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## NEWSLETTER

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### SOVIET INTERFERENCE IN EL SALVADOR

The policy of the Soviet Union towards other countries is outlined in the leading article entitled "A Policy of Peace and Peaceful Construction" in the April edition of the Soviet propaganda magazine, International Affairs.

Consider this remarkable statement: "The USSR does not interfere in the domestic affairs of other countries and peoples and respects their right to choose their own path of development. At the same time, being loyal to the principle of proletarian internationalism, this country is always on the aide of those who are fighting for their freedom against imperialist interference." (Page 9)

This statement is remarkable because of the blatant contradiction it contains. It says:

1. The USSR does not interfere in the domestic affairs of other countries.
2. The USSR does interfere in the domestic affairs of other countries on the side of those who are fighting for "freedom" and against "imperialism."

These two statements are contradictory. They cannot both be true. How does the Soviet Union resolve this contradiction in practice?

Their solution is simple. They ignore the first statement and adhere faithfully to the second. The first is a weapon in their "war of ideas"; the second is a guide to practical action.

### Soviet Support of Revolutionary and Liberation Processes

The Soviet Union makes no secret of its support of "revolutionary" and "national liberation" struggles wherever they occur or can be fomented. It berates the present administration for attempting to dissuade the Soviet Union from giving such support. The same article states:

"However, Washington has of late undertaken to introduce into the international arena, especially Soviet?American relations, the so?called 'linkage' method, that is making the solution of various problems and agreements on particular issues dependent on the solution of other problems 'not directly related to the one in question, on Soviet actions in other spheres. Through the 'linkage' method the United States would like first and foremost to make the USSR abandon its support of the revolutionary and liberation processes which are taking place over the world... (Pages 9 and 10)

### National Liberation Movements??Inalienable Part of World Transition From Capitalism to Socialism

The communists who rule the Soviet Union regard National Liberation Movements as an essential element of communist world conquest. This is affirmed repeatedly in another article in the April edition of international Affairs entitled, "The National Liberation Movement Today":

"As an inalienable part of the world revolutionary process the national liberation movement continues to be organically linked with the processes which determine the content of this age when capitalism has entered a period of crisis as a world system and is to be succeeded by socialism. (Page 27)

The meaning of this statement may be somewhat camouflaged by esoteric language, but it is perfectly clear to anyone familiar with communist language. Translated into simple English, it states:

1. A worldwide revolutionary process exists and it will result in the replacement of capitalism by communism. (It must be noted that communists use the word socialism to refer to "the first stage of communism" during which the communist party exercises monopolistic and dictatorial rule.)
2. The National Liberation Movements are an essential element in this revolutionary process.

Lest there be any doubt as to what the communists mean by National Liberation Movements and struggles, the article proceeds to enumerate specific examples. It states:

"In the 1970s, the downfall of the traditional colonialism was accompanied by a growing intensity in the peoples' movements for their national and social liberation all along the line in the struggle against imperialism. Particularly outstanding were the historic victories of the forces of socialism in Southeast Asia when Vietnam re-united, and the patriotic forces won in Laos and Kampuchea. The imperialist and neo-colonialist forces were dealt a serious blow by the revolutions in Ethiopia and Afghanistan, by the victorious popular movement in Nicaragua and by the anti-monarchic revolution in Iran." (Page 27)

El Salvador

The conflict in El Salvador is classified as a National Liberation Struggle:

The decisive struggle was joined by the people of El Salvador who rose up against the ruling junta which in effect turned the country into an American colony. Consequently, this applies not merely to the eventual elimination of the colonialist system whose last enclaves gained independence, but also to the deepening of the social content of the anticolonialist struggle. As a rule, this struggle begins as a fight against the domestic forces which act as tools of neo-colonialism, and it makes this struggle broadly democratic in essence and often anti-capitalist." (Page 27)

So there we have it. The conflict in El Salvador is part of the "Revolutionary Process" which will replace capitalism by socialism everywhere. This means it is part of the process to establish a communist dictatorship in the U.S. A.

The Soviet Union has announced that it is helping the revolutionary forces in El Salvador. Who can doubt that this help includes provision of weapons. The claim that the revolution in El Salvador is directed to the "liberation" of that country alone is false. It is also an armed attack on the U.S.A.

