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THE BIG THINGS ARE DONE BY LITTLE PEOPLE

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

MRS. SCHLAFLY: When Jesus selected His Apostles, He did not go to the great universities of the day or to the centers of learning and power. He did not try to convert the world overnight by picking a large number of well-known men. He chose a dozen plain, insignificant men, mostly fishermen, undistinguished by intellectual or economic status. The history of the spread of Christianity over all the world is the story of the triumph of faith and zeal, of how a few dedicated individuals can win over persecution andoverwhelming odds.

How often we excuse our failure to do something big for mankind by saying -- if only we were the President, a King, a General, or the head of some large organization! But the big things in life are not usually done by the heads of big groups, but by little individuals; not by handsome, healthy people, but by handicapped people; not by highly-educated people, but by self-taught people. Only a few of the Saints were persons holding high office or positions of influence. For most of them, it was their faith and dedication that proved to be more powerful than education, money or social position.

Milton wrote his best poetry when he was blind. Beethoven composed his finest music when he suffered from deafness. The greatest writer, dramatist and wit of all time had no research staff, collaborators, wordsmiths or gag men to help him. His education and station in life were so ordinary that many modern people find it hard to believe that the man named William Shakespeare really wrote William Shakespeare's plays and sonnets.

An uneducated, teenage peasant girl named Joan of Arc drove the enemy from her country in spite of the cowardice of its rulers and the succession of defeats her country had previously sustained. A simple Italian sailor named Columbus proved many of the professors and astronomers of his day wrong when he sailed over the horizon and discovered the New World. Some nameless farmers who had the courage of their convictions took their guns and fired the shots heard round the world, thus starting the American Revolution which gave us our independence. Two brothers named Wright who ran a small bicycle shop in Dayton and had never finished high school invented what the Smithsonian Institution and great scientists of Europe had solemnly advised them was impossible: a powered airplane, probably the greatest invention of the 20th century.

"What can one individual do to combat Communism?" is the question we are most frequently asked. Yet Communism can only be stopped by the individual actions of little people. Here are some examples of little people who took effective action against Communism:

(1) In 1924 a Chinese student in America mailed a book which saved China from Communism for 20 years. All that "nobody" did was to drop into the mailbox a book addressed: "To Sun-Yat-Sen, Canton, China." This book, "The Social Interpretation of History" by Dr. Maurice William, sold fewer than 100 copies in the United States. But the one copy mailed by an unknown student converted Dr. Sun, the father of the Chinese Republic, from pro-Marxist to pro-capitalist. It stopped Dr. Sun from completing the plan he had already initiated to impose Soviet-sponsored Communism upon China. It saved a whole generation of Chinese from the serfdom of Red tyranny.

(2) In 1948 an immigrant barber in the United States started a

letter-writing campaign to Italy which defeated the Communists in the postwar election which all the political experts had predicted the Reds would surely win. He wrote to his relatives in Italy telling them of the differences between the free way and the Communist way. He had his wife, children, friends and customers write to their friends in the old country. He wrote to all the newspapers in the New York City area asking their help. Gradually his idea caught fire. GI brides from Italy, veterans, civic and religious workers, business and labor leaders joined the barber's campaign. Millions of letters, every one personal and different, poured into Italy the week before the election. Togliatti, the top Italian Communist, said it was the flood of letters from America which defeated his Party. And one little barber started it all.

(3) Remember the issue of the recognition of Red China if you are ever inclined to doubt the value of writing to your Congressman. In 1949 the State Department made a secret plan for the recognition of Red China. According to this plan, the British were to take the lead in recognizing Red China, which they did, and then we were to follow suit. When news of this plan leaked out, little people in every state in the Union spontaneously started to write their representatives. More than a million pieces of mail have descended on official Washington on this single issue. These letters are undoubtedly the cause of the repeated unanimous votes in both the Senate and the House opposing recognition. Letters to Washington have foiled this major Communist tactic for ten years.

