

# CACC NEWSLETTER

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## WAR OF IDEAS AND THE FAILURE OF CONGRESS

"Mr. Speaker, we are losing the war of ideas." These are the opening words of a statement published in the Congressional Record of March 25, 1981, by U.S. Representative, Robert H. Michel of Illinois. He presents the following evidence for this conclusion:

"That is just not my view. It is the considered judgment of experts in the field and the position President Reagan took during his 1980 campaign. Beginning today, I am going to insert in the RECORD articles and documents which show how we are losing this war. Our overseas information program is underfunded, lacks sophisticated technology, and, most important, is not understood by the Congress I hope to bring to the attention of the Congress and the administration the need for an increased and effective overseas information program. (Page E1331)

Congressman Michel inserted into the Congressional Record an article on "The Soviet Propaganda Offensive" written by Cord Meyer and published in the March 21 edition of the Washington Star. It contains the following statement:

"There is now evidence that the Marxists have succeeded in infiltrating and winning over influential elements within the Catholic Hierarchy in El Salvador, including Jesuit priests and lay workers. According to a recent report from the U.S. Embassy in San Salvador, Archbishop Arturo Rivera has reluctantly concluded that he has to remove from his Catholic organization radical priests and laymen who are actively supporting the communist guerrillas.

"In his first move, the archbishop has fired the Salvadoran staff of the Catholic relief organization, Caritas, for complicity in hiding arms caches for the guerrillas in church refugee camps. Although proceeding cautiously because of threats to his life, Rivera is determined to weed out communist sympathizers in the Catholic radio station and newspaper who have astutely tilted their reporting in favor of the guerrilla cause.

"While declaring the Church neutral in the political struggle and condemning the rightwing terror, Rivera has lent his full support to President Duarte's land reform and stated that the guerrillas 'have made violence and loyalty to Marxism their watchword and, because of that, the majority have turned their backs on them.'

"In his increasingly outspoken criticism of communist tactics, the redoubtable archbishop has staked out a position that contrasts with the stance of American Catholic bishops. In view of Rivera's conviction that the Salvadoran Church itself has been infiltrated, the American hierarchy might want to take a close look at their reporting from Church sources in San Salvador." (Pages E1331 and 2)

## Congressional Lack of Understanding

Congressman Michel makes the serious charge that the significance of the war of ideas and the role of information in it is not understood by Congress. One member whose actions and attitude confirm this conviction is the majority leader of the Senate, Howard H. Baker, who sent the following letter to a supporter of the Crusade, Howard E. Boyll, D . D., in response to his suggestion that a sum equal to one percent of the military budget be devoted to a worldwide truth campaign to combat the massive campaign of falsehood and slander which the Soviet Union is waging against the U.S. A.

HOWARD H. BAKER. JR. TENNESSEE

March 25, 1981

Dear Reverend Boyll:

United States Senate

OFFICE OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

Thank you for your thoughtful letter of February 20 in support of The Christian Anti-Communism Crusade. I certainly appreciated hearing from you and hope you will forgive my long delay in responding.

While I agree that our efforts to prevent further spread of communism are very important in the current world climate, I also believe it unlikely that the Congress would earmark a percentage of the military budget for this purpose. Not only do we have what I view as a very effective anti-communism sentiment, but I believe it also true that the defense budget levels may in the long term be the most effective deterrent to communism available. I will support every possible effort to maintain this deterrent, and I am very appreciative of your efforts in support of this goal.

Again, please forgive my delay in responding. I appreciate your interest and thoughtfulness in writing.

Sincerely,

Howard H. Baker, Jr.

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Senator Baker affirms his support for an increased military budget so that the U . S . A. will have military power to match that of the Soviet Union. This is commendable as military inferiority to the Soviet Union increases the likelihood of Soviet aggression and also makes the U.S.A. more susceptible to military blackmail. However, the military budget does nothing to prevent the recruitment of millions of misinformed people into an army of despisers and haters of the U . S . A. who will fight to establish regimes in their countries which ally themselves with the Soviet Union and thereby add to the military, economic and psychological encirclement of this country. Aggression by misinformation usually precedes military aggression.

Senator Baker also expresses satisfaction because there is strong anticommunist sentiment within the U . S . A. The existence of this sentiment is certainly cause for rejoicing though the need to buttress it by accurate, up-to-date information concerning the organizations, activities, and strategies of the communist and pro-communist forces within the U.S.A. should not be overlooked. Nevertheless, anticommunist sentiment within the U . S . A. does little to combat Soviet propaganda throughout the world which describes the U.S. A. as aggressively imperialistic and responsible for the poverty that plagues the poor countries of the Third World. Falsehood can only be combatted by truth.

