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AN OPEN LETTER TO EVANGELIST BILLY GRAHAM

Dear Billy,

Since we first met in Detroit, 30 years ago, I have held you in the highest esteem and consider myself one of your many friends. I rejoice in the fruits of your ministry and admire the loving spirit in which you have accepted criticism, however harsh and unmerited. I am confident that you will understand the concern that has compelled me to write this letter.

Some of the statements which are attributed to you during and after your recent trip to the Soviet Union have bewildered and, yes, alarmed me.

Millions of people throughout the world have great faith in whatever you say. This imposes a great and difficult responsibility upon you. Like the President, every sentence you utter on controversial matters is analyzed for nuances and inferences which you may not have intended, but which are presented as definite statements made by you. There is also the problem that reporters sometimes select certain incomplete statements and combine them with other words ripped from their context in order to change your intended meaning completely. This is the price paid for our freedom of the press and your fame.

Acknowledging all this, I am still concerned by some of your reported statements and the general impression left by the reports of your visit to the Soviet Union. You spoke approvingly of the degree of freedom of religious worship that exists in the Soviet Union. In later press interviews you stressed that you did not refer to freedom of religion but freedom of worship. I wonder how many of those who noted your original statement were conscious of the significance of the difference between freedom of worship and freedom of religion.

The Soviet Constitution states that Soviet citizens have the right to freedom of religious worship and freedom of anti-religious propaganda. Freedom of religious worship is interpreted in the narrowest sense. It does not include freedom to persuade and convert. It grants established believers the privilege of worship in a designated building at a specific time. This is granted with the expectation that the worshippers will grow older and die and that their religious faith will die with them.

Freedom of anti-religious propaganda is interpreted as giving, not merely permission, but the obligation to teach atheism to all the children in school. The full authority of teachers, schools, and the state is used aggressively to teach the children that there is no God and that religion is a remnant of a mechanism by which, in pre-revolutionary days, the capitalists assured the poverty and enslavement of the workers.

This leads to spiritual infanticide. Surely every Christian must regard this situation as appalling. It merits more than private disapproval. It demands aggressive condemnation in the strongest possible terms, however much this may displease the Soviet authorities. Consider the words of our Lord when He said:

"Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of God." Mark 10:14; and "Whosoever shall offend one of these little ones that believe in Me, it is better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea." Mark 9:42

There are confirmed reports that children have been taken from their parents because their parents have persuaded them to accept Jesus as their Saviour.

Tourism

Tourism is a trap which the communists use most effectively. History records thousands of prominent individuals who have fallen into this trap and who have become effective propagandists for communism after an enjoyable tour of a communist country. Part of the blame for this can be attributed to the deceitful ways of the communists, but part is often due to the attitude of the tourists themselves. Some of these tourists have wanted to be deceived.

Visitors to Communist China, during the hideous disorder and terror engendered during the Great Cultural Revolution, met victims of that revolution who gave them glowing reports of the creativity and happiness of the Chinese people. Returning to China under the present regime, the same tourists have met the same guides who have told them of the torments they were suffering during the previous visit. One guide then said, "Yes! We deceived you, but you wanted to be deceived."

Is it not appropriate that we listen to the warning of Malcolm Muggeridge? As a reporter for the prestigious British newspaper, The Guardian Muggeridge was sent to Russia during the 1930s when Stalin was perpetrating his foul crimes, creating famines, filling the concentration camps, and murdering millions. Muggeridge was a Socialist, and both he and his wife looked forward to their visit to the "workers' paradise" with glowing expectations. His wife was from the English upper class, and she gave away all her dresses in order to identify herself with the workers who were building a society of justice and freedom. Muggeridge, despite his political convictions, did not discard his powers of observation and his capacity for intelligent judgment. He saw the hideous deeds of the communist regime and became disillusioned. He then observed a stream of eminent tourists who saw the same things that he had seen but closed their eyes and their minds and returned to their own countries to commend the brutality, cruelty, poverty, and oppression and to praise the unspeakable tyrant, Joseph Stalin. Muggeridge names some of them in this passage:

"Wise old Shaw, high-minded old Barbusse, the venerable Webbs, Gide the pure in heart and Picasso the impure, down to poor little teachers, crazed clergymen and millionaires, drivelling dons and very special correspondents like Duranty, all resolved, come what might, to believe anything, however preposterous, to overlook anything, however villainous, to approve anything, however obscurantist and brutally authoritarian, in order to be able to preserve intact the confident expectation that one of the most thorough-going, ruthless and bloody tyrannies ever to exist on earth could be relied on to champion human freedom, the brotherhood of man, and all the other good liberal causes to which they had dedicated their lives. All resolved in other words, to abolish themselves and their world, the rest of us with it. Nor have I from that time ever had the faintest expectation that, in earthly terms, anything could be salvaged; that any earthly battle could be won, or earthly solution found. It has all just been sleep-walking to the end of the night." (Chronicles of Wasted Time: The Green Stick, pages 275-276)

Science

The communists affirm that they are scientists; that they are skilled practitioners of the science of Marxism-Leninism. As scientists, they seek to understand, harness and utilize social forces in order to progress toward their goals. Their long-term goal is to destroy capitalism and democracy in every country and to establish monopolistic communist dictatorship; their immediate objective is to obtain respectability and legitimacy in the minds of the people in the countries which they have not yet conquered.

Your ability to influence the opinions and judgments of millions of people makes you a social force. As such, you are to be courted and cossetted with the hope that your statements may help create a more favorable public attitude towards communism both in the United States and in other countries where you are respected and where your statements on world affairs are news. Reports of recent events suggest that their hopes are not totally in vain.

Your desire to preach the Gospel throughout the Soviet Union is laudible and indicates obedience to the commands of our Lord. If the communists, however, attain their objective of universal communist rule, the opportunity of billions to hear the Gospel message will be lost. The first victims will be the children. What a tragic paradox it will be if words and attitudes designed to increase gospel preaching help create the conditions in which evangelistic preaching is prohibited.

Peace

The communists have a policy and program for the church. Their program proceeds through three stages: 1) Enslavement, 2) Utilization, and 3) Destruction. The present stage is that of utilization. One major instrument for

utilization is their so-called "peace movement". Their definition of peace is distinctly different from the Christian definition. They proceed from the conviction that a state of war exists now. This war is between capitalism and communism and can only end in universal communist victory. Peace, therefore, is the termination of the current universal class war, or, to put it bluntly, communist world conquest.

Once it is established that communist world conquest equates peace, it follows logically that actions which promote communist world conquest are peaceful. This accounts for the peculiar statement of Romesh Chandra, President of the World Peace Council, with reference to wars of national liberation in Third World countries, "The armed struggle in these countries is the peace movement." This statement is reported with approval in the November 14, 1979 edition of the daily newspaper of the Communist Party (U.S. A.), the Daily World

It is true that the communists seek to diminish the danger of nuclear war and may be favorably disposed to a measure of "nuclear disarmament". They desire that this disarmament be mostly unilateral and involve primarily the United States insofar as this is possible and their propaganda resources are directed to advance this objective. They will probably be willing to undertake a measure of nuclear disarmament themselves as long as they retain nuclear forces which are adequate to threaten the nuclear destruction of the U . S . A. Their program for the conquest of the U.S.A. requires the ability to threaten nuclear war credibly, not to wage such war. Their formula for the conquest of the United States is: "EXTERNAL ENCIRCLEMENT, PLUS INTERNAL DEMORALIZATION, PLUS THERMONUCLEAR BLACKMAIL, LEAD TO PROGRESSIVE SURRENDER."

The Soviet devotion to this formula for conquest explains their otherwise inexplicable investment of three billion dollars yearly to support a communist regime in a country thousands of miles from their shores, viz. Cuba.

