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## **The Suicidal Stupidity of the Left-Wing Historian, Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr.**

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Within hours after the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy, President Lyndon Johnson announced that he was naming a commission to study the causes of violence in the United States. Inasmuch as President Johnson and the men who make up his administration refuse to recognize that communism is an internal threat, or that sin and disobedience to God's law and man's law is the major cause of violence in the United States, they must continually form bigger and better commissions and committees to try to arrive at false conclusions to real issues.

Most men named to President Johnson's new commission on violence are ultra political liberals. He named Dr. Milton Eisenhower, retired president of Johns Hopkins University, to head the 10-member panel. Two other members of the commission included Senator Roman L. Hruska and the homemade political philosopher, Eric Hoffer. Hoffer is a self-educated longshoreman/philosopher who has conferred often with President Johnson. Although he is generally considered to be in the liberal camp, his lack of contact with Harvard and the other super-duper, liberal "Ivy League" schools causes him to arrive at conclusions occasionally that could be considered patriotic and Christian.

One of the most prominent left-wing, liberal spokesmen for Senator Robert F. Kennedy in his campaign for the Presidency was a former member of President Kennedy's inner circle of advisers, Arthur Schlesinger, Jr. (Although the American liberals go wild over his every utterance, Mr. Schlesinger himself, like Eric Hoffer, does not have an earned doctorate from any of the "Ivy League" schools.)

Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., is referred to in our newspapers, in the slick magazines, and on national television as the "Harvard professor and American historian." Personally,

I would hate to think that Mr. Schlesinger's interpretation of American history is correct. If it is, then the landowners and industry leaders were exploiters of the unfortunate and poor, and the United States is built on the corpses of slaves. Since Mr. Schlesinger has no confidence in our history and no allegiance to our forefathers and their Constitutional concepts, he is out to remake America according to his own Socialist views. In fact, Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr., once threw some light on his private plans for America's future in an article which appeared in the *Partisan Review* of May-June, 1947, entitled "The Future of Socialism; III - The Perspective Now." He pointed out to readers that "Government ownership and control can take many forms." He went on to say:

"The independent public corporation, in the manner of TVA, is one; State and municipal ownership can exist alongside Federal ownership; the techniques of the cooperatives can be expanded; even the resources of regulation have not been fully tapped." He passed on to his readers advice which he credited to a British citizen, D. W. Brogan. This advice called for them to "change anything except the appearance of things."

In this frank article, Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., referred to socialism as "a long term proposition." He indicated that it would be brought about through a "gradual advance." He made the following statement in regard to the forces bringing about this change in our American form of government:

"The active agents in effecting the transition will probably be, not the working class, but some combination of lawyers, business and labor managers, politicians, and intellectuals, in the manner of the first New Deal or of the Labor government in Britain."

Many Americans consider themselves to be good "liberals" and at the same time good Christians. Thus, the following remarks from Schlesinger's 1947 article may come as quite a rude and shocking awakening to these people. Mr. Schlesinger said: "Official liberalism...dispensed with the absurd Christian myths of sin and damnation and believed that what shortcomings man might have were to be redeemed, not by Jesus on the cross, but by the benevolent unfolding of history. Tolerance, free inquiry, and technology, operating in the framework of human perfectibility, would in the end create a heaven on earth, a goal accounted much more sensible and wholesome than a heaven in heaven."

These alarming statements by the former campaign aide to Senator Robert F. Kennedy, Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., were printed in the *Congressional Record* on February 6, 1962.

Now, according to our *Tulsa Daily World* of June 10, 1968, a United Press International release quotes this same Arthur M. Schlesinger, Jr., as attacking President Johnson's commission to study violence with special criticism reserved for two members of the commission, Senator Roman L. Hruska and Eric Hoffer. Of Senator Hruska, Arthur Schlesinger said: "Putting Senator Hruska on this commission is like sending Typhoid Mary to stop a typhoid epidemic." Apparently, Arthur Schlesinger's opposition to the Nebraska Republican Senator is because Senator Hruska has carried on a vigorous fight in the United States Senate to block stiff federal regulations on the sale of firearms, and rightly so.

Mr. Schlesinger said of Senator Hruska: "One member of the commission, Senator Hruska of Nebraska, has been a leading spokesman in the Senate for the gun lobby and the National Rifle Association."

Then, Schlesinger turned his attention to Eric Hoffer and said: "Another member of the commission, Eric Hoffer, already has prejudged the thing by saying this was some Jordanian (who shot Kennedy) and the American people shouldn't feel the slightest connection with this."

