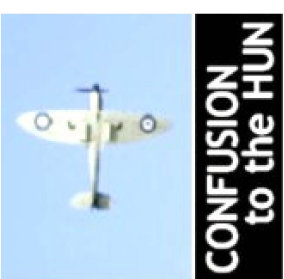




The fear that Fascism is unstoppable is simply the belief that the terrible thing happening now must continue forever. This comes from a lack of imagination. At each point it predicts a continuation of the thing that is happening. This is not simply a bad habit. It is a major mental disease. Its roots lie partly in cowardice and partly in

the worship of power, which is not fully separable from cowardice. In each case it is the same instinct: the instinct to bow down before the conqueror of the moment, to accept the existing trend as irreversible.

But this is not the truth of history.



Courage is never wasted.

As for the claim that "human nature," or "inexorable laws" make freedom impossible, it is simply a projection of the past into the future.



In effect, the fascists tell us that because a society of free and equal human beings has never existed, it never can exist. By the same argument one could have demonstrated the impossibility of aeroplanes in 1900, or of motor cars in 1850.



The intelligentsia are the people who squeal loudest against Fascism, and yet a respectable proportion of them collapse into defeatism when the pinch comes.

They are far-sighted enough to see the odds against them, and moreover they can be bribed into silence.

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With the working class it is the other way about. Too ignorant to see through the trick that is being played on them, they easily swallow the promises of Fascism, yet sooner or later they always take up the struggle again.



They must do so, because in their own bodies they always discover that the promises of Fascism cannot be fulfilled.



[said of Frederick Douglass]

He is laughing, with a touch of anger in his laughter, but no triumph, no malignity. It is the face of a man who is always fighting against something, but who fights in the open and is not frightened, the face of a man who is generously angry — in other words, of a nineteenth-century radical, a free intelligence, a type hated with equal hatred by all the smelly little orthodoxies which are now contending for our souls.

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