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THE WAR FOR THE WORLD

President Reagan addressed the "Mother of Parliaments" in London, England on June 10, and issued the clarion call, "Let us begin a crusade for freedom."

In a world which is bristling with nuclear and conventional weapons, he specified the super weapons which will determine the destiny of mankind:

"The ultimate determinant in the struggle now going on for the world will not be bombs and rockets but a test of wills and ideas??a trial of spiritual resolve, the values we hold, the beliefs we cherish, the ideals to which we are dedicated."

With these words, the President draws attention to the unpleasant but inescapable fact that a war is presently being waged for the conquest of the world. Many "leaders" in the academic, business and political realms are unaware that this war is taking place, so it is not surprising that we have been losing it.

President Reagan does not hesitate to name the combatants in this war. The aggressors are the forces of totalitarian dictatorship led by the Soviet Union, and the intended victims are the countries which engage in democratic practices and permit personal freedom. Both the United States and England are prominent among the potential victims. He states:

"Since 1917 the Soviet union has given covert political training and assistance to Marxist?Leninists in many countries. Of course, it also has promoted the use of violence and subversion by these same forces."

It is a strange and paradoxical war. Both sides possess a great hoard of incredibly destructive weapons, but these weapons are created with the objective of preventing the use of such weapons. Each side is guided by the idea that their weapons will deter the opposing side from using those which it possesses. While these weapons remain unused, the victory is won by the weapons of ideology and will.

Limitations of Detente

President Reagan draws attention to an important factor which many in the news media overlook:

"Chairman Brezhnev repeatedly has stressed that the competition of ideas and systems must continue and that this is entirely consistent with relaxation of tensions and peace."

The communists repeatedly affirm that detente and peaceful co?existence do not extend to the realm of the class struggle and the ideological struggle. They match their deeds to their words by constantly and publicly indicting and berating the United States as being an imperialistic predator and the enemy of mankind. Despite this, when President Reagan dares to state the aggressive and deceptive nature of communist ideology, he is accused in the press of provoking the Soviet Union and threatening peace.

Ideological Weapons

In waging the war of ideas, attention should be drawn to the failure of communism to promote human abundance and well?being. The record has been written, and it should repel all but the sadistic and the psychotic. The President draws attention to some obvious communist delinquencies:

1. Failure to provide adequate food "A country which employs one fifth of its population in agriculture is unable to

feed its own people. Were it not for the tiny private sector tolerated in Soviet agriculture, the country might be on the brink of famine. These private plots occupy a bare 3 percent of the arable land but account for nearly one quarter of Soviet farm output and nearly one-third of meat products and vegetables."

Future historians, if such there be, will note the absurdity of the victims of this world war voluntarily providing food for the aggressors, thereby enabling them to devote resources and energy to the building of weapons and the creation of vast armies. One by-product of the determination of the U. S. A. to sell food to the Soviet Union is the undermining of the demand by the U. S. A. that its allies, such as West Germany and France, cease providing the products of industry and technology to their avowed enemy.

2. The creation of a flood of refugees "of all the millions of refugees we have seen in the modern world, their flight is always away from, not toward, the Communist world."

We are reminded of the visit of Nikita Khrushchev to this country in 1959. He was wined and dined by the business leaders, but confronted by Labor Union leaders. The secretary of the Liquor Trade Union challenged Khrushchev with this question: "Why is it that whenever communism comes to power, the workers flee from it by the millions? Can you name any communist-ruled country in the world where the workers are fleeing into it and not out of it?" Khrushchev replied: "Drink your beer. That should help you to find the answer to that one." Khrushchev was right; one would need to be intoxicated to the point of insanity to find commendation of communism in the flight of workers from it.

3. The record of repeated communist aggression "There are grim reminders of how brutally the police state attempts to snuff out this quest for self-rule: 1953 in East Germany, 1956 in Hungary, 1968 in Czechoslovakia, 1981 in Poland."

The communists claim that they are merely obeying the will of history; that they are rendering fraternal assistance to their colleagues who have the responsibility of maintaining communist power. Tyrants seldom are at a loss to discover rationalizations for their cruelty and oppression, but these convince only those who want to be deluded.

