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COMMUNISM AND NUCLEAR POWER

Recently I designed a short questionnaire with which individuals can test how up-to-date their knowledge of communism is. Those who have been reading the Crusade newsletter regularly should be able to answer it without much difficulty as the answers can be found scattered throughout relatively recent issues. Here is the questionnaire, the answers to the questions, and comments:

1. Name five Communist Parties in the U.S.A. that presently publish a newspaper once a week or more frequently.
2. Which Communist Party opposes forced busing for school integration?
3. Name the Communist Party which supports, and is supported by, Communist China.
4. Which U.S. Congressman is quoted and promoted most consistently in the Daily World, the daily newspaper of the U. S. Communist Party?
5. What is the most active "Front" of the U. S. Communist Party?
6. What is the attitude of the U. S. Communist Party towards nuclear Power?

Answers and Comments

Question No. 1: Name five Communist Parties in the U.S.A. that presently publish a newspaper once a week or more frequently.

Answer: These Communist Parties are:

1. The U. S. Communist Party which publishes the DAILY WORLD each day and the PEOPLE'S WORLD each week.
2. The Socialist Workers Party. This is a Trotskyist Communist Party which publishes THE MILITANT each week.
3. The Progressive Labor Party which publishes CHALLENGE, The Revolutionary Communist Newspaper, each week.
4. The Communist Party (Marxist-Leninist) which publishes THE CALL each week.
5. The National Caucus of Labor Committees (U. S. Labor Party). This Party formerly classified itself as a Communist Party, but it suddenly did an about-turn and now considers itself a Right-Wing Party. It publishes NEW SOLIDARITY twice each week.

The Revolutionary Communist Party, which is one of the most active, aggressive and violent Communist Parties operating in the U.S.A., commenced weekly publication of the REVOLUTIONARY WORKER on May 1.

Question No. 2: Which Communist Party opposes forced busing for school integration?

Answer: The Revolutionary Communist Party. Its rationale for this position seems to be that reforms in a capitalist society are futile and that all energies must be devoted to promoting a violent revolution.

Question No. 3: Name the Communist Party which supports, and is supported by, Communist China.

Answer: The Communist Party (Marxist-Leninist)

Question No. 4: Which U. S. Congressman is quoted and promoted most consistently in the DAILY WORLD, the daily newspaper of the U. S. Communist Party?

Answer: Congressman Ron Dellums of Berkeley, California.

Question No. 5: What is the most active "Front" of the U. S. Communist Party?

Answer: The National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression. This communist front, of which Angela Davis is co-chairperson and Charlene Mitchell is executive secretary, has been most successful in securing the support of numerous Congressmen for some of its programs.

Nuclear Power

Question No. 6: What is the attitude of the U. S. Communist Party towards nuclear power?

Answer: The leaders of the U. S. Communist Party SUPPORT nuclear power in the Soviet Union and OPPOSE it in the U.S.A.

This "double standard" is consistent communist conduct. It derives from the "class evaluation" of the issue. To the U. S. Communists, the Soviet Union represents the progressive proletarian class while the U.S.A. represents the reactionary bourgeoisie. The Soviet Union must be strengthened while the U.S.A. must be weakened. Nuclear power supplies energy which adds strength so it must be encouraged for the Soviet Union and discouraged for the U.S.A.

The U. S. Communist Party is faced with a dilemma. They must support two contradictory programs. Their responsibility to give unqualified support to the Soviet Union demands that they must affirm that nuclear power can be developed and operated safely and that the disposal of nuclear wastes presents no insuperable difficulty while their desire to harness the social force created by mass opposition to nuclear power within the U.S.A. demands that they identify with those who shriek that nuclear power stations threaten to destroy not only the present but future generations also.

The communists resolve this dilemma by focusing the attack upon the corporations which develop and operate nuclear power stations within the U.S.A. instead of upon nuclear power itself. They accuse the executives of the corporations of putting profits ahead of safety and thereby creating the dangers protested by opponents of nuclear power.

