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COMMUNISM AND TERRORISM

The Soviet leaders have reacted with outbursts of righteous indignation to the charge of Secretary of State, Alexander Haig, that they are the organizers and suppliers of the worldwide network of terrorists who are engaged in murder, kidnapping, bombing and arson in the attempt to overthrow their, or their neighbor's, government. They claim that the communists, throughout their entire history, have repudiated and condemned "Terrorism".

Lenin's Rejection of Terrorism

This claim is based upon certain statements of Lenin in which he rejected the assassination and bombing practiced by the Anarchists and Social Revolutionaries of Russia. A careful reading of the statements on this subject reveals that he qualified his rejection carefully. Consider the well-known statement in his classic work, "Left-Wing Communism? An Infantile Disorder". He is discussing the program of the Social Revolutionary Party of Russia which was competing with his Bolsheviks for popular support. He states:

"Secondly, this party considered itself to be particularly 'revolutionary,' or 'Left,' because of its recognition of individual terror, assassination—a thing which we Marxists emphatically rejected. Of course, we rejected individual terror only on grounds of expediency, whereas people who were capable of condemning 'on principle' the terror of the Great French Revolution, or in general, the terror employed by a victorious revolutionary party which is besieged by the bourgeoisie of the whole world, were ridiculed and laughed to scorn already by Plekhanov, in 1900-03, when he was a Marxist and a revolutionary." (Page 29)

Lenin rejected the tactics of individuals engaging in acts such as kidnapping, murder, and bombing because they were inexpedient, not because they were wrong. He considered them inexpedient because he was convinced they harmed the cause more than they helped it. Lenin taught that the major task of the communists was to educate, provoke and lead the masses so that they would engage in strikes, demonstrations and riots, and, in the days of Lenin, such leadership could not be exercised from prison or from Siberian exile. When revolutionaries assassinated or bombed, they risked being caught, tried, and condemned to prison or exile, and, in a few cases, execution. While in prison or exile, they were cut off from the masses and lost the opportunity to lead them.

This statement of Lenin's infers that if individual terror became expedient, the communists would embrace it. Circumstances have changed dramatically since Lenin wrote. At that time mass communications did not exist. There was no radio or television, no travel by air. However dramatic the act, the news of it often took months and even years to reach the masses of people in the world. Today the news is flashed round the world in minutes. The people of Australia learned of the attempted assassination of President Reagan as soon as the people of the United States, while the news of the shooting of Pope John Paul II reached Los Angeles as soon as it reached Rome. The speed and widespread distribution of modern communications has multiplied the effectiveness of the terrorist.

Today a convicted terrorist can lead masses of people and provoke violent demonstrations while in jail. Recently the name of Bobby Sands became a household word around the world while he was a prisoner in Belfast, Ireland. The news of his hunger-strike unto death was carried to the people of practically every country. While in prison, he was elected to the British Parliament. His courageous dedication to his cause recruited countless individuals to join or support the Provisional Wing of the Irish Republican Army in their campaign of terror.

The devotion and courage of the supporters of a cause provides no criterion by which to judge whether the cause itself is good or evil. Consider how most of the followers of Jim Jones were so devoted that they willingly embraced death for themselves and their children. Many Nazis were courageously devoted to Adolf Hitler and many communists to Joseph Stalin.

In the changed circumstances of today, would Lenin continue to say that, individual terror is inexpedient? Many communists believe he would change his mind. The evidence suggests that the members of the Politbureau of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union are among them.

The communists established their claim of being opponents of terrorism by defining the term in a very narrow way and persuaded their opponents to accept their definition. They define terrorism as violent acts plotted in secret and conducted by individuals or small bands without participation by the masses. If perpetrators of violence have a mandate, real or imagined, from the masses, they are not terrorists; they are "National Liberators." Thus, to the communists, the actions of the P.L.O. such as kidnapping and murdering the Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympics or the murder of school children in Israel, is not "terrorism"; it is "national liberation".