4. The militarization that invariably accompanies communist dictatorship "Year after year the Soviet system pours its best resources into the making of instruments of destruction."

Excessive militarization is the common characteristic of all communist-ruled countries. The Soviet Union sets the example and others follow eagerly. Cuba is by far the most militarized country in the Western Hemisphere, but Nicaragua and Grenada are not far behind.

5. Increasing economic debility "It also is in deep economic difficulty. The rate of growth in the Soviet gross national product has been steadily declining since the 1950s and is less than half of what it was then."

To compensate for its economic inefficiency, the Soviet Union seeks credit and technology from those it aims to destroy. The "Socialist World" has been successful in securing lavish loans from capitalist banks and governments, and there is always some industrialist who is eager to sell the finest products of western technology for a short-range profit.

Positive Features of Democracy

President Reagan emphasizes that the positive features of democratic countries must be stressed. He suggests these emphases:

1. Foster democracy "The objective I propose is quite simple to state: To foster the infrastructure of democracy--the system of a free press, unions, political parties, universities--which allows a people to choose their own way, to develop their own culture, to reconcile their own differences through peaceful means."

Advantages which are possessed in abundance are frequently unacknowledged. When air is present and breathing easy, the marvellous phenomenon of respiration tends to be ignored; but if air is absent or breathing difficult, the hunger for air dwarfs all other appetites. So it is with democracy. Those people who live under the lash of dictatorship crave the reestablishment of democratic regimes.

2. Acknowledge the universal right to freedom "We must be staunch in our conviction that freedom is not the sole prerogative of a lucky few but the inalienable and universal right of all human beings."

How often we hear someone say: I would not like to live under communism myself, but the communist regime suits the Chinese??or the Albanians??or the Cubans??or whatever country is currently under discussion. This is an example of arrogant racism. Whenever people anywhere are given the choice, they reject tyranny and select freedom.

3. The love of freedom is present in communist?ruled countries "In the communist world as well, man's instinctive desire for freedom and self?determination surfaces again and again."

The people under communism are potential allies in the struggle for freedom.

Encourage Overthrow of Dictatorship

The President does not hesitate to offend those who worship the status quo:

"Some argue that we should encourage democratic change in right?wing dictatorships but not in communist regimes. To accept this preposterous notion??as some well-meaning people have??is to invite the argument that once countries achieve a nuclear capability, they should be allowed an undisturbed reign of terror over their own citizens. We reject this course."

There has been a reluctance among many U.S. officials to encourage forces which may lead to the destabilization of the communist regimes in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. This reluctance has been stimulated by the fear that the communist rulers may be tempted to aggressive acts if resistance in their countries becomes overt, and these actions may ignite a conflagration that will end in nuclear war. Rather than face this risk, they prefer to support the communist regime with finance, food, and technology, with the hope that it will mellow and grant an increasing degree of freedom to its subjects. If this does not happen, it is just too bad for those subjects. It is also too bad for those who presently remain free.

The inevitable result of this fear is the acknowledgment of the irreversibility of communist conquest. Once this irreversibility is granted, communist world conquest becomes inevitable. This defeatist outlook is the progeny of the worship of military weapons and reveals a failure to recognize the truth which President Reagan enunciated and which bears repeating:

"The ultimate determinant in the struggle now going on for the world will not be bombs and rockets but a test of wills and ideas??a trial of spiritual resolve, the values we hold, the beliefs we cherish, the ideals to which we are dedicated."

The time has come to match deeds to words. An appropriate beginning to this "crusade for freedom" would be to devote a sum equal to one percent of the military budget to wage and win the war. of ideas.

SOVIET HYPOCRISY

This cartoon (not shown) appears in the June 6 to 13 edition of Moscow News It accuses the U.S.A. of using the dove of peace to camouflage nuclear bombs in Europe.

The hypocritical gall of the communists is limitless. The truth is that the Soviet Union is threatening Western Europe by 300 SS?20 missiles targeted on Western Europe.

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THE HUMAN COST OF THE SOVIET NATURAL GAS PIPELINE

Justifiable alarm has been expressed about the financial cost of the pipeline the Soviets are planning to build to bring natural gas from Siberia to Western Europe and about the role of Western Banks and Governments in financing the project by providing credits of about \$10 billion. Even more alarming is the cost of the pipeline in human suffering.