Soviet Developments of Nuclear Power

The Soviet development of nuclear power is disclosed in a report in the May, 1979 edition of SPUTNIK, a magazine published in Moscow, which copies the format of READER'S DIGEST. In an article captioned, "Soviet Power Industry: a Glance into the Future," the article states:

"A carload of coal generates as much energy as a matchbox of nuclear fuel... That is why it was decided to stop the construction of large thermal power stations operating on oil and natural gas and switch over completely to building atomic power stations (APS) in this area of the country (European Russia) ... Incidentally, in 1978 alone the Soviet APS's saved hundreds of thousands of carloads of mineral fuel... According to Pyotr Neporozhny, USSR Minister of Power Industry and Electrification, 'beginning in 1980 practically the whole increase of electricity output in the country's European part will be obtained from the APS's.'" (Pages 13 and 14)

Gus Hall Speaks

Gus Hall, General Secretary of the U. S. Communist Party, reveals the communist attitude to nuclear power in an interview with William C. Taylor, an editorial writer for the DAILY WORLD, which is published in the May 5 edition of the PEOPLE'S WORLD:

Question: "What does the nuclear accident at Three-Mile Island show?"

Answer: "This accident proves that the monopolies cannot be trusted with nuclear power, that the nuclear plants should be shut down and never opened again till People's Commissions, with veto power, agree to their re-opening.

Question: "How do you see the problems of technology in general, and nuclear power specifically, as they are applied under capitalism and under socialism?"

Answer: "In our present-day world one cannot deal with questions of technology and science as if there are no classes and two fundamentally different socio-economic systems --capitalism and socialism. To ignore this is to create confusion. We cannot deal with the application of technology without taking into consideration the basic one-track greedy nature of capitalism.

"We cannot deal with the dangers of nuclear power without taking into consideration the fact that human welfare and safety are not considerations in the plans or operations of monopoly corporations.

"These anti-human practices flow from the inherent, inner-nature of capitalism. The corporate drive for maximum profits supersedes all other considerations.

"It is this inherent, socially irresponsible nature of capitalism that gives rise to the movements and struggles around nuclear power.

"How does this differ from the inner-nature of the socialist societies? Socialism, by its very inner-nature is socially responsible. Within socialism there are no pressures that are in contradiction with its central motivating concept - human welfare. There are no profit-pressures that are in contradiction with working for a livable environment and the health and safety of people. There are no contradictory pressures on the engineers who design the nuclear power plants, the factories that build them and the people who operate them, except to produce power under the safest of all possible conditions.

"Any attempt to deal with the problems of technology, including nuclear power, without taking into consideration these inherently opposite characteristics of the two different societies is to inadvertently cover up for capitalism and to slander socialism.

Question: "How do you feel about the people who are protesting, demonstrating, and demanding that nuclear power plants be shut down?"

Answer: "The basic, motivating factor of the mass movements, operating on diverse levels with a variety of demands, is their feeling, their conviction that the corporations cannot be trusted with nuclear power. It is a broad anti-monopoly sentiment. This is a positive, healthy development." (Page 6)

This attitude towards nuclear power is shared by other national Communist Parties which support the Soviet Union. This statement by the Socialist Party of Australia, published in the DAILY WORLD, April 24, illustrates this. The Socialist Party of Australia is the Communist Party which gives unqualified support to the Soviet Union:

Australia's Marxist Leninists on nuclear power

CANBERRA, April 18 TASS) — The Socialist Party of Australia demanded that multinational corporations be barred from the use of Australian uranium. In its statement the party says that these corporations are interested only in maximum profits and stand for expanded use of nuclear energy for military purposes. Under the circumstances, the document says, the expansion of mining and export of Australian uranium ore could only promote the arms race.

The Socialist Party, while drawing attention to the fact that capitalist corporations ignore the problems of protecting the environment and human health, called for a moratorium on the mining of Australian uranium ore. Only when branches of industry related to nuclear energy are placed under public control can adequate security and protection of human health be guaranteed, the Socialist Party stressed.

The China Syndrome

The communist point of view is superbly expressed by the film, *The China Syndrome*, in which Jane Fonda stars.

Most reviews of this film state that it is an attack upon nuclear power. This is not the case. It is an attack upon the Nuclear Power Industry. The hero of the film states that the problem is not the nature of nuclear power because the dangers associated with nuclear power can be avoided and controlled by systems that work. The real problem is that greedy businessmen sacrifice safety for profit and sabotage these systems. The inference is that, when capitalist greed is eliminated, nuclear power stations will be safe.

