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STOPPING THE COMMUNIST ADVANCE IN CENTRAL AMERICA

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We have just returned from holding anti-communism seminars in Guatemala, El Salvador, and Honduras. Each visit there confirms our first impressions that the region is filled with both danger and opportunity. All three countries we visited have guerrilla forces who are engaged in intimidating, bombing, burning, killing and destroying. Opposing communism can be dangerous for the local population. Once pastor hosted an anti-communism seminar in his church. One of the newspapers printed a story on the seminar, giving the name and address of the church and pastro where the seminar was being held. The pastor wept as he told us of his fear for his wife and family because the guerrillas might retaliate against his church, his family and himself.

Violence is common. As we drove from San Salvador to Santa Ana in El Salvador, we were topped because and oil tanker and trialer had been riddled with machine gun fire. This had caused the oil to spill over the highway. This in turn caused accidents when cars hit the oil slicks. Several cars and a bus were badly damaged. One car had capsized. This was part of the guerrilla campaign to prevent people from voting in the elections which were held on Sunday, March 31.

This was the first seminar we had held in Guatemala and about 200 attended. About 50 of these were studnets from a Bible College. Six Central American countries were represented in the student body.

Reporters from the local newspapers covered the seminar. One said that "Everyone in Guatemala needs to hear this information. It should not be confined to Christian pastors and students."

A union leader who was present asked us to return to conduct a seminar for the workers in his union.

The father of one student is a pastor in Belize who is a leader in the National Association of Ministers there. This student made us promise to go to Belize to share our information with the churches there. He has written to his father, and we inted to follow up.

Literature distribution in Guatemala proceeds apace. The Minister of Education has supervised the distrubition of "Why I Am Against Communism" to teachers and high school students. The army has been using "Why I Am Against Communist" and "You Can Trust the Communists (to be Communists)". The lecture series, "What is Communism", has been translated into Spanish for both printing and tape-recording, and these are used in the training program.

El Salvador

Our seminar in El Salvador was held just prior to the national election. Over 500 pastors had made reservations to tattend, but most of them were unable to secure transportation. The terrorists had announced that they would start bombing buses and stopping traffic. Not surprisingly, many bus drivers refused to drive. Consequently, only about 100 pastors were able to attend the seminar, but their response was most rewarding.

We have promised a university student leader that we will include a seminar for 300 students in our next trip to El Salvador.

Honduras

The high point of this trip was the seminar in Honduras. It was held in La Cieba which is locaed on the Atlantic Ocean. Over 500 high school, college, and university studietns gathered, along with their professors. In addition, the

commander of the military zone, the mayor of La Cieba, and the president designate of Honduras attended.

The young Honduran attorney, who had organized the seminar, told me with justifiable pride, how he had asked the professors to send a delegation of their best students. The professors obliged. The students were like sponges soaking up every word. We were asked to give certificates to those who attended so that they could receive college credit.

After each seminar, those who had attended met to discuss the formation of a national anti-communism organization to continue the education program.

We are now confronted with the responsibility of training, equipping, and supporting those who have been awakened, informed, and inspired. The fight to proclaim the truth to every person needs arms and ammunition. They need literature, tapes, tape-recorders, films, transportation and support.

I return convinced that the area can be saved from communism by a modest investment spent to inform the people of this area of the true nature of communism. There must be quality literature which exposes the history of communist cruelty and oppression once they seize power; the deadly consequences of communist doctrines; the deceitful communist methods; and the bizarre communist objectives. Literature must be supplemented by tapes and films.

Above all, dedicated national workers must be provided with adequate support, transportation and tools so that they can effectively communicate the anti-communism message.

THE REAL SOVIET EMBLEM -- THE WEEPING WALRUS

A correspondent in the March 28 edition of the communist newspaper, the DAILY WORLD, writes:

"Did you know that the Communist Party of the Soviet Union has never advocated war as a means of resolving differences between nations?..."

"The Communist Party of the Soviet Union is today continuing this tradition of its fight against war, doing everything possible to prevent World War III."