The Republican Conference of the U.S. Senate has drawn attention to the suffering by publishing the testimony of Michail Makarenko:

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"Imagine yourself working ten hours a day in temperatures 20 degrees Fahrenheit and below. Imagine that you are forced to subsist on a meager ration of thin, tasteless cabbage soup. Imagine, at the same time, that you are suffering from pellagra, scurvy, dysentery, or tuberculosis. Add to these horrors the constant fear of being shot or beaten to death ?? and you begin to understand what life will be like for the political prisoners who will build the Soviet gas pipeline."

?? Testimony of Soviet dissident Michail Makarenko

Dear Editor:

As Alexandr Solzhenitsyn's Gulag Archipelago was first being published in the West (1973), Michail Makarenko was in the third year of his eight-year term in the Soviet labor camps. Prior to his arrest in 1970, he had spent three years in various jails and political prisons. Expelled from the Soviet Union in 1978, Makarenko brought with him a wealth of current information on the continuing tragedy of Soviet forced labor.

Mr. Makarenko was questioned by Washington Times correspondent, Geoffrey St. John, and the interview was published in the Washington Times on May 19 and printed in the Congressional Record for May 26. Significant statements by him include:

Q. What kind of labor will the Soviets employ if this proposed natural gas pipeline from Siberia to Western Europe proceeds?

A. Primarily prisoner labor; they will be the ones who will clear the forests, build the roads and the first living quarters for the more skilled specialists who will put the pipeline in place... So, as in the past, it is going to be human bodies that will thaw this unlivable tundra through which the pipeline will be built.

Q. What kind of physical conditions will prisoners working on the pipeline encounter?

A. Prisoners will be obliged to work in temperatures in the winter well below freezing. This will be intolerably cold combined with Siberian winds. In the summertime, disease and insect-infested swamps also will be encountered.

Q. We have been told here in the West that millions have perished in Soviet prison camps. You spent 11 years in one of these camps. What are the conditions in the camps that produce this high mortality rate?

A. First, many prisoners die very young. Second, they die of untreated diseases brought about by poor diet that leads to malnutrition. Third, there is a high suicide rate. Many die in brawls and fights. Many die because of homosexual rape; that is to say, sexual conditions are such in the camps that people are driven to suicide.

Q. What would be your estimate of how many will die working on this proposed pipeline?

A. I can tell you that the mortality rate will be higher than just simply the normal number of deaths in the concentration camps. Many of these prisoners will be working with new technology, so industrial accidents alone will take a toll. Very little concern is given to industrial safety in the Soviet Union. Weather conditions in Siberia as I mentioned before, will be another factor. The mortality rate also will be high because of inadequate medical care in many remote areas of this pipeline project.

Q. The mention of Stalin raises the question of how many have died in such labor camps during the history of the Gulag.

A. The most conservative estimate, for just one period of the 1930s to the 1950s is about 52 million to 54 million deaths. This estimate was based on some research done by a Soviet scientist in secret, based on various kinds of information and sources. As soon as he published his findings, he was arrested and his reward was a long term in a concentration camp. The estimate cited by Alexander Solzhenitsyn, which I accept, is 66.7 million.

Q. If Western countries help the Soviets build this pipeline, what risks do we run?

A. The greatest is the immorality of the entire project, since the Soviets will use slave labor. Second, it is dangerous from the point of view of the strategic interests of the United States. The Soviets will be able to engage in gas blackmail once they have made you dependent on supply of the resource. You will be putting yourself in much the same position with natural gas as you have faced with the Arabs over oil. Third, you will give them credits and technology to build the pipeline that will, in turn, allow them to earn hard currency.

Q. To what particular purpose will they put such hard currency?

A. To make war. For military purposes, they will use the hard currency they earn from the project to buy more and more of your technology, particularly computers. They also will use the hard currency to buy grain in order to have meat and bread. This new infusion will help them maintain their hold on the Russian people and the so-called 'liberated' countries like Poland that are unable to produce and feed their own populations. You must be aware of the fact that grain bought from the West always is earmarked for the Soviet armed forces, not the people.

