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THE COMMUNIST WAR AGAINST RELIGION

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

MRS. SCHLAFLY: The Communist war against religion prior to 1954 was directed against the churches in the Soviet Union and in the various countries swallowed-up by international Communism after World War II. The methods used against religion were openly violent and oppressive. They did not succeed to any great degree in weakening the religious dedication of the faithful. Recognizing the failure of these tactics, a new Resolution in 1954 called for a change in methods. The Resolution began: "Propaganda which is scientifically atheistic, used in a profound and patient manner and employed judiciously amongst the faithful, will eventually succeed in liberating them from their religious errors." Accusing previous Party leadership of "serious errors," the Resolution warned: "Every administrative measure or illegal attack against the faithful and the clergy will turn to our disadvantage and will definitely strengthen their religious prejudices."

While not ruling out physical persecution, this Resolution began a subtle, new kind of attack. The new approach served as a cover for the actual physical persecution of the churches which continued with customary Red terror tactics. The new anti-religion approach fit-in nicely with the Communist "peaceful coexistence" strategy. Thus, not only did the Communists call for "peaceful coexistence" with the Free World, but likewise for "peaceful coexistence" and "dialogue" between Communism and religion.

The most seductive part of the 1954 Resolution was the Communist

admission to "serious erros" of the past. This is a tactic the Reds often use to create an impression of "mellowing" on an issue previously proclaimed by all Marxist-Leninists as infallible. Religious persecution was therefore blamed on over-zealous Communists of the past. A new, permissive attitude toward religion was promised for the future.

The declaration of "serious errors" of the past -- the signal for a beginning of the new worldwide anti-religious campaign -- was echoed throughout the world by the Communist press which functions as "the telegraph agency of the conspiracy." The people of Poland and Hungary were to learn later that admission of "serious errors" of the past did not stop Soviet tanks from rolling through the streets of Poznan and Budapest brutally crushing those who sought freedom.

In promoting Christian-Communist dialogue today, the Communists have returned for inspiration to the 1954 Soviet Resolution on religion. In the June issue of POLITICAL AFFAIRS, Communist Party historian, Herbert Aptheker, appeals for dialogue between Communism and religion. Now, Aptheker says, "pressures for change on the part of religious institutions and religiously inclined people in their attitudes toward Marxism and Socialism are numerous and great. Simultaneously, pressures dictating a change in attitude on the part of Marxists toward such institutions and such feelings also are consequential."

Any so-called changes are a figment of Aptheker's imagination. Behind the Iron Curtain, the churches are still bearing the cross of persecution. In Poland, the Communist government has just begun

a new era of oppression. Cardinal Mindszenty still remains a prisoner in the American legation in Hungary -- situated on a street in Budapest called "Freedom Square."

Communists often speak in a type of code which they call Aesopian -- after the famous fable writer who lived in Greece around 620 to 560 B.C. According to the Communists, the slave, Aesop, developed a code language to deride his masters in fable without their knowing what he was doing. Lenin spoke often about using Aesopian language to get across "the revolutionary message" under the appearances of legitimate discussion. The Communists use Aesopian language as a method of deceit in order to spread the Red line in non-Communist organization. WORLD MARXIST REVIEW, as all Communists know, is the official Aesopian voice of international Communism -- the most official, in fact, of all Communist-line directive-giving sources.

Christian-Communist dialogue is an Aesopian slogan originated by the international Communist movement. It means that the Reds should immediately intensify all efforts to form temporary alliances with influential Christians, that they should attempt to infiltrate religious organizations and intellectual thinking.

Dialogue is a Red trap designed to confuse and lure unsuspecting Christians, to use them as tools promoting Communist objectives. A non-Communist parroting the Communist line is more valuable to the Reds than a thousand Communists uttering the same words. As we continue to see the Red slogan "Communist-Christian dialogue" appear more and more frequently in the non-Communist press, we can ascertain that the worldwide Communist attack on the Church is progressing just

as the international Communist movement planned it.