We have seen what the armed forces of Cuba have accomplished and are continuing to accomplish for communism. Nicaragua, with a population of 2.5 million is raising an army of 300,000. The Soviet Union is providing arms. El Salvador has a population close to 5 million. If it falls to communism, it will doubtless seek to raise and train an army of 500,000 which the Soviet Union will arm.

The communists must not be permitted to prevail in El Salvador.

#### EFFECTIVE PROTEST ABOUT IMMORALITY ON T. V.

A testimonial to the effectiveness of Christian protest against the presentation of programs on T. V., which glamorize sexual permissiveness and undermine the family, is given in the May 28 edition of the Marxist-Leninist paper, the Guardian

Under the caption, "TV Ushers Back 'All-American' Shows," the paper reports:

"Homosexuality, pornography, abortion, godless sex education, smutty TV, pulic blasphemy, attacks on faith and family--ACC has plans to defeat these evils.."

"So reads a recent 7-page mailing from American Christian Cause (ACC), a new right group focusing on the media. The letter asks supporters to send postcards to ABC and the Federal Communications Commission protesting the network's plans to air a situation comedy about a gay couple called 'Adam and Yves' in its fall prime time schedule.

"Within weeks of the announcement of the postcard campaign, ABC and NBC announced their new fall schedules.

Interestingly enough, 'Adam and Yves' will not be seen. Nor will any number of other 'sexually explicit' series.

"After a 1980?81 season notable for nothing other than its saturation of the airwaves with half nude, sometimes seemingly half?demented females jiggling and giggling across the screen, the networks are doing an about face. Not only are first season shows like 'Bosom Buddies,' 'Ladies Man,' 'I'm a Big Girl Now,' 'Vegas,' and 'BJ and the Bear' being dropped. Longtime hits like 'Soap' and 'Charlies Angels' have also been scratched. And all replacements so far named are cleaner than clean, although certainly not from an antisexist perspective.

"What specific role ACC's postcard campaign played in these decisions is unclear. There is no doubt however that the shift of U.S. political power to the right has had significant impact on the moral and cultural climate of the nation. Nor is there any doubt that this moral climate is now generated to an extent by the mass media...

"Many of the shows which are now being dropped first appeared during the sexually permissive coattails of Lear's social innovativeness." (Page 21)

It is paradoxical that T.V. producer, Norman Lear, who was the cutting edge of the campaign for sexual license on T.V. has now appointed himself guardian of America's political morality. He has formed a non?profit, tax?deductible organization, "People for the American Way." Its purpose is to destroy the effectiveness of the programs of the "Christian Right" for traditional morality and economic solvency.

Enlisting under the banner of Norman Lear and serving on the "Board of Advisers" of "People for the American Way" are: [Taken from The Pink Sheet on the Left May 4]

JIM AUTRY, editor in chief, Better Homes & Gardens

Rev. Dr. CHARLES V. BERGSTROM, office of government affairs for the Lutheran Council in the U.S.A.

Rev. M. WILLIAM HOWARD, president of the leftist National Council of Churches.

Rev. THEODORE HESBURGH, ex?president of the University of Notre Dame

Rabbi MARC TANENBAUM, liberal activist head of the American Jewish Committee

Dr. COLIN WILLIAMS, former dean of Yale's Divinity School, now a senior fellow at the humanist Aspen Institute

BARBARA JORDAN, former Texas Congresswoman, now with the University of Texas

GENE REEVES, dean of Meadville?Lombard Theological Seminary

Bishop JAMES K. MTITHEWS, United Methodist Church

Rt. Rev. JOHN COBURN, Episcopal Bishop of Massachusetts

Immorality??or is it politics??makes strange bedfellows!

#### A SOVIET CHRISTIAN REACTS TO EVENTS IN POLAND

As the Soviet leaders watch developments in Poland with alarm and weigh the pros and cons of a military invasion, they must be wondering about the real, if unexpressed, attitudes of the Russian people towards their Polish brethren.

The following letter, published in the Samizdat Bulletin No 97, May 1981, reveals the attitudes of some Soviet citizens. There is no way of knowing how widespread such sentiments are. The danger that such attitudes could spread like a prairie fire must trouble members of the Politburo:

#### A LETTER TO POLISH WORKERS

These days, when it is impossible to break through the walls of radio jamming, when diplomats (both experts and hypocrites) convene at a semi-closed meeting in Madrid to discuss human rights, here in our long-suffering Moscow, which has become a scarecrow for free Westerners, one notices how helpless blades of grass begin to shoot through the old asphalt... We are speaking of events in Poland.

