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### FREE ELECTIONS IN VIETNAM

Dear Friend:

"The United States should permit the free elections in Vietnam which were decided upon by the Geneva Conference in 1954." This statement is made frequently by critics of America policy in Vietnam.

It is true that the Geneva Conference, which was held in 1954 after the French defeat at Dien Bien Phu, decided that free elections should be held within two years to unify Vietnam which was temporarily divided at the 17<sup>th</sup> parallel. To bring an immediate end to the fighting, the Geneva Conference granted the communists control of North Vietnam while South Vietnam was independent. Participants in the conference included England, Russia, France and the Vietminh (the revolutionary forces under communist control). The U.S.A. and South Vietnam were not parties to these agreements.

Following the Geneva Conference, more than a million refugees fled to South Vietnam before communist control became adequate to stop the flight. The number of refugees has now grown to one and one-half million. After the exodus of these refugees, the population of North Vietnam exceeds that of South Vietnam by one million.

America has been blamed for the failure to hold these free elections. The truth is that free elections have not been possible because of the communist control of North Vietnam. Communism has never yet allowed free elections in any country it controls.

The impossibility of holding free elections can be illustrated by a hypothetical discussion with a critic of American policy in Vietnam:

Critic: I think we should reconvene the Geneva Conference and hold free elections throughout Vietnam.

American: I think that is a good idea. At the same time let us hold free elections in Russia, in China, and the other communist countries.

C: You know that is not practical.

A: Why isn't it practical?

C: Because the communists don't allow free elections in countries they control. We would need to go to war to enforce free elections.

A: Is North Vietnam controlled by the communists?

C: Yes.

A: Is the policy of communism towards elections different in North Vietnam from the policy in Russia and China?

C: I don't know. It might be.

A: Do the communists hold elections in the countries they control?

C: Yes, they certainly do.

A: What sort of elections?

C: The communists select one slate of candidates and submit this slate to the people for approval or disapproval.

A: Are opposition parties and candidates allowed?

C: No.

A: What has been the result of all elections in communist countries to date?

C: The slate of candidates selected by the communists has received approximately 99 per cent of the vote.

A: If an election was held with communism in power in North Vietnam, would not the communists

receive 99 per cent of the vote?

C: I suppose so.

A: Since the population of North Vietnam is greater by one million than South Vietnam, would not this automatically result in a communist victory over all Vietnam even if everybody in South Vietnam voted against the communists?

C: It certainly looks that way.

A: Is not this clamor for free elections simply a trick to turn all Vietnam over to the communists?

C: When you analyze it as you have done, I must agree that it is.

### **United Nations Supervision**

Some may object that the elections in North Vietnam would be supervised by United Nations observers. This would not change the situation. Unless the United Nations possessed adequate military forces in North Vietnam to guarantee the freedom of an opposition political party, such supervision by the United Nations would be a farce. A genuine free election would require that this opposition party could use all the means of communication and promote its candidates and know it was safe from communist reprisals. I have not heard anyone suggest that the United Nations recruit this large military force and station it in Vietnam or that the communists would agree to its presence. Such a force could only be stationed in Vietnam by waging war on the communists in control.

### **Free Elections in South Vietnam**

Free elections would be possible in South Vietnam, and it is American policy that such elections be held. The communists oppose holding these elections.

Staughton Lynd, Professor at Yale, who accompanied Communist Herbert Aptheker on a recent illegal visit to North Vietnam, reports, "Both the DRV (communist controlled North Vietnam) and NLF (Vietcong) opposed the United States' demands for 'free elections' in South Vietnam only, which would tend to perpetuate the division of South Vietnam."

The NLF claims the support of 80 per cent of the people of South Vietnam. If this claim were accurate, free elections would bring them to power in South Vietnam and they could immediately vote to unify North and South Vietnam. This would be the obvious way to secure their objective.

The communist opposition to free elections in South Vietnam reveals clearly that their claim to the support of the majority of the people of South Vietnam is false.