"We give a green light to the mad bombers when we accuse the Soviet Union and the United States of being equally responsible for the Arms Race..." (Page 6-D)

This individual has earned a prize. I hereby award him, "THE WEEPING WALRUS PRIZE, FIRST CLASS."

In case you miss the significance, I remind you that the "Weeping Walrus" represents those whose words are in stark contrast to their actions. The Walrus is a character in the non-sense poem, "The Walrus and the Carpenter", written by Lewis Carroll. It entices the oysters to go for a pleasant walk. The walk develops into a feast for the walrus. As he prepares to eat his oyster guests, he laments.

"I weep for you," the Walrus said: "I deeply sympathize." With sobs and tears he sorted out those of the largest size, holding his pocket-handkerchief before his streaming eyes."

It is true that the Soviet Communists leaders profess deathless devotion to peace. They pose as the premier defenders of peace throughout the world. They have organized "The World Peace Council" and countless "peace" subsidiaries in countries ruled by communists and non-communists. They seek to infiltrate and exploit the churches by talking "peace".

While giving lip service to peace, they engage in numerous acts of aggressive war. Here are a few selected at random:

1. The unsuccessful invasion of Poland by the Red Army in 1920.
2. The successful invasion of Georgia by the Red Army in 1921 followed by the incorporation of that country into the Soviet Union.
3. The invasion of Finland by the Red Army in 1939.
4. the Hitler-Stalin pact which led to the Second World War. The Red Army invaded and conquered the eastern half of Poland while the Nazi Army conquered the western half.
5. The invasion of Hungary in 1956.

6. The invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968.
7. The current invasion of Afghanistan by Soviet forcers and their ongoing war against the Afghan people.

The Soviet Union should discard the bear as its national emblem and replace it by the Weeping Walrus.

COMUNISM IS PRIMARILY POLITICAL, NOT ECONOMIC

Communism is not primarily an economic system. Its essence is a mechanism of population conquest and control, and any economic measures which produce, maintain, and extend such control are permissable.

The following conversation is typical of many that I have had with concerned individuals on college campuses:

Q. Do you speak on the economics of communism?

A. How can I? Communism has no fixed economic system. It follows the policy, "Do whatever is necessary to enable the communist party to seize and keep total power."

Q. But doesn't the Communist Manifesto state: "The theory of the communists may be summed up in a single sentence: Abolition of private property?"

A. Certainly, but that is the objective, which must be reached by a process. Steps in the process may appear to run contrary to the objective, as mountaineers often must go down into a valley in order to scale a mountain range. Another illustration is that of a firm, building a market to sell groceries. The objective is to make a profit, but the early stages demand the spending of money on building and supplies so that the firm spends more than it receives for a couple of years or more. An observer, who did not understand the process, might conclude that the essence of capitalism was to spend money.

The history of communist parties in power reveals a large variety of economic policies. Consider a few of the stages in the Soviet economy:

1. Immediately after seizing power in 1917, the communist rulers of the Soviet Unions distributed land to the peasants. They filled the country with little capitalists. They promoted capitalism.
2. In 1921 they instituted the New Economic Policy (NEP), which restored many capitalist practices in Russia. The peasants were permitted to keep and sell privately a portion of the produce they grew. Entrepreneurs were permitted to establish small businesses and employ others.
3. In 1928, collectivization of the land was ordered. The successful peasants, called Kulaks, who employed labor, were "liquidated" and their land seized so that it could form the nucleus of collective farms. Millions were killed.
4. In 1931 Stalin increased wage differentials in order to provide incentives for workers. The slogan, "enrich yourselves", was heard in the land, along with the term, "proletarian millionaires".

Practices which are characteristic of capitalism are common in many communist-ruled countries. Hungary has gone a long way to restore material incentives and a degree of economic freedom. Hungary has gone a long way to restore material incentives and a degree of economic experimentation is permissable for communist regimes. What is impermissable is for the communist to surrender political power. If political power is threatened, the Soviet army comes charging in.