The C. I . A. seems to have fallen into the trap and to have accepted the narrow definition of "terrorism" favored by the communists. This led them to produce a report that allegedly exonerated the Soviet Union from the charge of sponsoring international Terrorism.

What is Terrorism?

Anyone who perpetrates or causes actions which cause terror is a terrorist. To incite a mob to burn and lynch is to be a terrorist.

Lenin's Advocacy of Terror

While the communists claim to have renounced "TERRORISM", they have always advocated the use of terror.

In his controversy with Kautsky, Lenin supports his advocacy of the use of terror by quoting this famous passage from Engels:

"Have these gentlemen" (the antiauthoritarians) "ever seen a revolution? A revolution is certainly the most authoritarian thing there is; it is the act whereby one part of the population imposes its will upon the other part by means of rifles, bayonets and cannon??authoritarian means, if such there be at all; and if the victorious party does not want to have fought in vain it must maintain this rule by means of the terror which its arms inspire in the reactionaries. Would the Paris Commune have lasted a single day if it had not made use of this authority of the armed people against the bourgeois? Should we not, on the contrary, reproach it for not having used it freely enough?" (The Proletarian Revolution and the Renegade Kautsky, page 27)

Rule by Terror

Lenin did not only advocate rule by terror, he practiced it. Consider this letter to his followers instructing them how to conduct experiments to see if persuasion or fear was the more effective treatment in combatting absenteeism and securing productive work:

"Thousands of practical forms and methods of accounting and controlling the rich, the rogues and the idlers should be devised and put to a practical test by the communes themselves, by small units in town and country. Variety is a guarantee of virility here, a pledge of success in achieving the single common aim??to purge the land of Russia of all vermin, of fleas??the rogues, of bugs?the rich, and so on and so forth. In one place half a score of rich, a dozen rogues, half a dozen workers who shirk their work (in the hooligan manner in which many compositors in Petrograd, particularly in the Party printing shops, shirk their work) will be put in prison. In another place they will be put to cleaning latrines. In a third place they will be provided with 'yellow tickets' after they have served their time, so that all the people shall have them under surveillance, as harmful persons, until they reform. In a fourth place one out of every ten idlers will be shot on the spot. In a fifth place mixed methods. may be adopted, and by probational release, for example, the rich, the bourgeois intellectuals, the rogues and the hooligans who are corrigible will be given an opportunity to reform quickly. The more variety there will be, the better and richer will be our general experience, the more certain and rapid will be the success of Socialism, and the easier will it be for practice to devise??for only practice can devise??the best methods and means of struggle." (V.I. Lenin, Selected Works, Vol. II, pages 376-77)

The casual callousness of the statement, "One out of every ten idlers will be shot on the spot," as part of a test to

determine efficiency is more revealing than any communist profession of renunciation of "terrorism".

Terrorism in Cuba

The communists used terrorism to help them conquer power in Cuba. This is admitted by Cuban and U. S. Communists. The communist newspaper published in San Francisco, the People's World publishes in its May 2 edition a review of the book "Moncada: Memories of the Attack That Launched the Cuban Revolution" by Haydee Santamaria. Santamaria was one of the closest associates of Castro, and she published her memoirs before her recent death. The review states:

"Santamaria also revealed the tremendous humanity with which the rebels conducted their war. She told how Fidel always said, 'Don't shoot for pleasure; don't kill for pleasure,' and described how, when it was her turn to assign someone in the underground to plant a bomb, 'I chose the best man, the most sensitive, the most human, the one who would not let bomb?planting become second nature and would not get pleasure from it.'" (Page 10)

Scientific Use of Terror

The argument whether the communists are for or against "terrorism" is pointless. The communists are perfectly willing to use forces they are against as well as forces of which they approve. They are against private property, but they conquered Russia and China by giving private property in land to the land?hungry peasants. In Russia their slogan was, "Bread, peace and land," and in China the communists were "Agrarian Reformers." The communists claim to be "scientists" and consider? it scientific to support and utilize those forces which advance the cause of communism. Today these forces certainly include terrorism.