Under present conditions, free elections in Vietnam are impossible. Those who advocate them are either out of touch with reality or trying to promote communist victory.

### **THE CLOWN PRINCE OF SLANDER—DREW PEARSON**

All human beings need encouragement so I would like to express my thanks to Drew Pearson for his column which appeared in many newspapers on February 12. This column bears striking testimony to the effectiveness of the work of the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade.

A man and a movement may be judged by their enemies as well as their friends. It is a distinct honor to have merited the privilege of being libeled by none other than the prince of slanderers, Drew Pearson. This places us in the company of many noble men including several presidents of the United States. In his column, Drew Pearson states:

"Sen. Tom Dodd, (D-Conn.), has discovered how to make a profit out of patriotism. He simply collects honorariums, ranging from \$500 to \$2,000, for delivering anti-Communist speeches around the country.

"He has frequently appeared, for example, before the Christian Anti-Communist Crusade, which has doled out several thousand dollars to Dodd over the years. This outfit is run by Fred Schwarz, an Australian citizen, who has raised millions to fight communism in the United States.

"Unaccountably, he has sent large sums to India, though he has never explained how this helps to defeat communism in America. This column contacted both the State Department and Indian Embassy, which have no knowledge of any anti-Communist activity by Schwarz in India.

"Last Aug. 28, Schwarz sent Sen. Dodd a \$1,000 check and a voucher good for a roundtrip plane ticket to Los Angeles.

"Less than a month later, on Sept. 21, Dodd mounted the rostrum at the Hollywood Palladium and declared to an enthusiastic audience:

"I believe in Fred Schwarz, and I think he's one of the great patriots who's leading a great fight against communism. . .

"He knows what communism is, and he has gone about this country and this world patiently explaining what this struggle is all about."

"Dodd never mentioned, however, that he was paid for saying so."

Senator Thomas Dodd has the honor of being the object of a vicious vendetta by Drew Pearson, and he is quite capable of looking after himself. There is no mystery concerning his relationship to the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade. He is a Senator of the United States and there are few positions of greater honor to which man can attain. He is an ardent, articulate and courageous foe of communism, and his services as a lecturer are in constant demand by many groups throughout the United States. Like most other Senators and lecturers throughout the United States, he receives an honorarium when he lectures for these groups. The Crusade has been privileged to have him as a lecturer on several occasions and we have paid the agreed honorarium. Perhaps Drew Pearson will reveal what fee he asks for giving a lecture in Los Angeles.

Drew Pearson states that the Crusade has raised millions to fight communism in the United States. Obviously he has paid no attention to our work or literature through the years. Our battle is not only against communism within the United States, but against communism throughout the world. Communism is an international movement and its threat transcends national boundaries. We have proudly announced our activities in 21 countries. Even Drew Pearson should have heard of our work in British Guiana. India has occupied a prominent place in our programs. We helped establish a daily newspaper to fight communism in Kerala, India. We support hundreds of Christian and anti-communism workers and an orphanage of 75 underprivileged boys. This may be unaccountable to Drew Pearson, but it appears most reasonable to those genuinely concerned with the communist danger and with human liberty and well-being.

I am amazed at the efficiency of Drew Pearson's snooping methods. Apparently he has never heard of people in one country helping people in another without going through the medium of government. This is quite possible in democratic countries however inconceivable it may be to the totalitarian mind. If Mr. Pearson had bothered to contact our office, we would have proudly revealed the details of what we are doing and have done. We would probably have bragged a little. He might have learned how to spell the name of our organization. Perhaps the direct approach does not occur to the master spy.

As an entertainer, Mr. Pearson must rank with Maxwell Smart and the other great spies of the television screen. If Maxwell Smart considers the association libelous, I apologize.

## **DANGER IN EUROPE**

While the eyes of the world are focused on the cruel conflict in Vietnam, dangerous developments are taking place in Europe. The communists are making real progress towards their objective of establishing "Popular Front" governments in France, Italy, and Greece.