The Lesson of Cuba

Surely Cuba must prove to any informed and rational person how the conquest of even a small country by communists can threaten the security of other countries and ultimately the security of the U.S.A. itself. President Reagan affirmed this when he stated that the events taking place in El Salvador threatened the security of other countries in the region and ultimately that of the U.S. A..

The Massive Soviet Propaganda Offensive

The magnitude of the propaganda offensive being waged by the Soviet Union is described in an article in the March 9 edition of Time magazine:

"The Central Intelligence Agency estimates that the Soviet Union spends \$3.3 billion annually on propaganda activities of one kind or another. That includes such overt efforts as Radio Moscow's foreign service (\$700 million) and the Communist Party's international activities (\$150 million). It also includes such indirect propaganda efforts as TASS, the Soviet news agency, which spends \$550 million a year spreading Moscow's view of world events to

foreign countries. By contrast, the U.S. International Communication Agency (ICA)??which coordinates the Voice of America, cultural exchanges, films, speakers, exhibits and other aspects of U.S. 'public diplomacy' has a budget of only \$448 million. Even if the \$87 million the U.S. spends separately for Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty are included, the total is still a small fraction of the Soviet propaganda budget." (March 9, page 15)

It is noteworthy that most of the efforts of the U.S.A. to spread information about communism are directed to the countries of Eastern Europe and these are the countries where the Soviet Union is facing its greatest problems. Meanwhile, much of the Soviet effort is directed towards countries of the Third World, and it is here that the Soviet Union is winning its greatest successes.

A letter from an evangelist in Kerala, India, describes the local situation:

"There are a. tot of publications by Communists. They are selling their books and magazines at a nominal price. Communist literature is available everywhere in this country. They have big mobile libraries in Kerala, India. They have films, cassette tapes, literature and vehicles to each the millions with communism."

His contention is supported by this picture of a Soviet mobile library which was taken by Dr. John Whitehall during a visit to Kerala, India in 1979.

The situation in Latin America is illustrated by that in Nicaragua which is described by a veteran Trotskyist, George Novack, who recently visited that country. Novack gives his observations on Nicaragua in an interview published in the April 6 edition of the Trotskyist magazine, Intercontinental Press Asked the question, "What kinds of political literature did you find circulating in Nicaragua?" He replied:

"Most of the available literature I noticed in Managua came from the Soviet Union, which provides books and pamphlets free of charge to Nicaragua. Among these are the classics of Marxism??works by Lenin, Marx, and Engels."

It must have been gall and wormwood for a veteran Trotskyist to have to acknowledge this.

#### Soviet Propaganda in the U.S.A

Soviet literature is distributed wherever the opportunity exists. The U.S. A. is not neglected. As I write this, I have before me four periodicals published by the communists in English and distributed in this country. There are dozens of such publications.

The ones in front of me are: 1) Soviet Life; 2) Sputnik; 3) World Marxist Review; and 4) International Affairs.

Soviet Life is a slick color magazine which is published by reciprocal agreements between the governments of the United States and the Soviet Union. The agreement grants the U.S.A. the right to distribute the magazine "America" in the Soviet Union.

This monthly magazine, Soviet Life, is devoted to depicting life in the Soviet Union as free, happy, and prosperous. Smiling, healthy, well?dressed and well-fed Soviet citizens are seen engaging in creative activity including sports, the arts, recreation and self?government. An individual whose primary information about the Soviet Union was secured from this magazine, would be forced to the conclusion that the Soviet Union approximate Paradise.

2. Sputnik This monthly magazine is modeled on Reader's Digest but it makes extensive use of color photography. It claims to be a digest of the Soviet Press. It contains humor and romance as well as sections on the Arts, Cultural Events, and News. It is published by the Novosti Press Agency in English, French, Spanish, German, Czech, Hungarian and Russian and is printed in Helsinki, Finland. The overall message is simple, yet effective, "Life in the Soviet Union is full of opportunity, challenge, and happy achievement."

3. The World Marxist Review is published with a different purpose. It has the alternative

title of Problems of Peace and Socialism and classifies itself as The Theoretical and Information Journal of Communist and Workers Parties. The articles present communist theory, and the world described is seen through the

prism of Marxist Doctrine. The U.S.A. is invariably presented as "imperialistic" and "a threat to world peace". The copy in front of me contains articles entitled: "The Way of Peace and Constructive Endeavor" and "Against Imperialism, for Social Progress; International Scientific Conference."

