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**Dedication**: To the Noble Memory of Armand Tuffin, Marquis de la Rouërie

Courageous Fighter for Liberty
Ardent Admirer of America
Bitter Foe of the Jacobins
Friend of George Washington
Member of the Order of the Cincinnati

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  - 2. Shortsightedness and Youthful Cruelty
    - a. Prosperity and ease
    - b. Parental Abdication
    - c. Germany's boy-judges
    - d. Rebels without a cause
    - e. Depersonalization, debasement of sex
    - f. Nihilism
  - 3. Contrast With Old Left
    - a. Delight in disorder
    - b. Suicidal nature
  - 4. May 1968
  - 5. Frankfurt Riots
  - 6. Reaction
    - a. Pasolini
    - b. Vietnam troops
    - c. Dangerous disorder
  - 7. Cult of Heroes

# **CHAPTER TWENTY: CONSERVATIVES AND LIBERALS**

- A. INTRODUCTION (381-89)
  - 1. Conservative Parties in Protestant Countries

- 2. Liberal Parties
  - Aristocratic character
  - b. Liberal monarchs
    - 1) Peter the Great
    - 2) Bloodshed of progressive revolutions
- Aim Is Not Static
- 4. Christian Is Not a Reactionary
  - a. Luther's Metternich's reactionary aspects
  - b. Preferrability of the reactionary
  - c. False rationalism led to reaction
    - 1) Revival of scholasticism
- 5. Continental "Conservative"
  - a. Miguel de Unamuno
- 6. The Term Conservative
  - a. Tories
  - b. Conservative Parties
  - c. Anti-revolutionary Party [Groen van Prinsterer and Abraham Kuyper]
- 7. The Conservative as "Gentlemen": Class Characteristics
  - a. British version
  - b. Continental "cleric"
  - c. Parochial internationalism of Anglo-Saxon leftists
  - d. American anti-intellectualism
- 8. Conservative Ideology: Continental
  - a. Difference between Anglo-Saxon and Continental conservatism
  - b. Rigidity and harshness
    - 1) In view of the horrors it had witnessed, this attitude is unsurprising
  - c. Its liberal aspects were only partial reflections of the Ancien Régime
  - d. Authoritarian bent
  - e. Reactionary aspects
    - 1) Congress of Vienna
    - 2) Partition of Poland: Crime of the Congress of Vienna
      - a) Leftist, republican reaction of Poles: Józek Pilsudski
  - f. Popular representation, but not parties
    - 1) French Revolution
    - 2) Absolute monarchy formed
  - g. Antinationalism
    - 1) Reaction against German Romanticism
    - 2) Force met by force
- B. CLASH OF NATIONALISM AND ANTINATIONALISM (389-93)
  - 1. Idealism of the Young German Republican-Minded Nationalists
    - a. They merit our sympathies
      - 1) Karl Ludwig Sand: Kotzebue's assassin
    - b. But not our approval
  - 2. Friedrich Ludwig [Father] Jahn
    - a. Mass calisthenics
    - b. Germanism
    - c. Francophobia
  - 3. Carl Jarcke's Critique
    - a. Turnvereine, Falcon Leagues and the identitarian sokol-slets
    - b. Ethnic nationalism acted like social dynamite
      - 1) e.g., Brünn
  - 4. Conscription
    - a. Hippolyte Taine
      - 1) Militarism
    - b. End of the old-fashioned cabinet wars
      - 1) Mercenaries