(4) In 1957 an obscure teacher single-handedly tackled the impossible task of making our Government withdraw the invitation it had already issued to the Communist Tito. The State Department had promised to roll out the U.S. red carpet for this ruthless Red dictator,

the persecutor of Cardinal Stepinac, and the murderer of our gallant ally, General Mihailovich. This teacher took a two-week leave of absence from his school and went to Washington. He buttonholed Senators and Congressmen in the corridors and gave them arguments for speeches against the Tito visit, and he persuaded more than 100 Congressmen to sign a bi-partisan petition against the visit. He arranged for George Meany of the AFL-CIO and the heads of the American Legion and the Knights of Columbus to call on the Secretary of State and register the protests of their organizations. As a result of this one teacher's effort, the Red tyrant, Tito, was kept out of our country.

(5) A salesman in Missouri produced and promoted a series of 15-minute radio broadcasts by top authorities on Communism until it is now heard in 115 major cities from coast-to-coast. He finds new speakers on current aspects of Communism, makes all the arrangements for taping, contacting the radio stations, and mailing the tapes all over the country.

(6) A college student in New York organized and produced four "Clinics on Communism" for the students, faculty and public. Upon graduation, he turned over his anti-Communist work to a lower classman who has successfully continued the work.

(7) In California, the mother of six small children, put on a successful anti-Communist seminar, and then opened an office for anti-Communist information and materials, using donated space and volunteer help. She and her associates are rendering a significant service in providing U.S. Government pamphlets on Communist propaganda and subversion promptly, so that interested people will not have to wait several weeks for delivery from the Government Printing Office.

(8) One man in Missouri bought 20,000 copies of the American Bar Association Report on Communist Tactics, Strategy and Objectives and

arranged with the largest company in his State to distribute them to each employee.

(9) Four dedicated men in Texas were responsible for an anti-Communist seminar which more than 15,000 persons attended. This was accomplished with little money and great sacrifice. As a result of this seminar, more than 200 study groups on Communism have been started, and a clearing house has been established for movies, tapes, speakers and literature which are in constant demand. A Spanish-language seminar on Communism was likewise a great success, reaching 5,000 persons.

(10) A Wisconsin housewife, after completing a study group and showing films on Communism regularly, determined that a bookstore should be opened to furnish reliable information on atheistic Communism. With the help of a friend this was accomplished and their books have filled a great need.

(11) One woman in Arizona helped to organize and staff a public center for information on Communism, well equipped with literature, films, tapes and lecturers. This center distributed 17,000 English copies and 10,000 Spanish copies of a report on current Communist goals.

(12) A busy engineer in Missouri, father of six children under seven, has started 15 study groups among fellow engineers, friends and civic-minded leaders. He has worked to improve public and school libraries in his area, and has been responsible for influential anti-Communist programs at his plant.

(13) The State of Washington has a doctor whose dedication to educate his fellow Americans which is remarkable. During the past year he has devoted two full work days each week to the cause of freedom and against the scourge of Communism. He has organized study groups, libraries, lectures and an efficient center of information, which many others are copying for their own communities.

(14) One woman in Illinois formed anti-Communist study groups for top high school students, and trained them as fine speakers on atheistic Communism who won oratorical prizes.

(15) An invalid in Michigan spends his time writing letters to the editors of newspapers all over the country in which he gives valuable facts taken from reliable publications about current aspects of the Communist conspiracy.

These stories of the accomplishments of "little people" could be repeated a thousand times all over the United States. They should serve as splendid examples and sources of encouragement to everyone -- especially to those who wonder what one unknown, little person can do to stop Communism. The battle against Communism can be won by the cumulative efforts of patriots who have the moral resolve to become Freedom Fighters in their own spheres of influence. Like the little people in the above examples, you too can do big things if you have faith and dedication.

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DAR programs which contribute to conservation of our natural resources.

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