"I would suppose, since Senator Hruska and Hoffer are both responsible men, that they would recognize the inappropriateness of their position on this commission and would resign, and would give President Johnson a chance to reconstitute the commission and make it a serious one, but at present it is not a serious commission at all."

(This article which appeared in our Tulsa newspaper on June 10 also referred to Schlesinger as "the Harvard professor who served in the White House under President John F. Kennedy and supported Robert F. Kennedy's campaign for the Democratic Presidential nomination.")

Let us review for a moment Schlesinger's remarks concerning Eric Hoffer. Schlesinger is upset that Hoffer had the nerve to suggest that Senator Kennedy was shot by "some Jordanian." Now, you can see the liberal mentality in the United States. The liberals are so determined to blame all Americans, the entire American society, for these political assassinations that it greatly upsets them when someone suggests that one individual is responsible for the political assassination and not all the American people.

Schlesinger is beside himself with anger that Eric Hoffer would suggest that "some Jordanian" was to blame for the assassination of Senator Kennedy and not the American people at large. Here again you see the difference in the thinking of Mr. Schlesinger and our American legal traditions. Traditionally in the annals of jurisprudence, a man is innocent until proven guilty. But not so with the liberals who would affix the blame for any political assassination on all American people. They are trying to create a guilt complex in the United States that would cause our citizens to surrender their independence and their nationalist concepts in favor of a welfare state society in which there is no individualism, nor individual freedoms.

Traditionally, if a crime is committed, our police authorities concentrate on apprehending the criminal. Their one and only desire is to apprehend the criminal and bring him to justice. But not so with liberalism. There was no real great hue and cry from the liberal camp against Jack Rubenstein when he killed Lee Harvey Oswald, the Communist sympathizer who shot President Kennedy. Actually, I think if the truth were known, the liberals breathed a sigh of relief. The Communist and leftist background of Lee Harvey Oswald was never brought to full light because the assassin's life was snuffed out by Jack Rubenstein. I will always believe that Rubenstein was himself a paid assassin, just like Oswald. I think both men worked for the same conspiracy--a left-wing conspiracy headquartered in Havana, Cuba, and headed by Fidel Castro.

The fact that one month prior to President Kennedy's assassination Fidel Castro had threatened to assassinate him doesn't affect the thinking of the liberals at all. They still do not relate the assassination of President Kennedy with the assassination threats of Fidel Castro, nor the Communist background of Lee Harvey Oswald, nor the Castro-Communist background of Jack Rubenstein. (At a time when Americans couldn't travel to and fro to Castro's Cuba, Jack Rubenstein was a frequent visitor there. But, this again doesn't bother the Liberal Establishment. They saw no connection between Jack Rubenstein and communism...no connection between Jack Rubenstein and Lee Harvey Oswald...no connection between Lee Harvey Oswald and Castro, although Oswald was on public record as saying he was a representative of Castro in the United States and a Marxist.)

The liberals don't want to be bothered with facts. This new alleged assassin, Sirhan Sirhan, admitted he was sympathetic to communism in the writings found on his person and in the diary found in his home. He admitted that he was pro-Communist and anti-American. But, again, the liberals do not want this to affect their thinking. They are determined for all Americans to feel guilty for the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy and not the apparently guilty one, the Communist sympathizer by the

name of Sirhan Sirhan. Therefore, Arthur Schlesinger attacks the homegrown philosopher, Eric Hoffer, because he has the audacity to say that Senator Kennedy was killed by "some Jordanian" and "the American people shouldn't feel the slightest connection with this."

That's the crux of the whole matter. The liberals are determined to turn this terrible act of assassination into a political victory for their liberal concepts. The American people must surrender their will to win over communism and other tyrannies. The American people must surrender their independence and nationalist concepts in favor of a welfare state. The American people must surrender the free elective process in favor of a welfare state ruled by the sophisticated elite who feel they are more qualified to make decisions than the unsophisticated electorate.

It is very easy to see the moral issues involved. Mr. Schlesinger admits that he is an atheist who doesn't believe in God or in Jesus Christ, or in Christ's atonement for sin. Therefore, it is difficult to understand Mr. Schlesinger's false reasoning. As we quoted earlier from his writings in the *Partisan Review*, Mr. Schlesinger says of the Christian faith: "Official liberalism...dispensed with the absurd Christian myths of sin and damnation and believed that what shortcomings man might have were to be redeemed, not by Jesus on the cross, but by the benevolent unfolding of history." Mr. Schlesinger is opposed to the Christian Gospel which says that a man is guilty of sin--original sin and his own acts of transgression--and therefore needs a Saviour, Jesus Christ. Schlesinger rejects this totally. He does not believe that individuals should feel guilty of their own sins and should seek a Saviour by accepting Jesus Christ. Instead, he wants all society to feel the guilt and seek his saviour, the welfare state.

