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CHRISTMAS AND THE LOST FOUR FREEDOMS

ANNOUNCER: AMERICA WAKE UP, in cooperation with the Daughters of the American Revolution, State of Illinois, presents Phyllis Schlafly:

MRS. SCHLAFLY: Commemoration of the Holy Family reminds us that the Communists oppose family life even as much as they oppose religion. Inside the Iron Curtain, the blessings of family life are replaced by forcible separation of wives from husbands and children, as in the Chinese communes, or by forcible separation of children from parents, as in Cuba and Eastern Europe. Outside the Iron Curtain, attacks on the institution of the family multiply.

Consider the Four Freedoms, so necessary to family life, which our forefathers enjoyed. Since the Korean War we have been losing these family freedoms at an accelerating pace.

1) Freedom To Keep Our Religious Heritage. The Declaration of Independence, the Northwest Ordinance, George Washington's Farewell Address, Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, our coins, Pledge of Allegiance, military and Congressional chaplains, oaths of office, more than a hundred Presidential proclamations of Thanksgiving Day, all are proof of our national reliance on God.

There are clever campaigns to remove all acknowledgment of God from our public institutions and official life. These forces have removed prayers from our public schools. They want to remove "In God We Trust" from our coins, repeal our national motto and the last stanza of our National Anthem. They oppose Bible reading in schools. They would outlaw the Congressional resolution of April 17, 1952, calling on the President to proclaim each year "a National Day of Prayer on which the people of the United States may turn to God." As a result

of this legal assault on our religious heritage, a recent Supreme Court opinion challenged "many aids to religion" citing: chaplains in the armed services, religious services in federal hospitals and prisons, the motto "In God We Trust", Presidential proclamations, and income tax exemptions for religious organizations, as all being unconstitutional financing of "a religious exercise."

Last year, atheists persuaded the Supreme Court to knock out a century-old provision of the Maryland Constitution which required Maryland officeholders to declare their belief in the existence of God. Recently the Post Office Department rejected a design for a Christmas stamp because the window panes resembled a Cross. Although a Christmas stamp was issued in response to unprecedented demand, no religious symbol, or even implied religious symbol, is permitted on our stamps.

Two years ago, the American Civil Liberties Union mailed to 1,200 schools in the Chicago area a "policy statement on Christmas in the public schools" which demanded that there be no Christmas displays in public schools which include the Nativity scene, the Star of Bethelehem, angels or other religious symbols; and that songs such as "Frosty the Snowman" and "Jingle Bells" be substituted for traditional carols with religious content such as "Silent Night" or "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing". The ACLU further stated: "The celebration of Christmas as a religious holiday obviously has no place in the Illinois public schools."

This arrogant ACLU letter is part of a nationwide assault against Christmas observances in public schools. Our children are to be given "Winter Holidays", but are not to be allowed to suspect that Christmas has anything to do with the Nativity. "Silent Night", "Joy To The World", and other beautiful Christian carols are to be censored out of

their lives and replaced with "Frosty the Snowman", "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer", and "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus." News items from coast to coast have reported pressures on our schools to substitute snowmen, Santa Clauses, rednosed reindeer, etc., for songs, pageants and displays commemorating the Birth of the Saviour.

A candid preview of this campaign to take Christ out of Christmas was revealed in 1955 when the Superintendent of Public Schools of Sayreville, New Jersey issued Superintendent's Bulletin No.14 to all principals in which he ordered them to de-emphasize the religious aspect of Christmas in school observances and carols, and emphasize instead the "folk lore" values. This bulletin stated: "It is the opinion of your superintendent, that within the foreseeable future, say the next three to ten years, it will be required by the courts that the specifically religious aspect of the celebration be deleted from public school programs, and that it will become illegal to use some of the hymns and anthems that are now quite common and that it will be necessary to avoid pageants involving the nativity, angels, and similar props. It is suggested that it might be well to begin to replan this program in this direction so that the change over is so gradual to be unnoticeable to the general public over a period of years."

This same trend is apparent in the commercialization of Christmas and the campaign to encourage department store andother displays shorn of any religious significance. In some cities, there has been an effort to persuade department stores to substitute United Nations displays, including flags of Communist governments, for Christmas displays.

Thousands of dollars will be spent this Christmas to spread the let's-ignore-Christ motif of many so-called Christmas cards. The majority of Christmas cards on sale commercially omit mention of Christ-

mas and substitute "Season's Greetings", "Happy Holidays" or similar secularisms. An examination of most commercial Christmas card stocks will show that cards with pictures relating to the Birth of Christ are in a small minority; many are devoid even of seasonal significance; and still others are irreligious, including the so-called "Comic" or "mischievous" cards.