It is wise to constantly keep in mind the communist definition of peace and the communist formula for the conquest of the U. S . A. when considering participation in "peace movements" and "disarmament rallies" in which the communists have an organizing role.

Preaching Against Communism

You are reported as saying that you used to preach against communism. The inference is that you do so no longer. How are we to interpret this statement? Do you intend to convey the impression that you were wrong in your former policy? Many will interpret your statement in this way, but I prefer to believe that you have made a tactical decision with the hope of maintaining open doors for Gospel preaching to communist-controlled lands.

There can be no doubt about the following:

1. Communist doctrine includes the affirmation of atheism, and the schools in communist dominated countries teach atheism.
2. Gospel preaching demands the constant affirmation of the existence of God, and is thus intrinsically anti-atheistic. Since communism is the foremost force promoting atheism in the world, gospel preaching is intrinsically anti-communist. Should it not also be articulately anti-communist in certain circumstances? The role of the preacher as watchman warning of approaching dangers has not been abolished.

I am aware that this letter may appear presumptuous. If this is so, I am sincerely sorry. Nevertheless, the danger from communism is so great and the choices we must make are so significant that I have felt impelled to write this letter, and also to publish it, since your actions and statements have already influenced millions. I submit it with my esteem for you undiminished and with much love.

With Christian love, Dr. Fred Schwarz

COMMUNISTS AND PEACE

The U.S. Communists are working actively and enthusiastically to promote a massive "peace" rally in New York on June 12. The May 14 edition of the Daily World has a huge caption extending over half the front page, "Name June 12 Peace Day."

Their reporter, Emily De Nitto, describes a meeting called to promote the rally thus:

"Speakers representing a whole spectrum of New Yorkers came to voice their concern over the nuclear arms buildup. Among those who spoke were actress Colleen Dewhurst; Jarvis Tyner, chairman of the New York District of the Communist Party USA; Balfour Brickner, senior rabbi at the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue; Bella Abzug of Women USA, the Reverend David Garcia of St. Marks Church; and Richard Hoyen, chairman of the N.Y. Young Workers Liberation League." (Page 3)

We must never forget that the communists define "peace" as communist world conquest

The following poem, which was published in the May 19 edition of the Australian magazine, News Weekly, provides appropriate commentary:

The Ballad of a Peace Marcher

I am a bold peace marcher,
My motives are the best,
So I will go and march for peace
And never seek to rest.

Our ranks are wholesome, clean?Irnbed, pure,
Man, woman, girl and boy,
As when we marched against Saigon
(Though not against Hanoi.)

And now I see the hand of Fate
Is ticking on the clocks;
I oppose Europe's neutron bomb
(Though not the Eastern bloc's.)

For all can see the fight for peace
Is the transcendent fact,
And Nato must at once disarm
(Though not the Warsaw Pact.)

Nuclear tests we fought against,
Our anger ranging wide:
Britain, the US, France we fought
(Though not the other side.)

The fight for peace none can ignore,
Its cause enlists us all.
Nuclear power plants must be banned
(West of the Berlin Wall.)

For it transcends mere politics
And conscripts every man:
We must protest El Salvador
(Though not Afghanistan.)

Our forces all spontaneous
Spring fall?grown from the ground
(And somehow by some miracle
The money's always found.)

I am a bold peace marcher,
 My motives are the best;
 And always in the name of peace
 I will attack the West.

The Modest Rhymester

REVISED ESTIMATE OF NUMBER KILLED BY COMMUNISTS IN SOVIET UNION

The latest estimate of the number killed by the communists during the first 30 years of the Soviet dictatorship are contained in a book entitled, "The Time of Stalin: Portrait of a Tyranny," by Anton Antonov-Ovseyenko. The number of victims is so large that the full significance of the torture and carnage tends to be lost. How can we comprehend the suffering indicated by statistics like these?

