

Russell and "The Tribunal"

Thomas C. Kennedy's remark, in his article "Philosopher as Father-Confessor" (*Russell* 5, p.12), that "from the spring of 1916" Russell wrote "occasional editorials" for *The Tribunal* calls for qualification. Russell's first article for this pacifist weekly appeared in the issue of 17 August 1916. He published four more editorials in *The Tribunal* during 1916, but starting 25 January 1917 and continuing through 10 January 1918 he contributed an editorial each week, except for one issue in August and one in December. Despite their stringent criticisms of the British Government and of the war, none of these provoked official censure except the one of 3 January 1918 in which, in but one sentence, Russell voiced criticism of the American Army ("The American Garrison..., whether or not they will prove efficient against the Germans, will no doubt be capable of intimidating strikers, an occupation to which the American Army is accustomed when at home").

It is a striking parallel that a good deal of the animosity Russell's criticisms of the United States provoked among his countrymen 50 years later was the result of their desire to think well of the Americans - specifically of their "defense of freedom" in Vietnam.

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