- 5. Propaganda and Indoctrination Total war 1) WWII developments Russian partizani 6. No Effort Made to Return to the Old System of Professional Armies Antinationalist attitude given up Liberty treated with suspicion 7. Reasons for These Changes Anti-intellectual trend Jewish attitudes b. Illustrations C. **DNVP** 1) 8. Second Reich Restoration could haste come only through the Habsburgs a. Opposition to Otto von Bismarck b. 9. Italy 10. France Maurras PROBLEM OF DEFINING CONSERVATISM (393-97) Issue of Historicism 1. 2. Its Historical Character Definition 3. Social Thought Sweden: "Christian Social Thought" 4. Social Reforms Social insurance a. Wilhelm II b. The Reforms Were an Error 5. "Democratic Torvism" Royalty, nobility, clergy, plutocracy, university: distinguishing features 6. Russian Case End of serfdom: Alexander II, the tsar-liberator First trade unions established by the Okhrana to prevent exploitation of workers 7. Negativism of the Early Conservatism Militarism a. Disciplinarian outlook b. Identitarian Nationalism C. Anti-semitism d. Agrarianism e. Sentimentalism 8. Stand for Perennial Values Local institutions a. Religion b. Monarch's veto C. d. Protection against exploitation CONSERVATIVE DILEMMA (397-400) 1. **Electoral Politics** a. Lack of mass appeal Refusal to resort to demagoguery b. Popular issues
  - 1) P 2. Intra-Leftist Strife

C.

D.

- a. Example of Italy
- 3. Conservative Resistance to National Leftism Paralyzed
  - a. Cooperation with Nazis
  - b. "Lesser Evil" choice
  - c. No such thing as nationalistic monarchy

- d. Differences betwen conservatives and totalitarians
- Suicidal Cooperation

## E. PERIOD OF DICTATORSHIP WAS A SCHOOL FOR CONSERVATIVES (400-01)

- 1. Learned Full Value of Liberty
  - Truth has a chance to be attractive in liberty only
- Value of Peace
- 3. Value of Christian Humanism
- Value of a Free Economy
- 5. Rejection of Conspiracy Theories of History
- 6. Rejection of Anti-semitism
- 7. Analogy with Reforming of the Liberals
  - a. Similarity of new conservative and new liberal

## F. ATTITUDE TOWARD THE EXISTING ORDER (401-12)

- 1. European Conservative's Opposition
  - a. His revolutionary views
  - b. His interest in quality
    - 1) Majority rule disregards truth, justice, reason, loyalty, love
- 2. Opposition to Omnipotent State
  - a. Possibility of failure of the State
  - b. Importance of family
  - c. Paternalistic idea of social security
- 3. Education of People to Their Ability While Not Saddling Them with Extra Responsibilities
  - a. Inner contradiction of the re-educators
- 4. Man is Not Totally Wicked
  - a. Pascal
  - b. Need for open-mindedness
  - c. Conservative demonology has been overcome
- 5. Position of American and European Conservatives Contrasted
- 6. European Conservatives' Attitude Toward American Conservatism
  - a. No place for Adam Smith
  - b. Lack of a coherent system of thought
    - 1) Eliseo Vivas
- 7. Anglo-Saxon Empiricism
- 8. Need for a Rational Program
  - a. Charity
  - b. Lack of a concise philosophy
    - 1) Dangers to American conservatism
    - 2) Roots of this state of affairs
- 9. Will the American Constitution Fill the Bill?
  - a. Probably not
- 10. Preparing for the Demise of Democracy
  - a. Conservative lacks program
  - b. Aftermath of total atomic war
  - c. Use of experts
    - 1) It is unavoidable
    - 2) Importance of a first class administration
      - a) Hartmann
- 11. The Current Stand-Off
  - Increasing leftist expertise
    - 1) Reasons
      - a) Conserative anti-intellectualism
    - 2) Need to get good men into government positions
  - b. Entrenchment of leftists
    - 1) Tactics
      - a) Silent treatment
      - b) Defamation

- 12. Conservative Must Use the Scholastic Distinguo
  - a. *e.g.* Japanese internment
  - b. Poor record on racial tolerance
    - 1) Multiplying laws
      - a) Lesson of prohibition
  - c. Need for delight in diversity
  - d. Internationalism
    - 1) Not necessarily identitarian
    - 2) Possibility of a global federation
  - e. Federalist principle
    - 1) Deteriorating effects of the centralized state
      - a) Italian Risorgimento
      - b) Second Reich
- 13. Prerequisites of a Global Federation
  - a. Common religious denominator
  - b. Question of timing
    - 1) Kairos
- 14. Task of the American Conservative