The communists state openly that they give practical support to the Forces of National Liberation and to all "progressive" movements throughout the world. Such supports includes the provision of weapons and training in how to use them. They also give financial aid where necessary, and this aid can be used to purchase weapons or to train or hire assassins. They define as "progressive" any force that aids the advance of communism to world power. They classify both the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and the Libya of Colonel Qaddafi as "progressive". They therefore provide them with weapons, training, and military, political and intelligence advisers. Special schools are established to teach individuals and groups the techniques of espionage, disinformation, internal security, and the use of guns and explosives.

It is not necessary for the Soviet Union to coordinate the activities of the terrorists they have trained and equipped. This can be done by proxies such as Cuba or Libya or the terrorists can be left to their own devices.

Since the U.S. A. is the major barrier to Soviet world power, any force that weakens the U.S. A. is progressive. Terrorism is now directed primarily against those nations friendly to the U.S. A. The aim is to destabilize the governments; to force democracies to turn authoritarian and antagonize the people; to overthrow "right?wing" authoritarian regimes and to establish communist dictatorships.

The U . S . A. has been spared the worst ravages of the international terrorists so far, but we can be sure that plans are being made to make acts of deadly terror as common in this country as they are in Italy, Spain, and Northern Ireland.

COMMUNIST REJOICING OVER ELECTION OF SOCIALIST MITTERAND

AS PRESIDENT OF FRANCE

The following article published in the May 12 edition of the U. S. Communist Party newspaper the Daily World shows how the communists believe they have won a great victory in France:

Socialist leader Francois Mitterand won Sunday's presidential election in France by more than a million votes. The victory touched off what were called "delirious" street celebrations in Paris by Socialists and Communists.

Mitterand, who will begin his seven?year term as president in about two weeks, ran on a campaign platform calling, for nationalization of banks, insurance companies, steel, aerospace and other industries, and the creation of new jobs

and increased public spending.

Analysts said incumbent President Valery Giscard d'Estaing lost the election mainly because unemployment had quadrupled in the last seven years, reaching 1.7 million ? seven percent of the work force.

Youth vote decisive

Young people were a disproportionately large percentage of that figure, and after the voting age was lowered from 21 to 18, the youth vote apparently went against Giscard.

After it was announced that Mitterand had won by 52.06 percent of the vote, thousands of Socialists and Communists ? mainly young ? rallied in the historic Place de la Bastille in Paris. They climbed atop cars and completely filled the square, cheering and singing the Internationale.

The French Communist Party, led

by its general secretary Georges Marchais, had called for all Communists and other democrats to cast their votes for Mitterand in the second-round runoff election held Sunday. Without exception, all analysts said Monday that the Socialist candidate could not have won the election without this Communist support.

Pierre Mauroy, the Socialist mayor of the industrial city of Lille, and leading candidate for French premier under Mitterand, on Sunday agreed that Communist support had been decisive and called for early talks between the Socialists and Communists on the composition of the new cabinet. Communists congratulate

Marchais sent Mitterand a telegram congratulating him on his victory and stating: "I reaffirm to you that we are ready with all responsibility to participate in the course of changes which are due now in order to meet the expectations of our people."

The French Communist leader said, "We have always had only one intention ? to serve the interests of the working people and France."

Marchais later told reporters that "we are prepared to come out both in the government and at all other levels for the pursuance of a new policy, a policy of full employment, justice, social progress, national development and freedom, a policy of initiatives in favor of peace, disarmament and independence.

"We called on our voters to cast their ballots for Francois Mitterand, the FCP leader said. "I hold that we won, since Mitterand could not have won without the votes of the Communist Party. I think he realizes that he will not be able to pursue the new policy without the participation of the FCP."

British Labor victory

The left victory in France came hard on the heels of the stunning victory in local elections in Britain of the Labor Party. The Labor Party won more than 900 seats nationwide, gaining control of the city councils in London, Manchester, Birmingham, Leeds, Newcastle and Sheffield. British Labor Party leader Michael Foot called the results "magnificent" and said there should be national parliamentary elections soon.