I am a fundamentalist and so is Schlesinger. I believe in the infallibility of Jesus Christ who can rid my soul of any feeling of guilt for my sin. Mr. Schlesinger also believes that the only way a man can be rescued from his sense of guilt is by acceptance of an authoritative rule, that of the Marxist welfare state. We are both fundamentalists, but my God is Jesus Christ and Jehovah God; Schlesinger's god is the welfare state, socialism and the sophisticated, internationalist, Socialist leadership. We both seek redemption from guilt. I seek it through Christ--he seeks it through the Socialist welfare state.

I am so glad that I can point out, through these quotations of Mr. Schlesinger, the difference between the conservative and liberal philosophies. The conservative believes that a man can rid himself of his guilty feeling about his own sin by accepting Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour. We believe the ideal situation is to let Christ lift the burden of our sin and get rid of it. We believe the happiest life and the happiest mental state is to be free of guilt.

On the other hand, the liberal believes that only when the American people accept a Socialist state will we be able to get rid of the feeling of guilt. Therefore, they must preach guilt while, on the other hand, the Christian preaches a way to get rid of guilt through the acceptance of Jesus Christ.

I made the statement the other day that only the wealthy can afford to feel that all Americans are guilty for these political assassinations. The "second generation rich" seemingly is born with a feeling of guilt--that they have so much and others have so little. And, rather than distributing equally what they have among the less fortunate, they set out to change society, to redistribute the wealth of others.

I have always questioned the integrity of the "second generation rich" that believes in socialism. If they believe in redistribution of wealth, why don't they set us an example by redistributing their inheritance? Personally, I don't have the money to be a liberal. In order to be a liberal, you have to be filthy rich, preferably "second

generation rich," with the finances to justify a feeling of guilt. I am a working man. The people, for the most part, who support me, are working men. If we go through life with a feeling of guilt, then we are unable to fulfill our best in life. We are unable to provide a decent living for our families and to give a decent education to our children. We can't afford the luxury of feeling guilty. Again, the "second generation rich" can afford this luxury but I can't. I have to concentrate on providing for my family. I am dependent upon my salary day after day to put groceries on my table and to put my children through school. I have no cash reserves--no savings--no inherited wealth. I can't afford the guilt luxury. But the liberals can and do.

Personally, I will continue to trust Jesus Christ who took away my feeling of guilt. He bore my sins at Calvary--not only my past sin but my future sin. I am trusting Jesus Christ to make a way for me in this life and to help me attain life on the highest plane.

Again we see that the liberal versus conservative battle is actually a religious issue. Is Christ our Saviour or is Karl Marx? Is Christianity the best way to live or is the welfare state the best way to live? I can only remind you of the words of Joshua: "Choose you this day whom ye will serve;...but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15)

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#### THE EVOLUTION IN PSYCHIATRY

Recently I talked to two psychiatrists about how the television networks in America, NBC, CBS and ABC, are doing their best to make all Americans feel guilty for the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy. Senator Eugene McCarthy started it all by saying that he didn't care who pulled the trigger, that all Americans were guilty. Also, the famous liberal columnist Roscoe Drummond, in his column of June 8, said that all Americans were guilty of the assassination of Senator Kennedy.

As Christians and conservatives, we know that this is not only a bunch of baloney but it is a vicious lie. A man breaks one of the commandments of God when he tells this lie: "Thou shalt not bear false witness." The only person who is to blame for the assassination of Senator Kennedy, or Dr. King, or President Kennedy, is the man who pulled the trigger, and no one else.

The man who killed President Kennedy did so because of his Communist sympathies. According to no less an authority than Truman Capote, the man or men who killed Dr. Martin Luther King did so because of their Communist sympathies. And, Robert Kennedy's alleged assassin, Sirhan Sirhan, has admitted in his own writings found on his person that he was sympathetic to communism and anti-American. Communism is to blame--nothing else but communism.

Well, I wanted to know what two eminent psychiatrists had to say about this guilt complex so I asked them. I said, "Do you think it is healthy to try to make all Americans think they must share the blame for Senator Robert Kennedy's death?" Without hesitation, the psychiatrists said, "Yes. It's very healthy. We just hope the American people will continue to feel that way." I went away from this meeting with these psychiatrists disgusted and frightened. Just as in all other spheres of American life, there apparently has been an evolution in psychiatry.

