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THE ECONOMIC FAILURE OF COMMUNISM

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

MRS. SCHLAFLY: Communism would collapse from its own economic weakness if it were not shored up by massive support from the West. The line that Communism is an economic threat to the free world is a gigantic hoax to divert us from the real threat, which is conspiratorial. The only industries in which the Communists excel are propaganda, espionage and forgery. The historical fact is that Communism, coming to power on such phony slogans as "Peace, Land, Bread" and "Agrarian Reform", has not redistributed the wealth, but has extended the poverty. A common fallacy in America is that "poverty causes Communism." The experience of every country under Communist rule proves that it is only the reverse which is true: Communism causes poverty. The forcible collectivization of agriculture and nationalization of industry, both administered with a maximum of bureaucratic inefficiency, have resulted in a serfdom unmatched in all history and repeated Red-made famines.

Victor Riesel reported that "Khrushchev's economy is not cracking -- it has cracked." The Russian people have less beef and less housing than they had under the Czars. Two years ago, Khrushchev ordered the eating of horse meat to ease the food shortage. The distinguished British economist, Dr. Colin Clark, concluded: "Agriculture is the field in which Communism has had its most outstanding failures." The Draft Program of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union issued July 29, 1961 reveals the present misery of the Russian people. The Party promised that in 1971-80 every family will have a

small apartment with plumbing, and women will no longer have to do heavy labor such as ditch-digging and mining.

Until the Reds took over, Hungary was called "a Canaan of milk and honey", famous for her agriculture. The forced collectivization by the Reds has transformed Hungary into a land of starving people. A Hungarian may be sentenced to years in prison on a charge of "endangering the economy of the country" because he hid 2 pounds of lard or 4 pounds of flour. Slaughtering a calf or pig without permission brings twice the prison sentence of first-degree murder.

In Cuba, Castro has admitted critical shortages of food and other essentials. Queueing up in Cuba at food stores has become commonplace. Dr. Jose Alvarez Dias, Cuban economist and ex-minister of the Treasury, said in Miami that "Castro destroyed the previous economic structure in order to impose the Communist type, and the result has been chaos in the country, breakdown of industries, paralyzation of commercial activities, lack of articles of prime necessity." According to Father John J. Kelly, who was Rector of Villanueva University in Havana for 9 years until expelled in 1959 by Castro, there are three reasons for Cuba's unprecedented scarcities: "(1) The whole nation must be subjugated, controlled, and forced to accept the Communist rule by depending on State organisms even for the basic necessities such as food, which can be withheld from non-conformists; (2) the break-off of commercial relations with the U. S. cut off the source of supply of many food-stuffs, and the money normally used for food imports has been used to buy tons upon tons of arms and munitions, as well as to finance invasion attempts against South American countries; and (3) forcing the farmers to sell their products at controlled prices has stifled agricultural production."

Lenin is reputed to have said that the capitalists would sell the rope to hang themselves, if a profit could be made on the sale. Since the Berlin crisis began, U.S. trade under Government license with Communist countries has increased more than 800%! Included in this trade are $2,500,000 of rail equipment, $1,700,000 of snythetic rubber, $107,000 of industrial instruments, and industrial and specialty chemicals. The Department of Commerce has drastically loosened American policies on trade with the enemy, and has licensed for export ballbearings, machine tools, power transmission systems, aircraft and automotive spare parts, electrical machinery, and geophysical instruments badly needed by the Reds. The Reds buy only a few samples and then pirate our designs and processes. The Commerce Department now allows the sale of Government-subsidized agricultural commodities to Red countries. For example, the hard red winter wheat shipped to Russia is subsidized at 62¢ per bushel by U.S. taxpayers.

After the Red-made famines resulting from the communes brought the Red China government to the brink of collapse, large shipments of Canadian wheat were unloaded in Red ports with American equipment specially licensed by our Government for this purpose. In May 1961 Australia sold 31 million bushels of wheat to Red China on credit, and in August 1961 agreed to ship to Red China 2,000,000 tons of wheat during the next 2 years. Experience in Russia, Poland and Hungary proves that any food shipped to a Red government is used as a political weapon to strengthen Party control. Direct U.S. aid to Red governments was illustrated when the Premier of Red Poland dedicated a $2,500,000 steel galvanizing plant, donated by U.S. foreign aid. More recently, the U.S. agreed to the deletion from the Alliance for Progress Charter of a provision which would have kept Castro from re-

ceiving aid under the Latin American aid program financed by the U.S.