Oh, how unbearable it is to remain silent here, in our Moscow, on the seabed of lies, when such events are taking place in Poland! A free trade union has been organized? a union so durable, that the diabolical authorities are unable to crush it; a union so powerful, that it has shaken the entire country.

What is it that the Poles want? They want to work freely, in accordance with their conscience, and this is considered a grave sin by the Soviet-Marxist Philistines whose consciences have been atrophied!

Whence came the law which stipulates that a human being cannot dispose of the fruits of his own labor as he sees fit? Whence came the law according to which the Marxists have the right to dispose of the fruits of another man's labor?

"For thirty years Poland's leading party has proved its total inability to build a flourishing state economy. With eager anticipation the Poles await the issuance of food ration cards, and consider themselves lucky... while in bourgeois Europe, where the Marxists had never directed the economy and had never borne the responsibility for same, there is a never-ending surplus of provisions.

Poles! We want not just the roar of our radio-jammers to reach you from Moscow, but the voice of the ?? oh no! not the Soviet, but the compassionate RUSSIAN heart. Here in Moscow, as well as throughout the enormous breadth of Russia, there are many, a great many people who share your anger and your hopes. As David the Psalmist expressed it: "I have set the Lord always before me: because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved." (Psalm 16:8 ?? King James Version) And this: "One cannot be a Russian and a communist at the same time; he cannot be a Frenchman and a communist. He must make his choice!" (A. Solzhenitsyn)

Dear Polish friends! May Christ keep you and help you! (Your like-minded brothers in Christ] (signatures follow)

Communism comes to power by DECEPTION. Deception can be dissipated by the TRUTH. The truth must be discovered and told.

#### HOW U.S. LABOR UNIONS REJECT COMMUNISTS

Many devout communists in the U.S.A. must have great difficulty harmonizing their Marxist-Leninist doctrine with their own experiences. Their doctrine assures them that: 1) The industrial workers are eager to engage in revolution to overthrow the capitalist system; and 2) That the communists incarnate the real self-interest and desires of the workers and are historically ordained to lead them to, in, and after revolution. Their experience with U. S. workers contradicts this assurance.

The following report, published in the May 20 edition of Challenge details how the communists of the Progressive Labor Party tried to infiltrate and control the union meeting of workers in the Washington, D. C. Metro. Although the communists attempt to put the best face possible upon the events, it is clear by reading between the lines that the workers spurned their overtures and arguments:

Wash. D.C Metro

Hacks' Red-Baiting Helps Union-Busting

#### PROGRESSIVE LABOR PARTY MEMBER MIKE

Golash addressed the ATU Local 689 meeting to attack Pres. Bierwagen's proposal to "lobby" (i.e., wine and dine) the Virginia and Maryland legislatures to stop the anti-strike laws. All pro-capitalist strategies are a dead-end for the working class, he said. Comrade Mike then explained that both political parties are owned and controlled by the capitalists on Wall Street. No matter who the politicians are, they would but back services and prepare for an

imperialist war because that is the policy of the capitalists. Therefore, the workers need to reject Bierwagen's "rely on the politicians" line. Instead, they need to build ties with workers in other unions in the city and prepare for a general strike against the budget cuts and all other forms of racist attack. No single local could hold out alone. The meeting fell into a hush at this bold dissent.

Next, Brother Karriem, a member of the International Committee Against Racism, spoke. He said that maybe a nationwide general strike of the whole labor movement was needed, since these attacks on the working class were occurring all over the country. It was clear that the bosses were heading for fascism to try to climb out of the deep hole they were in.

Another InCAR member, Brother Lester, took the floor, he pointed out that black workers had all voted for Jimmy Carter in 1976, and they had gained nothing from it. They were far worse off now than ever. At this, many of the workers present nodded in agreement and there was a little nervous laughter. The InCAR position was beginning to gain the upper hand in the meeting.

Finally, Bierwagen took the microphone again. He quickly pointed out that a general strike had been illegal in this country since 1918. At that, Comrade Mike called

out, "Yeah, since the Russian Revolution!"

