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VICTORY ON THE TRADE FRONT

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

MRS. SCHLAFLY: Trade with the Communist bloc has been correctly identified as a Communist tactic and successfully opposed by grass-roots Americans. The perennial question, "what can I, just one individual, do to combat Communism?" has been answered again with a striking victory for informed anti-Communist action over the "accommodation" advocates in the State Department. Though the job is not yet finished, the American people are on the verge of forcing a change of State Department policy that ranks with the way indignant protests stopped the recognition of Red China in 1949, and the Tito visit in 1957.

As a result of protests by American citizens, the following national companies have announced they are not buying Communist merchandise any more: F. W. Woolworth, S. S. Kresge, Sear Roebuck, Walgreen, Miles Kimball, Swift, Kroger, A & P, and W. T. Grant. The lawsuit filed by Bullock's Department Store in California against those who had engaged in "card-parties" was withdrawn and resulted in a complete victory for the citizens who opposed trade with Communists. Bullock's agreed to discontinue all sale of Communist imports.

Meanwhile, many towns have passed local ordinances requiring merchants to display posters identifying Communist merchandise or buy a special license (at a cost up to $5,000 in one state) to deal in goods from slave areas. Such ordinances have been adopted in Columbus, Ohio and 13 other cities. The grass-roots effort to stop the sale of slave-labor imports has kept many million dollars from going behind the Iron Curtain in the form of "trade". The Yugoslav Ambassador to the U.S. went home in March crying that Yugoslavia has lost an estimated $2 to

$3 million in exports to the United States this year.

Some stores in many communities still have ample supplies of merchandise from Red Poland, Red Hungary, Red Czechoslovakia and Red Yugoslavia, such as baskets, canned hams, coat hangers, small tools, cutting boards, wooden spoons and forks, rolling pins, and camera film EFKA. These slave-labor imports undersell Americans goods because the Reds don't have to show a profit; they are so eager to obtain dollars in the international market that they can afford to sell below cost.

Khrushchev's own statements, the trips of Mikoyan, Kozlov and Menshikov, and the official publications of the Communist Party, prove that increased trade between Communist countries and the United States is a current major Communist tactic. Lenin has been quoted as having said that the capitalists are so eager for trade that they will sell him the rope he will use to hang them. Western appeasement began to fulfill this prophecy when Britain sold Russia the superb Rolls-Royce jet engines which were used to power the MIG-15's against us in the Korean War.

The fallacies of trade with the Communists have been thoroughly exposed by the many experts who have testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities that "Trade with the Soviet Union and other Communist nations is a one-way street that can lead only to the ultimate destruction of the United States economy" because (1) the Communists will buy one machine of each of the latest American inventions and then pirate the patented design; (2) because in the Communist concept of "total war", everything from a machine tool to a food plant is strategic; (3) the Reds send buying commissions which are really spying commissions; and (4) because they produce with slave labor, the Reds can undersell world prices and obtain American dollars to finance Soviet espionage, subversion and infiltration.

Recently the Soviets have been using chrome as a cold-war weapon. Metallurgical chrome is a necessary ingredient in the manufacture of stainless steel and other heat-resistant metals for jet engines and atomic energy equipment. No chrome ore is mined in the United States. Our supply comes primarily from Rhodesia and Turkey. Early this year, the Soviet Union began dumping chrome ore on the world market for as little as $16 a ton instead of the world price of $34 a ton. The Russians are willing to take a loss on chrome sales in order to force the Rhodesia and Turkey mines out of business, put 10,000 Africans out of work, make the United States dependent on Soviet sources, and obtain U.S. dollars.

Now is the time when most American stores are making their purchases of merchandise for next Christmas. We should commend and patronize the American stores which refuse to handle slave-labor imports. We should be informed of the existence of such merchandise in local communities and that its sale is contrary to the best interest of America. We should keep in mind the words of Gerry McAnus, who was on the Central Executive Committee of the Canadian Communist Party for 19 years and who was National Secretary of the Canadian Seamen's Union before breaking with the Party in 1950:

"For the Communists, trade is an ideological weapon. If you deliver even ten percent of your national trade to the Communist world, you give them the perfect chance to create a crisis in your country any time they wish to pull the economic rug from under you. For ideological reasons they are prepared to undersell any commodity on the world market. If you refuse to listen to me, then at least have the common sense to listen to Lenin who said, 'When the capitalist world starts to trade with us -- on that day they will begin to finance their own destruction.'"