Recent polls in Britain indicate that two out of three British voters would vote against Tory Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher if an election were held tomorrow. The results of the voting in France and Britain show that the left is strong and is gaining even more strength. The results therefore re—e the notion pushed by Republican propaganda in Washington of a "swing to the right" all over the world.

CONFUSION IN AND ON EL SALVADOR

The situation in El Salvador is certainly confusing. As the cynic has said, "If you are not thoroughly confused, you obviously don't understand the situation."

Part of the confusion is due to the fact that much of the reporting is done by partisans who make their judgments on the basis of which side they favor rather than the evidence. It is amazing that individuals, who acknowledge that the killers of black youths and children in Atlanta are unknown despite intensive investigation by local, state and federal law enforcement agencies, are so sure they know who has killed victims discovered in El Salvador and demand that the government of El Salvador be punished for not arresting and convicting those responsible, immediately.

The reasoning of the partisans of the "Revolutionary Forces" in El Salvador proceeds on these lines:

1. The great majority of the people of El Salvador are suffering injustice and oppression.
2. The primary oppressors are the few families who own the major portion of the land. These landowners control the government and the army, and they have also formed paramilitary organizations. These combine to maintain the status quo by violence and terror. Anyone who speaks out for justice is called a communist and is killed without trial.
3. The government, the army, the paramilitary organizations and the landlords are guilty of the assassinations taking place.

This primitive analysis is fatally flawed because of what it leaves out. It ignores the following, for example:

1. The role of the communists in organizing and leading the rebellion and the consequences that will follow, if these communists obtain power, for the people of El Salvador, the people of neighboring countries, and the people of the United States.

The genuine attempts being made by the government to distribute land fairly among those who farm it. This land reform has earned the hostility of the large landholders to the government because it takes land from them. It has also earned the hostility of the communist leaders of the "revolution" as it diminishes the revolutionary zeal of the populace. The cold-blooded murders carried out by the forces of the communists to compel the people to join the "revolution". This has led to an enormous army of impoverished refugees.

How partisanship leads to false conclusions is illustrated by the way, in which many, if not most, observers interpreted the disappearance of a left-wing Catholic Priest, Father Roy Bourgeois, in El Salvador on April 26. It was accepted without question that he had been kidnapped by "right-wing" forces and would probably be killed. Intense propaganda campaigns were started on his behalf in the United States.

He embarrassed his supporters by reappearing unharmed, after 10 days, reporting that he had been fraternizing with the guerrillas. Let the communists of the Communist Workers Party tell the story. This report is extracted from their newspaper, Workers Viewpoint May 18, 1974:

CHICAGO, II. ? Father Roy Bourgeois, the Chicago Maryknoll priest and long-time activist in the cause of the poor, walked into the U.S. Embassy in San Salvador on May 6 after being missing for ten days. He had been in the countryside talking with the people.

Fr. Roy was in El Salvador as a translator for a WBBM (CBS) news team from Chicago. WBBM producer David Caravello asked the priest to accompany the team because of his knowledge of Spanish and to give a religious perspective to the news team's reports. Fr. Roy's disappearance from

his San Salvador hotel on April 26 triggered widespread outrage when many feared that he had been kidnapped and murdered by the Salvadoran junta.

Outrage Over Priest's Disappearance

On April 29 for example, the Chicago Religious Task Force held a press conference where it called, for, a joint Task Force/State Dept. delegation to be sent immediately to El Salvador to investigate the disappearance. The group announced that a registered letter had been sent to Reagan, Secretary of State Haig, and the Illinois Congressional delegation urging that such an investigative team be formed, and that the Task Force was beginning to collect national endorsements in support of this. The group demanded that the national news media open the networks to full and on-going coverage of the Father's disappearance.

