

MASTERS OF DECEIT

Faith Needed To Halt Reds

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The communist revolution in Russia is forty years behind us.

In these four decades communism has had a chance to show what it does with power in its hands; how it treats the people who live under it; what its attitudes are toward law, education, science, and religion; how it handles its relations with the noncommunist world.

It stands condemned on its own record. It has revealed basic errors in theory and practice which will eventually bring about its downfall. To turn around Karl Marx's famous comment on capitalism, communism is digging its own grave.

It cannot survive because it is anti-God and anti-man.

For all too long, communism's true character has been concealed by its own propaganda, abetted by public ignorance and apathy. Soviet Russia was hailed as an "advanced democracy" and communism as "twentieth-century Americanism." Such phrases deceived free people and gave the Party a protective cloak.

Marxism-Leninism stands revealed not as a "new world" of hope and justice but as an evil conspiracy in pursuit of power. Its cost in human misery and waste of human life is almost beyond description.

Every home in America today is deprived of an even higher standard of living as a result of the tax burden brought on by the utter necessity of keeping our defenses strong against the world-wide advance of communism.

The communist revolution was conducted not as a "dictatorship of the proletariat" but as a dictatorship by dictators who rode roughshod over the workingman.

Stalin, in the middle 1930's, contended that socialism was at last fully established in Russia and that the movement from then on would be toward the second stage which Marx had foretold: true communism and the withering away of the state.

Even as Stalin spoke, in terms designed to attract idealists, he was making the Soviet state ever more powerful.

Khrushchev gives the answer to those who still repeat the shabby, deceitful phrases of communist dogma.

When it suited his purpose, Khrushchev revealed the real nature of communism under Stalin: a world of slave labor camps, betrayed human rights, and calculated fear.

An answer also comes from Mao Tse-tung, the Chinese communist dictator who, with-

Twelve Million 'No Religion'

London — (NC) — The Economist, influential national weekly published here, has estimated that, among the 38 million persons in Great Britain older than 15 years, about 12 million have no religion.

It said that 27 million are nominally members of the Church of England, (but only 2 million received Easter time Communion) while five and a half million are Nonconformists, two and a half million are members of the Scottish (Presbyterian) church, two million are Jews or members of other small religious bodies, and four million say they have no religion.

The magazine said that Catholics in the above-15 age group total three million.

communists the FBI has been called upon to investigate.

There is need to show youth what greater opportunities and benefits free, representative government offers than communist dictators can ever provide.

Free people have not been sufficiently articulate and forceful in expressing pride in their traditions and ideals. In homes and schools there is need to "let freedom ring." For too long there has been a tendency to keep silent while the communists, their sympathizers, and their fellow travelers have been telling the world what is wrong with democracy.

2. To the Communist Party, youth is regarded as the important training stage. We must meet this challenge. America must devote its best efforts to make youth responsible, conscious of national obligations, and eager to be good citizens.

3. The communists stress action. This means carrying out assigned responsibilities now — not tomorrow, the next day. To communists the Party means continual action, not just talk, or waiting for elections or meetings. Action must supplement good intentions in building the free world of the future. We need to provide our youth with activity groups.

To give them only a high standard of material advantages or a constant diet of recreation is not enough. Recreation must be made part of a life of responsibility, otherwise it becomes merely a preface to boredom.

4. Communists accent the positive. In their deceptive and perverted way they are always purporting to stand for something positive, "better," "higher," etc., are trade-marks in their language.

We, too, should strive for

Freedom Hopes Live In Russia

Windsor — (NC) — A member of the Russian Institute of Fordham University underscored the changes that have occurred in Soviet Russia and voiced a hope for gradual freedom of the Russian people from present tyranny.

Helen Iswolsky, author and lecturer, said that 40 years since the Revolution have wrought many promising changes in Russia. Distinction must forever be made between the people and their rulers, she asserted; "one must be able to read the signs and one must seek the significant beyond the merely apparent."

