

ADDITIONS, INTEGRATIONS, CORRECTIONS AND SUPPLEMENTS
TO THE BIBLIOGRAPHY OF ARNOLD JOSEPH TOYNBEE*

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275) *Three Kinds of War On, Says Historian Toynbee. Physical, Ideological and Spiritual Conflicts Now in Progress, Professor Tells Town Hall*, in «Los Angeles Times», Tuesday, October 17, 1950, p. 7.

NOTE

Report of a lecture on *The Spiritual Challenge of the Ideological War* given by Toynbee to the members of the Los Angeles Town Hall the day before.

Cp. A.J. Toynbee, *The Spiritual Challenge of the Ideological War*, in A.J. Toynbee, *Democracy in the Atomic Age*, Melbourne, Oxford University Press, 1957, Ch. VII, pp. 49-55.

276) Palmer Van Gundy, *Interpreting Toynbee*, in «Los Angeles Times», October 21, 1950, p. 4. Letter to the «LA Times»¹.

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

¹ «A careless reading of the "Times" report on the recent lecture of Arnold Toynbee at the Biltmore might give the impression that this historian opposes the movement for a limited world federal government. Actually, as I understand him, Toynbee favors the establishment of world federation as indicated by the following quotation:

"We now have a fresh opportunity to attempt the difficult enterprise of abolishing war through a cooperative system of world government".

Toynbee stresses the fact that the establishment of world government would not remove the need for moral and spiritual revival throughout the world.

Personal freedom is grounded in the Christian faith and in the Jewish faith from which Christianity sprang. If freedom is to survive, individual citizens of all nations must live according to the principles of moral and spiritual law. But it is also true that spiritual worth and personal character cannot develop to the fullest in a world which lacks enforceable law. Not only that, but every kind of immorality and crime is sure to flourish amid the ruins of another war. War is the negation of all that is good. War is the inevitable consequence of world anarchy. The only way this anarchy can be ended

THE SPIRITUAL CHALLENGE OF THE IDEOLOGICAL WAR (1950)

by A.J. Toynbee,

Arnold J. Toynbee, professor at the University of London, is author of the many-volumed *Study of History*. A few years ago somebody else boiled it down into a one-volume abridgement.

And yesterday, 500 members of Town Hall squeezed into room at the Biltmore (they had to carry out the tables before they all could get in) to hear Dr. Toynbee give a chapter titled *The Spiritual Challenge of the Ideological War*.

According to the English esoteric historian and religious mystic, three kinds of war are now in progress – the physical war, the ideological war and the spiritual war. He also called the latter «the missionary war».

Economics on Surface

He says it is the spiritual war that is really being fought today between the democracies and Soviet Russia.

«On the surface», Dr. Toynbee said in his quiet, off-hand manner, «the issue is an economic one. But both sides combine public ownership and free enterprise. It is a matter of degree. And we should tolerate those differences of degree.

These differences should not necessarily prevent co-operation between the United Kingdom with its Socialism and the United States with its free enterprise, or, indeed, between them on the one hand and Soviet Russia on the other».

is by the creation of a limited world federal government to prevent aggression and preparations for aggression.

If we would further the kind of personal freedom which Toynbee extols, if we would advance the cause of religious faith and liberty, we would do well to get into the struggle for limited world federation. The transformation of the United Nations into a limited world federal government must become a fundamental objective of our foreign policy».

The speaker digressed to say that he is neither a member of the Labor Party nor a Conservative, but a Liberal. He added that the Liberals, like the Communists, don't cut much ice in England today.

Describes Real Issue

«The real issue in the world of today», he went on, «is between personal freedom as represented by western democracies and corporate despotism, as represented by Soviet Russia. However, worship of a collective human power is not new in the world. It is powerful because of its simplicity and ease of comprehension. And this is greatly to Russia's advantage.

Personal liberty is grounded in Christianity (Man's relation to God) and is common to the whole western world.

The idea of collective security is not confined to Communism, however. It is found, to a degree, in nationalism. To give up nationalism for some kind of world government would be no solution, for then we should have the idea of collective security on a grand scale. In fact, the corporate security of the Roman Empire was the first thing that Christianity came up against».