

Governor Disputed on Lenin Quotation

Anti-Communist experts on Soviet affairs are challenging the authenticity of a quotation from Lenin that Governor Rockefeller used yesterday for the second time.

The purported quotation has Lenin saying that the Soviet Union would lull the Western powers until "by the employment of terror and its auxiliaries, treason, perjury and the negation of all truth, we shall reduce humanity to a state of docile submission to our domination.

David Shub, who is revising his authoritative biography of Lenin published in 1948, said yesterday the quotation was "a fraud."

"It may be that the ideas had been in the heads of some Bolsheviks," Mr. Shub added. "But this is not in the style of Lenin. He always talked in double talk."

Victor Lasky, a freelance writer specializing in Communist affairs, called the quotation "a hoax" and asserted "there are factories in Europe that manufacture quotes of this sort."

Governor Rockefeller's office got the 300-word quotation from Adolf A. Berle Jr., former Assistant Secretary of State, after a staff member heard Dr. Berle use it on a television program last May 17.

The Governor used the full

Experts Doubt Russian Said What Rockefeller Said He Said

quotation in his "Open End" television appearance June 12, and a 100-word extract in a speech to the New York Young Republican Club yesterday.

Dr. Berle, in turn, said he had got it from a sixty-eight-page mimeographed study entitled "The Tasks and Difficulties of Soviet Power." This was sent him by its author, Claude Meyer, a Swiss scholar formerly studying at the Institut des Hautes Etudes Internationales in Geneva.

Queried in Lausanne, Mr. Meyer said he had got the quotation from a newspaper, the Berner Tagblatt, of Dec. 2, 1956, where it was attributed to two Lenin works, "The Tasks of Soviet Power" and "State and Revolution."

Mr. Meyer has now found that the newspaper got the quotation from the Nov. 14, 1936 issue of another Swiss newspaper, the Aufgebot of Buochs, now defunct. Further checking, he added, showed the quotation had not come from "State and Revolution," but he was still tracing it.

Dr. Berle said yesterday "it seems unlikely to me that it is spurious, else it wouldn't have been in circulation in Europe since 1936 without some one's having questioned it." He added that "Lenin's writings are voluminous, and there is a great deal in Russia that wouldn't necessarily be accessible to us."

The full quotation has Lenin asserting the Soviet rulers had undermined the bourgeois world "by judicious manipulation of its mentality, by crime and criminal organization, by encouraging the moral corruption of Europe and America."

Next, it goes on, they would move to dominate Asia and Africa. For this, it adds, they would not hesitate to associate themselves with Western powers by treaties and alliances, lulling them into feelings of security.

The statement says that the Western powers would receive offers of Soviet support "to launch out into certain ventures," but eventually would be abandoned to flounder helplessly until a Soviet take-over.

The section Mr. Rockefeller used yesterday adds that Soviet domination "is erected knowingly upon the annihilation of the individual will" and "recognizes neither liberty nor justice." It asserts that for Soviet aims, "great cruelty can signify preme merit."

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