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CONFRONTING COMMUNISM IN CENTRAL AMERICA

We have received a letter from Senator Orrin Hatch which describes the danger which the communism offensive in Central America presents to the security of the United States and which makes an impassioned plea for support for President Reagan's program to halt the communist advance. Here are some of his statements:

"right now President Reagan is desperately trying to alert American people to the threat of communism conquest in Central America...

"right now the Soviet Union is preparing to turn all of Central America into another Cuba complete with Soviet missiles, military airfields and nuclear submarines...

"A communist Central America would mean an unbroken chain of Soviet tanks, planes, submarines, and war missiles encircling America from California to Florida...

" Nicaragua is now a communist country -- the Soviet Union's Central American base for bringing communism to every country on America's southern border...

"In communist Nicaragua, 3500 trained 'Cuban military advisors' have been made part of the Nicaraguan military...

" In Nicaragua, workers are busy lengthening airfields so that modern Soviet supersonic planes will be able to land there...

"Right now, a complete squadron of deadly Mig-23 war jets is being kept in Cuba for the use of Communist Nicaragua...

"Now that the communists have their toehold in Nicaragua, they want to spread the poison of communism through Central America and into Mexico by using Nicaragua as their base of operation...

"Imagine what it will be like when every single country at America's southern border, including Mexico, has Soviet airfields and Soviet missiles and Soviet nuclear-missile submarine bases...

"Finally, it would be America's turn to be the communist's next target. 'America would be alone'."

Senator Hatch does not quote the formula for the communist conquest of the U.S.A. which is: "External encirclement, plus internal demoralization, plus thermonuclear blackmail, lead to progressive surrender," but he describes the process of military encirclement with chilling realism. Who can quarrel with his conclusion -- "Stopping the communist takeover of Central America is our No. 1 priority."

Military measures in Central America are vital, but they must be supplemented by a great truth campaign to inform the people of Central America of the true nature and objectives of communism before they are deceived and ensnared by it. It cannot be stressed too often that it is better to prevent the recruitment of idealistic students into communist ranks than to spend blood and treasure fighting them after recruitment. A single dollar invested in a campaign of prevention by truth dissemination can do more than \$100 or more spent on the processes of war.

Tellin the Truth in Costa Rica

The Crusade is conducting an intensive truth campaign throughout Central America. The Rev. James Colbert, Rev. Peter Padro and Rev. Juan Korszyk have just returned, excited, enthused and exhausted, from conducting a series of seminars in Costa Rica. James Colbert reports:

Our trip to the little country of Costa Rica, with its high, misty, green mountains, and a population of 2 1/2 million has made an incalculable impact. With adequate follow-up, including an appropriate investment in literature and other essential tools, our program can derail the plans of the communists there.

We conducted seven seminars as well as many meetings. In these seminars we made personal contact with 1800 evangelical leaders who are now eager to transmit the information and understanding they have received to their congregations and communities. We reached hundreds of thousands by several appearances on television -- channels 5,6,7, and 9. Channel 6 asked for video tapes to play on a regular basis. We have already provided them with audio cassettes containing lectures in Spanish which they will accompany with animated characters provided by their art department. Another TV producer has asked us to provide one television program per month.

The doors are wide open. Opportunities abound. We should take advantage of them if we are serious about winning the struggle against communism in Central America.

San Jose Program

After flying all night, we arrived in San Jose, Costa Rica, on February 4. We had no time to recover from jet lag as we were rushed immediately to Radio Costa Rica where we made two broadcasts for immediate release. Following these, we participated in a series of interviews.

Prior to our first seminar on February 5, we held a news conference. The representatives of the newspapers and TV asked numerous questions as they were curious about the purpose and sponsorship of our visit to Costa Rica. We answered all questions as frankly and fully as possible. In short order our faces and statements appeared on TV and in newspapers, and the phone began to ring incessantly as church leaders and others called requesting us to conduct a mini-seminar or at least a meeting in their area.

In addition to the numerous seminars we conducted, a half-day seminar, near the Nicaraguan border, was held by one of the Costa Rican ministers whom we have been training for the past three years as we could not fit it into our schedule.

400 Pastors Gather

The first seminar occupied three days and was attended by over 400 pastors. Many of these pastors assured us we could count on them to inform and motivate their memberships. One asked for four copies of the Spanish edition of "You Can Trust the Communists (to be Communists)" so that he could give a copy to each of the four supervisors of the cement factory where 75 percent of the membership of his church worked. These supervisors were graduates of Patrice Lumumba University in Moscow, which is the popular university for Latin American students.

