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Announcement

Because of the many requests for a wider distribution of Henry Hazlitt's editorial, "The Crisis in Controls," which was published in our issue of April 9, a four-page reprint has been made available at the following prices: $3 per 100, $14 per 500, and $25 per 1000. Address your order to Reprint Department, The Freeman, 240 Madison Avenue, New York 16, N. Y.

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THE FORTNIGHT

Long before he gave the signal to invade the Rhineland, long before he took over Czechoslovakia, long before he sent his panzer divisions into Poland, Adolf Hitler had told the world what he intended to do. The whole Hitlerian program was set forth in "Mein Kampf," which Neville Chamberlain and other Western statesmen neglected to read.

It so happens that the Russian Communists long ago told the Western world what they have in mind to do. It is to take over Asia as the prelude to conquering the world. In the nineteen twenties Borodin was sent from Moscow to China to set the Communist plan in motion. Largely because Chiang Kai-shek smelled a large red rat, Borodin failed. But the Communists have never given up their plan. Indeed, they have pursued it with a monomaniacal intensity that recalls Hitler to the last degree.

The United States has in Japan a great military leader who has read his history. General Douglas MacArthur knows all about Lenin's theory of the special vulnerability of Asia; he has heard of Trotsky's formulation of the "law of uneven and combined development" — which is Marxese for "hit capitalism where there ain't no big middle class." But the Western statesmen — Truman, Acheson, Attlee, Morrison, Chuter Ede — have never read Lenin, never read Trotsky. They are ignoramuses.

Being ignoramuses, they naturally ran around in tiny circles when MacArthur's letter to House Minority Leader Joseph W. Martin, Jr. was made public. General MacArthur had told Representative Martin the obvious truth: that the Communists are playing for world stakes in Asia. He had asked for help in defeating this Communist play — help from Chiang's troops, which are immobilized on Formosa by the United States Seventh Fleet. No doubt General MacArthur stands guilty of having expressed himself as a man who doesn't relish being made the instrument of carrying out a blood sacrifice of American soldiers. Generals ought not to have feelings. If it is United States and UN policy to feed a few thousand Americans each month into the jaws of a Moloch, no general should object. The Aztec blood ritual is the will of our politicians.

But is it the will of the American people? We dare the Administration to fire General MacArthur. We dare them to let him come home and speak his mind. If they do, they will soon find that they have a Winston Churchill (who had really read "Mein Kampf") on their hands.

The National City Bank monthly letter for April contains an interesting paragraph. "After this precautionary buying," says the letter, "a pause was inevitable. The industries have huge unfilled orders to work against. . . . In the markets the situation is now being appraised more calmly. Merchandise reports show that fears of shortage were overdone, for store stocks are ample and in a few lines are backing up. The dominating fact is that the country is turning out substantially more goods and services than ever before in peacetime, and more than 90 per cent of the output is for civilian use. People who underrated industry's productive power are finding that supplies are more abundant . . . than they expected a few months ago. . . . Rising inventories reflect the enormous output."

So what is Washington's response to this deflationary situation? It is to set price *ceilings*. No wonder that some people are referring to the Di Salle-Eric Johnston price control organization as the "Office of Price Stimulation."

There was once a quarterback who always called a power play off right tackle when he got in a hole. . . . He never could understand why the opposition always seemed to schmazzle that particular play. There was once a prizefighter who invariably telegraphed his right hook. . . . He never won a fight. There was once a pitcher who made it a habit to take an extra hitch in his pants every time his catcher signalled for a fast ball. . . . The other teams took to slugging the fast ball out of the lot, and the pitcher is no longer in the major leagues.

We might multiply our catalogue of athletes who never got anywhere because of their deplorable habit of tipping their hands. But what we really want to call attention to is the collection of high-level political and military dumb bunnies who believe in telegraphing every punch, every power play and every pitch to the Communists. There's Assistant Secretary of State George C. McGhee, for example, who recently announced in Tel Aviv that the