Bierwagen went off at that He launched into a sharp anti-communist attack against the PLP and InCAR He said that he was tired of being criticized by people who had never negotiated a contract He said that half the countries in the world were communist and not one permitted "free unions or "free elections. He said that in Poland the workers were so fed up with their "communist paradise that they were willing to strike in the face of Russian tanks By now, the hacks on the Exec Board were vigorously applauding and yelling and some of the workers were also applauding Bierwagen Many workers sat in silence, refusing to applaud anti-communism, but were intimidated nonetheless. When Comrade Mike insisted on responding to Bierwagen's tirade, he was ruled out of order and the meeting would not overturn this ruling.

This battle was won by the pro-capitalist misleaders, but the communist and anti-racist forces were able to get their point across. At the next Metro InCAR caucus meeting, PLP and InCAR members regrouped and planned their strategy for the political struggle at the next union meeting. It was vital that they win their fellow transit workers away from the hacks' fatal outlook. The hacks lie their heads off to protect the bosses' system. For example, to respond to their fiction about a "communist" Poland,, the PLP has pointed out that there are no communist countries in the world today, that what the Polish workers are doing is following the most anti-communist leadership for the full, open restoration of capitalism, the system of mass exploitation of workers. What these union misleaders won't tell the workers is that as long as they follow capitalist ideas, their problems will remain and grow worse.

One characteristic of the communists is dogged persistence. They endure any personal insults, accept any hardships, and use any stratagems in order to worm their way into the unions that they can use their influence for the communist cause. They obey the instruction of Lenin who ordered them, "to agree to all and every sacrifice, and even if need be? to resort to various stratagems, artifices, illegal methods, to evasions and subterfuges, only so as to get into the trade unions, to remain in them, and to carry on Communist work within them at all costs." (Left-Wing Communism, an Infantile Disorder, Foreign Languages Publishing House??Moscow, page 65)

## ARMAMENT AND DISARMAMENT

Complete control over its own news media, coupled with substantial influence in the news media of the countries forming the NATO Alliance, enable the Soviet Union to conduct contradictory campaigns simultaneously. These are:

1. A massive increase in its own weapons??both nuclear and conventional.
2. A worldwide campaign for disarmament.

Since there is no such thing as public opinion as we know it, in the Soviet Union, the disarmament campaign creates political pressures in the countries of the NATO Alliance while it leaves the Soviet Union relatively untouched.

The consequence is that the Soviet Union can enter the disarmament negotiations from a position of strength. As any good chessplayer knows, once one contestant secures an advantage, equal sacrifices by both contestants thereafter increase that advantage.

The present advantage in weapons possessed by the Soviet Union is shown in a table published in the May 16 edition of the authoritative British magazine, The Economist:

#### The Nuclear Balance in Europe

Soviet Union	All systems	NATO
Number Warheads total	Number Warheads total	
Missiles 1,277	1,597	Missiles 382 742
All Europe-based nuclear-capable	Aircraft 4,018 5,031	All Europe-based nuclear-capable
Aircraft	1,170 1,515	
Of which: Long-range aircraft	913 1,926	Of which: Long-range aircraft
246	459	
Most deadly systems	SS-20 160 480	Poseidon (America) 40 400
Backfire 100	400	SSBS 2 and 3 (France) 18 18
Fencer 370	370	Polaris (Britain) 64 64
630	1,250	MSBS (France) 80 80
F-111 (America)	156 312	
A-6E (America)	20 40	
378	914	

From the vantage point of its present superiority, it is to the advantage of the Soviet Union to negotiate equal reductions of weapons for both sides. Extreme examples will illustrate this:

1. Seeing the Soviet Union possesses 1,597 nuclear warheads in Europe, while NATO Forces have 742, if each side surrenders 700, that would leave the Soviet Union with 897 to 42 for NATO.
2. If each side gives up 1,000 aircraft, the Soviet Union will be left with 3,018 while NATO will have 170.

Equal sacrifice will assure complete Soviet supremacy.

