

Russell, Bertrand (Nobel Prize)

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As a pioneer Socialist who was a pacifist during the first World War, Lord Russell has abhorred the Russian Communist state since the early Twenties. His remarks on the philosophy of Marxism held singular interest. He required only two sentences to summarize what he felt was the fatal weakness of Communism.

"Marx pretended that he wanted the happiness of the proletariat," said Lord Russell. "What he really wanted was the unhappiness of the bourgeois, and it was because of that negative element, because of that hate element, that his philosophy produced disaster."

Comm. Manifesto

"The workingmen have no country"

"Abolition of private property"

"The bourgeois family will vanish"

"You reproach us with intending to do away with your property. Precisely so; that is just what we intend."

