

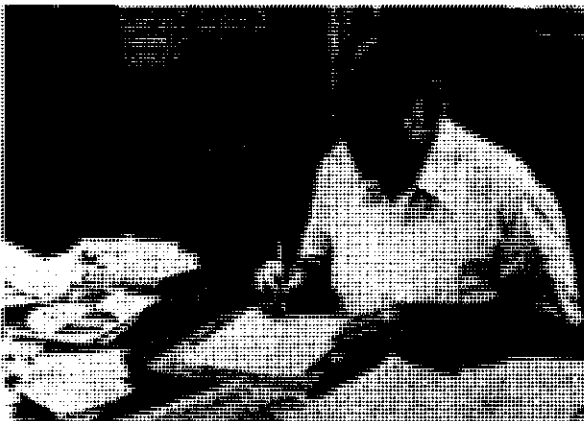
Greetings at Christmas



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Dear Friend,

As Christmas, the "season of peace and goodwill", draws near, crisis follows crisis in this tormented world. As I write this, 49 Americans sit silent, bound, blindfolded and psychologically bombarded in the U.S. Embassy building in Iran while crazed mobs of Iranian youth, supported by Ayatollah Khomeini and whatever passes for the Iranian Government, threaten to kill them unless the U.S. Government delivers the Shah to them for "Islamic justice" and execution. The U.S. President and government face a fearful dilemma.



The Author at Work

The seizure of the U.S. Embassy is an outrageous act which threatens the destruction of civilization itself. Dialogue between nations is essential if the state of universal war, in which each nation is against all others, is to be replaced by negotiation, truce and trade. One of the steps from savagery to civilization has been the establishment of diplomatic immunity in which the persons of the diplomats living in a hostile country are sacrosanct. The U.S.A. grants diplomatic immunity to its enemies even in a time of war. When the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor and the U.S.A. declared war on Japan, the Japanese diplomats who were living in this country were not arrested, imprisoned, tried and punished; they were sent back to Japan.

The seizure of the U.S. diplomats in Iran is a reversion from civilization to savagery. If it succeeds in attaining its objective, the return of the Shah, it will be the forerunner of many similar acts and a giant step on the road to universal war.

Communist Dialectic Duplicity

One important question is, What role have the communists played in this crisis? The mobs who invaded the embassy and who hold the hostages, profess to be Moslem, not communist. It is almost certain, nonetheless, that communists are involved in the activity, and I strongly suspect that some of them are playing a leading role. The attitude of the authorities in the Soviet Union and the communists in the U.S.A. are also noteworthy.

The prestigious news magazine, U. S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT, reports that the Soviet Union played a provocative role by stirring the Iranians about an alleged danger coming from the presence of the Shah in the U.S.A. Eleven days before the mobs seized the Embassy, Radio Moscow broadcast this message in Persian: "*Collaboration between the Shah and the U.S. would threaten the Republic in Iran.*"

When the Embassy seizure took place, Soviet broadcasts to Iran supported it. They declared that the U.S. Embassy was the "*center of corruption and anti-Iranian conspiracies*" and that "*the anger of the Iranian nation and its youth who ask that a stop be put to U.S. imperialist interference in the country's affairs is totally understandable and logical.*"

After provoking the action and supporting it for two weeks, the Soviet Union changed its official tune. As a sop to world opinion, or concerned because their own embassies might suffer similar action, the Soviet Union issued an official statement advising that the hostages be released. Such simultaneous support of conflicting sides is classical communist conduct. It promotes that desirable state, *conflict*, and illustrates the dialectic in action.

The U.S. Communists Demand--Send the Shah Back to Iran

Within this country, the U.S. Communists have orchestrated the theme, "*Send the Shah back to Iran.*"

Naturally, this appeals to many citizens as the easy way out of the dilemma. Why should innocent Americans die to protect the Shah? Maybe he is guilty as charged and should be punished. The anguished concern of the families of the hostages should touch all hearts. How would we react if our son, husband or father were one of the hostages?

What Should the President Do?

It is my sincere prayer that, by the time you receive this newsletter, all the hostages will be safely back home. It will not be easy to achieve this. The choices open to the responsible authorities are cruel. It is not simply a choice between the lives of the hostages and that of the Shah. There is also the choice between risking that a few should die now rather than that many should die in the near future. If this kidnapping is successful, how long will it be before similar seizures will take place all round the world. Whenever a dispute develops between two countries, the temptation will be for terrorist mobs to seize the embassies. The precedent would have been established.

If the U.S. yields, every country in the world depending upon American strength and will for its security, will tremble and consider a new alliance--possibly with the Soviet Union.

Military Action?

Because of the location of the hostages, military action would likely lead to the death of many of the hostages. If any rationality remains in the Iranian leadership, respect for U.S. military might and the knowledge it may be used could persuade those in command to negotiate the release of the captured Americans.

Unaided human wisdom is inadequate. We need the guidance of God. Individually, we should devote ourselves earnestly to prayer while nationally a day of repentance and prayer should be called.

The Family: America's Hope

This is the Christmas season so we will turn from the critical world situation to personal matters. Many have expressed appreciation for the family news I give each year.