In the early days of American psychiatry, the psychologists and psychiatrists attacked the old-time Christian Gospel, justifying their attack on the basis that the Gospel made a man feel guilty. Psychiatry, in its beginning, said that a man could never have happiness or pursue happiness until he got rid of the guilt feeling.

That was the beginning of psychiatry--it was an attack on the guilt feeling. They attacked the Gospel of Christ because Christ said that a man was a sinner and needed a Saviour and the humanist psychiatrist attacked this saying that anything which made a man feel guilty was contributing to his mental sickness.

But now the psychiatrists have pulled a "switcheroo." Almost to a man, the American psychiatrists are saying that all Americans are guilty of the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy and two prominent Tulsa psychiatrists even went so far as to say: "We hope the people won't get over it soon. We hope they keep feeling guilty about this assassination."

What kind of talk is this? There has been an evolution even in the field of psychiatry. In other words, the dominating factor in American life today is Marxism. The liberals will never achieve a welfare state or a Marxist society in the United States and bring about a greater Marxist, welfare state, world government until the American people are ashamed of their country, their material opulence, their old-fashioned faith, and their frontier sense of independence. The liberals must create shame; they must create a complex of guilt.

I hesitate to say that the liberals are proud when an American political figure, such as President Kennedy, Dr. Martin Luther King, or Senator Kennedy, is assassinated, but in my heart I feel that they are overjoyed at the psychological advantage that it gives their political schemes at such a tragic time. At least, if they do not create the situation, they exploit it.

Again, we, as Christian conservatives, and as Americans, know the only man who is guilty of a crime is the man who commits it. It would be tragic and suicidal for the American people to have a feeling of guilt about the assassination of any of these three national leaders, but that is what the liberals are determined we will do. This is all they have said on television since the assassination of Senator Kennedy.

Our only hope is that they will get too much exposure. The American people react unfavorably to too much exposure and I hope the liberals have overdone it. This is our only hope--or that God's Holy Spirit, that is in the heart of the majority of the American people, will help the individual Christian reject this Marxist, internationalist, liberal brainwashing.

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#### WHY INDICT SOCIETY?

By Henry J. Taylor  
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In the Los Angeles horror, as in the Dallas horror, we are told and told and told to blame the assassinations on ourselves. Our nation is condemned as a place where society is at fault. We are bombarded by the false shout: "The guilt is ours," or "It is society's fault." President Johnson made an important protest against this. Is the "society's guilt" contention wrongheadedness or mischief, or a combination of both? Nothing could be more indefensible, or more damaging and dangerous to the United States.

We sorely want a more perfect union. We must strive to create a more perfect union. There is much we can do to make this land richer and better for all the people. But we are the victims of those who pound home the preachment of individual rights instead of individual responsibility. An insidious and weakening poison is pumped into our structure by politicians, special interests and even by some churchmen whenever they auto-

matically call criminality society's fault and dismiss the individual from responsibility. We heard President Kennedy's assassination blamed on Dallas and on a "sick American society." Even before the assassin was identified CBS--for one--made it plain that in its opinion the President was killed by a "right-wing" conspiracy. Blame society. Senator Barry Goldwater was deluged with vile and obscene calls. Senator John Tower himself told me that he and his family were so abused that they had to move out of their house that night to escape the tv viewers' abuse, as if he had assisted Lee Harvey Oswald to re-enter the United States. Yet it's hard to imagine anything more false than to indict American society on the grounds of Oswald, a man about as typical of American society in this country of 200 million people as the man on the moon. How many people in the entire nation have the life record of Lee Harvey Oswald--who incidentally was from New Orleans and had no Dallas roots whatever?

Nevertheless, we note again that the ghastly Los Angeles crime is widely pronounced as our society's fault, even though allegedly committed by an equally untypical Sirhan Bishara Sirhan. Tragically for our country this false approach is also the Communist approach. Every bit of it is water on the Red wheel. In the Red lexicon the system means everything. The individual means nothing. Any faults in other countries, therefore, are the faults of the systems. And that claim has helped mightily to make communism the biggest and crookedest confidence game in the world. In addition, this false approach by American politicians, special interests and some churchmen opens the door for envious or enemy countries abroad to chop great America down to size. Accordingly, and predictably, the infamous Los Angeles shots, like the Dallas and Memphis shots before them, presented an excuse for another wave of hypocrisy from overseas.

