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TURNING POINT? TOYNBEE SEES HOPE IN RED SWITCH

by Richard O'Regan

Arnold Toynbee, world-famed British historian sometimes popularly regarded as a prophet of the future, said here today: «Russia's sudden offer to give Austria her freedom may mean the ice jam of East-West relations is loosening. Maybe the world is at a turning point on the road to coexistence. Perhaps we are finally starting to see that we will destroy ourselves unless we learn to live together».

But he warned he might be wrong and that he could not foretell history-to-come. The 66-year-old scholar-philosopher, who fears today's western civilization may wipe itself out, is in Austria on a lecture tour. In an interview, he said: «The new developments in Austria are tremendously interesting. Most fascinating is the puzzle why Russia has made an about face. I feel it is because the Soviets are nervous about Germany.

«Hard to swallow as they are for a power with a creed of world domination, it may be Russia is coming to recognize the facts. In the struggle between America and the Soviet Union, neither can win nor remain intact in an atomic war».

Toynbee said maybe Russia «will treat Austria as tenderhandedly as she does Finland. She is soft toward Finland because she wants to keep Sweden neutral. It seems to me the Soviets will be nice to Austria to try to win Germany away from rearmament and toward neutrality».

Toynbee said he thought a neutral, unified Germany would be acceptable to France and might set France thinking she ought to become neutral between America and Russia, too.

What would happen to a neutral Western Europe that included Scandinavia, Germany, France and Austria? Would it not be a vacuum more potentially explosive than the present East-West lineup?

«Not necessarily» – replied Toynbee. «I am sure there would be the danger to Russia that if she upsets this neutral area it would touch off World War III.

In our present-day world, what alternative is there to war in which both America and Russia annihilate each other? Can these two halves of the world live side by side, coexisting on the shrinking surface of our planet for an indefinite time to come? Toynbee said the problem of East and West living together is «happily not a really difficult one». He said

Roman Catholics and Protestants had learned the lesson of past history that wars of religion led only to destruction and to the, victory of neither side. Similarly, Christians and Mohammedans had learned they could not wipe each other out of existence.

These are encouraging examples in dealing with our problem. We can learn from them»,
Toynbee said.