The breakdown of the family contributes to communist conquest. The strength of the U.S.A. depends upon the strength of the family unit. The communist conquest of this country requires demoralization, not conversion to communism. The formula for communist conquest is: "*External encirclement, plus internal demoralization, plus thermonuclear blackmail, leads to progressive surrender.*" Anyone who is not blind can see how world events are fulfilling this formula.

Since my last Christmas letter, we have welcomed two beautiful little girls, Sarah Whitehall and Penelope Schwarz. The happy parents are John and Elsie Whitehall, and David and

Robyn Schwarz. That makes fourteen grandchildren for my wife Lillian and me to love and cherish.



Looking at Lillian



Nicole and Danielle

In March, Lillian joined me for the Silver Jubilee Banquet of the Crusade. What a night it was. Friends came from all parts of the compass to express affection and appreciation. God has rewarded us for any sacrifice we have made beyond human expectation.

In July, my son John, who is Medical Superintendent of Emmaus Hospital for the Zulus in South Africa, with his wife Rosalie and their four delightful children, spent a few weeks with me. What a time we had together. John visited many hospitals in the Long Beach area but was not tempted to remain. His hospital of 300 beds has three doctors whereas the staff of a hospital of similar size in this country is many times larger. John feels needed and loves his work. Rosalie is trying to improve the diet of the Zulus and to help those who are in desperate need but not in hospital. Typical is the care of a family of 10 children left in the care of their grandmother since the mother has been sent to prison for killing the father. Food and clothing are basic needs.

In October, my daughter Rosemary and her husband, Murray, visited me with their two exquisite daughters, Danielle and Nicole. Rosemary is a psychiatrist while Murray is a medical scientist engaged in research in the cause and prevention of hypertension. He came to attend the conference of the Heart Association which was held in Anaheim, California.

In January we will be host to an unusual guest. He is Australia's longest surviving individual who has had a kidney transplant. His name is John Morey, and he will be accompanied by his wife Beverly and their children, Peter and Melinda.

John was an athletic young man about 6 ft. 2 in. tall, engaged in Christian work in Australia. He was about to be married when it was discovered that he was suffering from Bright's Disease caused by the progressive destruction of the kidneys. This disease has invariably proved fatal in the past. They were friends of my

son John and his wife Rosalie, and about 13 years ago they came to have a vacation with us at a beach cottage with their baby boy, Peter. Shortly after that John's condition deteriorated rapidly. The muscles of his arms and legs withered. His body became distended with fluid and his mind became disoriented. He was at the point of death when a kidney became available and it was surgically implanted in his body, thus saving his life. The muscles of his arms and legs did not recover, and he has to walk with leg irons. His spirit and Christian faith have remained vibrant, and he has accepted his handicap and lived as full a life as his condition will permit. He is a high school teacher and even goes water skiing. Since his kidney transplant, he and his wife have had a second child, Melinda.

During the critical period, when he faced death and underwent surgery, the Crusade was

privileged to give them financial support. We rejoice that we are able to do things like this because of the contributions we receive from some of you for such Christian service.

The Future

Each Christmas season reminds me that I am one year older and the question of how much longer I can continue the work of the Crusade forces itself upon my attention. I am happy to report that despite an attack of the shingles in the first half of the year, my health has been good and the tachycardia, which is my major health problem, has been well controlled. Since the need for the ministry of the Crusade was never as great as it is now, I am determined to continue this work as long as God gives me strength and we continue to receive sufficient support. I esteem it a privilege, not a hardship, to direct the Crusade's vital work. As the poet Tennyson writes in his poem "Ulysses":

"How dull it were to pause, to make an end,
To rest unburnished, not to shine in use
As though to breathe were life.
Life piled on life were all too little."

Communist Progress in the U.S.A.

While the horror of communism becomes increasingly apparent as the thousands of boat people flee from Vietnam, and the Cambodians are threatened with extermination, the communists in the United States continue to make substantial progress. The Communist Party, U.S.A. held its annual convention in Detroit, Michigan in August. In a letter appealing for financial support they stated:

"Detroit was an experience we will not soon forget; it was an inkling of what a mass party can accomplish. There was no doubt that Detroit knew the Communists were in town, starting with the large neon sign announcing the 22nd Convention. The bus drivers, the cab drivers and workers in the plants were talking about us and our proposals for workers to keep the Dodge Main open. What a thrill to see the billboards and the large signs on the sides of the buses with Gus Hall's and Angela Davis's pictures! Canvassing house to house, Detroiters sold 2,900 advance tickets to Cobo Hall and over 1,000 Daily World subs--proof that the party is able to reach workers. Even the television had to take notice. News broadcasts carried reports and parts of speeches. On Sunday evening, Aug. 26, in prime time, all three Detroit network stations featured the highlights of the rally." (Daily World, Nov. 15, page 2)

An infinite amount of work cries out to be done to halt the communist advance. Together we can and will do miracles. *"If God be for us, who can be against us?" God is for us.*

I thank you for the financial support you have given throughout the year and ask you to make one special effort so that we can finish this year with all debts paid. The Bible refers to life as a race. The winner is usually the one who can make the greatest effort and sprint to the finishing line. Please make your utmost effort because the danger demands all we can give.

One miracle is, the more we give, the more true wealth we possess. Have a wonderful, loving, giving Christmas.

With Christian love,

W. Robert Anderson