It is worth noting that this film is a product of a Capitalist Corporation, Columbia Pictures, Inc.

The conviction that corporate executives are by nature corrupt and cruel while socialist bureaucrats are invariably virtuous and humane is one of the more bizarre delusions of maudlin Marxist minds.

THE MINERAL BOMB AND SOUTHERN AFRICA

The nations of the Western World depend upon the minerals of Southern Africa for the operation of their industries. This is made clear in the following article published in the magazine, *TO THE POINT*:

Among the means that would be available to a southern African community to counteract outside pressures, the "mineral weapon" looms large.

The need for close economic and military co-operation could conceivably lead to the creation of one of the most powerful raw material cartels the world has ever known. With a centrally controlled marketing policy for its strategic and other essential minerals, the subcontinent could have far more influence over Western attitudes to it.

A recent study into Germany's dependence on raw materials originating in Third World conflict areas was quickly rated "top secret" by a meeting of ministerial secretaries and economists. For good reason. It revealed that Germany's dependence on manganese and chrome from

South Africa was such that a 30% reduction in supply would — after only three months — affect no less than one-quarter of German industry and the jobs of nearly seven million workers.

According to the report German dependence on imports of South African chrome, asbestos, manganese and wolfram varies between 40% and 86%. In all, Western Europe's most powerful industrial nation imported 48 different raw materials from the subcontinent last year.

France too, has begun to assess the dangers a politically destabilised African subcontinent would pose for her economy. President Giscard d'Estaing has given orders to stockpile strategic raw materials — most from South Africa.

But the demand for larger stocks is growing everywhere. Britain is looking at

its imports from southern Africa of 80% of its antimony, 45% of its chrome, 55% of its platinum and 35% of its manganese.

According to the American *National Review*, "The United States is increasingly dependent on South Africa for strategic materials as it imports more than 100 minerals — 16 of them in large quantities. If the Soviets are successful in detaching these resources, they will have struck a massive, possibly devastating blow at the West."

If the Soviet Union ever gained control of southern Africa she would control 99% of the world's platinum reserves, 93% of manganese, 97% of the vanadium, 30% of uranium and 90% of the world's chrome reserves.

"DETENTE AND PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE AS ADDING TO POSSIBILITIES
FOR PEACEFUL TRANSITION TO SOCIALISM IN THE UNITED STATES"

The Party Organizer is an instruction manual published by the U.S. Communist Party for distribution to Party members. Its purpose is to inform their workers of the official communist position on current issues and to instruct them how to perform their duties.

The January, 1979 edition of The Party Organizer contains a "Draft of a New Party Program," which will be submitted to the 22nd Convention of the Communist Party (U.S.A.) which will be held in Detroit in August. This program states:

"We regard both detente and peaceful coexistence as adding to possibilities for peaceful transition to socialism in the United States." (Pages 15 and 16)

Do the communists really mean this or are they engaged in a program to deceive the unwary? I am convinced that they really mean it. Let us analyze the statement in order to understand what it means to a communist.

"Socialism in the United States"

This means that the U.S. Communist Party will rule the U.S.A. with monopolistic and dictatorial power.

"Peaceful Transition to Socialism"

This means that the Dictatorship of the U.S. Communist Party will be imposed without the destruction of U.S. property that would be caused by war, either conventional or thermonuclear.

"Detente and Peaceful Coexistence"

This means that the Soviet Union and the U.S.A. will strive to avoid military war while they engage in trade, cultural interchange, and one-sided ideological war. In practice this means that the U.S.A. will build the economy of the Soviet Union by the supply of food, industrial products and technology. This will, at least indirectly, increase the military might of the Soviet Union, which will be helped to purchase these goods by loans from U.S. financial institutions.

While avoiding military war, the Soviet Union carries on a truceless ideological war against the U.S.A. Activities in this war include:

1. The promotion and support of anti-imperialist rebellions in underdeveloped countries. When such a rebellion is successful in overthrowing a pro-U.S.A. government in any country, every effort must be made to install a pro-Soviet and finally a communist government in that country. Recent examples of the success of this program are: Ethiopia, Yemen, Afghanistan, Mozambique and Angola, while Iran is at the state of the anti-imperialist government.
2. The promotion of class struggle within the U.S.A. This demands the promotion and support of industrial, racial and ecological strife with the objective of weakening the U.S.A.

