

Editorial

The flight toward autocracy

A strange but nonetheless lawful concomitant of the presently chaotic conditions in the Balkans and the Soviet Union, is the resurfacing of pre-World War I monarchical lines, with the backing of the Soviet military and the Russian Orthodox Church.

This can best be understood by looking at the rise of Islamic fundamentalism. The seventh and early eighth centuries A.D., in the aftermath of the collapse of Rome and the decay and decline of Byzantium, saw the rise of the Arab renaissance. That renaissance was typified by the Abassid dynasty, the Caliphate of Baghdad, at a time when the population of what is now Iraq—with its 18 million people today—had reached 35 million.

This was destroyed, by a movement called Asharism, and by al-Ghazali and his followers. In other words: by Islamic fundamentalism. Islamic fundamentalism turned the Arabs into dogs in front of the Mongols, dogs for the Turks, and dogs of the sand for the European colonialists later.

Now, there are those within Islam, and also in Israel and Britain and elsewhere, who are promoting Islamic fundamentalism all over again. The British started this, with such operations as al-Afghani in the 19th century. In fact, virtually all Islamic fundamentalist movements of any note are to this day controlled by British intelligence or by Israeli intelligence. The Israelis are very emphatic about promoting Islamic fundamentalist movements against Arab movements, Islamic movements, such as the PLO or the Ba'ath regime in Baghdad, which are committed to the actual development of the per capita and per hectare power of the Arab family. Those who promote Islamic fundamentalism are the enemies of the Arab people—and in the case of British intelligence and Israeli intelligence agents controlling virtually every Islamic fundamentalist movement in the world today, intentionally so. Why do you need a weapon to destroy an adversary, if you can induce that adversary to destroy himself? That's the mystery of Islamic fundamentalism.

Let's look at the world as a whole from this stand-

point. The Golden Renaissance, typified by Nicolaus of Cusa, raised to the fore the question of the capacity of the human individual to participate in self-government, a capacity which is located in the concepts of *imago viva Dei* and *capax Dei*.

The first movement against the Renaissance came from gnostic cults which based themselves on Aristotle, and which emphasized a process which came to be known as the Enlightenment.

This Enlightenment movement, a gnostic Aristotelian movement essentially, had the effect, on the one hand, of bringing people to power, as in the case of the Jacobin revolt in France, but also of exposing to the people the fact that the Enlightenment had destroyed within them the moral capacity for acceptable forms of self-government. Hence, the admiration for Napoleon Bonaparte.

Once the people see what their self-government means when they themselves are under the influence of the Enlightenment, they turn with horror and fear away from self-government, away from the majority, seeking security in the protection of what they hope will be a benign autocrat.

That's what's happened around the world recently. The New Age movement has *destroyed* the intellect and morals of the American people in particular, so that they are no longer capable of self-governing. You see what we have as a result.

The cry will go out soon, as people are afraid of being eaten by the satanist cannibal next door, whom the police would rather assist, than repress. The people will demand a government which will not tolerate such nonsense.

And so we see, in the movement toward monarchism in Russia and Serbia, a portent of what the oligarchy has done, the direction in which it is moving us, and the portent of what it is likely to attempt: the elimination of the idea of self-government by the people, an idea eliminated because the portent of self-government by the people is so horrifying, that the people will flee even to autocracy, in refuge from the menace, the sheer horror of what that self-government has come to mean.