

March 15, 1957

Mr. James Kennedy  
President  
The Reim Foundation  
First National Bank Building  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Mr. Kennedy:

The enclosed is a working outline of the book I am writing now on The New America: Its Domestic and World Equilibrium, which has developed out of my initial project on labor's role in society and politics. If I can keep at it steadily I should be able to complete it within eighteen months. I am confident it will make a strong impression.

Perhaps you noted, by the way, that some of my work on labor politics entered into the proceedings of the Senate Committee on Campaign Expenditures and that the Minority Report by Senator Curtis used my points as a strong counterweight against the Majority Report.

I hope this letter finds you well.

Sincerely yours,

Alfred de Grazia

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## CAPITALISM, CHRISTIANITY, AND CONSTITUTIONALISM

(Alternative title: The New America: Its Domestic and World Equilibrium)

Theme of Book: The world is in crisis between creative individualism and bureaucratic repression. The struggle occurs within as well as between nations. Victory for creative individualism requires a strong combination of interests and influence internally and externally. The book seeks out this combination: where in America can it be found; where in the world at large? What sort of economic and governmental system would be required to house the new combination of forces; that is, what kind of Constitution would it have?

## Outline:

## I. CRISIS

1. The range of destructive and constructive possibilities in the world today.
2. Man's limited power to create a decision.
3. America's critical role: the reasons for it. Its inevitability.

## II. ETHICS

1. What morality can power have in the world today?
2. What motive forces (incentives) can exist? Constructive vs. destructive indignation.

## III. PROCESS

1. American culture today
2. The American economy
3. The American Constitution
4. American politics: its elite and its goals
5. American political uncertainties
  - that favor Asia
  - that favor the Soviet Union
  - that favor a new Western world

## IV. POWER

1. USA and other centers of influence
2. The Soviet Union. What it can and cannot be. Is it already a thing of the past?
3. "Asia" a heterogeneous and confused continent
4. Europe seeking a "comeback" to autonomy and prosperity.
5. How would the US world develop under
  - peace
  - conflict
  - catastrophe

## V. POLICIES

1. Food in America and the world
2. Economy in America and the world
3. Force in America and the world
4. Government in America and the world: what form of government will inherit the future?

## VI. WORLD UNITY

1. The development of the world form from the most successful individual example.