Civil War casualties (including the victims of famine and the 18,000,000 execution of "class enemies"): 18,000,000

Casualties caused by the collectivization of agriculture (including deaths by famine, deportations, and executions): 22,000,000

Purges during the late 1930s: 19,000,000

Killed during the war (by mass deportations, deaths in camps, preemptive executions, exemplary executions, etc.): 15,000,000

Executions and repressions after the war: 9,000,000

This adds up to a stupefying total: 83,000,000

The author of these estimates remains in the Soviet Union, and it is not known how his manuscript was smuggled out. He has a distinguished name. His father, Vladimir Antonov-Ovseyenko, was a legendary leader of the Bolshevik Revolution who led the troops that stormed up the steps of the Winter Palace in 1917. He was Commissar for Defense in the first Bolshevik Provisional Government, and became one of the Red Army's great commanders during the Civil War. After serving in many distinguished positions during the first 20 years of the Bolshevik regime, he became one of Stalin's victims and was executed. The author himself served 12 years as a prisoner in the camps of the Gulag Archipelago so he has first-hand experience of Stalinist bestiality. He writes as a professional historian, and his estimates command respect.

A comparison of the number of victims of Soviet communism with the executions of Czarist Russia may help us place the regimes in some sort of perspective. The communists in the U.S. A. and elsewhere have always emphasized the cruelty and brutality of Czarist rule and have often excused Soviet excesses by interpreting them as a reaction to Czarist tyranny; but in the last half-century of Czarist Russia, the number of people put to death for all crimes from homicide to political assassination was 14,000, and the custom was to give them trials with a considerable measure of due process. Even the assassins of Czar Alexander II were given an open trial during which they hurled dramatic accusations against the Czarist regime, and these accusations received appropriate publicity. When Leon Trotsky was brought to trial for his leadership of the revolution in 1905, he delivered a great oration proclaiming the right to revolt against injustice, which became a classic. Contrast this with the treatment given communist dignitaries by Stalin's henchmen, who would often bludgeon the victim to death, crush the body, and flush it down the drain.

The total number of the victims of Stalin exceed the number killed on both sides in both world wars.

The author discusses whether the cruelty and carnage in Russia is a natural result of the Soviet system or whether it is due to the mental and moral depravity of one man, Joseph Stalin. He reaches the firm conclusion that it is inherent in the system. He states:

"Terror as a means of building socialism originated in the lawlessness that prevailed even while Lenin was alive. It grew out of the system of one-party dictatorship."

The conclusion is inescapable: "The Soviet Union is, simply, the greatest tyranny in history."

(Most of the information in this report is taken from an article by Richard Grenier in the May 26 edition of the magazine, The New Republic.)

The book, "The Time of Stalin: Portrait of a Tyranny," is published by Harper and Row and costs \$19.95.

CATHOLIC BISHOPS CALL FOR FIGHT AGAINST COMMUNISM

A clarion call for all Christians to fight communism was issued by the five Catholic Bishops of Connecticut. After analyzing communist doctrine, surveying communist history and delineating the deceitful strategy of communism, the Bishops reached this conclusion:

"All people who believe in God have a moral obligation to not only not tolerate Communist incursion but to actively fight this menace which threatens to take from us that which we hold most precious: our own human dignity and God.

"This we cannot and must not permit to happen." (The Wanderer, February 25, 1982)

The full text of the Bishops' statement is as follows:

The Moral Obligations To Fight The Menace Of Communism

Editor's Note: In a "Statement on the Communist Doctrine of Marxism?Leninism" released on Feb. 11th, the five Bishops of the Connecticut Catholic Conference outlined the failure of Communism to keep its promises and declared that "we must not permit the malignant doctrine of Marxism?Leninism to spread any further in the world or to take root here in the United States."