# **CHAPTER 21: THE OUTLOOK**

- A. UNITED NATIONS (413-14)
  - 1. Impaired Effectiveness
  - 2. Lack of a Common Denominator
    - a. What about "man"?
    - b. Proliferation of states and "nations"
    - c. Inequality of their integrity
  - 3. Lasting Values of the Globe Are Not Reflected in It
    - a. Many crucial failures
    - b. Timetable error
- B. COCKSURENESS OF THE MODERATE LEFTISTS (414-17)
  - 1. Misery and Ruin
    - a. Its pervasiveness
    - b. Crimes of non-leftists are pecadillos by comparison
  - 2. Are We Better Off Than 40-60 Years Ago?
    - a. The frightening menaces hanging over us
    - b. Decisions have been made by the left
  - 3. Reasons for Their Mischief
    - a. Ideological close-mindedness
    - b. Intellectual arrogance
      - 1) Unchallenged Monopolies
      - 2) Ignorance of Western traditions
        - a) Conservative must also come to grips with tradition
    - c. Roussellian heritage and inferiority complex
    - d. The "halfway" man (double-mindedness)
- C. THE COLOSSAL HAVOC THE LEFTISTS HAVE WROUGHT (417-19)
  - Recant of the Horrors
  - 2. The Sheer Magnitude of Horror
- D. BRINK OF THE ABYSS (419-21)
  - 1. Current Situation
    - Legitimacy of religious pessimism
  - 2. The Future

- a. Repeating of basic patterns
- b. Leftism will be a permanent factor
- c. Democracy is drawing to a close
  - 1) Its union with the liberal impulse is headed toward divorce
- d. We should look upon this development with fear and trembling
  - 1) Gap between *Scita* and *Scienda* makes change inevitable
  - 2) Rule from above could be an Augustean age or its opposite
  - 3) Quality of the top is of crucial importance
    - a) Left's effort to monopolize the top
    - b) Max Horkheimer's observation
  - 4) Need to create domains of freedom
    - a) Where democratic institutions make sense
    - b) Need to secure local autonomy
- E. PRACTICAL UNDERTAKING (421-
  - 1. Spain's Constitutional Development
  - 2. Peter Drucker's Observation
  - Thirst for Monarchy
    - a. Inordinate fascination with royalty
      - 1) Familistic principle
    - b. Lost sense of authority
      - 1) Crisis of masculinity
        - a) Father State or Provider State is a faceless father substitute: "The failure of man as a warrior and as a father is now being followed by his resignation as a lover"
  - Leftist Monism
    - a. Clemenceau, et al.: Everything belongs to Caesar, nothing to God
  - 5. Task of Christianity to Fight the Leftist Temptation
    - a. Its crisis
    - b. Theology of the beaten dog
    - c. Total immersion in social thought and social action
      - 1) Changing faith in a changing world
      - Responsibility to defend freedom
  - 6. Old Left Proposes a False Order
    - a. New Left proposes chaos that is the flip side of the same coin

# APPENDIX: THE TRAGIC LIFE OF CHARLES-ARMAND TUFFIN, MARQUIS DE LA ROUËRIE

- A. A MAN LAMENTABLE OVERLOOKED ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ATLANTIC (435-36)
  - 1. Temperanmental But Generous and High-Minded Young Man
- B. YEARS IN AMERICA, 1777-83 (436)
  - 1. Colonel Armand
  - 2. Battle of Camden
  - 3. Siege of Yorktown
- C. RETURN TO FRANCE (437)
  - 1. Failure to Secure a Commission
  - 2. Marriage and Loss of His Wife
  - Dr. Chévetel
  - 3. Breton Delegation, 1788, and Imprisonment in the Bastille
- D. REVOLUTION AND RESISTANCE (438-43)
  - 1. Armand's Apprehensions

- 2. Count Ranconnet de Noyan
- 3. Plans for a Counterrevolution
- 4. Jacobinism
- 5. Thérèse de Moëlien
- 6. Monsieur Millet
- 7. Chévetel's Deception
- 8. Castle of La Fosse-Hingant
- 9. Castle of La Guyomarais
- 10. Armand's Illness and Death
- 11. Aftermath
- 12. Great Rebellion Crushed
- 13. Noyades
- 14. The Revolutions's Evil Aftermath Is Still with Us