Assassination horrors have always been a part of European national life, and these foreign critics of America know it. Austrian Archduke Ferdinand, killed by the shot that exploded into World War I, is a simple recollection. But five chiefs of state and government were also assassinated in the 20 years before 1914: President M. Sadi-Carnot of France in 1894, Premier Canovas of Spain in 1897, Empress Elizabeth of Austria the next year, King Humbert of Italy two years later, and another Spanish Premier, Canalejas, in 1912. Fed up by assassinations by Soviet agents in Britain, the Baldwin government broke off diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union in 1927. And on and on it has gone to this day abroad.

Instead of falsely blaming "society," and falling into the Red trap while doing so, one proper blame concerns retribution, as a just deterrent. It has been horribly weakened.

Giuseppe Zangara was tried, found guilty and electrocuted (March 20, 1933) only 33 days after his Miami attempt to assassinate President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt. But our Supreme Court's continued twisting of the Constitution and the statutes is making a shambles of the criminal laws in our country.

The end result of this process pursued for sociological purposes can only be, as we see, more crime and the consequential loss of freedoms and security, which are the supposed goals of judicial lawmaking.

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## AUGUST 1-4 CHRISTIAN CRUSADE NATIONAL CONVENTION TO FEATURE "THE GREAT DEBATE"

To our knowledge, for the very first time an outstanding spokesman for the Liberal Establishment and an outstanding representative of the conservative cause will meet face to face in a public debate during the Annual Convention of Christian Crusade to be held in the Cathedral of the Christian Crusade, Tulsa, Oklahoma, August 1-4. As most of our friends know, Dr. John Redekop, political science professor at Pacific College, Fresno, California, has written a best-selling book against the philosophy of Billy James Hargis and the activities of Christian Crusade called *The American Far Right--A Case Study of Billy James Hargis and Christian Crusade* published by Eerdmans Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan. This book may well outsell all the former "anti-Hargis" books that have been published.

Actually, the book is not entirely anti-Hargis or anti-Christian Crusade. The author attempts to be objective, although it is extremely difficult for a liberal to do so. Nevertheless, Dr. Hargis and the Christian Crusade staff are convinced that Dr. John Redekop has sincerely attempted to write a serious and objective book about the philosophy and beliefs of Dr. Hargis and the activities of Christian Crusade so we have invited him to debate his position at a public meeting during the National Convention of Christian Crusade. Representing the Christian conservative cause will be the Associate Evangelist of Dr. Hargis, David Noebel. David Noebel is one of the most articulate spokesmen for the Christian conservative cause in the United States and we feel that he will be able not only to hold his own, but to forcefully present our views during this open encounter.

Although there will be famous speakers, including our own Christian Crusade staff, addressing the Convention audience during the Convention, we feel that this "Great Debate" will be the highlight of the weekend. The debate has been scheduled to start at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 3. The subject of the debate, mutually agreed upon by both participants, Dr. Redekop and Pastor Noebel, is "Can Christians Support the Philosophy and the Anti-Communist Activity of Christian Crusade?"

Added to this GREAT DEBATE on Saturday night, another outstanding feature of this year's Convention will be a dramatic presentation based on the life of Savanarola, the Crusader, on Sunday night, August 4, at 7:30 p.m. Dr. and Mrs. Bob Jones III, Vice President of Bob Jones University, Greenville, South Carolina, and head of the Classic Players at Bob Jones University, will be in charge of this magnificent production, including stage setting, lights, and a stirring dramatization of the life and philosophy of one of the greatest crusaders of all history--Savanarola.

The "GREAT DEBATE" and the dramatic presentation, "SAVANAROLA, CRUSADER" are but two of the highlights of this year's Convention. Don't miss a single session of it starting Thursday night, August 1, through Sunday night, August 4. Make plans now to attend. If you would like for us to make motel reservations for you in Tulsa, we will be glad to assist you. Although we are not offering a "package deal"--that is, room and board, as we do at our Leadership Schools and other seminars, we will be glad to make reservations for you at any hotel or motel in the Tulsa area which you prefer in the price range that you prefer, but we would appreciate knowing how many people are going to attend the Convention. As soon as you decide you are coming, please let us know. Write Convention Department, Christian Crusade, Box 977, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74102, for hotel or motel reservations, or for further information. All roads lead to Tulsa for the National Convention of Christian Crusade for 1968, August 1-4, featuring this year two outstanding features that are "firsts" in Christian conservative annals.

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