

# Meeting The Menace Of Communism

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This nation is face to face with the greatest danger ever to confront it. The menace of Communism is no simple, forthright threat. It is a sinister and deadly conspiracy which can be conquered by an alert, informed citizenry dedicated to the preservation of the principles on which America was founded

**T**HE HIGHEST goal of Communism is to destroy the political, social, economic and religious achievements gained by mankind through centuries of struggle toward a better life and to replace them with a new set of institutions and human relationships envisioned by a dreamer in a London slum who sometimes had to sell his children's clothes to buy potatoes.

The Communists do not propose to do this by gradual, orderly change, but by violent, swift-moving, bloody revolution that will place all power in a dictatorship of a few self-appointed representatives of the "proletariat" in an arrogant campaign to rule the world.

The first victim of this plot under the leadership of Lenin was Russia. Under him and his successors the conspiracy has now been extended to include one-third of the peoples of the earth. The United States is the present prime target. Its survival as a free country de-

pends upon the prompt and effective mobilization of all the nation's resources — military, educational, industrial, agricultural, business, financial, moral and religious. Such mobilization is already under way. It can be intensified. Among steps to be taken and precautions to exercise are the following:

## **Maintain an Effective Military Posture**

The armed strength of the United States must be great enough to convince the Russians that it means what it says about defending its own and the free world's security from Communist tyranny. The best protection against a nuclear war is a recognition that its holocaust could make victory indistinguishable from defeat. Until the Kremlin consents to a genuine program of disarmament, the United States is forced, at whatever expense, to improve its military capacity through nuclear tests, by establishing new bases, by

building atomic submarines and by improving all the engines of war. "Fall-out" from the testing required to make nuclear devices more effective is considered a hazard to the health of this and future generations, but the decision to test or not to test must weigh whatever these hazards are against possible annihilation.

### **Know the Facts About Communism**

Every loyal American citizen should know the origin, history, ideals, leaders, practices and purposes of communism. It is the purpose of this publication to make some of the most pertinent of these facts available. There are many other treatises on the subject. News distribution agencies, the daily newspapers, books, magazines and other periodicals are rich sources of information.

Hundreds of schools and colleges are introducing units of study about Communism into their curricula. Many national patriotic and fraternal organizations like the American Legion, the American Bar Association and the Scottish Rite Masons are encouraging such units of study and are providing materials for use in them. Scores of national and local groups are choosing the threat of communism as their program topic for the year.

### **Prevent Infiltration**

Since infiltration into organized groups in American life constitutes communism's present greatest menace, members of such groups, wherever it is possible, should screen candidates for membership carefully, create a committee or other agency for this purpose, know the back-

ground and previous activities of candidates and to what other organizations they belong.

### **Avoid Being Enticed Into Fronts**

It is stated on good authority that there are 215 front organizations spending a total weekly budget of \$150,000 in our country. Use care in joining new organizations. Do not be misled by names that imply that the group is "progressive, or is interested in needed social reforms, protection against injustices and discrimination, or the development of a higher form of democracy. Who started the organization? Who belongs? Who are its leaders? What is its history?

"Too often I have seen cases where loyal and patriotic but misguided Americans have thought they were 'fighting communism' by slapping the label of 'Red' or 'Communist' on anybody who happened to be different from them or to have ideas with which they did not agree.

"Smears, character assassination, and the scattering of irresponsible charges have no place in this nation. They create division, suspicion and distrust among loyal Americans — just what the Communist want — and hinder rather than aid the fight against communism."

*—J. Edgar Hoover*

In assessing the purposes of a new organization, it should be remembered that freedom of thought and support for minority opinion is an American right.

### **Teach the Facts About the American Way of Life**

Communists are busy spreading calumnies about our country. They

call it imperialistic. They picture it as poised and eager for a nuclear war. They magnify isolated cases of discrimination and injustice and represent them as typical of American life. They seldom point to great American achievements, but exult in American failures.