This magazine is printed in 36 languages. These are: Arabic, Bengali, Bulgarian, Czech, Danish, Finnish, Amharic, French, German, Greek, Gujarati, Hebrew, Hindi, Hungarian, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Malayalam, Mongolian, Norwegian, Oriya, Persian, Polish, Portuguese, Punjabi, Romanian, Russian, Sinhalese, Spanish, Swedish, Tagalog, Tamil, Telugu, Turkish and Vietnamese.

4. International Affairs calls itself a Monthly Journal of Political Analysis It specializes in theoretical articles designed for serious students of world affairs. Everything is presented from the Marxist point of view. It is printed in Moscow and has been published in English since 1955.

The primary areas for the distribution of these Soviet periodicals in the U . S . A. are the colleges, universities and high schools. Again it is noteworthy that these institutions appear to be more influenced by Marxist and Communist Doctrines than most other U . S. institutions.

### The Third World

Since most people in the Third World have no direct personal experience of either the Soviet Union or the U . S . A., their visions of these countries are formed by the information they receive. Here are three individuals with contrasting visions of the U.S. A.

The first one is a communist in a Latin American country. His attitudes and convictions are described by our Latin American correspondent, D. C. Forest, who is in close contact with the communists who are active in his area:

"The communists here have convinced 'my' comrades that destiny is the recruiter for communism. That is, there is no need to recruit, for the world has come to the point in history where communism is the only route for the survival of mankind. Their means of presenting communism as the lone savior of the world is to paint every other possible plan for development as hopeless. Every Red, for example, 'knows' that capitalism is destined to die of its own accord. In addition to such political theory, they show that the U.S.A., which the Third World once revered, is really the great harlot of the world; and their slander makes every U.S. citizen appear as a gullible slave of this 'harlot'. 'My' comrades are just stating what they sincerely believe are the facts of life when they talk like my friend Lucho. He feels I am different for I am interested in communism, so he tells me what the U.S. and its people are really like.

'The U. S. people are cowards. Lucho was flabbergasted that some U.S. citizens did not rise up to stop the way the U.S. government has treated Cuba over the past 20 years. 'If our government did such a thing, some of us would get out in the streets and protest. The fact that 3 or 4 U.S. citizens did not stand up to protest shows they are cowards. And what about women? Is Angela Davis the only U.S. woman with any principles?' For Lucho, the ultimate proof that the U.S. citizens are all cowards is that: 'The valiant nation of Vietnam defeated the huge U.S.A. on the battlefield in the 30?year war between the two nations.'

" 'The only people who are free in the U.S. are the money men, and this proves that capitalist freedom is an undesirable evil—freedom is only used to exploit. The common person in the U.S. is of naive to capitalist manipulation that he does not even realize that he not free. Russia has true freedom.'

"With his knowledge of the 'reality' of the successes of communism, Lucho claimed:

'The U.S. people are stupid to let their government get between them and a communist regime. Why don't those 7 million stupid fellow citizens of yours who are unemployed start a revolution to overthrow your parasitic government? But we know it is harder in the U.S. for the labor leaders there are really anti?labor in that these hypocritical leaders are hired by big business and planted in the unions to save as promoters of anti-communism. Without these hired anti?communist activists in the unions, labor would go Red much sooner.'

"His summary of his own slander is that 'the U.S. near death, for the drugs, alcohol, crime and prostitution are definite symptoms of the final stages of imperialism; all due to the capitalist greed which is evident in that many elderly people

freeze to death each winter??freeze to death, for fuel dealers always cut fuel supplies when one payment missed.'

"It is painful to hear these Third World Reds reveal their personal 'facts' about the U.S. My greatest joy in this Red life came in February, 1981. For years Mccarthy has been the symbol of Anti?Communism. Here the Reds used to say 'McCarthyism' instead of 'anti?communism and 'McCarthyists' instead of 'anti?communists' That was until February 7, 1981. It took President Reagan less than three weeks to become labeled as the No. 1 anti?communist of all history. The Reds themselves have proclaimed Reagan to be the true leader of the Free World."

The second letter comes from a friend of the U.S.A. in the Island of Malta. He can't help being troubled by the information he is receiving from and about the U.S. A. The tragedy is that much of his information is not coming from communists but from respectable people who consider themselves patriotic U.S. citizens. He writes:

"It is with deep regret that I have finally decided to write this letter, but I felt that it would be better I did write, especially after last Saturday when I saw the film 'Apocalypse Now'.

"The film is set during the Vietnam War, and having seen it, I asked myself, 'Is this the typical American soldier?' If the American soldier as shown in the film is the typical one, then it no wonder that the U.S. lost the Vietnam War. Am I right, or have I let the film impress me too much?