Q. You are urging a total technological embargo of the Soviets like the Carter grain embargo. But some have suggested that the grain embargo had no real impact on the Soviets.

A. I will tell you something not even your CIA knows and will probably take five years to find out. When President Carter imposed the grain embargo for the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, the Central Committee of the Communist Party had developed a plan to liberalize and even abandon the inefficient collective farms to cope with the grain shortage. A plan was developed to spend great sums of money to abandon the collective farms and encourage private enterprise in Soviet agriculture. It also was decided to exempt practically the entire agricultural population from military conscription. But when the Reagan administration lifted the grain embargo, the Soviets had no need for implementing the plan.

PRESIDENT REAGAN PUT ON "TRIAL"

The U.S. communist newspaper, the Daily World reported in its April 1 edition that a "trial" of President Reagan was to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, on April 12. Their reporter, John Wojcik, states:

"A stand?in for the President will face a panel of young judges who will hear cases presented by young prosecutors. The President will be charged with cutting jobs, slashing education, and increasing the danger of nuclear war."

As usual, the communist organizers were camouflaged by a bevy of innocuous?ounding organizations. The paper states:

"Endorsers include North West Side Youth Coalition, Young Adults for Progress, the East Cleveland Youth Council, the 21st Congressional District Caucus, Cleveland State University chapters of the Lawyers Guild and the Student Bar Association, the Ohio Peace Council, the Young Workers Liberation League and Ed Bulow, president of the student government at Cleveland State."

There is no prize for guessing the verdict. Trials are simplified when the verdict is decided in advance.

COMMUNIST SINS

Once the communists have established their rule in any country, they are suspicious of and potentially hostile towards any organization or activity that is not subject to their complete control. Examples of this hostility are legion. When the communists invaded Poland during their alliance with Hitler during the early stages of the Second World War, Stalin rounded up for deportation and liquidation all stamp collectors and students of the universal language, Esperanto. Gus Hall, leader of the U.S. Communists, justified the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia because the Czech regime was permitting the Boy Scouts to operate.

Transcendental Meditation is now causing casualties among the Rumanian Communists. The education minister, Aneta Spornic, was recently dismissed because of his indulgence in this deadly practice. A purge of intellectuals in the Rumanian Communist Party is now taking place as others are suspected of being infected with the "meditational virus".

THE POT AND THE KETTLE

The following critique of the economic system of China was written by Fedor Burlatskii and published in the April edition of the Soviet communist journal, Novy Mir. The criticism also applies to the economic system of the Soviet Union:

"In the Maoist system there is a marked tendency toward technological and technical stagnation. There are no incentives within the system itself for the constant renewal of techniques, the introduction of new equipment and the constant introduction of the achievements of technical progress. This economy, organized on the command?execution principle, can scarcely cope with the economic development plans set from above. It has neither the reserves nor the material resources nor, finally, the inducements to constantly improve equipment and secure higher labor productivity." (Soviet World Outlook, May 15, page 8)

THE TRIUMPH OF THE PEOPLE OVER THE E.R.A.

Mania is an unpleasant mental disorder. It is usually associated with an endless flow of strident speech in which each statement is declamatory and unrelated to the one that precedes it.

I was reminded of mania as I read an article by Margaret Jayko, who writes a column in the newspaper of the Trotskyist communists under the caption, Women in Revolt. This particular article was entitled: "A lesson from the E . R . A. ratification fight." It merits the diagnosis of "Literary Mania." Jayko writes:

"The decision of the ruling class to kill the ERA is of a piece with the imperialist wars that Washington is waging or supporting in Central America, the South Atlantic, and the Middle East.