Three favorable signs emphasized by the author were the increased literacy and growth in culture which make mass hypnosis no longer possible; the increased knowledge of foreign languages and reading of classics, and the ferment and questioning of the cultured Russians at the universities.

Miss Iswolsky said that there are very few "old" people left, in the pre-revolutionary sense. The new generation of young Russians is serious and curious, she pointed out. Soviet authors, long quietly rebelling against the "socialistic realist" line have been artistically and freely tending to describe reality as each writer sees it.

Miss Iswolsky praised the "profoundly Christian" novel "Dr. Zhivago" by Boris Pasternak — the great Russian poet, and said that Christ is pictured as our only Master and guarantor of freedom.

She noted that the novel of Valentin Dubutseb, "Not By Bread Alone," was received so well inside and outside Russia that the Soviet censors were caught completely unaware.

More important, she said, both novels reflect the faith that is still alive in the Russian soul. Many churches are open, the Bible is once more available, unexpurgated and unchanged, and history is again being taught, she asserted.

Miss Iswolsky reaffirmed the words of His Eminence Eugene Cardinal Tisserant, Dean of the Sacred College of Cardinals, that Russian youth will be ready to accept Christ, "at least deeply loves Russia," she added, and "His Love is being re-proportioned."

Reds Arrest Two Bishops

Vienna — (RNS) — One bishop has been placed in government custody and another under house arrest in the wake of increasing pressure against the Catholic Church in Communist Hungary, according to reports received here.

The arrested prelate was identified as Bishop Kalman Papp of Győr, a frequent target of Communist criticism because of his "uncooperative" attitude toward the regime. The prelate said to be under house detention was Bishop Mihaly Endrey, special Delegate to the Archbishop of Esztergom, the See of Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, now in asylum at the American embassy in Budapest.

With God's help America will remain a land where people still know how to be free and brave.

THE END

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Catholics Urged To Support UN Program

Milwaukee — (NC) — Catholic teachers were told today that the United Nations and several other world organizations "are the main channels in existence today for exercising our duties toward our fellow men."

Father John P. Cronin, SS, social action official, said that some people are concerned with these organizations' imperfections.

"What imperfections exist should rather be a challenge to improve and strengthen this basic work and not an excuse for inaction and destructive criticism."

Conservation, Moral Duty

Denver — (NC) — A National Catholic Rural Life Conference representative declared here that avoidance of further wanton abuses in our "stewardship of the land" demands a recognition of conservation as a "fully moral obligation."

Joseph Meiser, field director, delivered an address on "Conservation as Morality" at the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Conference.

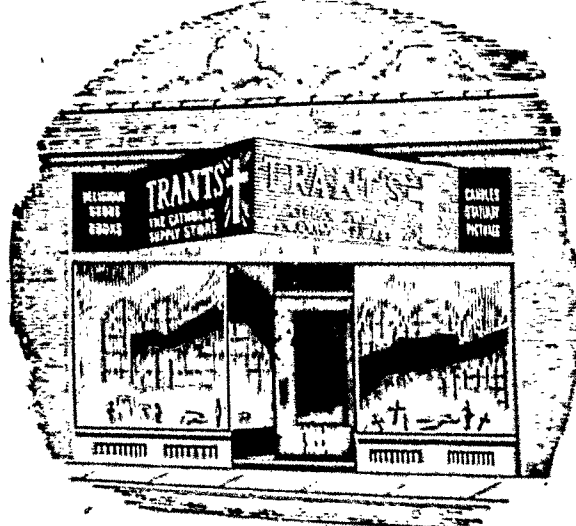
The assistant director of the Social Action Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, Washington, D.C., spoke at the 13th annual teachers' institute for Milwaukee archdiocesan teachers.

Pointing out that Christians have a worldwide obligation to carry out the Second Great Commandment, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," Father Cronin said that "in practice, the critical question arises concerning our practical obligations in terms of current political institutions and practices."

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