Public Comment.

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Public Input - Re: Invocation and Pledge with notes taken from: *FLAG: AN AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY*, Marc Leepson 2005

It was in 1942, six years before I was born, that "Congress officially recognized the Pledge of Allegiance by including it in the U.S. Flag Code, which also abolished the 'Belamy salute' because it resembled the salute used by the Nazis in Hitler's Germany." (June 22, 1942)
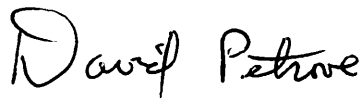
The original pledge "contained twenty-two words: 'I pledge allegiance to my flag and the republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.'"

It was in 1954, six years after I was born, that the words "under god" were added to our pledge, and our nation has gradually become more divided ever since.

I have been an atheist for close to sixty years. I sincerely doubt that many politicians believe as much in an imaginary deity, as they do in the imagery they try to convey that "god" is on their side, and thereby give credence to their decisions, no matter how harmful they may be to society, government or the world environment.

Now that this board will be adding a prayer to each meeting, it is only proper that we drop the "under god" from the pledge, or change it to "under law" as I do. This is how I am able to openly affirm my commitment, and my allegiance to my country. To do anything less, to say: "under god", would be a lie and a perjury that I will not commit.

The Pledge contains a prayer, and we should have no prayers at government meetings, not more.
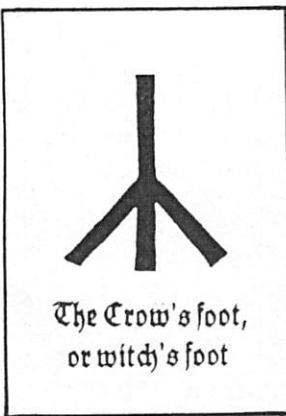
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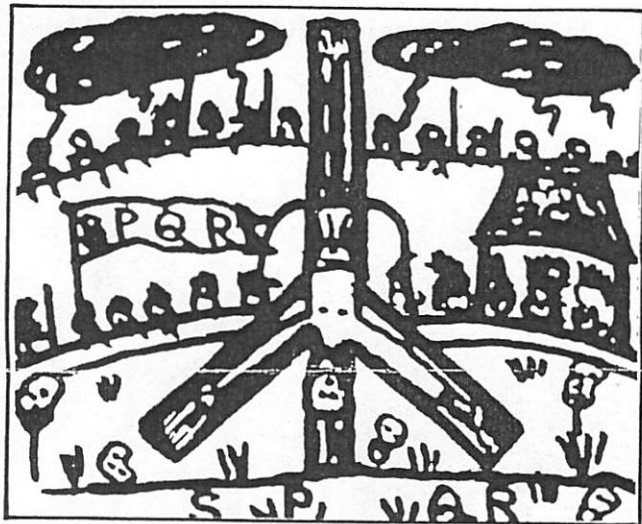
PEACE SYMBOLS

The Truth About Those Strange Designs

ECOLOGY NOW!

Earth Day (Lenin's birthday) symbol desecrates the American flag. This mutant is also insignia of the subversive Women Strike for Peace.

The Crow's foot, or witch's foot

deutsches Frauenwerk

(L) Satanic Medieval symbol shown on Page 83 of the authoritative *Book Of Signs* by Rudolf Koch. (Center) Bertrand Russell, the radical and atheist who adapted Satanic symbol for use by the Reds. (R) A Nazi badge. Inverted, this insignia was used by Hitler's SS on death notices and tombstones.

SPQR SUP WAR

The reproduction of the crude Fifth Century illustration at left depicts St. Peter as he was crucified upside-down in the Neroian Gardens of Rome in 67 A.D. Designed by the Emperor Nero, that inverted crucifix was known for centuries thereafter as a "Nero Cross" and as the "sign of the Broken Jew." It was adopted by Satanists in the Middle Ages. In the late Fifties this sign was selected by the anti-Christian Bertrand Russell as a "peace" symbol to be used in Communist demonstrations aimed at total American disarmament.

This design, incorporating the Christian symbol of the Holy Spirit (the Paraclete) and the Satanic "peace" symbol beneath a Communist clenched-fist salute, is now used nationwide by revolutionary Marxists. Former top Communist Bella Dodd, revealed in 1966 that the Christian dove was adopted for the use of the Comrades by the Spanish Communist Pablo Picasso, who used it in his propaganda paintings.

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THE MILTANT

ALL OUT NOV. 15!

Nixon's phony 'withdrawal'

Communist *Militant* emphasizes Red symbols. This photograph was also featured prominently in the Communist *Daily World* and *Guardian*.

On Pages 2574-2575 of Hearings before the Special Preparedness Subcommittee of the Committee on Armed Services of the U.S. Senate (*Military Cold War Education And Speech Review Policies*, Part 6, 1962) it is established that Bertrand Russell "encouraged the show of force [*at Aldermaston*] by thousands of British students against NATO defense and for rapprochement with Communism." Senator Strom Thurmond, a member of that Subcommittee, notes that "The program was manipulated by pro-Communists whose objective it was to involve British students in something they do not fully comprehend." It was for this program that Lord Bertrand Russell designed the "peace" symbol.

But why would Lord Russell choose a perversion of the Christian cross as a symbol for the radicalization of British youth? Why indeed?