These "Popular Front" governments would be formed from a coalition of communists, socialists, and other left-wing groups as well as representatives from the center parties. The aim is to neutralize these countries and destroy the North Atlantic Treaty Organization rather than to establish direct communist control.

If this plan succeeds, West Germany will be isolated and forced to come to an agreement with the Soviet Union. This will lead to the neutralization of all Europe and rob the United States of America of all her European allies. The communists will have taken a giant step towards their objective of the isolation and encirclement of the United States as a prelude to its surrender.

### **Basic Strategy of Communist Conquest**

All communists are agreed on the basic strategy of world conquest. They are agreed that the United States is the final obstacle between them and their goal. They classify the United States as the living embodiment of evil imperialism and state that it is the threat to the freedom of all the people of the earth. They are constantly quoting the report of the 81<sup>st</sup> Communist Party following their meeting in Moscow in 1960, which described the United States thus:

"The greatest international exploiter, the center of world reaction, the chief bulwark of modern colonialism, the international gendarme, the main force of aggression and war, and the enemy of the people of the world."

### **The Sino-Soviet Conflict**

All communists agree that world conquest demands the isolation, encirclement, demoralization, and defeat of the United States. They disagree over some of the steps necessary to achieve this. A vituperative conflict has erupted between the Russian and Chinese Communists concerning the correct strategy to be followed by the communists in Europe. The Chinese Communists demand that the Communist Parties of each country follow the established communist policy of stimulating violent revolution leading directly to communist seizure of power. The Russian Communists urge the European Communist Parties to temporarily renounce violence, behave like constitutional democratic political groups and cultivate assiduously the other parties of the left and center so that the communists will be accepted in a "Popular Front" government.

The Russian Communists urge their comrades to make real concessions to the other parties. In this way they may overcome the hurdle of mistrust which has been built up over the years in the minds of the socialists and other groups.

The Chinese Communists call this program "Revisionism" because it has departed from the fundamental Marxism-Leninist policy of violent revolution.

The Russian Communists call the Chinese insistence on violent revolution. "Doctrinairism" because it does not allow for the flexibility of true Marxism-Leninism in relation to changing conditions.

The Russian and Chinese Communist Parties are debating these issues before the other Communist Parties of the world and the majority of these parties favor the Russian Communist position. The Chinese Communists are becoming increasingly isolated and the venom of their attacks on so-called "Soviet Revisionism" is escalating.

Developments in France, Italy, and Greece show that the Russian policy is proving most successful and the danger of government by a common front of Leftist Parties is becoming acute.

### **France**

Charles De Gaulle holds a unique place in France. He is the symbol of French nationalism and courage. His political philosophy is vague, and he has held power because of his strong personality.

On December 5, the French people voted for a president. The only opposition to De Gaulle was Mitterrand who had the support of the communists, the socialists, and those radicals of the left who disapproved of President De Gaulle. In effect he was the candidate of a "Popular Front." He received a startling 45 per cent of the national vote.

About a year from now, France will vote for a new Chamber of Deputies. This is roughly the equivalent of the American Congress. It is quite possible that a majority of the elected delegates will be against De Gaulle.

De Gaulle himself is following a program which has the approval of the communist leaders in Moscow. He is threatening the destruction of NATO. It is possible that this process will be accelerated after the elections next year.

When De Gaulle dies, and that day cannot be too far off, a vacuum will exist in France and a "Popular Front" led by the communists and socialists is highly probable. This will be the achievement of one basic communist aim. The future looks bleak!

### **Italy**

The Italian Communist Party has 1,800,000 members and receives 8,000,000 votes in a national election. This makes it the second political party of Italy and the largest Communist Party in the western world.

The Italian government under Premier Moro was a leftist coalition between the Christian democrats and the socialists. The communists were excluded. This coalition collapsed and Italy was without a government over a month. It has been reformed but is very shaky.

### **Communist-Catholic Collaboration?**

From January 25-31, the Italian Communist Party held its 11<sup>th</sup> Congress. The Worker of February 20, reports on this Congress. The Worker states: "On the issue of creating a new political majority, perhaps the most significant development at the Congress was a new overture to the Catholics which was advanced in the report to the party's general secretary, Luigi Longo.