"It's part of the war at home against all working people to drive down our standard of living and weaken our ability to fight back. It includes stepped-up attacks against the unions, against Black people and undocumented workers, and against women." (The Militant, page 4, June 18)

This statement is a splendid example of how to state many falsehoods in few words. It substitutes clamant affirmations for facts and reason. Consider a few of the falsehoods:

1. The ruling class made a decision to kill the E.R.A If there is such a thing as a ruling class in the U.S. A., it includes the presidents and their wives, the aristocracy of the news media, the educational elite, and the so-called liberal establishment. These have all been fervent supporters of the E . R . A. with the exception of the present president and his wife. Ex-presidents Ford and Carter and their wives are ardent supporters of E.R.A. Since when do Phyllis Schlafly and her ladies in "Stop E.R.A." and the "Eagle Forum" constitute the ruling class? Intelligent? Yes!; Attractive? Yes!; Dedicated? Yes! ; but the ruling class? No! No! No!

2. Washington is waging or supporting imperialist wars in Central America the South Atlantic, and the Middle East The wars being waged in these countries have been started by aggressive national and ideological forces, and the U.S.A. is striving to end them.

3. The defeat of the Equal Rights Amendment is comparable to aggressive imperialistic wars

The campaign against the E.R.A. is a superb example of a popular grass-roots movement which owes its success to the good sense of the common people. These common people have not been deceived by the elitist propaganda which belittles the God-given differences between the sexes that necessitate differentiation of function in society. They have refused to ignore the unique anatomical, physiological, and psychological identities of men and women which add glory and luster to life. They have refused to place the destiny of their families in the hands of judicial authorities who possess enormous power, which is often beyond electoral control, and who are fallible mortals with political motives, personal ambitions and irrational ideas just like the rest of us. They prefer to leave vital issues in the hands of elected legislators whose decisions are reached after open debate and which are subject to veto and judicial review. They know the legislators can be called upon to give account at the next election, whereas the judges are essentially untouchable.

The failure to ratify the E.R.A. is a tribute to the democratic process.

COMMUNISM COMES TO POWER BY DECEPTION AND REMAINS IN POWER BY FORCE. THE BEST WEAPON AGAINST DECEPTION IS KNOWLEDGE.

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Dear Friend,

Christian Anti-Communism Crusade

July 15, 1982

President Reagan delivered a magnificent message to the British Parliament on June 8.

Eloquence exalted insight as he issued his challenge: "Let us now begin a major effort to secure the best—a crusade for freedom."

Do the programs in which the U.S. is engaged harmonize with the President's words?

Sadly, they do not. Consider his statement: "The ultimate determinant in the struggle now going on for the world will not be bombs and rockets but a test of wills and ideas." If this is true, and it is, why is the U . S. spending so much on bombs and rockets and so little on promoting ideas? Why is the proposal to invest a sum equal to one percent of the military budget in the war of ideas not making more progress? Was the President merely engaging in pleasing rhetoric? In plain words, was he being hypocritical?

I have no doubt of his complete sincerity. What he lacks is sufficient support to transform his ideas into action. The demands upon the President's time and attention seem infinite. He must delegate responsibility for the execution of new programs. Those given the responsibility are often unable to overcome the inertia of the established bureaucracy. Consider the experience of Phil Nicolaides in the International Communications Agency (ICA), formerly the U.S. Information Agency, and the Voice of America (VOA), as revealed in an interview published in the June 19 edition of Human Events

Nicolaides was asked by the head of the VOA for suggestions about changing the programs of the VOA, which was being criticized by people in the White House and Congress for broadcasting anti-American propaganda and providing a forum for Soviet officials. He wrote a memo suggesting that the VOA should "present the American point of view." Some VOA employees were horrified by this suggestion, believing that it meant forsaking objectivity, and leaked the memo to the Washington Post. The Post wrote an editorial blasting the Administration for proposing to "politicize" the Voice. The bureaucrats panicked and Nicolaides was isolated and silenced. He received no assignments, was allotted an office without suitable furniture, and was denied the services of a secretary. After seven months of inactivity, hostility and frustration, he resigned; and the bureaucratic juggernaut rolled on.

The Crusade is not merely proposing but is conducting a "crusade for freedom." Unabashed anti-communism is part of this program. Just as recognition, treatment, and defeat of disease is necessary for health, the recognition, exposure and defeat of communist tyranny is necessary for freedom. There is no conflict between objectivity and anti-communism. The objective truth about communist doctrine and deeds, programs and plans, activity and objectives, will soon disenchant those who have heard the seductive call of communism.

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Fred Schwarz