A. INTRODUCTION

Russia, Armenia, Byelorussia, Georgia, Ukraine, Turkestan, Mongolia, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Albania, Bulgaria, Croatia, Slovenia, Yugoslavia, Poland, Romania, Czechoslovakia, North Korea, Hungary, East Germany, Mainland China, Tibet, North Vietnam, Cuba, Cambodia, South Vietnam, Laos, Afghanistan. These are but some of the countries that have fallen to Communism within our lifetime.

As our world approaches the end of its second Christian millennium, one significant feature becomes apparent: A large number of nations and people now live under a Communist form of government.

Only our very old remember a time when there was no Communist state in the world. Most people today have known this political system as a fact of history during their lifetime. Unfortunately, it appears that some have become so accustomed to it that they tend to view it as just another political system, fraught, perhaps, with no more danger than there is in democracy or monarchy. Is it that Marxism?Leninism has become so commonplace that

we have become inured to it? Or is it possible that this system has changed so that it has lost its objectionable features? Has there been any indication of a softening of its opposition to religion? Now, after more than two generations of Communism, are human rights safeguarded? Have the original promises it made to the poor and to workers been kept?

It is timely and fitting that we take a fresh look at Communism as it exists in our contemporary world. This is the purpose of this statement..

B. COMMUNISM TODAY

The fair-minded person must compare the promises of Communism with its record of achievements. It has not met its promises, and it has resulted in the deprivation of human rights for millions of people.

As of 1981, the world has before it a clear history of 64 years of documented Communist terror: the fomenting of unrest, crises, conflict, and aggression; deceit; lies; oppression; the detention of innocent people in jails and mental institutions; murder; discrimination against non-Communists; the cruel suppression of governments; the unjust confiscation of property; the pitting of children against parents, encouraging one to inform on the other; the separation of families; the suppression of monasteries and convents; the closing of churches and Church-related schools; the execution of bishops, priests, Brothers, nuns, and countless others; and the enslavement of millions.

The promoters of Marxism-Leninism are confident in their belief that Communism will eventually dominate the entire world and deadly serious in their efforts to bring about the burial of the free world.

In view of its proven record, Communism now actively threatens the existence of all religions and of all places of worship in the world. In fact, there is not a single country in which the Communists have come into power that they have not sought to destroy religion.

Knowing that religion in any form would be in opposition to his creed, Vladimir Lenin, the "god" of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, developed a catechism of hatred against all religious beliefs:

Lenin taught hatred of God: "All religious ideas ... are an unspeakable abomination";

Lenin taught revolt against religion: "We must combat religion; this is the ABC of all materialism and consequently of Marxism." Also, "the Marxist must be a materialist ... an enemy of religion";

Lenin insisted on atheistic propaganda: "Militant materialism should carry on untiring atheistic propaganda and struggle." Further, he said, "It is essential to give the masses the greatest variety of atheistic propaganda material."

The effectiveness of Lenin as a teacher is evident in the fact that today the international Communist movement is stronger than ever, although its activities are more covert than overt. All of us are subject to its insidious propaganda: broad enough to catch the many, ingratiating enough to trap those who think only of themselves, and righteous enough to enlist some idealists. Indeed, even some clergy and Religious have been duped into advocating Marxism. They forget, or choose not to realize, that Christianity - which they espouse - and Marxism are antithetical: one cannot at the same time believe in God and deny Him.

C. THE INHERENT EVIL OF COMMUNISM

Developed over 100 years ago by Karl Marx, Communism was formulated to combat what was seen as another evil: the uneven distribution of wealth in the world.

Marx developed some principles which, though attractive, were not rooted in a realistic view of human nature. "From each according to ability; to each according to his need," was the major tenet which advocated that everyone must work according to his ability, and yet everyone should receive this world's goods only according to his need. Also, no one is to have servants as it is contrary to human dignity to have human beings serving other human beings.

Each of these ideas has a Christian counterpart. Christ came "to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to set the downtrodden free" (Luke 4:18). St. Paul admonished the early Christians that those who shirked work should not eat. On the other hand, our Lord said we should help our needy brothers and sisters. Jesus said that He came into the world "not to be served but to serve" (Mark 10:45).

