

Being a friend of England, a believer in her colonial methods and a great admirer of her genius, I take the liberty of drawing the attention of British statesmen and British opinion to the enormous advantages for both sides, which would be the outcome of the occupation by England of so called Ukraine: I mean the five provinces of Volhynia, Kief, Podolia, Ekaterinoslaw and Kher-son with the ports of Nicolaiev and Odessa, as a "window" towards the sea; but my scheme could be extended to the ukrainian provin-ces beyond the Dnieper. When I say occupation, it can be called colony, sphere of influence etc., a state of things like either Bosnia-Herzegovina to Austria, or India to the British Empire. The name does not matter, the fact only. I will try to make it obvious: 1°) the advantage for England, 2°) the advantage for the land itself.- It could be arranged as a mandate of the League of Nations also.

#### I. Advantages for England.

1°) Ukraine is in Europe perhaps the greatest producer of corn, cereals and sugar. Foreign people to a certain extent know it, but owing to the misrule of the former Russian Empire, and to its anti-economic methods, they cannot fancy what <sup>could</sup> do Ukraine at its best with an intelligent and business understanding go-vernment. England must not forget that a great competition with similar american produces is impending; What a prominent part could Ukraine ruled by England and managed in a businesslike manner play in the future market war!- If I consider other sche-mes contemplated for the future of Ukraine, I see the following five: a) French rule - France will export democracy to Ukraine, which <sup>is</sup> a poison for ukrainian people, like brandy for the wild tribes of Central Africa, and the land will produce more socia-

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istic ideology and bolshavism than corn and sugar; b) the rule of the Entente as a whole, or of the League of Nations - the Entente is a whitewashed wall beyond which there are still growing misunderstandings; it belongs to the past "de facto" if not "de jure"; the League of Nations is a phantasm, a dreamers hobby, which few statesmen take seriously; its rule built on the utopia of a supposed sudden love and heavenly goodwill between individuals and nations for each other will reproduce instead of corn, deadly competition between the powers, socialistic disorder and idle phraseology among natives; c) Russian rule will probably be a worse state of things than before the war, anarchy from above and from beneath, and for England it is a better business proposition and a safer one to invest in many "Russias" rather than in one; d) Ukrainian selfgovernement would <sup>be</sup> the worst combination of all; genuine Ukrainian statesmen and businessmen do not exist; the Poles are taboo, and the land will be mismanaged in a state of utter anarchy by a set of adventurers, Russians, Germans and a low type of Jews working for Germany. Business will be either paralysed or monopolised by a bad type of profiteers whose "boss" will reside in Berlin; e) Polish domination is a combination to which myself, as a Pole, I am looking forward sympathetically, but I am afraid that Poland being herself in making, not socially quite and by enemies surrounded is not strong enough for the job.

2°) Ukraine in english hands can be considered as a sort of economic, political, commercial and industrial headquarters from where British influence and pacific penetration can be spread out, not only towards the coal of Don and Caucasian mineral oil, but towards Persia, Mesopotamia, India and South-China.

about 10%, among whose only 10% are illiterate; they belong mostly to the upper and middle class and constitute the only intelligent, politically and socially evolved element; 4°) of Russians among whose are also educated people, but they are mostly former government employs, of foreign origin and with no root in the land; their number is about 3%; 5°) of Bohemians (Checo-Slovaks) and Germans, about 2%, the half of whose being illiterate. My figures are approximate. Ukrainian peasants being illiterate, drunkards and awfully lazy, their land badly cultivated with old methods, can feed only themselves and "their Jewish bankers and money lenders", and is of no account for the worlds economy. In industry their part is only that of lazy hands and legs. Practically the whole of agriculture and industry is in polish hands and is worked by polish brains: proprietors, managers and subaltern employs are Poles. The whole of the country's wealth owes its existence to Poles, without whose the land would be a desert. Commerce belongs partly to Poles and to Jews, particularly commerce in the decent sense belongs mostly to Poles. All the liberal professions like: doktors, lawyers, engineers are Poles also; the same about tenants, farmers etc. The polish element is not only the intelligent one, but almost exclusively the producing one. It is very easy to verify what I say. If England makes up her mind for occupying Ukraine, it will be a great luck for Ukrainian Poles, who being people working by brain or hands, are naturally for order and discipline, and can but hate that great destroyer of energy and production, which is demagogic ideology and propaganda. Poles who were always persecuted and want order and peace, would greet England enthusiastically and would constitute the element which supports England in her great civilising task and make easy her way. What about Ukrainians, they dont feel

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themselves either Ukrainians or Russians or Poles, they call themselves simply men, and if properly worked, can vote immaterially for every individual or nation, it may be England, Russia, Argentine or Paraguay. Yet British rule will be a great fortune for them, although they are unconcious of it. England which stopped plague, famine, suttee and humane sacrifices in India, can save those people from misery, teach them to work and to increase their wealth and raise their level of culture, understanding and efficiency in every respect. Except for hooligans, who are to be found mostly among Ukrainians, and for profiteers, who are to be found mostly among Jews, the occupation would be a blessing for all nationalities and social classes in Ukraine; it means not only civisation and welfare for all, but a great humane, moral and christian mission and a glorious page in Englands history. Particularly it would be so in the present time when every sort of social life and production (except bank-notes industry) is stopped in Ukraine, and innocent people, girls and children are murdered by thousands, sometimes empaled and crucified.