"The second reason for writing this letter may be more important: Is it possible that all the American life consists of are bank robberies, muggings, cheating businessmen who only think of money, and youths, who only think of themselves and of what they want? For this is what we generally see in American films. I know that you can tell me that if I don't like the films, then I shouldn't watch them, but do the millions of other people who see these films simply switch of their TV sets, or do they keep getting a false idea of American life through these 'cops and robbers' sort of films.

"Isn't it possible that in America there are honest businessmen who never do a shady deal and money is not their prime interest in life; youths who are unselfish and who are concerned about their country's future, etc.?"

"Perhaps you are surprised about my impressions of the United States, but please bear in mind that I am not an American; I have never been to America; and I don't even have any relatives living in America. I know that in America there has got to be some good, but WHERE IS IT?

"If you think that my idea of America is wrong, please do not hesitate to write. I will gladly welcome your corrections.

"If, in writing this letter, I have given you the impression that I am concerned, I will tell you that I am concerned. Without America, what can the rest of the world do?"

Many of the people of the Third world live in countries where little, if anything, is printed or appears in films without the approval of the government. Consequently they tend to think that the picture of the U.S.A. presented by films, such as Apocalypse Now, is authentic and approved by the U.S. government.

Finally, this letter came from the wife of an Episcopal minister of Kenya whose husband is working intelligently and devotedly, in cooperation with the Crusade, to combat communism in his homeland:

"I am writing on behalf of Ben, Joyce and Rachel to convey our family sympathy to you. for the unfortunate affair which has recently struck your beloved President. We are so fond of your President that when the first three words of the news were read, we were almost getting a shock, but the fourth word was so relieving that we burst into praise and thanksgiving to God for his life.

"We want to give you assurance that we will continue to make intercessions for your President, his subjects and the entire land of America, besides our prayers for the Crusade.

"Rachel is enjoying the baby walker chair which we bought her from the gift you sent her. She is crawling in a most interesting manner and seems to appreciate her father very much which is causing jealousy to Joyce. I am enjoying them all.

"Yours sincerely, Hellen Njoroge."

Which of these attitudes towards the U . S . A. should we seek to promote?

The statements, "Evil communications corrupt good manners" and "The truth shall set you free" are two faces of the same coin. We must present the truth in order to liberate the people of the world from the corruption caused by the evil communications of communism.

The Crusade is advocating that those who believe in a worldwide truth campaign to tell the truth about communism, capitalism, and the U . S . A. to the people of the world should write to: 1) The President; 2) Their two Senators; and 3) Their Congressmen to request that a sum equal to one percent of the military budget be devoted to this purpose. Such a sum would be a little over 1 1/2 billion dollars. In the light of the report in Time magazine that the C . I . A. estimates the Soviet Union is already spending \$3.3 billion, this request is moderate.

We cannot remain silent while waiting for Congress to act. The Crusade is actively engaged in programs which inform the people in many countries of the atheism, materialism, dictatorship, militarism, imperialism, and contempt for individual life which characterize communism and of the many positive virtues which abound in the U . S . A. To maintain and extend these programs, \$1 million is being sought from friends and supporters. What investment could pay greater dividends in security, freedom, and happiness!

## COMMUNIST VIOLENCE

The communists of the Progressive Labor Party glorify violence in theory and delight in its practice. In the April 1 edition of their newspaper, Challenge?The Revolutionary Communist Newspaper, they describe how they led a mob in a lethal attack upon participants in a demonstration organized by the Ku Klux Klan in Connecticut, and the police escort. Their report states:

"Hundreds of furious black, Latin and white workers threw bricks, bottles, boards, anything in reach, at the robed racist killers (both those in white and those in blue protecting them). Eight Klansmen and 16 cops were injured, one woman Klan member is still in the hospital with critical head injuries resulting from a brick in the face. Once again the idea that mass violence against the Klan is the only way to deal with these vermin proved to be the correct line as hundreds of workers responded to the PLP?InCAR call of 'Death to the Klan.' " (Page 2)

To deplore communist violence against the Klan does not mean approval of Klan philosophy and activity. Actually Klan activity aids the Communists. By leading opposition to the Klan, the Communists are able to appeal to members of minority groups and to seduce some of the younger ones into acts of violence. Those involved in anti?Klan activity become potential communist recruits.

It is tragically preposterous that the F.B.I. is not presently permitted to engage in surveillance of communist organizations.

## HOW THE COMMUNISTS REPORTED THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT REAGAN

We rejoice and thank God that the President is regaining his full health and vigor following his wounding by the bullet of an assassin. This rejoicing is tempered by an awareness of the fragility of individual life and the fragility of national policies that depend upon individuals. Had the bullet, which entered the President's lung, been an inch or so to the left, Nancy Reagan would be a widow, George Bush would be President of the U.S. A., and the probability of the enactment of the Administration's domestic and foreign policies would have been drastically diminished.

