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TO THE BIBLIOGRAPHY OF ARNOLD JOSEPH TOYNBEE*

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311) *U.S. Has Opportunity to Take World Government Lead*, in «The Bakersfield Californian», Saturday, October 21, 1950, p. 18.

312) *Toynbee Calls For Return To Religion*, in «San Mateo Times», Saturday, October 21, 1950, p. 12.

313) *How to Beat Reds. Revive Religion, Toynbee Says*, in «Long Beach Independent», Sunday, October 22, 1950, p. 18.

314) *Western World Urged to Change*, in «Nevada State Journal», Sunday, October 22, 1950, p. 1.

NOTE

United Press release dated «San Francisco, Oct. 21».

Report of and excerpts from a speech addressing the question *Is Our Civilization on the Way Out?*, delivered by Toynbee to the Commonwealth Club, San Francisco, on Friday morning, October 20, 1950, «present 410» («Transactions of the Commonwealth Club of California», XLV, 1950-51, p. 203).

See also no. 316.

315) *Sound recording of Toynbee speech to the Commonwealth Club: Is Our Civilization on the Way Out?, 1950, October 20* (two disks, digital version available), third of three *Sound recordings of speeches by Arnold Toynbee in San Francisco and at Stanford University, 1950, relating to the prospects for Western civilization*, Hoover Institution Library and Archive, Stanford University, Toynbee (Arnold Joseph) Miscellaneous Papers, 1921-1950. Cp. nos. 311-314, Note.

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* *A Bibliography of Arnold J. Toynbee*, compiled by S. Fiona Morton, with a Foreword by Veronica M. Toynbee, Oxford, Oxford University Press, 1980.

According to the description of «Scope and contents» of no. 315 (https://oac.cdlib.org/findaid/ark:/13030/kt4489r674/dsc/?query=toynbee#aspace_484a06a3b9402_7272119084621368936), «Toynbee speaks about the changes Western society needs to make in order to stay relevant and resist communism. He believes the West needs to be both (a) more than national-minded and (b) more religious minded. He believes countries should submit its sovereignty to a world power, no matter how terrible, if it can prevent another world war. He relates Islam to communism and how both are rooted in Western civilization and a continuation of institutions gone wrong. He concludes by pondering the rights of the individual vs. society, saying the Western stance is a paradox as the communist view is more noble and selfless».

IS OUR CIVILIZATION ON THE WAY OUT?

The challenge of communism can be beaten down if the western world sincerely re-embraces religion and abandons the confinement of nationalism, Arnold J. Toynbee, famed British historian, said today.

Toynbee, in an extemporaneous speech before the Commonwealth club, said our western civilization is not on the way out «unless we choose to let it go».

The author, whose book, *A Study of History*, became a best-seller, said that communism has spread into the western world by default.

«We must become religious-minded again as we have not been for the last 250 years. We have for a quarter of a millennium stood for technology rather than religion and now we must reverse that course, and it will not be easy», he said.

Toynbee said he felt confident that some power will establish world government pretty soon.

«If World. War III should arrive the whole machine would be unable to stand the pressure; we would all lie down before any world power that seemed likely to save the world».

If the western world cannot, or does not, unite the world, the Russian will, Toynbee said.

«Our chance is obvious», he added, «around what center do we want the world to christallize? Around the Soviet union or the United States?».