At the press conference was a display of photos sent by the priest from the Human Rights Commission in Mexico

which Fr. Roy visited on his way to El Salvador. The grisly pictures of decapitated and mutilated bodies showed, in a way no words could, the atrocities of the El Salvador government that Fr. Roy dedicated himself to opposing.

On May 1, over 300 people picketed Chicago's Federal Building in support of the Task Force demands. Secundino Ramirez of the Human Rights Commission of El Salvador said, "I urge you very strongly to ask the American government to send the commission. The only thing that can save Fr. Roy will be very strong international pressure on the government of the U.S. and the security forces of El Salvador."

May 17 Notre Dame Demonstration

The Task Force and CISPES (Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador) called on all to demonstrate on May 17 at the University of Notre Dame campus. On that day, President Reagan will receive an honorary law degree. Notre Dame is also the alma mater of Duarte, the President of El Salvador. Duarte has been praised by Notre Dame head Fr. Hesburg as a "good Christian man." At the May 3 demonstration in Washington, D.C., many people marched behind the banner of the Fr. Bourgeois contingent, and several speakers referred to his disappearance. Upon his return to the U.S., Fr. Roy apologized for the anxiety his disappearance had caused. "When I went to El Salvador," he said at a news conference held in New York City on May 8, "I had no intention of doing anything other than what I had been asked to do (translate and news commentary)." The Father explained that he faced a difficult decision when he was offered a chance to go to the countryside and speak with the people. Finally, he said, "I decided to go." After Fr. Roy was reported missing, the Durate regime claimed that he had "joined the guerrillas," and a junta representative assigned to the news team said that Bourgeois had "gone for a walk to get medicine." No one believed them. The Chicago Religious Task Force commented, "We strongly suspect the story of Roy's leaving the hotel alone is a fabrication of persons who were assigned to accompany the TV crew by the Salvadoran government."

Moreover, Remy Golden of the Task Force held the junta responsible. "This is a classic case of blaming the victim. The only people responsible for Roy's, disappearance are the junta ... His disappearance has to be seen in the context of the country, of the persecution of the people of El Salvador, where the government is responsible for the deaths of 18,000 people since Jan. 1980. Anyone who takes the side of the poor is dangerous."

The Task Force also held the U.S. government accountable, "because of its military and economic support of the present repressive junta and we demand that all U.S. aid be cut off and withdrawn immediately and that the U.S. government take all measures possible as the major supporter and significant foreign presence in El Salvador to locate Fr. Bourgeois." The headquarters of the Maryknoll order in the U.S. also called on the government to end all military aid to the junta.

On April 30, a body thought to be Fr. Roy was discovered in San Salvador. The face was so mutilated it was unrecognizable. Although the U.S. Embassy insisted that it was not the priest, the discovery of the body gave greater urgency to people's concern. "In El Salvador, they do not take prisoners," said Bill Kurtis, head of the WBBM news team.

With no one believing their lies, the U.S. ruling class and its government is totally on the defensive on El Salvador. With all eyes focused on the issue, any misstep could be deadly to the rule of the junta and its U.S. backers.

If Father Bourgeois had come to harm and disappeared while with the guerrilla forces, it would now be taken for granted that he had been kidnapped and killed by evil pro-government forces. This may be of no consequence to partisans to whom any he is justified if it serves their cause. It is intolerable to those who cherish truth and justice.

Special care is demanded when considering reports from El Salvador even though they come from priests and church groups.

Communism is advancing by deception. The most effective weapon against deception is the truth. With the truth about communist doctrines, history, homicides, dictatorship, organizations, programs, plans and objectives, we can disperse the fog of ignorance and delusion that engulfs so many and makes them susceptible to communist seduction and exploitation.

Write to the President, your Senator, and your Congressman urging that a sum equal to one percent of the military

budget be invested in a worldwide truth campaign to expose the true nature of communism. Support the Crusade truth campaign by contributing to our \$1 million truth fund.

COMMUNIST SUBVERSION IN THE U.S ARMY

The policy of the Progressive Labor Party, one of the most violent of the communist parties in the U.S. A., is to have all their members enlist in the U.S. Armed Forces when they graduate from high school.

