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SEMINARS IN SOUTH AFRICA

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If ever a country qualified for the specific ministry of the Crusade, it is South Africa. The communist forces are mobilizing there for a civil war that will devastate South Africa, and which could lead to the whole continent falling into the power of the Soviet Union.

Ethiopia provides a preview of what communist rule would bring: its terror, its murder, its concentration camps, its persecution of the church, and its overwhelming failure to produce enough food for its people are symptoms of a disease that could become epidemic throughout the whole continent.

The fall of South Africa would also tip the balance of world power in favor of the Soviet Union.

A Crusade team consisting of the Rev. James Colbert, Dr. John Whitehall, and Dr. Aradom Tedla visited South Africa from April 11 to the 25th. We had been invited by a coalition of Christian groups, called "United Christian Action", which had been formed because of concern over the growing attempts by the communist forces in South Africa to use the racial divisions to impose their own rule on the region.

Seminars and Services

Seminars and church services were conducted in Pretoria, Johannesburg, Durban and Cape Town. One of the highlights of the trip was the opportunity to address the Zulu Parliament under Chief Buthelezi. We

also spoke to 1,500 Zulus at a mission station near Durban and the members of the Cabinet of the homeland of Bophuthatswana. We met white and colored members of Parliament, black mayors and leaders, and students and pastors of all races. We appeared on national television, national radio, and on a talk back radio program on a Christian station that was beamed to surrounding countries. John Whitehall was able to extend his stay to meet extra commitments at the Pretoria University and Teachers College and to consult with various church leaders and pastors.

We were received with enthusiasm at all the meetings, and the usual expression of thanks included the phrase, "you have made things so clear." Dr. Tedla spoke of the Marxist tyranny in Ethiopia; Rev. Colbert on why people become communists, and he exposed communist techniques for the seizure of power; while John Whitehall discussed Marxist? Leninist theory and, in particular, the attempt by certain theologians to fit Christianity into Marxism. This distortion of both Christianity and Communism is known as "Liberation Theology."

Dr. Whitehall challenged the Archbishop of Cape Town, Rev. Desmond Tutu, to debate the subject, "Liberation Theology would lead inevitably to the persecution of the church."

Regrettably, the challenge was not accepted.

The host organization, United Christian Action, reported on the meeting with the Kwa?Zulu Parliament thus:

CHRISTIAN ANTI?COMMUNISM CRUSADE ADDRESSES KWA ?ZULU GOVERNMENT

A delegation from the US based Christian Anti?Communism Crusade addressed the Kwa?Zulu Legislative Assembly today and met with Chief Minister Gatsha Buthelezi. Dr. James Colbert, the chairman of the CACC, presented a most graphic picture of the crisis Communism poses to Christianity and Western civilization. He stressed the need for a vast educational programme in order to prevent the recruitment of idealistically?minded followers of Communism. Dr. John Whitehall explained the strategy and tactics of "liberation theology" with which the Christian Church sows the seed for its own ultimate destruction. Dr. Aradom Tedla, a former high government official from Ethiopia who fled his home country after the new Marxist regime started to persecute the Churches and to kill Christians, reported about the conditions in his home country. Ethiopia is the oldest Christian nation on the African continent and adopted Christianity in the year 330 as a state religion. In a period known as "The Red Terror" which started immediately after

the revolution in 1974, between 10,000 and 30,000 Ethiopians were killed. This was followed by widespread famine which claimed the lives of more than one million people. According to Dr. Tedla, the Marxist rulers of Ethiopia have now embarked on a programme of organized genocide. This year alone more than one million people are feared to die in so-called "resettlement camps".

In his reply, the Chief Minister of KwaZulu, Gathsa Buthelezi, said that it was indeed heartrending for every member of the House to hear what is going on in Ethiopia. "This really was a lesson for all of us here," said Buthelezi. "I myself believe that we have already started going the same way as Ethiopia." The Chief Minister mentioned the fact that nearly 50 percent of the Blacks who were killed during the last two years of political violence died at the hands of other Blacks. He criticized the South African press for not condemning the "necklace treatment" which is used by radicals as the most barbaric way of creating a revolutionary climate in South Africa... "We are passing through a very difficult time in this country because of liberation theology... As a Christian I am very, very concerned."