Marx's claim that all men are equal did not take into account another truth which is also fundamental Christian teaching, namely, that original sin exists in this world. All men come into this world tainted with a tendency towards evil and selfishness. They are prone to sloth, covetousness, pride, anger, envy, lust, and gluttony. This oversight led to drastic consequences when Marxist theory was applied to real life situations. The industrious, the able, and productive found themselves enslaved to the indolent, the incompetent, and the nonproductive. Incentive died. Charity became forced and mandatory, therefore contradicting its very nature.

Marx taught that all property should be held in common, and that all people should work together for the common good. After the Bolsheviks seized power under Lenin in the Russian revolution of 1917, they tried to put the teachings

of Karl Marx into practice. Farms taken away from individuals and all the land was collectivized. The entire local population was required to work together on the kolhosp, or communal farm. Results were tragic. Rational and energetic people refused to be turned into robots. Lazy people remained lazy; drunkards continued to drink too much. Some people always tried to get more than their share or needs warranted. Energetic workers became disaffected when they saw that their neighbors avoided work and ate just the same. Machinery, belonging to no individual, was not cared for properly. The result was confusion, hunger, and disaster.

The party leaders then appointed various kinds of lesser bureaucrats to take responsibilities for work, supplies, production, quotas, etc. Everything became centered in party headquarters. People who knew nothing about industry or agriculture were made chiefs of these bureaus. All of Russia gradually slipped into chaos. Some regions could get only potatoes; others only cabbage. Some farms got tractors but no gasoline. Machinery broke down and no spare parts were available.

While Marx admitted that religious, social, and political ideas have some value in shaping history, he insisted that everything is conditioned by economic motives. He taught that religion was "the opium of the people." He said: "The abolition of religion as illusory happiness of people is required for their real happiness." Lenin confirmed this view: "Communism will never succeed until the myth of God is removed from the minds of men." He said that when people are promised "pie in the sky" they will not work to make justice reign on earth. However, to make justice reign on Russian earth, the most horrible injustices were perpetrated. Although the Soviet constitution states that people are to have freedom of religion, only atheists have the right to propagandize others. Teaching religion to the young was considered "anti-state activity." People denounced neighbors whom they hated, as being guilty of teaching religion. Those who were denounced were exiled to Siberia for slave labor in mines or forests. While some church buildings were made into storehouses, or stables, or movie houses and party meeting halls, other beautiful old churches by the thousands were destroyed. If people continued to attend the few remaining churches, their children were denied the opportunity to pursue a secondary education.

So there developed a Communist dictatorship as it exists today, with secret police, slave camps, and irreligious bias: a complete denial of everything that Marx wanted to accomplish to achieve human dignity. Equal rights and social justice were destroyed. Religion was crushed.

To erect a facade of freedom, the Soviet citizens have elections in which everyone is allowed to vote, but only for the one slate of Communist candidates. The state carries on an electioneering sham every year. A citizen is free to vote for the party candidate, or not to vote at all. To encourage presence at the polls to play out the charade on the Soviet stage, the secret police watch and make lists of those who do not vote. These will eventually lose their jobs or be sent in a hard labor force on the next shipment of recruits for Siberian development.

Marx said that when Communists talk democracy, they need not mean by it what the decadent Western nations mean. He says equivalently: "Keep on signing all kinds of treaties with the West; you do not have to keep them." You may lie as there are no moral restrictions for Communists.

And remarkably enough, the Soviets have never forsaken any of this theory. They signed treaties, but have broken them at will. They talk of freedom but ruthlessly kill people as soon as they try to be free. This was seen when Soviet troops invaded Czechoslovakia and Hungary and stamped out their freedom movements. The latest and most visible victim of the Communist plan to conquer the world is Afghanistan. The future of Poland hangs in jeopardy.