#### COMMUNIST SUBVERSION IN THE U.S. ARMY

Each issue of the newspaper, Challenge published by the Progressive Labor Party (PLP), contains reports of the activities of their members who are agitating in the U.S. Army. The following report appears in the May 27 edition of Challenge

#### Soldiers Greet Communist ideas

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, May 16?ONCE AGAIN,

the revolutionary communist and anti?racist ideas of the PLP and the International Committee Against Racism were warmly greeted by hundreds of soldiers at Ft. Sam Houston, a national Army center here. With the spirit of May Day fresh in our minds, we gathered up Challenge?Desafios, the Arrow?La Flecha, the InCAR GI Newsletter, and leaflets and set out for San Antonio from Houston. There were 11 of us: workers and students; black and white; men and women; immigrants and citizens. Of particular importance was the participation of the young high school students who will soon be drafted to fight a world war, and two Iranian women who added tremendously to our ability to fight for the communist anti?war idea of 'Workers of the world, unite.'

Any fears we had of approaching soldiers and of going right on base dissipated as soldier after soldier said things like, "I ain't fighting no war." and "I think the Klan should be shot." One soldier said, "Aaight," as he saw the headline of the InCAR 01 Newsletter, "Death to the Klan." Soldiers eagerly talked to us about war, racism, and the need to organize inside the military. Soldiers happily posed with us as we took pictures, some holding up C?D. One soldier was very impressed by the fact that we had the guts (political conviction) to come on the base and do this. All

together, six soldiers gave us their names, 100 C?Ds and Arrows were sold, and over 1,000 leaflets were handed out.

## SUPPORTERS OF THE TROTSKYIST COMMUNIST LAWSUIT AGAINST THE F.B.I

The Trotskyist communist party, which uses the name, Socialist Workers Party, and its youth affiliate, the Young Socialist Alliance, are suing the U.S. Government for \$70 million, charging that the F.B.I., the C.I.A., and the Immigration and Naturalization (INS) have harrassed its members for many years. The trial is taking place in New York City before Judge Griesa.

These communists have organized a Political Rights Defense Fund which is seeking to raise \$125,000 for the legal and publicity costs of the trial. A partial list of the sponsors of this fund has been published:

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Dear Friend.

On February 7, the ?Socialist Workers Party (SWP) held a publicly advertised rally, to publicize its "socialist Watersuit" against the U.S. government's COINTELPRO program of harassment and disruption of the left. Members of the Spartacist League (SL) and other leftists were forcibly prevented from attending that "public" meeting by an SWP goon squad. At the same time that the SWP is seeking to build support for its lawsuit?billing the suit as a major blow in defending all socialists, unionists, blacks, etc. against repression?the SWP is itself violating the elementary?democratic rights of other avowed socialists through cowardly exclusionism aimed at sealing off its own supporters from political debate.

The SWP hopes it can persuade civil libertarian supporters of its suit to countenance its anti?democratic exciusionism by telling them the excluded comrades are "disrupters." This is a simple slander, in the time?dishonored Moscow Trials tradition of Stalin who?using his authority as leader of ostensible Communism?sought by slander to cut off Trotskyist critics from a sympathetic hearing among leftists, "progressives" and liberals. Now the SWP wants to make Marxists into non?people, undeserving of workers democracy. These same methods have played no small role historically in undercutting genuine solidarist defense of victimized leftists. During the first Smith Act trials 1941?43), the Communist Party cheered the government's prosecution of "Trotskyite fifth columnists." Everyone knows that the Smith Act was soon turned against the CP itself.

Especially in the present context, to slander socialist opponents a lawless, violent, crazy "disrupters" is itself a tactic which facilitates witchhunting against the far?left, dovetailing the media's portrait of leftists as "extremists" ? and "terrorists" in seeking to create a climate favorable to their violent suppression (as in the case of the Panthers) and legal repression.

We are not disrupters, as the SWP knows full well. We are socialists who simply seek as members of the public to attend public meetings and speak from the floor during discussion periods. Far from "disrupting" SWP meetings, we are Well known as consistent defenders of workers democracy, and have defended the SWP against disruption, gangsterism and slander. The SWP's exclusion of us and other members of the socialist public from its February 7 "public" meeting was a provocation, a genuine "disruption" of the left.

As socialists who have had our share of government persecution, we appreciate and have sought to publicize the revelations of COINTELPRO "dirty tricks" that have emerged from the SWP court suit. But the need for antisectarian unity in defense of socialists' civil rights is not served by the antidemocratic?conduct of the SWP. Those concerned with civil liberties cannot countenance the attempt to suppress by?exclusionism and ?slander (and ultimately by violence) the expression of dissident opinions on the left.

