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SUBJECT : ARTICLE BY JUAN BOSCH ENTITLED "THE USELESS SOWING OF HATE AGAINST STALIN"

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Juan BOSCH, Dominican exiled author, has just published a strange article in the August 20 issue of the weekly magazine Bohemia entitled "The Useless Sowing of Hate Against Stalin". Bosch's argument is that it is an error for the United States to try and compare Stalin with Hitler. That whereas Hitler's concept of the superiority of the German race was a threat to the very existence of the Asiatics and to the mestizo races of Latin America, Stalin's propaganda is directed toward the betterment of the downtrodden peoples of the world. Therefore, concludes the author, while it was easy to stir up hate against a dictator such as Hitler, (because his very pronouncements predicated the enslavement of other peoples) this is not so in the case of Stalin whose promises are for liberty and the raising of the standard of living of the poor.

Bosch says that the war in Korea has not served to awaken the democratic conscience, and warns that the United States will not be able to win another war without the help of the common man of the continents and of the Pacific Islands, or without recognizing the new stature of the scorned American Latin American.

He adds, "This war which has begun in Korea is not going to be fought by one country against another, nor by one Government against the other. It has begun in the dark and tormented minds of millions of human beings. Words are not enough to win it, nor are, of course, bombs and cannons. Something else is needed. It is necessary to place before the pained eyes of humanity, now, without any loss of time, concrete acts, convincing actions which will leave no doubt that democracy, because it is just, creative, and generous, is superior to the wonderland offered by Moscow."

In making these comments, Bosch points out that there is, of course, a great deal of difference between the promise

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made by Moscow and its actual deeds. He believes, however, that it is a result of the Communist's offer of "something better" that the Chinese turned to Mao-Tse away from "the rotten pseudo-democratic regime of Chiang Kai-shek". He also contends that the South Koreans have not fought well because they really do not want to defend the submissive regime of Rhee".

Finally, the author states that the United States would gain more good will from the Latin American countries if, instead of spending millions of dollars for war equipment, it would send to Latin America hundreds of dozens of bulldozers; that boats loaded with foodstuffs would be better propaganda for the democracies than the publication of statistics showing the number of airplanes manufactured in the United States. He adds that Latin Americans cannot become very concerned over the plight of Cardinal Mindszenty while dozens of fighters for democracy die in the Americas each day, and while Haya de la TORRE remains imprisoned in the Cuban Embassy in Peru.

"Nor," says Bosch, "can we be convinced that democracy is generous when, following the firing of the first shot in Korea, we noted how the butter and rice which we buy in the United States rose in price."

He concludes by stating that the next war will be won only when the peoples of America and the Pacific (who are the owners of the raw materials and human potential necessary to win the war) are convinced that Stalinism will cause them to lose their well-being and freedom. He adds that as yet we do not have either well-being or liberty, but "when we do have things we will fight until death to defend them."

Comment:

All Bosch's writings are colored by his concept of conditions in the Dominican Republic. Whatever democratic intentions he may have had in writing this article, or whatever merits his arguments may possess, are obscured by the general overall favorable picture which it gives to Communism. Bosch is another one of these "intellectual liberals" whose activities and statements are often helpful to the Communists. Even though he is probably not a Communist at least his article will undoubtedly be hailed with glee by red sympathizers.

In answer to the author's statement regarding butter and rice prices, the question might well be asked as to what

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has happened to Cuban sugar prices since the outbreak of the Korean war.

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