The communist leaders of the P.L.P. seek several objectives from these enlistments:

1. Their members will receive training in handling weapons and this will equip them to be officers of the Red Army which will fight and seize power during the revolution which they are sure is coming.
2. Their members can recruit other servicemen into their most active Front, The International Committee Against Racism (InCAR). InCAR seeks to recruit black servicemen by promoting violent attacks on representatives of the Ku Klux Klan. The communists also promote hostility to officers and all constituted authority.
3. The ultimate objective is to "Turn the Guns Around" by using them to shoot their own officers as Lenin advised the soldiers to do during the First World War.

The correspondence columns of the P. L. P. newspaper, Challenge are filled with letters from young servicemen reporting on progress towards these objectives. Here are extracts from letters published in the May 13 edition of Challenge

"Can you send more of the InCAR GI paper? Things are going well. I already showed Challenge to 3 guys here (the comrade has just been transferred to a new base). One of the guys told me about how he beat the out of a Klansman in basic training. It was a group of 4 black and 2 white guys that cornered the open Klanner. He said the Klanner was mouthing off all the time. The soldier told me that he was very glad to read in C?D that there is something being done about the Klan. My roommates also like the paper. One guy is from Alabama and the other is from Georgia. Both are black. We have been spending a lot of time together. I bought a car with some advance pay. We go to the beach a lot.

"My job is pretty good. They sent me to a class for operating portable generators. At the class, one guy in my company was complaining about the harassment from the sergeants. (There are a lot of Article 15s (disciplinary punishments). So the teacher, who is a Vietnam vet, told some stories. He said sergeants like that usually got fragged. He said everyone, including the brass, smoked dope. But the best part was when he told us about a commander who found a booby?trapped grenade under his bunk. What a pity it didn't go off. I plan to get as close as I can to the guy who was complaining. He feels that he got tricked into re?enlisting. He has a wife and now hates the Army. So does his wife. Right now I am in the process of making friends. I'll be here for over a year, so I can make some friendships." (D . G., New York City)

"The bosses are in big trouble. Little do they know that the very base of their power is eroding under them. I recently joined the National Guard in a large industrial Mid?Western city. This past weekend, a comrade and I attended our first 'drill'??the Guard's term for their regular monthly meetings. We were put in a special group of new recruits for initiation to the army. Within five minutes of our arrival, the officer in charge was making some racist cracks about one of the enlisted men in the unit who was of Arab descent

"The other side of military racism and sexism is, of course, anti?racism and building a PLP fraction and InCAR. We wasted no time in talking with our fellow recruits about the racist coming from the officer. They agreed that he was a jerk and expressed interest in InCAR when we told them about it. Two days later, one of them joined, making the first step in the struggle to smash racism in the military.

"The opportunities to build PLP and InCAR inside the Guard are vast. During the course of the weekend, we encountered a guardsman who had recently attended an InCAR forum at a nearby university. He, too, was interested in joining, and was glad to meet us in the Guard. He is especially concerned about the growth of the Klan and other violent racist organizations.

"Anti-racist sentiment, from our limited experience, seems to run high in the Guard. We overheard a number of enlisted men making cracks about officers, particularly the one mentioned above, reflecting, no doubt, the natural class antagonisms which are a part of military life. InCAR and PLP ought to flourish in this environment, provided we do our work right.

"The bosses really are in big trouble. Their army is built on false promises of job opportunities and blatant racism and sexism. The fight against these forms of capitalist oppression exists right now. It needs our leadership. If our first weekend is any indication of the revolutionary potential inside the military, then let the imperialists start their war. We will finish it once and for all!" (A Mid-West Comrade)

ANOTHER COMMUNIST JOURNAL!

A new Marxist-Leninist theoretical journal, titled "A World to Win," was launched on May 1, 1981, which, to quote Shakespeare, is "Giving thy sum of more to that which had too much."