Recently I had the unique privilege of speaking with one of the most amazing men I have ever met. His name is Reverend Richard Wurmbrand, and he is a Lutheran minister who spent 14 years in various Communist prisons in Rumania for preaching the Gospel to his people. Beaten, starved, Stabbed, and burned, Reverend Wurmbrand says he is only alive today because "God is a God of miracles." Early this year, Reverend Wurmbrand was ransomed from Communist Rumania by the Lutherans. When he arrived in the United States, Reverend Wurmbrand appeared as a witness before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. His testimony, called COMMUNIST EXPLOITATION OF RELIGION, and dated May 6, 1966 is 25 pages of the most dramatic reading you could possibly imagine. During his testimony, he took off his shirt and showed the Congressmen and reporters the holes and other wounds in his body put there by his Communist torturers. Now he is on a speaking tour of the United States, and I sincerely hope that many millions of Americans have the privilege of hearing him.

I asked Reverend Wurmbrand what is his opinion of all the talk we hear today about a "dialogue" between Christians and Communists. His reply was: "Talk about dialogue is idiot talk. There can be no real dialogue. Communists are atheists. Jesus gave us the truth. How can we have dialogues when Communism means mass murder and mass torture of Christians? Do we enter into dialogues with gangsters? A gangster is a man who may take your purse. But Communists are gangsters who steal whole countries. We cannot have dialogues because we must not ask the devil for permission to do God's work."

I asked Reverend Wurmbrand if there were similar overtures

calling for cooperation between Christians and Communists when the Communists invaded Rumania in 1944. He said yes, he heard exactly the same words he hears in America today. The Communists came to power in Rumania by deceit and terror. Their party had only 10,000 members when they came to power. At first they told us the "Russian -type Communism was run by wild men but Rumanian Communism would be a popular kind." Reverend Wurmbrand went on to say that "Christians and Communists cannot work together." He said that he has seen with his own eyes Communist Party members go to Church and make the Sign of the Cross and kiss sacred images. He said: "The song I hear about Christians and Communists is an old song. I heard it long ago in Rumania. At a Baptist conference, I heard praises sung of Stalin; some misguided Christians even talked about Communism as being a 'fulfilling of the teachings of Christ.' Many pastors and sincere Christians have been duped by Communism."

In answer to the question of how long this so-called "cooperation" lasted, Reverend Wurmbrand said: "In 1948 the Communists had the power in their hands, and then they showed their real face. Every Catholic bishop was put in prison." Reverend Wurmbrand's wife was put in prison with the Catholic nuns whom she described as angels of God.

I asked Reverend Wurmbrand if many of our religious leaders in America are being deceived by this Christian-Communist dialogue slogan. He replied: "I have talked to many. I talked with Eugene Carson Blake, head of the World Council of Churches. He said we must not fight Communism, we must make bridges to the Communists. I said I do not pray for Communism; I pray for the conversion of Communists to Christ." These religious leaders should see the way the Commun-

ists dialogue in Rumania, with Christians tied to crosses for days, spit upon, kicked and beaten with clubs and fists.

I asked Reverend Wurmbrand what he would say to the men who try to tell us that Communism itself is not wrong. With a wry sense of humor he replied: "Please give me the address where I can find Communism in itself."

I asked him to comment on the current Communist line which tried to tell us that Christians and Communists can work together to attain certain goals beneficial to mankind. He replied: "That is idiot propaganda like we heard years ago in Rumania. I'll tell you what the Communists do. In times of economic crisis they even sell their own people. I was sold. I have heard the Communists say: 'We are not so dumb as Hitler. We don't kill the Jews; we sell them!" Which, of course, is true, because the Communists sold Reverend Wurmbrand.

In answer to the question of how Americans can help the people suffering persecution behind the Iron Curtain, Reverend Wurmbrand said this: "You can stop helping the Communist governments with money and loans. You give them automobiles and they sit in them and tell you they are sending aid to the Viet Cong. Poland says it; Yugoslavia says it; they all say it. The American boy is told that it is his duty to go to Vietnam. But back home his government is giving aid to the Communists who boast they are killing our boys."

Reverend Wurmbrand went on to give us this message: "You can help our people by helping your government to understand how to fight Communism. You can help our people under Communism by helping the underground church. Please listen to the sufferings of the churches behind the Iron Curtain ... don't forget them."

Reverend Wurmbrand is the founder of a secret evangelism organization operating today behind the Iron Curtain. He has pioneered in finding ways and methods for preaching Christ in Communist lands and himself has carried out an extensive underground ministry for years.

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