Englishmen being masters in colonial matter, I do not see difficulty regarding the form of governement. I think something similar to the governement of India would be very suitable. A vice-roy belonging to English nobility or Royal family, with a mixed council of Englishmen and prominent local citizens, a Secretary of State or High Commissioner in London, like with India and Canada, governors appointed by the crown or the vice-roy, from among local notabilities, and perhaps a representative body elected in a sound and not ideologic way, corresponding to the real intellectual and cultural level of the people and capable of evolution according to the evolution of that people. In any case England would find in Poles her warmest supporters and pillars of her policy.

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When king Thebaw of Burma murdered his hundred brothers and relatives in his wooden palace in Mandalay, England in the name of civilisation occupied Burma, because a country where such crimes are perpetrated and such dealings possible and normal, is not ripe for independence and selfgovernment, and when set free, would be free only for shedding blood. England was perfectly right and Burma is certainly happier and more prosperous now than at the time of her king Thebaw. But there is a euphonic suggestion, that lands not beyond the Ural-river are european and supposed to be civilised, and ought to be treated in a way like great european nations. I know Burma and Ukraine and can testify that the social, intellectual and moral level of both people is more or less the same; rather Burmese are superior because at least they built some beautiful temples like the Shwe-Dagon and Arakhan Pagoda, while Ukrainians were only able for destroying. King Thebaw is a lamb when compared with Ukrainian recent atrocities, yet England never shrinked from occupying Burma, and making her a British province without self-determination, universal suffrage and other democratic institutions, which can have their raison d'être when applied to civilised nations, but are absurd materially and morally, humanly and economically with half or rather quarter civilised people, like Ukrainians, Caucasians, Persians, Burmese etc.

I have tried to prove, how excellent for both, from material and moral point of view, would be the occupation of Ukraine by England. I am looking for logical and serious arguments against my scheme, but cannot find them, because I am groping in darkness and do not know, what is going on behind the scenes of the european and american diplomacy.

At first glance, I see difficulties for England, with her ul-

tra-democratic parties, which out of principle and often without understanding, are against every occupation and every extension of the Empire. I think it easy to explain that my scheme is just very advantageous for English working classes. The demobilisation will set free thousands of engineers, employes and workmen, whose places in commerce, industry and other employments are presently occupied by others. Finding no room for themselves in civilian life and no bread, they will increase the number of strikers and anti-social elements. The exploitation of Ukraine, the making capital out of the immense wealth of a country twice as large as the United Kingdom, will open a magnificent field for all people wishing to work and to make money. Paid in pounds sterling they will find themselves well-to-do people in Ukraine. I think that human greed can prevail over the democratic principle.

The second difficulty is the sending of a military force; we know that the left wing of British opinion is very much against and is not anxious to send troops for protecting and defending capital and capitalists - but in my scheme, there are English workmen with their salaries who want protection, English Labour wanting safety. Don't you think it possible, that owing to that, the Labour Party could change its mind?

If about 60,000 British soldiers were and are sufficient for keeping India and her 250,000,000 inhabitants, I think that approximately the same number is to be taken in account with regard to Ukraine. What is that for a nation which astonished the world by creating an army of 4,000,000 men, from almost nothing in two years! A certain English military force, perhaps even less than the mentioned figure is very desirable as a sort of nucleus around the British flag, but we must not forget that Poles (even for their own sake) would be the loyal supporters of British rule

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and gladly would provide every means of protection and defence. Shortly speaking, Ukrainian self-rule is an absurdity so preposterous, that persons knowing Ukraine cannot seriously talk about. Russian rule is a danger, because Russia will not be so easily reconstructed and for a long time it will constitute a weak and flabby organism, a mixture of Mexico and China, a source of the worlds infection and an excellent field for German intrigues. Polish rule is perilous for Poland, which would be fortunate enough to overcome her own unsound elements, and is actually not strong enough for checking alone the breath of social madness blowing from the neighbouring hells. In all cases Ukraine would be an empty and chaotic place, which Germany will hurry to occupy, either directly or indirectly by applying her very well known methods, which means singing the words of "Deutschland uber Alles" with the music of the "Internationale". And Germany will be mis-

trepreneur of Russia and of the road to the East, if England makes such a tremendous political blunder, by missing the providential and historical hour of her destiny. (It is not absolutely necessary, that all the British soldiers are genuine Englishmen; they could be Sikhs, Gurkhas, provided commissioned officers and N.C.O. men are English).

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