



# Christian Anti-Communism Crusade

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RE: Washington D.C. Freedom Seminar  
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Dear Friend,

I have just received the following letter:

"Get off your anti-communist kick. You're beating around an issue from the dark ages. I am really surprised to see that such morons as you exist. Is that nasty enough! It's unfortunate that we are so unalterably opposed. But it helps me appreciate the beauty of an American System which can tolerate your fanatic extremism as well as the 'pinkos' and 'commies' which seem to obsess you. Don't you think you are making a pathetic joke out of the doctrine of Christianity? You ain't preaching 'brotherly love' as you signed, but hatred and paranoia. -- To each his own." Signed by S. Beals, News Director, WECI-FM, Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana.

"P.S. The SLA is a Right-wing plot to discredit the Left--didn't you know?"

The writer of this letter exemplifies the type of student we seek to enroll in the Washington D.C. Freedom Seminar. To some this will doubtless seem an exercise in futility. The letter displays supreme ignorance and arrogance. The writer knows the answers to questions that are perplexing thoughtful and intelligent men and women--or pretends he does. He dispenses psychological, political, religious and moral judgment without a blush. Why waste time on Him?

Behind the brashness, there is probably an intelligent, idealistic young man who has been angered by being forced to face facts that conflict with his cherished illusions. He has probably received biased education which attempts to strike a balance between the "vices" of capitalism and the "virtues" of communism so that there is no cause to be enthusiastic about either. He probably retains intellectual curiosity and mobility. He is in an influential position as News Director of a College Radio Station and will probably be even more influential in the future.

Students of his type comprise a splendid element in a seminar audience. Many students with similar attitudes have attended previous seminars and the transformation they have undergone is startling. They soon discover that the faculty are not morons but reasonable, well informed scholars, and their scorn turns to respect.

Of course, we do not wish such attitudes to dominate the seminar student body. A balance of points of view is desirable. We are eager that our friends who are anticommunist should also attend. They will learn much that will equip them to maintain and extend freedom, and will enjoy the opportunity of dialogue with opponents.

It is unnecessary to stress the dangerous situation that confronts us. Communism makes startling advances in Europe while demoralization and disintegration proceed apace here. This is the time for intelligent, sacrificial action. Don't allow today's opportunities to become tomorrow's regrets.

I enclose a copy of the seminar program with an urgent plea for your cooperation. You can help in the following ways: 1) Attend the seminar; 2) Recruit and sponsor students to attend; 3. Publicize and promote the seminar; 4) Give generous financial support. We need \$25,000.

I am counting on you.

With Christian love,  
*Fred Schwarz*