The Speaker of the KwaZulu Legislative Assembly, the Honorable Rt. Rev. A.H. Zulu quoted Lenin who once said to his followers: "We will find our most fertile ground by

bringing Marxism through the religious sector of any country because religious men are easily bluffed and will accept almost everything if it is clothed in religious terminology." Reverend Zulu, a former President of the World Council of Churches (WCC), stressed that religious leaders in South Africa prepared the way for Marxism.

Reverend Zulu also explained why the World Council of Churches never says anything critical about Marxist countries: "I was in Geneva in 1960 when the first group of people from the WCC visited Moscow. I attended the Assembly of the WCC in New Delhi when the first representatives of the Russian Orthodox churches attended. Throughout my turn of association with the WCC it was the accepted thing that nobody should say anything critical about Marxist countries. Because, we were told, if you are critical about these countries, then you will make it impossible for their representatives to attend future conferences."

"I believe that Lenin was right. These religious people in the World Council of Churches have been fertile ground through which Marxism is spreading throughout the country because they are prepared to accept almost anything as long as it is clothed in religious language. Nobody in this movement knows anything about Communism. If some do know something, they know only what the propagandists of Communism want them to spread. Many people don't realize what kind of society they will have once they have adopted Marxism. And I think it is important because a decision has got to be made now whether we go Marxist or not. The liberation which has been offered already proves the kind of treatment we are going to have. Well, because I am speaking now, I may no longer be safe. I may find myself with a rubber tire around my neck and set alight soon... It is important for us to know more about Communism because if we don't realize what is going on, we are lost, and we can only arm ourselves to be ready to refuse this thing when we know the facts. If we don't, we will be easily deceived."

UNITED CHRISTIAN ACTION sends you more information regarding the visit of the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade to South Africa on request. Video and audio tapes of the CACC seminars are available through our member organization "BETHEL" (Group of Ministries). For further details and order forms, write to: UNITED CHRISTIAN ACTION, P.O. Box 35 737, 0102 Menlo Park, Pretoria, South Africa.

The Children

The future of South Africa—and it is no exaggeration to add the rest of the world—depends upon the qualities that are developed in the South African children. We do not need psychologists to tell us that children can be kind or cruel, idealistic or destructive. Sinister organizers can encourage and exploit the negative potentials. The objective of the communists and their South African tool, the African National Congress, is to make the black cities ungovernable. For this purpose, gangs of "children" are terrorizing the black communities by burning alive anyone they suspect of cooperation with the authorities. The press calls these youth gangs "children", but they include young people up to 24 years of age.

These "children" seize someone whom they consider to be a collaborator with the South African government. They tie the victim's hands behind his or her back and place a tire around the neck. They fill the tire with gasoline and ignite it. They often dance and taunt the tortured victim to accompany the screams of agony. The tire is called a "necklace" and the process a "Kentucky".

We were told by a black mayor of a township that they are now filling the tires with diesel fuel instead of petrol because diesel burns more slowly, and the victims have a more lingering and painful death.

We have in our possession a video showing a black young lady being burned and stoned at a funeral in one of the

black townships which was attended by 50,000 people. The people are forced to attend these funerals and demonstrations. If they do not attend, they are warned that they can be candidates for a "necklace".

Challenge and Opportunity

At the mission near Durban, we spoke to a gathering which included hundreds of Zulu children. They were wide-eyed and attentive as the accompanying picture demonstrates. What will their future be?

The KwaZulu Parliament has asked us to provide educational material on communism for the schools in Zululand. We have also been asked to provide similar material for Bophuthatswana, and for colored areas, Indian areas and black townships.