One of those who attended the seminar was a commander of one of the "contra" groups fighting the communists in Nicaragua. After my message, he told me he was not a deeply religious man, but something had happened inside him while I was speaking. Peter counselled with him.

After the seminar ended at 12:00 noon, we had time for a quick lunch before rushing to TV Channel 6, for a 2:00 p.m. appointment. At 3:30 p.m. we met with 100 people for a mini-seminar. Those attending included government officials, business and professional leaders, and candidates for political office.

Parley With Police

One who was present was the Chief of the Chiefs of Police of Costa Rica. His official title was Director of Security Forces. He and his associates were most impressed, and they have commenced a 14-week study program for the security forces using Crusade materials. They are already preparing for a 2-day seminar for 1,000 of the leaders of Costa Rica, which will be held this summer.

The Chief of Police arranged for Juan to speak to the Police Forces where the response to his message was enthusiastic.

Challenge of the University

Our second seminar was in a suburb of Costa Rica near the University. One professor told us he was so motivated that he had already spoken to the Minister of Education of placing a copy of "Why I Am Against Communism" in the hands of teachers, high school students, and university students of Costa Rica. The minister responded that he must remain neutral, but that he would give the committee permission to undertake the project. They are presently working out a plan for distribution.

Ministerial Alliance

We accepted an invitation to address the Ministerial Alliance of Costa Rica. We spoke at their regular monthly meeting at which the usual attendance was about 30. This time there were 263 church leaders present. One of the church superintendents, who was present and who was very enthusiastic, told me after the meeting: "Probably 75 percent of the ministers are anti-American and yet they were weeping. They were convinced."

Over the Mountains

We drove for five to six hours over mountainous roads which reached an altitude of almost 11,000 feet before descending to the Pacific Coast region. The weather near the coast was much warmer and mosquitoes were abundant. The country is known as the Banan Belt and it has supplied many Chiquita bananas to the U.S.A. In this area we held three seminars.

One was in the town of Palmar South. This town was built by the United Fruit Company, which had built homes for married workers and their families, dormitories for single workers, schools, hospitals, clinics, a hotel, restaurants, recreational facilities, administrative offices, parks, etc.

The communists have had a great victory in this town. They organized a 72-day strike. The company considered it impossible to meet their demands and has decided to close their operation which will put 17,000 out of work.

This is a defeat for the people of the town but a victory for the communists. They had it when people are content. They believe the destitution caused by unemployment will generate a revolutionary spirit and provide many recruits for their cause.

Seminar Response

Those attending the seminars included municipal leaders, former leaders of the United Fruit Company, union leaders and ministers. Some confessed to having been deceived and intimidated during the strike.

Many have an incomplete picture of the role of communism. They think that communism is a problem for the two superpowers, the U.S.A. and the Soviet Union only, and that it is of little or no concern to small countries. On our last full day in Costa Rica, we conducted a seminar in the chapel of a Bible college. It was filled with students, professors, administrators and ministers. One professor said to me: "I support the position of the Theology of Liberation. They are addressing the problem of poverty in Latin America. We must face the problem and they are doing it."

I pointed out that one danger of Liberation Theology is that many of its advocates accept the Marxist analysis of society. This analysis states that the social and economic system of Costa Rica is capitalistic, based on free enterprise, and that this system is the creator of poverty in Costa Rica. For this reason the system must be destroyed and force is legitimate for this purpose. Therefore Liberation Theology is opposed to Costa Rica, not only the U.S.A. I could see the light of dawning as he said: "Of course, I see it now. Why haven't I seen it before?"

Our trip was no picnic. We worked from morning till night and are drained from long days of teaching, answering questions, radio and television appearances, and travel.

Nevertheless, our weariness is far surpassed by the inspiration of the memory of what has been accomplished, and the vision of what can be done. We have an invincible weapon in the truth, and it can destroy the appeal of communism. I plead with you to give us the tools to tell the truth to all the people of Central America. Without new recruits, the communist offensive will wither and collapse.

NEW ZEALAND AND THE DEATH WISH

I have always considered New Zealand to be the world's most picturesque country. In a relatively small compass it contains warm sandy beaches, towering snow-clad mountains, shimmering lakes, rushing mountain streams and jeweled glaciers. It is located in the Tasman Sea, 1200 miles to the southwest of Australia and is home to a fortunate 3-1/2 million people.