All this must be kept in mind as we consider the changes in the economic system that have taken place in China. These changes are profound and desirable, but they do not change the nature of the communist regime. The nature of the regime is guaranteed by the monopoly of political power which the Communist Party continues to exercise.

Deng Xiaoping has introduced many "capitalist" procedures in China, but he has no intention of abandoning the monopoly of power which the communist party possesses. He makes this plain in an article entitled, "Deng Says China Sticks to Socialism," which was published in the March 18 edition of the BEIJING REVIEW. His statements

should disperse some of the euphoria about China which is so prevalent:

"China's lofty aspiration and discipline are the two major guarantees for building a socialist society with distinctive Chinese characteristics. Deng Xiaoping said in an important speech delivered at a national science conference on March 7.

"While speaking positively of the excellent current domestic situation, the 81-year old Chinese leader told conference participants that in building a socialist society the Chinese way, it is imperative to improve both the material and cultural development, uphold the 'five stresses, four points of beauty and three loves,'* and encourage the people of the entire nation to foster high ideals, moral integrity, and education and a sense of discipline.

"Of course, high aspirations and discipline are the most important. We should often educate our people, the young in particular, to foster high aspirations.' He said.

"High aspirations and a deep belief in Marxism and communism, he said, enables the Chinese to overcome numerous hardships and succeed in the revolution under extremely harsh conditions. Deng urged those doing publicity work not to overlook the fact that the country is building socialism with the ultimate purpose of achieving communism.

"The Four modernizations we are striving for today are none other than socialist modernizations. All our policies concerning opening to the world, invigorating the domestic economy and structural reform are directed towards developing a socialist economy. We allow private businesses, joint ventures with Chinese and foreign investment and wholly owned foreign enterprises to grow in China, but we see to it that socialist public ownership always remains the mainstay. The goal of socialism is common prosperity for all the Chinese people, not class polarization. We would end up in failures if our policies led us to class polarization. If a new bourgeoisie were engendered, that would mean we had truly taken the wrong course.'

"In doing all this, China sticks to dominant public ownership and common prosperity as the fundamental principles of socialism. We should resolutely implement and realize these socialist principles, which in the long run will lead us to communism.

"Some people are worried that China will turn capitalist. You can't say that they are worried for nothing. We should use facts, not empty words, to dispel this worry and answer those who really hope us to turn capitalist.'

"Deng called on the country's news media to heed this point, and he stressed the need to imbue the next two generations with lofty communist ideals. 'On no account should we allow our youngsters to fall captive to capitalist ideas,' he said.

"Once lofty ideals are fostered, Deng continued, they cannot be realized in the absence of discipline. The relationship between discipline and freedom is the unity of opposites that cannot be separated from each other or dispensed with, he said.

"He lashed out at what he called 'unhealthy tendencies,' notably the fact that some organizations have illegally used state money to open their own business enterprises. The masses are disgruntled about this, he said.

"We should bring home to our people, Communists in particular, that they should not do a thing like this.' Noting that the Party is being consolidated, he said 'these tendencies should first be curbed.'

*The five stresses are: stress on decorum, manners, hygiene, discipline, and morals.

The four points of beauty are: beautification of the mind, which means cultivating a fine ideology, moral character and integrity and upholding the Party's leadership and the socialist system; beautification of language, which means the use and popularization of polite language; beautification of behaviour, which means doing things for the people, working hard, being concerned for other's welfare, observing discipline and safeguarding collective interests; and beautification of the environment, which includes paying attention to personal hygiene and to sanitation at home and in public places.

The three loves are: love of the motherland, socialism and the Party.

"Deng urged Communists to strictly observe Party discipline and all the people, Communists or otherwise, to abide by the state law. 'Whether one observes Party discipline and state law is the highest criterion for truly safeguarding and resolutely implementing the Party and state policies. We should, therefore, bear in mind these two things: ideals and discipline. We should let our people, including our children, now that we uphold socialism and communism and that our policies for the various fields of endeavor all serve the purpose of developing socialism and realizing communism in the future.'" (Page 15 and 16)

As long as the communist party monopolizes power, it can change its economic policy at will.