The most telling sign of the inefficacy of Communism is the wall dividing East and West Berlin. This "iron curtain," an actual wall to keep people inside a prison, stands, ironically, as a cold, deadly symbol in mute testimony of the failure of Communism. How beneficial it would be if all people in the United States and especially in its government, were to read *Das Kapital*, keeping the lessons learned from the history of Communism uppermost in their minds.

However, the most corrupting aspect of Communism is that it holds an inherent fascination, especially for the idealistic. Marx, realizing this, said words like "freedom" and "brotherhood" should be employed because sentimental, decadent democracies love to hear such terms. The appeal is evident on a more innocent level in the small communal groups which exist in the United States: young people, who live together in communes and try to share. lodging, food, and work. Most participants take part in this life-style for a few years at most. After awhile, the inborn instinct for owning even a little property and the desire to "do one's own thing" cause most members to leave. Christian

communal living succeeds only because of God's grace, constant prayer, the clear delineation of personal and community rights in the order's Religious rule, and in the regular frequentation of the sacraments. Admittedly, only a fraction of mankind can live a common life successfully, and then only because of a special call from God.

D. PAPAL TEACHING CONCERNING MARXISM?COMMUNISM

Since Marxism became an open threat to the Church during the Pontificate of Pius IX, no fewer than six Popes have denounced it along with socialism, Communism, Bolshevism, and secular humanism.

In his encyclical, *Quadragesimo Anno*, Pope Pius XI said: "Whether (Marxist) socialism is considered as a doctrine or a historical fact, or as a movement, if it really remains socialism it cannot be brought into harmony with the dogmas of the Catholic Church.. . the reason being that it conceives human society in a way utterly alien to Christian truth.

"Let us bear in mind that liberalism is the parent of this socialism that is pervading morals and culture and that its offspring will be Bolshevism. No one can be at the same time a good Catholic and a true socialist."

Even more to the point, in his encyclical, *Divini Redemptoris*, Pope Pius XI warned: "See to it, venerable brethren, that the faithful do not allow themselves to be deceived. Communism is intrinsically wrong, and no one who would save Christian civilization may collaborate with it in any undertaking whatsoever."

Pope Paul VI, speaking on the 75th anniversary of the famed social encyclical, *Rerum Novarum*, condemned atheistic Marxism as a "form of blindness which man and society must pay for in the end with the most serious consequence."

"It is impossible for the Church," he stated, "to support social, ideological, and political movements originating in, and strengthened by, Marxism, that has a false conception of man, history, and the world"

E. CONCLUSION

We must not permit the malignant doctrine of Marxism Leninism to spread any further in the world or to take root here in the United States.

In light of both man's weaknesses and his aspirations, it is obvious that Communism cannot be viable or efficacious. It can be called "successful" only by the most naive ? who choose to overlook its use of force and fear to spread its doctrines ? or worse, by those "masters of deceit" who knowingly seek to promote, by use of "Aesopian language," its doctrine of enslavement.

All people who believe in God have a moral obligation to not only not tolerate Communist incursion but to actively fight this menace which threatens to take from us that which we hold most precious: our own human dignity and God.

This we cannot and must not permit to happen.

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WILL THE CONFLICT IN THE FALKLANDS LEAD TO WORLDWIDE WAR

History records that apparently minor incidents have triggered worldwide war. Consider how the First World War started. On June 28, 1914, Archduke Francis Ferdinand, heir to the throne of Austria?Hungary, and his wife Sophie, were assassinated by a Bosnian student who had lived in Serbia. Suspecting that Serbia had approved the plot to kill Ferdinand, Austria?Hungary declared war on Serbia on July 28, 1914.

The war spread rapidly and soon involved the major nations of the world. Millions were killed, and it is doubtful if most of them had ever heard of Prince Ferdinand before the war started.

Will the conflict between Argentina and Britain over the windswept barren islands, known as The Falklands, by the

British, and the Malvinas by the Argentinians, spread and engulf the major world powers? Thoughtful people must be concerned by this possibility. Already the United States and the Soviet Union are peripherally involved. The U.S.A. favors Britain while the Soviet Union favors Argentina and castigates Britain for instituting the naval blockade.