In 1951 New Zealand recently elected a Labor Party government. This Party is supported by the Labor Unions which are in turn influenced and partially controlled by the Communist Party. Because of this, communist influence in the Labor Party is far from insignificant.

Prior to the election, the Labor Party announced its policy of making New Zealand a nuclear free zone in which ships

carrying nuclear weapons or powered by nuclear reaction would be forbidden.

The labor leader, David Lange, has become Prime Minister, and he is compelled to implement this policy. This bans U.S. warships from calling at New Zealand ports since the U.S.A. has a policy of refusing to say if a particular vessel carries weapons.

Australia also has a Labor government, but its Prime Minister, Robert Hawke, is opposed to the policy of New Zealand.

The Anzus Pact is under severe strain at the U.S.A. has canceled naval exercises in the Tasman Sea and has announced it will no longer share intelligence information with the New Zealand Military Forces.

New Zealand is vulnerable. What would Prime Minister Lange do if he received a phone call which informed him that the hostile power had placed submarines, equipped with nuclear missiles, in the ocean of Auckland, Wellington, and Christchurch, and which demanded that the government welcome a delegation to negotiate a permanent "peace"?

Lange would know that the three cities mentioned contain almost half the population of New Zealand but that each is located on the coast. He would know that he had no means to detect those submarines nor to protect the population of these cities if a missile were fired. He would also know that he could not retaliate if a missile were fired, and therefore could not deter the attack.

I submit that this only recourse would be to call the President of the United States and plead that he act to deter the attack. If the United States was unable or unwilling to protect New Zealand, Lange would have no option but to surrender.

New Zealand, like Australia, enjoys security and prosperity because of the protective power of the U.S.A. To shun this protection is to court national suicide.

THE MOSLEM RESISTANCE TO COMMUNISM

The early communist leaders were confident that religion would cease to be a significant social force after the education of one generation by the communists. Like many other delusional communist beliefs, this one has been shattered on the hard rock of reality.

It is not only the Catholics in Poland who are causing trouble for the communists; the Moslems in the Central Asian region of the Soviet Union and in Afghanistan are also a cause of great concern. The Soviet communists are now making an intense effort to woo the Moslems to atheism. Consider the following report:

"An analysis by Western intelligence sources of Soviet propaganda activists in Central Asia border areas near Afghanistan and Iran show a dramatic increase in the number of party activists attacking the Islamic religion... A programme of appointing political lecturers, whose job it is to woo the local population away from their belief in Islam, has been stepped up, and they are now also active in areas well away from the border.

"The intensification of the propaganda effort came when the Soviet authorities were warned by Major General V.F. Zaporozhenko, chief of the political department of the Central Asian border region, that Soviet troops 'protecting the southern borders are facing extreme difficulties in carrying out their duties'. He was referring to Afghan guerrilla groups who had been sending their members across the Soviet border to hold secret meetings and convert the local population to their cause. One guerrilla group, the Jamiat Islami, has even been issuing membership cards to local inhabitants convinced of the justice of their struggle against Soviet troops. There have recently been indirect allusions in the officially controlled newspapers both in Central Asia and the Caucasus to 'spies and saboteurs' who were crossing the border.

"Details of the propaganda effort which have now reached the west include a directive to train 150,000 party activists in Uzbekistan to spread anti-religious propaganda. The majority are working through the 'Bidim society'. The lecturers have been told to warm particularly against listening to foreign radio broadcasts. The American-sponsored Radio Liberty, which broadcasts in Central Asian languages has a wide listenership; so do anti-Soviet stations transmitted by Iran. The result is that Soviet setbacks in Afghanistan are a matter of common gossip in the cafes and bazaars of Central Asia.

"A decision has been taken to expand Uzbekistan's House of Atheism, built in Tashkent three years after the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. Branch offices have been set up to increase the propaganda effort in other parts of the

republic. About 50 anti-Islam books are published every year in the Soviet Union.

"The propaganda campaign has run into trouble in the large number of atheistic councils set up in towns and villages to warn people against unofficial preachers or mullahs who are now very active outside the few state-controlled mosques. Apparently practising Moslems have joined these councils in some areas in order to sabotage their work." (The source of this report will be provided on request)

NATURE OR NURTURE

Whenever a revolution results in a country coming under communist control liberal apologists for communism affirm that the new rulers of that country have been driven into the arms of the Soviet Union by some act, or failure to act, of the United States.

This has been the case from Cuba to Nicaragua. The theme song of these appeasers of communism is, "The U.S.A. is to blame." Fidel Castro can state over and over again that he was a communist while leading the revolutionary forces in the mountains and that his intention since his student days had been to establish communist rule in Cuba, but they remain unconvinced.