[Since writing this article, I have read the speech which Fidel Castro gave in Nicaragua at the inauguration of the Victoria de Julio sugar complex. It is published in full in the April 1 edition of the Trotskyist communist magazine, INTERCONTINENTAL PRESS.]

Castro makes a statement which confirms the primacy of politics over economics in communism. He states: "You can have a capitalist economy. What you undoubtedly will not have, and this is the most essential thing, is a government at the service of capitalists. That is something quite different." (Page 190)]

TRIBUTE TO SOLZHENITSYN

Solzhenitsyn has received many tributes from lovers of freedom throughout the world. He has now received a special tribute from an enemy of freedom. Herbert Aptheker, who is one of the leading theoreticians of the U.S. Communist Party, disgorged the following compendium of insane and hate-filled falsehoods. This source makes it a tribute indeed. It appeared in the March 22 edition of the communist newspaper, the DAILY WORLD:

SOLZHENITSYN AND REAGAN by Herbert Aptheker

In a recent copy of the Nation (March 16), one Vadim Belotserkovsky, who left the Soviet Union in 1972 - seeking, as he writes, greater freedom - laments the fact that the anti-Soviet émigré movement is controlled by Solzhenitsyn. The dominant émigré publishing apparatus - well funded, we are told, by unnamed Western sources - is devoted almost entirely to views of this Solzhenitsyn. Furthermore, Radio Liberty, which used to be funded by the CIA, but now is openly paid for by the U.S. treasury, had dismissed most of the "democratic-minded" émigrés and concentrates on the propaganda of Solzhenitsyn.

The latter, we are told, consists of diatribes against bourgeois democracy, fierce criticism of aspects of life in the U.S. (not its racism, not its unemployment, not its 35 million living in poverty, not its 24 million illiterates and so forth, but rather its "hedonism" and other problems of the rich), plus an ultra-nationalism and open anti-Semitism. All this, I repeat, is paid for by the U.S. taxpayers.

When some years ago, I - having read Solzhenitsyn - declared that he was a Czarist propagandist, wanting to return to the Czar's "greatness," that he was violently anti-Semitic and that, in sum, he was "to the right of Rasputin," I was denounced fiercely not only by their commercial press, but by elements of the ultra-left.

Now one finds reality from the pen of another émigré in The Nation - about five years late and written from the viewpoint that Solzhenitsyn's propaganda makes ineffective the effort to destroy the Soviet Union's socialism.

The Solzhenitsyn gang, favored by the Reagan Administration, has exactly the ideology of the ultra nationalist Russians who supported the Japanese militarists in their invasions of the USSR prior to World War II; exactly the ideology of the fascist scum driven out of Belorussia and the Ukraine as well as Russia after the 1917 Revolution and given refuge in Paris and in Berlin and then after 1933, financed by Hitler. These were Hitler's galeiters during the occupation of the eastern portion of the USSR in the first years of World War II.

Anti-Sovietism means the filthiest kind of reaction of, anti-Semitism and of war mongering. That is its essential purpose and a proper spokesman now for that kind of garbage is Solzhenitsyn. Naturally, his financier is the Great Prevaricator, Ronald Reagan.

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COMMUNIST PRIVILEGES IN THE U.S.A.

An editorial in the March, 1985 edition of the theoretical journal of the U.S. Communist Party, POLITICAL AFFAIRS, states:

"In over four years, the Reagan Administration has not produced a single agreement on arms control, economic cooperation or cultural exchange with the Soviet Union. Rather, it has erected a thicket of missiles pointed at the heart of socialism. The way for the deployment of these missiles has been cleared by the launching of volleys of anti-soviet inventions and distortions. We were therefore particularly pleased to have the participation of a distinguished representative of the Soviet culture. His paper, like his presence, demonstrated how much mutual benefit there can be from international cooperation of Marxists and all other peaceful forces." (Page 2)

This statement was composed, printed and distributed in the U.S.A. The authors and distributors were unmolesed by the authorities.