Despite the escalating conflict, which appears to be approaching a climax as this is written, I remain convinced that the danger of this conflict becoming a worldwide war is very slight. This is because such a war does not fit into the grand design of the Soviet Union. The Soviet Union is determined to conquer the world for communism. The communist leaders are convinced by their doctrine and their progress that such conquest is not far over the horizon. They desire to inherit real estate which is in good condition and not a depopulated, radioactive desert. They have visions of controlling the magnificent homes, factories, highways, skyscrapers, schools, churches, hospitals, airports and parks of the U. S . A. as they are at present. Consequently it would be very difficult to provoke them into thermonuclear war. They prefer to continue their present program of increasing the encirclement of the U.S.A. by the communist conquest and consolidation of Third World Countries such as Nicaragua and El Salvador; demoralizing the U.S. A. internally; and winning recurrent concessions from the U.S. Government. These concessions are presented as necessary to Prevent crises that might escalate into nuclear war.

Once the U. S . A. is reduced to relative impotence by the summation of these concessions, the communists believe it will be possible to negotiate an agreement which will result in surrender even though it will not be called by that name.

The Soviet Union will pose as the friend of the "oppressed" and help Argentina by propaganda, economic aid, intelligence information, and conceivably the supply of weapons, but it will not become involved in the fighting. For these reasons, nuclear war is improbable.

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Christian Anti?Communism Crusade

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COMMUNIST VS CHRISTIAN DEDICATION

Dear Friend,

On April 4, Fidel Castro addressed the 4th Congress of the Young Communist League of Cuba (UJC). He quoted what he had said at the founding Convention of the UJC 20 years previously:

"...being a Young Communist does not entail privileges of any kind; on the contrary, it means sacrifice and dedication.

"...you must have courage to be a Young Communist.. .dedication ... vocation. If you are a student, you must be the very best student; if you are a factory worker you must be a model factory worker; you must set an example as a comrade.. . an example of self?sacrifice and determination, you must set an example at work in your studies, in sports, and in your relations with other comrades.

"And the Young Communist must also be willing to give his life for the Revolution and for his or her country without hesitating..." (The Militant, May 28, 1982)

Good causes have no monopoly of sacrifice and heroism. Monstrous tyrants like Hitler, Stalin, and Pol Pot have been able to inspire loyalty unto death from many followers. How do we followers of Jesus compare?

It is so easy to forget that Jesus said, "if any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." Today so many preachers stress the material advantages a Christian receives rather than what he is called upon to give.

It is my duty to direct and sustain the ministry of the Crusade. To continue our work, we need continuous support. I must constantly draw your attention to our needs in order to secure such support. To appeal for sacrifice on behalf of

suffering humanity is to follow in the footsteps of Christ.

It seems that the money for destruction is readily available. It was reported that the war in the Falklands had cost the British about \$2 billion by May 26. Who can estimate what the cost will be by the time you read this letter? How wonderful it would be if comparable money were available for programs that would prevent destruction.

I am constantly encouraged by the results of the Truth Campaigns we conduct. The anticommunist seminars held in the Philippines have provided an army of courageous and dedicated Christian anti-communist workers who are now active in every aspect of the national life of that country. We are now planning similar seminars in Nigeria and Kenya. Dr. John Whitehall will spend July in those countries doing the preliminary organization.

The publication of the Crusade newsletter in Spanish is about to become a reality. This will provide up-to-date information and guidance for an army of Christian anti-communist workers in Mexico, Central America, and South America, as well as the U.S.A. The distribution of the English, Spanish and Chinese editions of "Why I Am Against Communism" proceeds apace.

My appeal for your support for our million-dollar truth fund is moderate, imperative, and Christian. I thank you for the privilege of having your loving support.

With Christian love,

Fred Schwarz