Those who claim that Cuba and Nicaragua would not have embraced communism if the U.S.A. had treated their new regime more sympathetically and generously are akin to those who think a mosquito larva, swimming in the pond, will not turn into a mosquito if the water in the pond is made worse than congenial. Warm it a little and add some nutrients; the larva will be content to spend its whole life there.

When predicting future developments, it is wise to consider the nature of the actors involved. The nature of the communists is formed by their belief in the doctrines of Marxism-Leninism in the majority of cases. These doctrines are embraced long before they become successful revolutionaries.

The way to prevent a revolutionary regime from turning to the Soviet Union is to prevent the communist recruitment of those who become leaders of the revolution. This can be done by telling them the truth about communist doctrines, objectives and history before they are deceived and ensnared. Telling the truth about communism is genuine peace activity.

KAL FLIGHT 007 WAS NOT A SPY PLANE

The Soviet disinformation campaign about the destruction of Korean Airlines Flight 007, with the slaughter of 269 lives, achieved considerable initial success. Many people were led to believe that the plane was, or at least that it might have been, a spy plane.

Accumulating evidence points to the utter falsity of this charge. A prestigious British magazine reports that: "The airliner, locked on to an erroneous computerized route by mistaken map co-ordinates, flew across the territorial zone of Kamchatka while the air-defence commanders made unsuccessful efforts to obtain instructions from Moscow. It then flew across the next zone, of Sakhalin. The order from Moscow to shoot the airliner down came as it was about to leave the zone. The order was carried out. The commander of the Kamchatka zone has been court-martialed for neglect of duty and jailed for eight years. His colleagues are furious that he, rather than the slow-reaching top brass in Moscow has been made responsible." (The source of this report will be provided on request)

THE CHINA SYNDROME

The February 18 edition of the BEIJING REVIEW contains an article by Deng Xiaoping, with the caption, "Open Policy Will Not Change".

Deng stresses that economic and social isolation lead to poverty and ignorance. He presents the objective of quadrupling China's Gross National Product (GNP), and says it will take 50 years or more to achieve this. He seeks to reassure investors in the industry of China that their money is safe.

He also seeks to reassure the communist leaders that China will remain a socialist country and that capitalism will not re-emerge. He acknowledges that this is a major concern to many of the communist leaders as follows:

"We must open ourselves to the outside world. It will not hurt us. Our comrades are always worried that undesirable things might ensue. Above all, they worry whether the country might go capitalist. I'm afraid some of our veteran comrades do harbour such misgivings. Since they have devoted their lives to socialism and communism, the spectre of

capitalism horrifies them. Hence their misgivings. But such a thing will not happen. However, there will be some negative effects. We must be alive to them, although they are not difficult to overcome." (Page 15)

Those who are familiar with the history of communism in the Soviet Union may shudder as they read his almost casual comments: "There will be some negative effects. We must be alive to them, although they are not difficult to overcome."

In 1921 the Soviet Union introduced the New Economic Policy (NEP) which has certain similarities to the present policy of China. It had certain "negative" features. One of these was the emergence of a relatively prosperous group of farmers known as "Kulaks". They were overcome by the simple process of extermination. In 1928, the policy of collectivization of agriculture was introduced with the slogan, "Liquidization of the Kulaks as a class". Millions were killed either immediately or by starvation and freezing in Siberia.

Deng gives assurance that capitalism will not emerge and that socialism will endure. He writes:

"If we practice isolationism and close our doors again, it will be absolutely impossible for us to approach the level of the developed countries in 50 years. When our per-capita GNP reaches several thousand dollars, no new bourgeoisie will emerge because such essential things as the means of production will still be state- or publically owned..."

"However much we open up in the next 16 years before the end of the century, the publically owned economy will remain predominant. Even in a joint venture with foreigners, half is socialist-owned. And we will take more than half of the actual earnings from the joint ventures. So, don't be afraid. It is the country and the people who will benefit most by them, not the capitalists. Negative effects are inevitable but we can deal with them." (Page 15)

Deng obviously promises more than he can deliver, however sincere he may be. He is over eighty years old and is not immortal. He has seen numerous reversals of power and policy during his lifetime. Who can say that another reversal will not take place! He reveals that many senior communists are horrified by his policies, and a coup is not inconceivable.

Until China abolishes the monopoly rule of the communist party and permits genuine political and cultural freedom, uncertainty and trepidation will be justified.