLUTION. INCREASINGLY, THEIR STRATEGIES DIVERGE. IN PART, THIS IS DUE TO THEIR DIFFERENT MILITARY AND ECONOMIC SITUATIONS; IN PART, THEIR NATIONAL AND IDEOLOGICAL INTERESTS CONFLICT. HOWEVER, EACH CONTINUES TO EMPLOY FORCE OR THE THREAT OF FORCE IN SOME DEGREE. IT IS THIS THREAT WHICH MUST BE MET AND OVERCOME ON A REALISTIC BASIS IF A PEACEFUL WORLD BASED UPON LAW IS EVER TO MATERIALIZE.

J. EDGAR HOOVER, IN HIS RECENT BOOK, "A STUDY OF COMMUNISM", STATED, "IN A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY, IT IS THE DUTY OF THE GOVERNMENT TO KEEP THE PEOPLE INFORMED. IT IS EQUALLY THE DUTY OF EACH CITIZEN TO INSURE THAT HE IS INFORMED. IT IS OBVIOUS, OF COURSE, THAT NO REAL DEFENSE CAN BE MAINTAINED AGAINST COMMUNISM UNLESS OUR GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO MOVE POSITIVELY AND FIRMLY TO PROTECT OUR FREEDOMS."

IN OTHER WORDS, [ WE MUST BE REALISTIC, NOT OVERCOME BY THE INTENSE PROPAGANDA BARRAGE CONCERNING PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE. WE OWE IT TO OURSELVES AND FUTURE GENERATIONS, IN ADDITION TO TODAY'S VETERANS, TO MAKE CERTAIN THE DOLLAR SIGN DOES NOT CLOUD OUR THINKING IN DEALING WITH INTERNATIONAL COMMUNISM. AMERICANS WANT, MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE, LASTING PEACE. I SUGGEST THIS WILL NOT BE ACHIEVED AS LONG AS CONCESSIONS ARE MADE ON A UNILATERAL BASIS, BUT ONLY WHEN RUSSIAN LEADERS ARE WILLING TO DEAL WITH FREE WORLD COUNTRIES AT ARM'S



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LENGTH. LET US NEVER FORGET AS WE PAUSE TO PAY TRIBUTE TO AMERICAN  
VETERANS, LIVING AND DEAD, THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN RUSSIA'S  
GENERAL POLICY OF "BURYING US".