The United States Government is maintaining a great effort to tell the world the truth. The United States Information Agency broadcasts radio and television programs, distributes films, issues publications, maintains libraries in foreign countries, sends speakers around the world to interpret American aims and estimates the degree to which they have been actually attained.

The official student exchange programs and the students who choose on their own to seek some of their education abroad, in 1961-62, totaled 58,086 foreign students from 149 countries in 1798 institutions of higher learning in the United States. In 1960-61 there were 49,836 students from the United States in 66 foreign countries, attending 590 institutions. These students are ambassadors of information who know what they have actually seen and can tell it to their compatriots when they return home.

In addition to the tremendous waves of official and non-official information that impinge upon the opinion of the world's peoples, there are many thousands of private tourists and travelers always en route to another nation than their own. Their aid is needed, too, in depicting a fair and true picture of the life they have known best. Travel agencies in the United States and

publications promoting foreign travel from the United States are briefing tourists on effective means of answering the inquiries they will receive from those who wish to know more about America. In his relationships, with citizens of other nations, even the casual traveler can do much to help our country.

### **Clarify Understanding and Revitalize Faith in American Ideals**

The American way of life is its own best answer to those who misrepresent or revile it. Depicting it truly is a great responsibility of all the channels of communication from mind to mind, but no greater responsibility falls upon any of them than upon the public schools. Across the whole continent the American schools are strengthening courses interpreting the American way of life in contrast to life behind the Iron Curtain. This is a study of ideology, and it is precisely in the field of ideology that the schools work. The schools are joined in this program of awakening, recognition and appreciation for American ideals, by homes, churches and many civic organizations.

Too many Americans take their freedoms for granted. It has been a long time since they were won and today they are seriously threatened. Loyal citizens must be alert to protect them, exercising the same diligence and willingness to make the same sacrifices with which the Founders of this nation fixed the ideals for their posterity. Each of us who believes in our way of life should participate actively in the affairs of government; go to the polls

and vote; make sure that everyone who offers himself for election, from constable to President, is a loyal and well-qualified citizen. We must be actuated by the same determined spirit which prompted the defenders at Bunker Hill, their last rifle-ball used, their last ounce of powder spent, to make a final charge with clubbed muskets. We must be moved by the same dauntless spirit that upheld the cold and hungry soldiers at Valley Forge who remained through the bitter winter, after a series of consecutive defeats in the last of which the little army suffered 700 casualties and had 400 of its men taken prisoners of war. We must be fired by the spirit of George Washington who gathered around him the shivering, ragged men who were left and closed a stirring speech to them with the

words: "If the war is to end *here*, let it find each of us with his musket barrel in his hands."

This was the "Spirit of '76" which must have a rebirth in our own day in our determined struggle for the survival of the ideals of humanity which our forefathers won for us. It will not be manifested in clubbed muskets, or even in nuclear war-heads alone. Battle hardware will not be the deciding factor in the outcome of such a war in which persistent and constant faith in the ideals of a free people stand against the dictatorship and oppression of communism. By any other course the resounding words, "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty" will be merely hollow echoes down the empty corridors of history.

— *The New Age*, October, 1962

## Universal Brotherhood

The idea of the universal brotherhood of all men is as profound; or, an occasion when we glimpse some of the deeper meanings of the notion of brotherhood, we hastily avert our eyes lest we should be too shaken by the ethical insights of that moment. The demands upon personal and group conduct which the notion of brotherhood makes are fundamental at variance with the demands made by racism. The belief in the Fatherhood of God and its necessary corollary, the brotherhood of man, is our greatest affirmative religious resource for attacking the caste system. Either God is the Father of all men or He is not. If we say he is not, we deny the Christian God and resort to some lesser pagan god of tribe or clan or race. That is what Hitler commanded his followers to do. If we accept the Fatherhood of God, we must accept the brotherhood of man. —B. G. GALLAGHER