The first edition of this journal was published in English, French, and Spanish. It is supported by the Revolutionary Communist Party in the U.S.A. and 13 fraternal communist parties in other countries.

This journal will not add to the unity of the world communist movement. According to the report in the Revolutionary Worker May 1, it seeks to "overthrow imperialism and reactionary rule in many countries," but also "to unmask and expose Soviet-style revisionists and the various tactics they employ, which are especially pernicious because of the powerful backing they receive from an imperialist superpower and their influence over many millions among the masses. It upholds Marxism-Leninism and Mao Tsetung Thought against the attacks of the trend centered around the Party of Labor of Albania, whose rightism and unity with Soviet revisionism is becoming more apparent with each passing day. Several articles in the journal hit at the new revisionist rulers in China who have wrecked socialism, restored capitalism and allied with U.S. imperialism since the death of Mao, and stand firmly with the Cultural Revolution and the defiant, revolutionary stand in the face of death taken by Mao's revolutionary comrades, Chiang Ching and Chang Chun-chiao." (Page 11)

Since the role of the communist parties which produce "A World to Win" is primarily destructive, this disunity is not a major handicap. Any mob can destroy; it requires coordinated activity to build.

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Dear Friend,

THE RECALL AND REASSIGNMENT OF GEORGE WESTCOTT M.D

The phone call brought sad news. I was informed that Dr. George Westcott had been brought back from Zaire in Africa because of illness. The journey from the heart of Africa to Indianapolis, Indiana had required an exhausting 44 hours. As soon as he had reached Indianapolis, and the care of his daughter, Mrs. Anne Day, abdominal surgery had been performed and an inoperable cancer had been discovered. The prognosis appeared gloomy indeed.

I have been privileged to meet many of the world's great men, but George Westcott is among the greatest. His is the true greatness of which Jesus spoke when He said: "Whosoever would be greatest among you, let him be your servant." George was born to serve.

I remember meeting him for the first time in 1953. I was speaking to the students of the Detroit Bible Institute when a man entered and sat in the rear of the room. After the meeting we talked, and I discovered he was a medical missionary who had returned from service in the Belgian Congo because of the illness of his wife, Ellen. He was visiting Detroit Bible Institute to deliver a lecture on "tropical medicine" to the missionaries-in-training.

We became firm friends, and George became Vice-President of the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade; a position he still holds. He operated a surgical practice in Ypsilanti, Michigan but he did not limit himself to surgery. Whenever and wherever we conducted an anticommunism school or an antisubversive seminar, George closed his practice and, at his own expense, joined us to labor as recording technician. Each day from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m., George sat at his machines recording and re-recording every word the speakers said. He never sought the limelight nor the center of the stage. His joy was to serve.

In 1973, his wife Ellen, who had been an invalid for many years, died; and George returned to the mission field in Zaire where he has since performed 8,200 surgical operations. From his home base with the African Inland Mission, a plane of the Missionary Aviation Fellowship would take him on a circuit of six hospitals, in each of which many who needed surgical skill would be gathered. He trained a team of Zaireans who served as surgical technicians and performed many of the operative procedures. By doing this, he confounded the critics who contended: 1) The Zaireans lacked the ability to be trained and trusted; 2) They would neglect their patients; and 3) They would demand more and more money. Each of these fears has proved to be false.

The cancer from which George is suffering could not be treated by surgery, but it has responded well to chemotherapy. He is now out of hospital and greatly improved. His great desire is to return to Zaire to share his insights and experiences with his surgical successor who is preparing to carry on his work. This no longer seems an impossible dream.

The ravages of the years are afflicting so many of the friends and supporters of the Crusade. How often I learn that a colleague has been hospitalized or passed away. We must recruit new friends and supporters since the ministry of the Crusade becomes more essential every day.

Will you accept the challenge, spurn the sacrifice, and dedicate your life, talents, and treasure to assure the exposure and defeat of communism and the triumph of freedom.

With Christian love,

Fred Schwarz