

What the Russian of today--the common man--rejoices in as liberty, would seem to us as slavery. Furthermore, there are many informers to report on the discontented and inefficient, and punishment and liquidation may follow.

It is only by contrast with former conditions in Russia that those of today seem advanced, and the man who would recommend communism to Americans is either uninformed, or seeks advancement for himself at the cost of the liberty and happiness of others.

This, Americans should understand well and should guard against. It would be stepping back to the middle ages for the people of the United States.

To the Russians who have suffered from a degree of oppression for a thousand years, and servility of the abject sort for several centuries, the Soviets have brought them liberty.

It is difficult for us to understand the thought processes of the Russian, but it is probable that he has had as much pleasure in the destruction of the nobility and the plundering of their property, as he has in his own improved condition.

An outburst of patriotism has transformed the former slave into a man, who has been given an opportunity to gain an education and to help in building a great country. To him it is the greatest accomplishment attained by any nation in history.

So at the Peace Table there will sit the representatives of the largest and probably the most powerful nation in the world. Perhaps Stalin already sees points of weakness that he hopes to strengthen thru the formation of his sixteen autonomous republics. He has won a war over a nation that has been studying war and engaging in war for a thousand years. He has done the impossible and Russia has courage and stands behind him to the man.