By supporting these programs, the communists are convinced that once the U.S.A. is encircled by a group of hostile communist-ruled countries with superior military might, deprived of essential raw materials, and weakened by internal conflict, the will to resist will be broken and surrender to communism will ensue. Thus, "the peaceful transition to Socialism" will take place.

Detente and Peaceful Coexistence are synonyms for the communist program to conquer the U.S.A. EXTERNAL ENCIRCLEMENT, PLUS INTERNAL DEMORALIZATION, PLUS THERMONUCLEAR BLACK-MAIL, LEADS TO PROGRESSIVE SURRENDER.

IS "THE SYSTEM" TO BLAME FOR POVERTY IN UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRIES?

In the April 15 newsletter I wrote critically about an article titled, "'The System': Creating Hunger Amidst Plenty," authored by Dr. Stanley Mooneyham, President of World Vision and published by WORLDWIDE CHALLENGE, the monthly magazine of Campus Crusade for Christ. My article has stimulated substantial correspondence, and I am glad to report that most of the writers concentrated upon the important issues raised by Dr. Mooneyham's article and displayed no personal rancor.

Before publishing my criticism in the newsletter, I sent copies of it to World Vision and Campus Crusade. I received friendly, loving, and concerned letters from Campus Crusade leaders and a brief, courteous reply from Dr. Mooneyham.

Campus Crusade leaders affirmed that they are not opposed to the Free Enterprise System and the total record of Bill Bright and Campus Crusade certainly supports that claim. Stanley Mooneyham wrote to a friend stating that he supports the Free Enterprise System also.

Unfortunately, this is not the message I received from reading the article, and I do not believe it is the message most students, who are attending college or university, would receive. The message I received was clear and included:

1. The poverty in underdeveloped countries is due to a "system" which operates both within the underdeveloped country and throughout the world.
2. It is the duty of Christians to change this system.
3. To try to help individual victims rather than to attempt to change the "system" is to be an accomplice in "brutal exploitation."

Surely, the "system" must be the one that exists, the Capitalist System. In its international operation this system is called "Imperialism" by its enemies.

No credit is given to this system for the miracles it has accomplished.

No specifics are provided for the system that should replace it.

Many college students, after reading the article, would say, "This confirms what the professor has been telling us about the evil capitalist system. It is our duty to unite with those who are striving to overthrow capitalism."

Since the only functioning alternative to Capitalism is some variety of Socialism, to advise these young people to "change the system" is to advise them to work for Socialism.

This encourages a partnership with the atheistic and violent Marxists who are fighting to overthrow Capitalism. In Latin America many youthful Catholic priests and laymen, who are influenced by Liberation Theology and believe that Capitalism is responsible for the poverty that surrounds them, have entered such a partnership. Is this what we desire for evangelistic youth?

The paradox is that countries which call themselves "socialist" contribute to the poverty in underdeveloped lands. The United States produces a substantial food surplus. The Soviet Union imports much grain from the U.S.A. which could otherwise feed millions who are starving in the underdeveloped world.

I would like to share with you letters I have received:

John S. Lynn of Indianapolis, Indiana, writes:

"Just read your 4/15 Newsletter and wanted you to know I agree completely with your stand on what Stan Mooneyham wrote. I love and respect him as you do, but believe he's on dangerous ground here. And yet, I can see how it happens. He's so close to so much misery so much of the time that he must feel helpless to do anything about it, so comes to believe the whole system must be changed. What must be changed, of course, and he'd be the first to admit it, is the heart of man, and that can only be done by getting more and more of them born again. Meanwhile, Stan is out there on the firing line ministering to the needs of many. I've long been an admirer of his and of World Vision. I'd be interested to know his comments on your article!"

