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Capitalism/ Christianity - The Other Side

This subject if given 50 years ago would have exactly the opposite meaning of what it does today. Fifty years ago most people assumed that Christianity was true. Most people then recognized that Christianity is the foundation upon which our liberties rest and upon which the progress of our nation has been given. Most of the people then rejoiced in that and looked forward to a continuation of God's blessings and to a continuation of the advantages of the system under which we were then living.

When I was a boy patriotism was very strong. When July 4th came everyone was out marching, carrying the flag. I thought then they carried it much too far. The way people talked about the U.S. in comparison with other nations in that time I reacted a bit against. But we have gone far to the other extreme today. Today the general attitude at least of the educated classes is rather apathetic at least as far as patriotism is concerned.

The general attitude is that things are so bad that they need to be completely overhauled and tremendously changed and to look to other nations as if they were far superior to what we have now. There is an organization that calls itself the People's Bicentennial Coalition that has been asking for permission to march in Philadelphia on July 4 and to put up banners and hold rallies and which in Wilmington, Del, has put up big bill boards with the statement "The Rich have been on our backs for 200 Years. Take the Rich off our backs!" I just wonder who pays for the bill boards!

But there has been a great change that has taken place. The change is not due to any deterioration to general conditions in America. In fact the general standard of living is far higher than it ever was before and far higher than it is anywhere else in the world. It is the result of propaganda in our colleges. This propaganda has become very wide-spread in our colleges in the last 50 years. It has gone further and further in them and now it is in most of our high schools. It wasn't long ago that Pres. Bruster of Yale declared when Bobby Seal was tried, that there was no court in America in which a black revolutionary could have a fair trial. I don't know the rights and wrongs of the particular case; I do know that Bobby Seal was acquitted and I never heard of Pres. Bruster taking back or apologizing for what he had said. This is simply symptomatic of the propaganda which our young people have been subjected to so strongly in recent years.

Stewart Alsop who died not long ago was a columnist who showed in my opinion a great deal of sense and understanding in much of what he wrote. But one could not read all of it without seeing how definitely he had been influenced by his training in Yale perhaps 40 years earlier. I have here Alsop's book written shortly before his death which is called Stay of Execution, a sort of Memoir. I was interested in a few words here which I'd like to read. He said, "I remember a talk with a very handsome young man in a Coffee House, the center of the anti-war near Fort Dix, in 1969 at the height of the Vietnam War. The young man