Current Biography provides the important facts that Russell was an active anti-Christian and that both "he and his wife were members of the Fabian Society" — a secret fellowship of wealthy Marxists bound to work for the ultimate victory of international socialism. George Bernard Shaw, one of the founders of the Fabian Society, revealed that this goal was to be achieved by "stealth, intrigue, subversion, and the deception of never calling Socialism by its right name." Fabian official John Strachey, typical of this group, admitted to the *New York Times* that "Like all Socialists, I believe that the Socialist Society evolves in time into the Communist society."

It is not at all surprising that the Communists would turn to Russell to design their "peace" sign. A Marxist from his earliest youth, he greeted the Russian Revolution
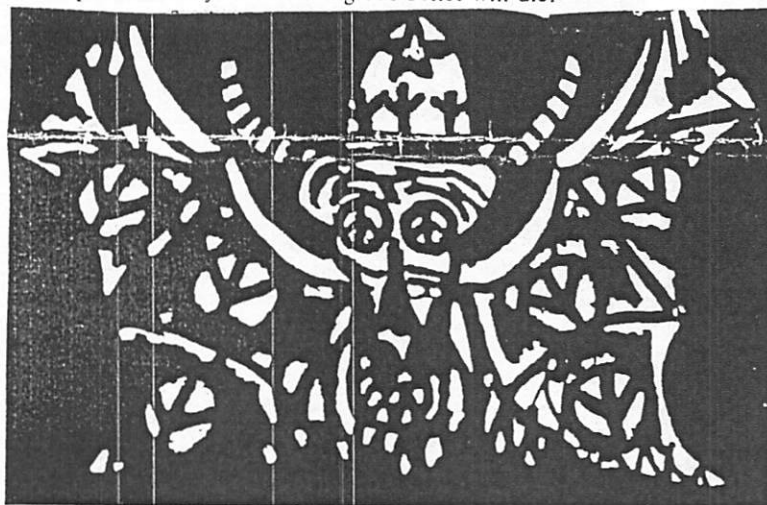
Radicals use Reds' fist salute and "peace" sign.

with the declaration: "The world is damnable. Lenin and Trotsky are the only bright spots .... The world grows more full of hope every day. The Bolsheviks delight me ...." It is also typical of him that Bertrand Russell was a member of the infamous *Clarté*, the International of Socialist Intellectuals founded at Paris in 1919, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Orient of France. (See *Builders Of Peace*, Mrs. H.W. Swanwick, Page 130.) The *Clarté* soon joined with the French Communist Party, and in 1924 went underground.

In 1929, while Russell was Vice President of the Communist Teachers' Labor League of England, that organization declared itself to be "affiliated to the Educational Workers' International of Paris," which in turn was connected with the Third International at Moscow. The *Daily Worker*, official newspaper of the Communist Party, U.S.A., quoted Russell on October 26, 1931, as declaring: "There is no hope in anything but the Soviet way." At the time, he headed the English section of the Communist Anti-Imperialist League and followed the Communist Line so completely that during the period of the Hitler-Stalin Pact he actually claimed to be a great admirer of Adolf Hitler.

By the mid-Fifties, Bertrand Russell was serving as Chairman of the British "Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament." During an interview with columnist Joseph Alsop on February 19, 1958, he explained why. "Unilateral disarmament," he told Alsop, "is likely to mean, for a while, Communist domination of this world of ours .... if the alternatives are the eventual extinction of mankind and a temporary Communist conquest, I prefer the latter."
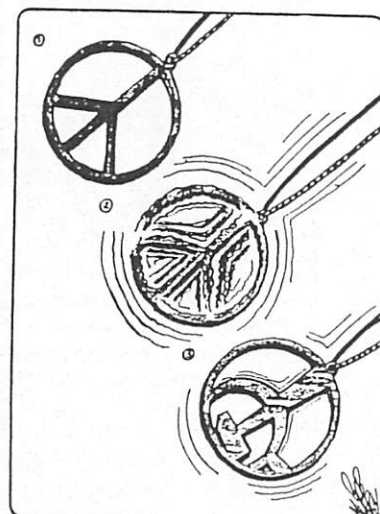
Yes, Russell was an *ideal* figure to devise a "peace" symbol for the Communists. As a noted philologist, mathematician, and dabbler in philosophy, he was thoroughly familiar with classical symbology. As an equally active anti-Christian, he knew that he had chosen a classical anti-Christian design long associated with Satanism. He hated the very thought of God. "I am a dissenter from all known religions," he wrote in *The Will To Doubt*, "and I hope that every kind of religious belief will die."

The original of this Sixteenth Century woodcut of the hated Satan by John Knox, founder of Scot Presbyterianism, is in the Museum of Witchcraft at Bayonne, France. The symbols representing the eyes of the Demon are exactly like the "peace" symbol being promoted by the Reds. Used in the Black Mass of Satanists during the Middle Ages, this sign was cited by Knox as "the mark of the beast."

Unite!

In Unity There Will Be Peace! Remember November 15.

Wear a unity pin.

A Communist *Guardian* announcement of the Reds' "Fall Offensive" uses two of their favorite insignias.

Cartoon by Robert Murphy, reprinted from the *Manchester Union Leader*.

A mockery of the American flag being paraded by Marxist revolutionaries in Los Angeles. They call it their "peace flag."