What do you think would happen to the authors and distributors if this corresponding statement were composed, printed and distributed in the Soviet Union?

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On further contemplation, the question arises: How would the authors of such a statement in the Soviet Union secure the services of a printing press to print it; and how would they distribute it? The sole available method would be by SAMIZDAT which means self-publishing, and which is slow and tedious. One method is to type the article with several sheets of carbon paper which enables distribution to very few people. The communists control all printing presses and paper supplies.

I doubt that the U.S. Communists realize how privileged they are to be allowed to secure printing presses and paper and to be permitted to publish and distribute literature which advocates the destruction of the system that grants them such privileges.

THE DARLING OF THE COMMUNISTS

The U.S. Communists are very enthusiastic about Ed Asner and his message. This laudatory picture and statement appeared in the March 30 edition of the communist newspaper of the West Coast, PEOPLE'S WORLD: "Ed Asner, fearless president of the Screen Actors Guild, will speak on "Combating Reaganism At Home and Abroad" on Sunday, April 14, 11 a.m., at the First Unitarian Church, 2936 West 8th St., LA. Asner, seen on TV in the continuing role of Lou Grant on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" and "Lou Grant", is featured in the new series "Off the Rack." He has starred in films which the most recent is "Daniel." Active in and raising for Medical Aid in El Salvador, he has taken public stands on many political issues and has often criticized the policies of President Reagan.

SOVIET PROPAGANDA ON AFGHANISTAN

The Soviet Union excels in the art of propaganda. It is using all its skills in this in an attempt to justify the presence and actions of its military forces in Afghanistan. .

An editorial in Pravda, February 14, presents two reasons for the Soviet invasion:

1. To protect the borders of the Soviet Union from "hostile" imperialist and pro-imperialist forces.
2. To render "international assistance to the Afghan national-democratic regime."

The editorial states:

"It should not be forgotten that the Soviet-Afghan border stretches for nearly 2,400 km. The territories of three Central Asian republics -- Turkemenia, Uzbeistan adjoin it. Kazakhstan is not far. As is known, the CIA and the Pentagon have long been attaching great importance to espionage over these areas. Thus, the presence of the limited contingent of Soviet troops in Afghanistan combines functions of defending Soviet borders from the approach to them of hotly imperialist and pro-imperialist forces with the function of rendering international assistance to the Afghan national-democratic regime which has repeatedly asked the Soviet Union for assistance in the struggle against foreign intervention."

There was no vestige of a threat to the Soviet Union via the Afghan border prior to the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan.

Brezhnev is dead, but the Brezhnev Doctrine lives on. Communist conquests must be made irreversible. The Soviet Armed Forces are in Afghanistan to assure that the Afghan people are not successful in their endeavors to overthrow their communist masters.

The PRAVDA article makes this clear when it states:

"It must, furthermore, be understood that subversive operations against Democratic Afghanistan, regardless from whose territory and with whose money they are launched are a blatant adventure and doomed to failure. The rebels and their patrons have not the slightest chance of success."

No one should be deceived by the use of terms such as "the Afghan national-democratic regime" and "Democratic Afghanistan". When the communists conquer a country and establish their rule, they initiate a process designed to replace capitalism by communism. The first stage of this process is usually the establishment of "National Democracy".

THE DRUG PUSHER'S SECRET WEAPON

An editorial in THE NEW REPUBLIC, April 15, pulls no punches:

"But illegal drugs are not some mysterious and uncontrollable plague seeping north from the tropics. They are commodities that are imported because there is an American market for them. The surest way to stop the illegal drug trade is to make that market dry up. This is where the prevailing drug-control strategy is hypocritical. It exempts from all blame the one class of people ultimately responsible for this brutal business: American drug users. Every time an American lights up a joint or does a line of coke, he or she is directly subsidizing murder across the hemisphere. It doesn't matter if the user is a legislative aide to a compassionate Congressman or inner-city pimp. As Colombian drug lord Roberto Suarez boasts, his fortune came entirely from "the depravity of the Yanquis."