It is my pleasure today to introduce to the listeners of AMERICA WAKE UP the head of one of the more than 200 local committees which have sprung up all over the United States for the specific purpose of warning of the arrival of Communist merchandise on the local business scene. Mrs. William Droste is Secretary of the Alton (Illinois) Committee to Protect American Free Enterprise from Communist Slave-labor Imports. Mrs. Droste, who do you think benefits from trade with Communist countries, the people behind the Iron Curtain or the Communist governments?

MRS. DROSTE: Not even a small portion of the shopper's dollar ever trickles down to the poor enslaved people behind the Iron Curtain. In the Communist sweat shops, the government owns the factories, all the tools, and the workers. The first people to be taken care of in Communist countries are always the Communist Party elite.

MRS. SCHLAFLY: Do you think trade with the Communists affects American economic security?

MRS. DROSTE: Anytime we buy or sell a piece of merchandise from behind the Iron Curtain, we reduce some American worker's job by a little bit. All these little bits add up to someone's job, and eventually to thousands of unemployed Americans. We can protect our freedom, our businesses, and our families, and help to free the enslaved peoples of the world, by refusing to buy or sell Communist slave-labor imports.

MRS. SCHLAFLY: When Americans buy Communist slave-labor imports, do they realize the price tag is bait with a hidden hook?

MRS. DROSTE: Americans are unwittingly making payments toward the purchase of their own coffins. If the coffin is made, for example, in Yugoslavia, you can be sure it will be as rotten as the government that whiplashed its production.

MRS. SCHLAFLY: Some merchants who handle Communist slave-labor imports

defend their position by saying they are merely carrying out the policies of the U.S. State Department. Do you think this is a convincing argument?

MRS. DROSTE: Unfortunately, on the issue of Communism, State Department policy is not the American policy. Congress and the American people almost unanimously oppose the recognition of Red China, while the State Department has supported this Communist objective. The State Department continues to oppose established American policy as represented by the Captive Nations Resolution and the Battle Act. Both were passed by Congress and signed by the President. These measures call for freedom of the Captive Peoples and prohibit trade and aid to Communist countries. It is important that Congress, American businesses, and individuals continue to take action in the best interests of America, regardless of what some bureaucrats do in the State Department.

MRS. SCHLAFLY: What about the matter of U.S. trade with Communist Cuba?

MRS. DROSTE: This is a very interesting aspect of the question of trade with the Red bloc. The United States has imposed an economic boycott against Cuba and criticized Canada for carrying on a large trade with Castro. But at the same time, the State Department is using all its prestige and power to continue aid to and trade with other bloody Communist tyrants. The State Department has even been cuddling up to the Kadar regime in Hungary which was imposed on the Hungarian people by Mongolian troops under orders of the Butcher of Budapest in 1956.

MRS. SCHLAFLY: Has Congress taken any action against the sale of Communist slave-labor imports?

MRS. DROSTE: Of course, the Battle Act, which prohibits trade in strategic materials between the United States and Communist countries has been on the law books for many years. Currently, H.R. 2513 has

passed the House of Representatives and is in the Committee on Finance in the Senate. This bill would require the country of origin to be marked on all slave-labor imports, even if they are repackaged in the United States. For example, this bill would prevent hams from Communist Poland from being sliced and repackaged under an American label so that the consumer does not suspect it is a slave-labor import. Another bill, H.R. 2566, introduced by Congressman Samuel Devine, would prohibit trade with Communist nations.

MRS. SCHLAFLY: If any individual is interested in helping to stop trade with Communist countries, what would you recommend as a course of action?

MRS. DROSTE: First, be informed about what slave-labor imports are sold in your area. Second, protest politely to the owners and managers of the stores where this merchandise is found, either by personal contact or by letter. Third, patronize and commend those stores which do not handle Communist imports. Encourage American businessmen and manufacturers to help us turn the tide; if our economy goes under, the American dream will be ended. Fourth, help to inform others that trade is a Communist tactic by letters to the editors of newspapers and elsewhere. Fifth, contact the National Committee to Warn of the Arrival of Communist Merchandise on the Local Business Scene, 8124 N.E. 2nd Avenue, Miami 38, Florida. This Committee will give you suggestions on how to organize a local committee, as well as a Shoppers Guide of Communist imports which you can check in your own community.

MRS. SCHLAFLY: Thank you, Mrs. William Droste, for being with us today on AMERICA WAKE UP.

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