Yet despite the differing approaches to the question, there is one thing they all have in common. They all accept implicitly the premise that peace is possible in a world that is organized on its present basis. And despite all historical evidence to the contrary, both open defenders of capitalism and so-called socialists and communists alike, continue to reason that peace can be attained and maintained by building more powerful guns and bombs with which to threaten one another. Neither one side nor the other is ever heard to suggest that the quest for peace is fruitless in a society based upon production for sale on the market. True, one does hear words such as "democracy" as applied to Western capitalism, and "Communism" or "Socialism" as applied to another large bloc of nations. But these words are unimportant and meaningless in the context of the quest for peace because where society is based upon production for sale on the market with a view to profit it makes little if any difference what names are applied to the respective governments. Society in the so-called Communist and Socialist nations is organized, as it is in the United States, on the basis of production for sale on the market with a view to profit. Given such a base to society, *there can be no peace,* and the otherwise learned professors and pundits who present their views on radio and TV and in the press are wasting their own time and the time of their audience.

How, then, can peace be attained? When we know what nations really fight about, the answer is not difficult to get at. Not that it takes much reasoning to see the holes in Mr. Johnson's protestations. It would hardly require a professional poll to find many, if not most, in disagreement with the "Freedom vs. Communism" thesis. In the face of more-or-less cordial relationships with "Communist" Russia, "Communist" Yugoslavia, and several other so-called Communist countries, the Johnson thesis is thin indeed.

Certainly it is a question of control of South-east Asia that agitates the American ruling class as it does the rulers of North Vietnam, South Vietnam, China and Russia. It is not ideology, however, but material interests that is at the bottom of this concern. It is a question of markets, sources of raw materials, military bases from which to operate. These are the things that rival governments seek to control, and which, in the final analysis, cause them to make war on one another. Whatever animosities or psychological reasons may exist to cause people of differing national backgrounds, skin pigmentation, religion, or ideology, to dislike one another, such reasons have nothing to do with warfare in the modern world. It is only when governments take action against one another that war breaks out, and it is only through the support of the ruling class in the warring countries that warfare can be waged. It takes vast amounts of capital to wage war today.

It is not enough, however, to understand that wars are fought basically for economic reasons. Essential also to an understanding of peace and how it can be attained is a realization that it will take a reorganization of society to one of production for use rather than for sale on the market to achieve the goal. When all mankind has free access to all that is in and on the earth there will be nothing to fight about. The capitalists of the world now enjoy that right. It is the task of socialists to work for a world in which everyone gives according to his ability and receives according to his needs—a socialist world.

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