This is no accident. It is a matter of public record that the arts have been penetrated by the Communists. To the Marxists, there is no such thing as "art for art's sake". The first aim of all Communist artists isto sell the class war and other subversive propaganda. Some greeting card houses have made use of artists whose pro-Communist records have been documented by the House Un-American Activities Committee.

For several years, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has issued Christmas cards to make money for its activities. These cards are devoid of religious significance so as to be acceptable to the atheistic bloc in the UN. UNICEF cards have included representations of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, the Ugly Duckling, Alpine games, and zebras. One-third of the artists used in drawing the 1959 UNICEF cards have been connected with Communist-front activities. Some of these cards are ugly; some sell Red propaganda, or make a mockery of the Nativity. Some years UNICEF issues one lone card which carries a picture of a mother and child; but UNICEF spokesmen explain that this does NOT represent THE Mother and Child.

2) The second of the Four Family Freedoms we have been losing at a rapid rate is <u>Freedom From Obscenity</u>. The men who wrote the First and Fifth Amendments to our Constitution did not intend to make obscenity a civil right. Recent high court decisions have been construed by smut peddlers to give them a civil right to make fast bucks in a dirty

business. He, whose birthday we celebrate on Christmas, said of a traducer of children: "It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck and he cast into the sea than that he should scandalize one of these little ones." The liberty of parents to protect their children from the smut peddlers has been denied. Even sophisticated critics like John Crosby are horrified at the filth and perversion in today's films and books.

3) Freedom From Criminal Attacks. Since 1957, crimes of violence have increased five times as fast as our growing population, states J. Edgar Hoover. He warns: "Our city streets are jungles of terror. The viciousness of the rapists, murderers and muggers who attack women and young girls seems to know no bounds.... Too often, the interests of justice and consideration for the welfare of society are buried under an avalanche of court decisions which give violaters of the law rights and privileges that destroy respect for the law and the public safety." The freedom of our women and children to walk on the streets of our major cities has been badly eroded. This year, Chief Justice Earl Warren requested Congress for an appropriation to build a parking lot adjacent to the Supreme Court building because it is unsafe in our nation's capital for women employees of the Court to walk any distance to their cars.

New York Judge Leibowitz informed Pope John XXIII that "the poisoning of our moral bloodstream was causing the highest youth crime rate in the country with the highest standard of living." Last year youths under 18 were involved in 43% of all arrests for serious crimes.

4) Freedom From Communist Conspirators. In the 1951 decision upholding convictions of the top Communists, Supreme Court Justice Jackson said: "The Constitution does not make conspiracy a civil right...

Conspiracies of labor unions, trade associations, and news agencies have been condemned although accomplished, evidenced and carried out, like the conspiracy here, chiefly by letter-writing, meetings, speeches and organization."

In certain later Supreme Court decisions, some Justices suggest that Communist conspirators, unlike labor and business conspirators, are exempt from the laws against conspiracy, and that state and federal governments cannot constitutionally legislate against, or even inquire into the plottings of Communist conspirators. Justice Holmes said that we must be protected from those who abuse freedom of speech by falsely shouting "fire" in a crowded theater. Likewise, American families must be protected from the conspirators who abuse freedom of speech by falsely calling for peace through disarmament and surrender to Communism.

Communism's Christmas gift to NewYork was a conspiracy, directed from Cuba's United Nations delegation, to plant bombs in crowded department stores and subways and to burn nearby oil refineries. Thanks to an alert FBI, this conspiracy was exposed. But as long as Communist representatives are in the United Nations and in the United States, we will not have freedom from Communist conspirators.

This Christmas, one billion human beings behind the Iron Curtain will not be permitted to celebrate the Birth of Christ. Let our own devotion to the true meaning of Christmas help guarantee future Christmases for us, and keep alive the memory of Christmas for our enslaved compatriots in the Captive Nations. Pray this Christmas for the restoration of our lost Four Freedoms.

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of the American Revolution is the preservation of all types of genealogical records. DAR members donate thousands of hours each year to copy for permanent safekeeping such records as marriage records, wills, deeds, probates, court order books, tax lists and census records from courthouses; marriage, birth and death records, vestry and session books from churches; inscriptions and records from cemeteries; Bible records, diaries, and letters of genealogical interest from private sources. These records are bound and placed on permanent file in the DAR Library in Washington where they are available for the use of scholars and researchers. This is one of the many ways that the Daughters of the American Revolution work to preserve the records of our American heritage.

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