What a challenge! How we need the resources to meet it. The stark truth is that we depend utterly upon the gifts we receive from concerned individuals. The \$2,000,000 we are requesting for the total Crusade program for 1986 can produce an immeasurable harvest of harmony, happiness, health, understanding, security and freedom.

[In our next letter, we will discuss in more detail the materials, organizations, and strategies which the communists are using for the conquest of South Africa.]

DID DRUNKENNESS CAUSE THE NUCLEAR DISASTER AT CHERNOBYL

If the Soviet authorities know the precise cause of the disaster at their nuclear power station at Chernobyl, they have not announced it, but it is reported that a non-nuclear explosion triggered the catastrophe and that this explosion was due to "human error."

A responsible publication reports that "some people in the Soviet Union believe that drunkenness may have been the cause of the 'human error' which led to the nuclear disaster."

It is no secret that alcoholism is rife in the Soviet Union.

DO COMMUNISTS EXPLOIT COMMITTEES OF U.S CONGRESS

Are the U. S. Communists able to exploit Committees of the U. S. Congress? Many are outraged by this question being asked, but the evidence must be examined.

The Western Hemisphere Affairs Subcommittee, chaired by Rep. Michael Barnes, Democrat of Maryland, held hearings on El Salvador on May 14. The Marxist-Leninist newsweekly, the GUARDIAN, reports in its May 28 edition:

"The hearing was marked by bitter exchanges among the panel members. For example, Rep. Dan Burton (R-Ind.) charged critics of U.S. aid to El Salvador employ 'Communist disinformation' and 'they use this committee for this purpose.' Rep. Mervyn Dymally (D-Calif.) shot back 'I resent it being said that this committee is being used by the guerrillas.'

"The Republicans repeatedly lashed out at Barnes for holding the hearing. Barnes responded 'We've had more requests for this hearing than any hearing we've ever had.' Dymally and other Democrats noted there was considerable pressure in their districts for a review of U.S. policy in El Salvador.

"The Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (CISPES) was a catalyst for the hearing. CISPES organized campaigns in Barnes's home district and in selected districts across the country to press for a review of U.S. policy in El Salvador. After six weeks of organizing in Barnes's district, CISPES was pleasantly surprised by its success. Although Congress and the news media lost interest in El Salvador after Duarte's election, CISPES found there was still a lot of opposition in the grassroots to U.S. policy there.

"The fact this hearing was held at all is a positive development,' Amy Brodigan of CISPES told the Guardian. 'Despite the attempts by Republicans in Congress and the Reagan administration to squelch an examination of the situation in El Salvador, a good start was made at rekindling a Congressional debate over U.S. policy in El Salvador. This was a real achievement for CISPES.'" (Page 8)

The Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (CISPES) is the major Communist Front promoting the

cause of the guerrillas of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLU) in El Salvador.

LITERATURE TAPES AND BUMPER STICKERS

The distribution of the booklet "Why Communism Kills" to the universities and colleges continues apace. It is encouraging that even those students who are critical have failed to charge that the message contains inaccuracies of fact or fallacies in logic. The truth will triumph. For a copy of this booklet and other books including: "You Can Trust the Communists (to be Communists)", "Why I Am Against Communism", and the Crusade's newsletter, write to: CHRISTIAN ANTI-COMMUNISM CRUSADE, P.O. Box 890, Long Beach, California 90801.

CONTINUED CORRESPONDENCE WITH PROFESSOR DANIEL R MILLER OF CALVIN COLLEGE

The May 1 edition of the Crusade newsletter published a letter from Daniel R. Miller of the History Department of Calvin College, which appeared in the February 21 edition of CALVINIST CONTACT, 99 Niagara Street, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada L2R 4L3, along with my reply to it. Mr. Miller has sent me a copy of the response he has sent to CALVINIST CONTACT along with a gracious personal letter. Here is his response followed by my reply to it:

May 14, 1986

Dear Calvinist Contact:

In response to Fred Schwarz's letter, let me just say that I think it is quite clear that Christians must stand against extremism on both the left and the right. Dr. Schwarz has carefully documented many cases of communist excess, this is a worthwhile endeavor. Even a specialist on communism, however, is remiss if he does not acknowledge that anticommunist nationalism (patriotism) has often been manipulated for cynical purposes. His remarks about World War I illustrate this lack of understanding. It is no secret that before the war, conservative politicians in Germany, England, and elsewhere found that by raising the spectre of a foreign threat and rousing their citizens to a frenzy of nationalism, they could weaken the appeal of the international socialist movement. This was a clever political tactic but unfortunately it contributed to the international rivalries that produced the Great War. (See e.g. Fritz Fischer, World Power or Decline The Controversy over Germany's Aims in the First World War [1974] pp. TO.) The role of anticommunist hysteria in bringing Hitler to power in the 1930s is well known. In the United States in the early 1950s, Senator Joseph McCarthy played on people's fears of communism to make himself important. In the process he ruined the careers of hundreds of innocent people whose only "crime" was that they were liberal or moderate instead of consistently conservative. In Latin America, cynical dictators and wealthy conservatives have used the spectre of communism to justify the suppression of legitimate demands for justice and reform. Tragically, the United States government has sometimes collaborated with these antidemocratic movements because they serve America's economic and military interests. Is there a "communist threat" in the world? Yes, but we will only make it worse if we allow ourselves to be duped into siding with those who, under the guise of defeating communism, destroy all hope for peaceful change in those parts of the world which desperately need it.

Here is my reply:

Dear CALVINIST CONTACT:

Respectfully, Daniel R. Miller

I am gratified to note that Mr. Miller concedes that "Dr. Schwarz has carefully documented many cases of communist excess, which is a worthwhile endeavor." It would seem that this affirmation settles the controversy and that the honorable course??yes, the Christian course??would be to apologize for inferring, as the caption provided for his letter notes, that my worthwhile message was "just as dangerous to human life and just as distant to true Christian concern as revolutionary Marxism."

But no! Apparently I remain guilty of the sin of omission. Apparently this justifies the extreme condemnation given. I failed to specify that "anti-communist nationalism (patriotism) has often been manipulated for sinister purposes."

May I point out that I also failed to specify that "health is preferable to sickness," and a host of other convictions which I hold.

I confess that I am bewildered by the assumption that it is impermissible to expose one evil unless one simultaneously exposes all other evils. This assumption seems to be the basis of Daniel Miller's condemnation of my ministry.

To clarify any confusion, I hereby acknowledge that unbridled nationalism has often been manipulated for cynical purposes. I do not agree, however, that all nationalism is anti-communist nor that all patriotism is anti-communist nationalism. Patriotism, like fire, can serve both good and evil ends.

I agree that anti-communist fervor and rhetoric played a large role in the rise of Adolf Hitler to power, but cannot agree that it was a major force in the causation of the First World War. When that war broke out in 1914, communism was a minor movement on the world scene though socialism was substantial.

I am surprised that Mr. Miller identifies socialism and communism. Communism is Marxism-Leninism and, in 1914, when the First World War broke out, Lenin was an obscure Russian revolutionary based in Zurich, Switzerland, known to only a comparatively few people around the world. He gained worldwide prominence in 1917 when he led the coup that established the Bolsheviks, now named communists, in power in Russia. Mr. Miller's statement that anti-communist nationalism gave us the First World War is certainly a gross exaggeration at best.

Mr. Miller makes no reference to the atheism of communism and its practice of spiritual infanticide by teaching all children systematically in schools that there is no God.

In his original letter, Mr. Miller lists a number of crimes committed by the United States in the distant and recent past. Following his example, I could charge him with failure to acknowledge the many blessings the U.S.A. has bestowed on mankind. He does not mention how America saved Australia from invasion by Japan during the Second World War. He ignores the discovery and worldwide distribution of the life-saving drugs which have conquered most infectious diseases, and the worldwide dissemination of the Christian Gospel.