When the question is raised of what to do about Communism, we are sometimes asked: "What do you want to do, go to war against the Soviet Union?" If America would resolve that our national goal is victory over Communism, we would not need to fight a war. All America need do is stop helping the Communists. If we cut off U.S. aid, trade and diplomatic recognition, Communism will collapse from its own economic failures.

Communism's boast that Socialism is the wave of the future and that capitalism will "inevitably" destroy itself is laughable in the face of the facts of the economic failure of Communism and the unparalleled success of the American free economic system. Each of us should pause to consider why it is that men in every Communist country are dying of starvation, but we in America have so much food we must store our excess in enormous warehouses.

We have conquered the darkness of night -- from candles to kerosene lamps to electric bulbs to fluorescent tubes. We have created astounding defenses against the weather -- from fireplaces to furnaces, automatic burners and air conditioning. We have made stupendous strides in transportation, from oxcarts and canoes to railroads, steamboats, automobiles, subways, airplanes, jets and space ships. We have speeded communications through telegraph, telephone, radio and television. We have moved from backbreaking drudgery for women to an age of washing machines, dryers, and dishwashers.

What is responsible for this unprecedented burst of progress which in three generations transformed a hostile wilderness into the most advanced and prosperous country the world has ever known?

The reason cannot be that we have superior natural resources. The

same resources were here when the Indians roamed the Continent. America has no monopoly on iron, coal, copper, aluminum, zinc or lead. China, India, Russia and Africa all have comparable natural resources. Is it because we work harder? Again the answer is "no" because in most countries the people work harder than we do. Can it be that we are a people of inherent superiority? That sounds fine in after-dinner oratory, but cannot be supported by history.

The real answer, is that what we call the American way of life -- political and economic freedom combined with individual responsibility-- has unleased man's creative energy so that it has produced more benefits for more people than any nation in the history of the world. The Communists know they could never persuade America to adopt Communism when it is so obviously a failure everywhere. So instead they disguise their program under labels such as peace and democracy, and hope to get us to adopt Socialism piece by piece until the day when we are hopelessly caught in the Red web.

One day a doctor friend of mine named Walter performed for me an unusual experiment which demonstrates scientifically a truth which is vitally important to our survival as free Americans. If we learn this lesson well, Dr. Walter's experiment may go down in history as even greater than Franklin's kite.

One day Dr. Walter filled a large soup kettle with water and put it on the stove, and we talked about affairs of state until it was boiling cheerfully. Then he reached into a pail he had brought with him and pulled out a squirming frog. After some juggling, he dropped it into the boiling water. There was an instantaneous eruption of boiling water all over the kitchen, as the frog leapt out of the kettle, jumped across the floor, and took refuge behind the ice box.

Dr. Walter then poured the boiling water down the drain, refilled the kettle with cold water, and set it on the stove. He reached into the pail and grabbed a second frog which he dropped kicking into the kettle. Then he turned on the heat low. Finally, as we watched and talked, wisps of steam rose over the kettle. The frog did a little kicking, but not much. At long last the water began to boil, and Dr. Walter explained: "Now the moment of revelation is at hand." We looked into the kettle and saw lying there a very dead frog.

"Behold the moral," said Dr. Walter. "The frog dropped into boiling water has enough sense to leap out; but the frog dropped into cold water can be cooked to death before he realizes he is in serious trouble."

So it is with Americans. If the Communists landed their armies in New York City and started westward, Americans would rise as one to defend their homes and country. We must be ever vigilant that our enemies do not achieve by gradualism, by subversion and propaganda, what they could never win by force. Only if we are constantly on guard against a steady erosion of our liberty can we keep America what Abraham Lincoln called it, "the last best hope on earth."

ANNOUNCER: February has been proclaimed American History Month by the Governor of Illinois and by the Governors of most of the 50 States in order to call attention to the coincident births of two American patriots, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln, and to stimulate the interest of our citizens and students in learning more about our great American heritage. This celebration of American History Month each February is sponsored by the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, as part of its nationwide work in the

field of American history. Every local DAR chapter has a Historian, and the National andState Societies have whole departments devoted to American history. The work of DAR Historians includes historical research, the preservation of historic sites, the placing of markers on historic spots, battlefields, trails and the graves of Revolutionary soldiers. Every DAR chapter assists its local community in planning historical programs and the celebration of patriotic days.

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