

THE DEATH OF DEMOCRACY

The democratic creed has clearly run its course. It is like a tree choked by ivy, only the ivy lives, the tree itself is dying, though it still flings its leafless branches to the sky.

In the spring of democracy its watchwords of liberty and equality were torches of hope to the masses who were loaded with the chains of feudalism. The fire kindled by the french revolution carried Rousseau's classic formula throughout the Western world until liberalism was the accepted creed of the 19th century. Napoleon was beaten and exiled, but the tide of liberalism could not be stopped. "All men are created free and equal."

But no formula is perfect or ever lasting. No revolution can maintain its dynamic force indefinitely. As spring waxed into summer democracy became sedate and respectable, essentially bourgeois. It gathered unto itself many vested interests, political and economic. As summer turned to autumn those vested interests, at first parasitic, became dominant, choked their host, the creed which had sanctioned their growth. Now winter has come and democracy is dying.

Let us be perfectly fair. There are still many honest people who genuinely believe in democracy. So steeped are they in the traditions of liberalism that they cling desperately to its original ideas, shutting their eyes to the evils it has created. They cannot see that the system which was to have liberated man has, in fact, liberated the forces which exploit man.

Our quarrel is not with those who sincerely if mistakenly believe in the ideas of democracy, but with those who use these ideas as a means for their own selfish ends. The great mass of the people care little for formula or systems. Their constant struggle for survival gives them few opportunities for theorising. It is results they want, fair wages, human working conditions, housing, opportunities for recreation and advancement, above all justice, security and faith in the future.

Democracy, or rather sham democracy, is not giving them these results and they know it. How can they believe in the existence of liberty and equality while they are tied hand and foot to a remorseless machine, while profligate luxury flaunts itself before grinding poverty? How can they have faith in a democratic future when every few days some new crisis or threat of disaster is hurled at them? How can they look to the parties for salvation when every party in its turn has signally betrayed them?

The liberals have betrayed them because it was liberalism which first set in motion those forces which now threaten to overwhelm them. The conservatives have betrayed them because conservatism seeks to conserve only the vested interests which liberalism created. Labour has betrayed them because it has turned back

from the revolutionary task to which it was pledged in order to pluck the fruits of the corrupt system it used to denounce.

Democracy as we know it today is just a facade of high-sounding sentiments and worn out formulae, behind which are entrenched an army of vested interests. We know them well, the cosmopolitan financier, the self seeking media magnate, the careerist politician, the wordy intellectual, the cultural Marxist. None of these care a jot for the principle of liberty, apart from its propaganda value. But one and all want liberty to pursue their own ends and preserve their own particular grafts. Therefore they ensure people must defend liberty even to the death.

Consider the situation as it confronts us today. Consider the economic aspect. Tax after tax, mortgage after mortgage is being loaded on to our unfortunate nation. Handicapped by a corrupt and obsolescent system, productive enterprise is being bled white to meet the cost of defending that system. Consider the ideological aspect. The fate of a civilised Christian people has been placed in the hands of men who have climbed to power by utter disregard of every Christian principle. Consider the military aspect. Men who have voluntarily offered their services to defend their own country are being used for military adventures on behalf of any corrupt state which considers itself the 'victim of dictatorial aggression'. Consider the psychological aspect. Every baseless rumour, every distorted item of news, every product of minds warped with spite is eagerly used as fuel for the belching chimneys of multi-cultural propaganda. Our whole national life is being polluted and degraded by a poison-cloud of fear and hate for there has not been even a pretence of seeking a mandate from the people for the suicidal policy of mass immigration.

What a mockery of principles. What a travesty of truth. What a violation of elementary justice. Only a system in its deaththroes could jettison everything for which it once stood.

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