"Longo proposed collaboration not only for immediate demands (notably peace, and also economic reform) but long-range cooperation on the path to socialism.

"He thought the basis for such a dialogue existed. . . .

"'At this point,' he added, 'we ask the Catholics; isn't it possible, isn't it necessary to look together for common ground, in order to build up together a new society. . .'" The Worker, February 20, 1966, Pages 5 and 9.

This is a radical departure from previous communist statements on the subject of religion. Previously the communists have always advocated the right of the communist state to teach atheism in all its schools. This is expressed in the Soviet constitution by the provision which allows freedom of religious worship and freedom of anti-

religious propaganda.

In practice this means that the old people may be allowed to worship but no church schools or programs of evangelism are allowed. If any child resists atheism in the schools, he is regarded as backward and the higher schools are closed to him.

When we observe the inroads the communists have been making in certain Catholic circles, it would be foolish to underestimate this threat. A "Popular Front" in Italy is a distinct possibility.

### **Greece**

Recently the young King Constantine dismissed the government of Premier George Papandreu. This immediately sparked large street demonstrations. An important Greek communist official, Leonida Stringos, writing in the current World Marxist Review has claimed that the communists were the original organizers of these demonstrations.

After a prolonged period of crisis, a new government was established. This government is presently under bitter attack from the forces of the deposed Papandreu and the communists. They have encouraged endless public demonstrations and rotating strikes against the government.

Although technically outlawed, the communists operate under a political organization called E.D.A. Papandreu has accepted the services of the communists in his campaign against the present government. If this campaign is successful, the communists will have increased their power and taken giant steps towards the neutralization of Greece and its withdrawal from NATO.

In France, Italy, and Greece withdraw from NATO, the Alliance is dead. Once these countries are neutralized, Europe becomes a neutral zone from the Atlantic to the Urals and America stands deserted and alone.

### **FREEDOM OF SPEECH**

The Soviet writers, Sinyavsky and Daniel, were recently sentenced to seven and five years hard labor respectively. Their crime—they had written books critical of the Soviet Union and published them abroad under pseudonyms.

### **OPERATION VIETNAM**

Our project to provide every serviceman in Vietnam with a copy of the book "You Can Trust the Communists (to be Communists)" is gaining momentum. Our problems are twofold: (1) To gain access to the names and addresses of the servicemen in Vietnam, and (2) To secure adequate financial support to distribute hundreds of thousand of books.

The most effective method we have discovered to secure the names and addresses of the servicemen is to secure lists published by various newspapers across the country. At Christmas time many newspapers published lists of the servicemen from their circulation area and encouraged readers to write letters to them. A number of such lists have been sent to us and several thousand books are already on the way. If any of our readers could secure lists from their local newspapers and send them to us, it would be most appreciated.

Individuals have sent in personal lists, and we are supplying organizations collecting paperbacks to send to Vietnam.

We still hope to get the official list of names and addresses from the authorities. This would enable us to send a book to everyone.

Obviously this project must be financed so once again I appeal for a special effort from our friends and supporters. The response to our appeal for support was excellent in November and December. We finished the year with all bills paid. There has been some reaction during January and February and our income has diminished considerably. This is natural enough and we are not surprised nor alarmed, but we are reminded that we cannot relax and that we must keep our needs constantly before our people. Money must keep flowing if we are to carry on our work. Money, like water, can become stagnant if it does not move.

We know that those who are giving regularly will understand our constant appeals. If more people would give systematically, these constant appeals would not be so necessary.

In the last analysis, the problem communism presents is a moral problem. The existence of morality depends upon the existence of choice. No one can do good if there is no opportunity to do evil. Christ said, "Choose ye this day whom you will serve."

No one is compelled to give to support our work. All contributions are voluntary. This contrasts with the coercion of taxation. The ability to refrain from giving makes the choice to give a moral and virtuous act. The Lord loveth a cheerful giver.