As a supporter of the SWP suit, you can effectively raise with the SWP your concern over its shameful exciusionism. If you would like further information about the February 7 incident or about us, please contact us at the above

address/phone number. Please be sure to send a copy of your protest to the SWP to us as well.

Fraternally, Walt Sloan

## COMMUNIST STRENGTH IN THE U.S.A

How influential is the Revolutionary Communist Party in the U.S.A.?

The Chairman of that Party, Bob Avakian, is presently in Paris, France, seeking political asylum. A phone interview between him and an announcer, Sherman Kaplan, was broadcast over Radio Station WBBM in Chicago on April 28. Avakian gives his assessment of the influence of the Revolutionary Communist Party:

Kaplin: Do you think really the great mass of people really care about Bob Avakian, much less even know who you are? Avakian: Well, I believe at this time our Party is influencing directly hundreds of thousands of people. Kaplin: And how large is the membership of the Party at this point? Avakian: We don't talk about that. We talk about the influence. Our paper sales are 100,000 papers. This May Day, on May 1st, Friday, we're going to sell over 50,000 papers, we're going to be in the midst of people rising up and breaking out together with people like themselves all over the world. We are influencing now hundreds of thousands and have people directly supporting us, I would say, in the tens of thousands... (Revolutionary Worker, May 22, 1981, page 20)

## THE SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY DEPRIVES THE SPARTACISTS OF CIVIL LIBERTIES

While the Socialist Workers Party (S.W.P.) is complaining about surveillance and harassment by the F. B .I. and suing the F. B .I. for \$70 million as compensation, another group of Trotskyist Communists, who belong to the Spartacist League, is complaining about harassment and exclusion by the S . W . P.

The Central Committee of the S . W . P. decided over a year ago that no member of the Spartacist League in any part of the U.S.A. shall be permitted to attend any public forum organized by the S .W . P. This applies even if the forum is advertised as being open to the public.

What defenders of Civil Liberties these communists are!

This protest appears in the May 22 edition of the Spartacist newspaper, Workers Vanguard

Sponsors of the Political Rights Defense Fund (partial list)

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Dear Friend,

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## "THE WORSE THE BETTER

"The worse, the better" is a slogan which causes passionate arguments in communist and left-wing circles. Its supporters claim that they should welcome and work for a decline in the living standards of the people because this will generate an increased revolutionary consciousness and bring the day of communist revolution closer. Its opponents contend that the communists should work to bring about limited improvements in the lives of the people, even under capitalism, because this will raise the prestige of the communists and the communist party and enable them to promote and lead the revolution more effectively.

The latter viewpoint prevails in the U.S. Communist Party which operates in accordance with the formula: "Find out what people want; promise it to them; go to work to get it for them, so that you can come to power over them and take it off of them."

On the other hand, the leaders and members of the Revolutionary Communist Party, the Progressive Labor Party and their ilk welcome and promote a worsening of living conditions as they engage in fanatical violence.

The slogan, "the worse, the better", certainly seems to apply to the financial condition of left-wing liberal organizations. Liberals view the election of President Reagan and the Congressional support for his economic and social policies as one of the worst developments conceivable. They become apoplectic as they contemplate the rise of conservatism in the U.S.A. and cower in fear before the neo-conservatives, the New Right, and the Moral Majority. This fear leads them to pour money into left-wing organizations formed by such individuals as former Senator McGovern, T. V. producer, Norman Lear, and the American Civil Liberties Union. These are bonanza financial days for liberal left-wing organizations.

The opposite situation prevails for anti-communist organizations. The slogan, "the better, the worse", describes the experience of such groups these days. We now have national leaders who understand the nature and gravity of the communist threat, and a national policy to make U. S. A. military might so strong that it is not inferior to Soviet power. This is great, but it has led to a relaxation of effort by some supporters of the anti-communist cause so that the income for organizations fighting communism has diminished. At the end of May, Crusade income for 1981 was \$34,285 less than it was at the same point in 1980.

This is discouraging, and I make a personal plea for the support necessary to continue our work. To date the government has not given increased attention to the ideological war communism is waging and winning. U.S. military defenses must be supported by a great worldwide truth campaign to prevent the recruitment of young idealists into communist ranks. The Crusade is showing by example how this can and should be done. Please send your most generous contribution to our million-dollar truth campaign and enable us to live and grow.

With Christian love,

Fred Schwarz