Howard Kershner, formerly editor of CHRISTIAN ECONOMICS and presently Visiting Professor of CURRENT ECONOMIC PROBLEMS at Northwood Institute and editor of ANSWERS TO ECONOMIC PROBLEMS writes:

"Your criticism of Stanley Mooneyham's book is sound. It ought to be emphasized. On the eve of departing for South America, South Africa, the Middle East and Europe, I have hastily written some comments which I hope to revise when I return, and prepare for publication in ANSWERS.

"I congratulate you on the effort you have made to call attention to this frightful error. Capitalism is the ladder by which the Western world has climbed out of the pit of suffering, and now powerful forces are at work to return us to that same pit."

Here are the comments of Dr. Kershner:

'THE SYSTEM': CREATING HUNGER AMIDST PLENTY
by Stanley Mooneyham

"In this poignant description of bitter poverty and suffering, Dr. Mooneyham appeals for a change that will provide a better life for people who are unable to provide it for themselves.

"Dr. Mooneyham mistakenly attributes the suffering of these people to the capitalistic system and the selfishness of those who practice it. He says they demand more and more for themselves, and are selfishly unmindful of those who sink deeper and deeper into poverty.

"Apparently, he does not understand that the whole world suffered from the kind of poverty he laments in South America, Africa and Asia, for thousands of years.

"Only since the coming of Christian capitalism has a start been made toward conquering poverty, disease, suffering and ushering in an era of better living for all. With the coming of Christianity, came the desire to help one's fellows, and to be fair, just and generous to them. Two hundred years ago, when Christianity was at the height of its acceptance, Adam Smith proposed the theory of free market capitalism. The combination of these two transformed society. A tender conscience, with freedom and the right to enjoy the fruits of one's labor brought amazing productive energy into play for the first time. It lifted the Western world above the level of starvation, disease, bitter poverty, and a short brutish life for the first time in human history. It gave hope that these wretched conditions might be overcome by the accumulation of capital, which made possible mass production.

"Of course, there were abuses. Selfish men always exist, under any system, but the great advantage of capitalism is that in order to succeed himself, one must serve his fellows. The Western world has moved ahead rapidly during the past two or three centuries and has given the first demonstration in the history of the world that poverty, disease and suffering could be conquered, and a better life achieved for all men. The fact that some have been able to do this shows that others may do it, and that there is hope for all.

"Dr. Mooneyham is doing those who suffer great injustice by blaming those who have conquered poverty and urging a redistribution of wealth under a new system. That might help for awhile, but after it decapitalized the West, it would only spread the suffering, cancel out what has been accomplished to relieve it, and return the world to poverty and loss of freedom and self government.

"The most important thing that one can do to raise the standard of living, is to help accumulate capital to finance more industry, supply more good jobs, and create more wealth that will satisfy more of the needs of starving, hungry people.

"Redistributing and consuming wealth that ought to be devoted to increasing production, in other words, socialism, is the most harmful program one can advocate."

Concern with the suffering of the poor of the earth is wholly admirable. However, genuine concern does not, of itself, validate the programs designed to alleviate the suffering. It is possible to combine compassionate concern with programs that actually promote suffering. We need the wisdom as well as the love of Christ.

AFGHANISTAN, SAUDI ARABIA, GAS LINES, AND THE BREZHNEV DOCTRINE

The people of Afghanistan are trying valiantly to overthrow the communist dictatorship which has been imposed upon them, but their prospects of doing so appear bleak. This is due to the proximity and power of the Soviet Union and the Brezhnev Doctrine that directs Soviet policy.

The Brezhnev Doctrine states that it is the responsibility of the Soviet Union to use armed force to maintain a Communist Dictatorship in power in any friendly communist country. Thus, the Afghan people are not merely fighting against their own communist tyrants; they are fighting the armed might of the Soviet Union. It is reported that hundreds of Soviet soldiers have already been killed by Afghan patriots.

The allies of the U.S.A. cannot be blamed for looking upon the Soviet Union somewhat enviously. They see the effective military aid which the Soviet Union provides to communist countries either directly or indirectly. By comparison, the U.S.A. appears indecisive and untrustworthy.

If the rulers of Saudi Arabia had confidence that the U.S.A. would act decisively to protect them against internal as well as external enemies, they would feel more secure and the peace situation in the Middle East and the oil situation in the U.S.A. would be more favorable.

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