The response of the U.S. Communist Party was predictable. They sought maximum political advantage from the attempted assassination. Frantic efforts were made to portray the shooting as the deliberate action of the "Right Wing". The following headlines took up half the front page of the April 1, Daily World

## ASSASSIN'S KIN PALS, WITH BUSH

Nazi: Hinklev was one of us

The text of the discussion of the assassination includes these statements:

"The family of the would-be assassin of President Reagan has close ties to Vice President Bush. A report in today's Houston Post said that the oil-rich family of John W. Hinckley, Jr., the accused would-be assassin, had made a large financial contribution to the unsuccessful Presidential campaign of Vice President George Bush. Bush is a Texas oil millionaire and former director of the CIA.

"In a copyrighted story, the Post revealed that Vice President Bush's eldest son, Neil, had been scheduled to dine this evening with John Hinckley's brother Scott. Neil Bush is an executive of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, while Scott Hinckley is an executive of his father's oil exploration firm.

Innuendo

"One Washington Reporter assigned to cover the assassination-attempt noted that Reagan recently expelled his 'kitchen cabinet' from the executive office building.

"The boss of this small group of advisers is Joseph Coors, the anti-labor Colorado beer brewer. Before being expelled, they had assigned to themselves the power to veto Reagan appointees.

"The 'kitchen cabinet' considered itself the 'guardian of right-wing purity' within the Administration. On the day that Reagan was shot, he was scheduled to meet with members of David Rockefeller's 'Trilateral Commission', an act regarded as heresy by rightwing elements." (Pages 3 and 10)

An editorial in the April 4 edition of the West Coast communist paper, People's World puts it bluntly:

"WOULD THE rightwing in the U.S. have any reason to want to harm Ronald Reagan: Ironic question, considering the President's politics. Simple answer, however: yes."

What a hodgepodge of irrelevancies and innuendo. Nevertheless, many people love a conspiracy and will be influenced by such nonsense.

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Christian Anti-Communism Crusade

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Dear Friend,

DEDICATION

"Where do the numerous communist organizations, which are active in the U. S . A., get their money?" This question is asked frequently.

The questioner often has the idea that the communists are supported by funds secretly and illegally provided by the communist parties of such countries as the Soviet Union, East Germany, Cuba and China. While this may be true in some special cases, most of the money used in organized communist activity in the U.S. A. is provided by the sacrificial giving of the communists and their supporters here. It costs to be a communist.

This is illustrated by the story of a man who meets, at midnight, an acquaintance who is a communist. This conversation follows:

Q. Where are you going?

A. To a communist meeting.

Q. At midnight?

A. There won't be anyone there!

That's what you think. Everyone who should be there will be there. We communists understand sacrifice. Eight hours of each day I work; eight hours I rest; and eight hours I give to communism. Half of my income goes to the Party and its activities.

Given a few hundred members with such standards of sacrifice, considerable resources become available for communist activity. This explains how a group like the Revolutionary Communist Party with a small membership, and no major overseas sponsor, can produce large quantities of communist literature in English and Spanish and distribute it at minimal cost. Color printing is expensive, yet this Party is able to produce both the English and Spanish editions of the newspaper, Revolutionary Worker, in color.

The dedication of the supporters of a cause is no criterion by which to judge the virtue of that cause. The supporters of the Rev. Jim Jones and Ms People's Temple showed great but tragic dedication. It is often true that:

The best lack all conviction, while the worst Are full of passionate intensity.

Can those who love freedom, their country and their God match the devotion and sacrifice of the communists? To give our money is the lesser sacrifice when some are called to give their lives.

The Crusade depends upon the sacrificial giving of those who love truth, freedom and God. Support cannot be coerced; it must be voluntary. Our projects are legion! These new and old projects are typical of many for which we need support:

1. The Million?Dollar Truth Fund.
2. Aid to anti?communist students in the eight universities of Kerala, India.
3. The distribution of the books, "Why I Am Against Communism" and "You Can Trust the Communists (to be Communists)" in Spanish.
4. The printing and distribution of the Italian translation of "You Can Trust the Communists (to be Communists)" in Italy.
5. Free distribution of the Crusade newsletter to all Congressmen, Cabinet Members, Governors, Editors, News Directors of T . V. and Radio, and to all University and College libraries as well as many High School Libraries.

I thank you for proving your love by your gift.

With Christian love,

Fred Schwarz