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Rome, July 7

Dear C. M. Guigan,

No, I am surely not a Communist. But I don't think you are right when saying, "Communism is worse than Fascism."

If there is such a thing as Communism "under the anti-Fascist cloak" (as you put it) -- I am afraid there is even more Fascism under the anti-Communist cloak. In fact, I feel very strongly that anyone who hates and fears Communism more than Fascism, plays -- unwittingly, in most cases -- the old Nazi (or neo-Fascist) game.

Don't you remember that it was Goebbels who kept denouncing the Soviet Union as "Public Enemy No. One," and that it was he who advertised Nazism as a "defense mechanism against Bolshevism?" His last hope was that our horror of Communism might make us more responsive to Nazi peace feelers. And even when this last hope was gone, he perished with the ardent wish in his heart that the German defeat might be followed by a fight between Russians and Anglo-Americans -- a fight which, as Goebbels knew only too well, would destroy whatever may have remained

intact of our civilization.

Do we want to fulfil Goebbels' sinister Wish? In other words, do we want a third World War? Naturally not. Yet we make the coming of another war more likely, if not inevitable, by accepting and repeating certain Goebbels-inspired, Goebbels-coined anti-Communist slogans.

The best of luck to you.

Sincerely,

25/11/1943