Millions of people throughout the world cherish the hope that they may live within the U.S.A. I am an Australian, and I am grateful to God that I have been privileged to enjoy the hospitality of this great and generous Republic. At the risk of being classified as an anti-communist nationalist, I proudly proclaim that I esteem and love the United States of America.

With Christian love, Dr. Fred Schwarz

THE POWER OF BELIEF

While attending a conference in Washington, D. C., called by the State Department, to discuss the moral basis of U. S. policy towards South Africa, Mr. Colbert sat near some liberal theologians. He had the temerity to mention certain basic doctrines of Marx and Lenin and to suggest that these were influential in determining communist policies. He was confronted with the scornful question: "You don't think they believe those things, do you?"

Today it is intellectually fashionable to believe that the rulers of the Soviet Union no longer believe their basic doctrines. This is dangerous nonsense.

Beliefs influence conduct, and this is certainly true of communist beliefs. Any policies towards countries ruled or threatened by communists must pay close attention to communist doctrines and their consequences if they are to be moral and effective.

Ignorance of the doctrines of Marxism-Leninism is suicidal.

DID THE BOMBING OF LIBYA DIMINISH THE THREAT OF TERRORISM

Immediately after the bombing, it was widely affirmed that the U. S. raids would increase the danger to U. S. citizens both within the U. S. A. and throughout the world. There is now evidence that the wings of Qaddafi have been clipped and that he is reducing his support for terrorism. Other suspect leaders are denying that they support the terrorists.

A confidential report from a responsible source states:

"Libya's Colonel Moammar Qaddafi may be reducing his support for international terrorism following the American air raids on Tripoli and Benghazi. Arab diplomatic sources say that at least two 'liberation fronts' have left Libya recently, and some training camps have been closed. The groups are said to have moved to Iran following the visit to Tripoli of the Iranian foreign minister, Au Akbar Velayati. Our sources add that Qaddafi has also decided to tone down his antiAmerican words.

"Qaddafi may be backing down because he is so isolated in the Arab world. After the raids, the colonel called for an Arab summit meeting to condemn them. It was to have been held in Fez, Morocco, on April 28th. It was postponed after the Arabs failed to agree on an agenda. Qaddafi wanted the raids to be the sole topic. The Gulf states, Jordan, Iraq and Tunisia insisted on including the Gulf war and Lebanon as well. The United Arab Emirates wanted Egypt's readmission to the Arab League to be discussed. (Egypt was expelled after signing the Camp David agreement with Israel).

"Qaddafi then proposed holding the summit at the oasis of Sebha, in southern Libya, because he did not want to leave the country and believed he could intimidate his fellow Arabs in this remote spot. That idea was turned down, after which King Hassan of Morocco proposed a summit at Fez on May 3rd. Qaddafi, angry with Hassan for letting him down after agreeing to unite their two countries, refused to go. Other Arab leaders were ready to meet without Libya if necessary, but Hassan rejected that idea, too. The king now proposes to hold the summit in Casablanca as soon as possible after the end of Ramadan on June 8th.

"Sources say Hassan believes he has an opportunity to moderate Qaddafi's behavior because the Libyan leader is so isolated. Even Libya's closest allies, Syria and South Yemen, have described the colonel's policies as 'adventurist'. Hassan has offered Qaddafi his help in starting a dialogue with the Reagan administration but only once he is satisfied that terrorist training camps in Libya have been closed. Hassan, whose unity agreement with Libya is foundering, is now worried that Qaddafi may be moving closer to neighboring Algeria, Morocco's long-standing rival, and that Libya may resume its aid to the Western Sahara.

Qaddafi is bitterly disappointed with the lack of support he has received from his fellow Arabs. He is turning increasingly to Russia for friendship. The Russians find him to be an embarrassment. But they may also find a way of profiting from him. (The source of this report will be provided on request).

One is reminded of the words of the poem:

Tender-handed stroke a nettle, And it stings you for your pains, Grasp it like a man of mettle, And it soft as silk remains.