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## 15 Years Have Transformed Our World

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15 Years Have ~~Changed~~ Transformed  
Our World

L7P

America & World 1946

Won War - Acknowledged leader

Atomic bomb - monopoly

Allies - Western Powers

Russia ?

China

India

S. America

Africa - still asleep

Middle East - British & French

Israel

United Nations

Prosperity - { ~~is~~ no ~~dangerous~~ inflation  
Taxer - being cut.

Security - ~~is~~ no foreseeable threat  
to our country.

Communism - few were realistic enough  
to recognize it as a threat.

World exhausted - but tranquil

Lost Allies:

Russia

China

Eastern Europe

(Paradox: Germany + Japan)

lost Atomic monopoly

Lost Control of United Nations

Lost influence in { Arab World  
Asia  
Africa  
S. America  
Even in W. Europe

Deterioration of Economic Position

Taxes

Inflation

Budget

Gold

Lost entirely — Security!

Vulnerable — every minute of every day.

American soldiers policing World

more  
controls  
  
Taxes —  
Income and  
airborne debt  
NATO  
SEATO

# Causes of this Remarkable Change

(Not question of Party in power - more fundamental)

## Scientific & technical advances

Atomic energy

Space age { Rockets  
Space exploration

Communications { Radio  
Television  
Int a/c

## Awakening of Underprivileged Peoples

Asia

S. America

Africa { Arab peoples  
negro "

America - chief target of greed & envy

1/16 of population - 1/2 of wealth

Richest .

Generosity may stimulate ~~envy~~ <sup>envy & hatred.</sup>

White race - minority

# Communism - The Agitator & Plotter.

with a  
use and  
exploited  
other courses  
invest.

Progress of Communism { 1917 - 1946 (29)  
1946 - 1961 (15 yrs)

One third of people of earth.

Determination to Conquer the South

New & strange Forces

Methods { War - { Hungary  
Korea  
Revolution - { China  
Cuba  
Infiltration - Congo  
Espionage  
Subversion  
Propaganda  
Economic

Nighter War & Industrial Power