

WHAT IS THE CHURCH LEAGUE OF AMERICA?



**A History of the Organization,
Including Its Founders, Scope of
Activity, and How Individuals
May Participate In Its Mission**

**"Eternal Vigilance
The Price**



**Is Forever
Of Liberty"**

The largest and most comprehensive files on subversive activity, with the single exception of the FBI, are located in the Research Library of the Church League of America in Wheaton, Illinois, 24 miles west of the heart of Chicago.

Into these headquarters come thousands of requests for original source material and documents from every part of the Free World. In addition to visits in person by scholars, pastors, theologians, missionaries, writers, government security personnel, educators and just plain citizens, a floodtide of letters and telegrams asking for complete background reports on individuals, organizations, publications, movements and subjects is received monthly for processing and investigation.

The full name of this organization is: The National Laymen's Council of the Church League of America. It is composed of both clergy and lay people from churches around the world who are concerned with the revolutionary trends rising on every hand within what is left of free societies outside the Iron Curtain of Communism.

This unique organization was founded in 1937 in the City of Chicago by some of the leading lay stalwarts and defenders of the historic Christian Faith in that city. The first General Chairman was Frank J. Loesch who was head of the Chicago Crime Commission, prosecutor of Al Capone, head of the largest law firm, President of the Union League Club, Chairman of the 80 million dollar Chicago Union Terminal Company, General Counsel for the Pennsylvania

Railroad, but, above all, ruling elder and teacher of the adult Bible class for 17 years in Chicago's famed Fourth Presbyterian Church.

Frank Loesch, who was given the title of "Mr. Chicago" by all the leaders of business and industry of that city, at a great testimonial dinner, conferred with other churchmen, such as the late Henry P. Crowell, Chairman of the Board of Quaker Oats and benefactor of Moody Bible Institute, and formed the National Laymen's Council of the Church League of America at a time when left-wing or "collectivistic" propaganda began to infiltrate every phase of American life in the 30's, especially through pulpit, seminary and church publications.

These Christian leaders, many of them great legal minds, saw religious molders of public opinion using their offices to deny the great doctrines of the historic Christian Faith and the substituting of a humanistic, materialistic "social gospel" which was playing right into the hands of the Communists, their fellow-travelers, sympathizers and front-joiners. Even government investigative committees on both national and state levels were beginning to bring out evidences of strong collaboration between known leftist leaders and liberal or modernistic clergymen.

At the formation meeting of the Church League it was decided to set up a research and analytical education center for the purpose of gathering together all the evidence possible on how alien forces were attempting to subvert not only religious but educational institutions as

well. Such evidence, only from original sources, would then be weighed, evaluated, carded, indexed and filed; so that documented reports could be written and sent to church and educational leaders all over the United States, arming them with irrefutable evidence on "wolves in sheep's clothing" who were attempting to subvert our churches and schools to Marxism.

Headquarters were first set up in downtown Chicago, then moved to Evanston, Illinois, and finally, a permanent plant was constructed in Wheaton, Illinois in 1961 to which has been added more and more floor space as the work of the League has expanded.

Top Christian scholars, former staff members of Congressional investigating committees and intelligence divisions of Government were hired and have been working under the direction of a national board of directors composed of 14 prominent lay leaders and 3 clergymen.

Valuable files and documents running into the hundreds of thousands were amassed from every part of the globe. Some were smuggled out of the Soviet Union, the Satellite states and Red China. Every hearing held by United States government bodies and foreign governments on the subject of subversion was acquired by the League, as were the publications of every major leftist, liberal or pacifist organization within the United States. The League undercover operatives sat in on Communist and leftist meetings and brought out not only miniature tape recordings of the proceedings but armloads of their literature.

Photographs were taken, in many instances, with tiny cameras, of the participants. Copies of file materials were also acquired by Church League agents who ingratiated themselves with leftists that accepted their volunteer help to work in various headquarters.

The uniqueness of the Church League files is that every name of every person, organization, movement, publication or subject of significance has been put on a reference card with one incident per card, each referring back to the original document in the files. Full page ads in newspapers, such as the *New York Times*, calling for the abolition of Congressional investigating committees, or attacking our security laws, have sometimes carried names running into the thousands. Each one of these names has been carded and indexed with the reason for it appearing in the ad put on the card. Likewise, if an individual made a speech or wrote an article or book attacking and ridiculing a major doctrine of the Christian Faith or the American way of life, that individual's name and the article or book were each carded.

Today the Church League has millions of such reference cards in its files, all from original sources, so that a supporter of the League's work can get a complete chronological case history on an individual, organization, publication, etc. There may be hundreds of cards or just one on a single individual. The Church League does not invent anything about anyone or any organization. Their own deeds are recorded with time, date, page and paragraph cited from the original document. As our Lord Jesus

Christ said: "By their fruits ye shall know them." The League gathers their fruits and catalogues them, even if the smell of the decay is sometimes unbearable!

Every month the Church League publishes a documentary known as *NEWS AND VIEWS*. This is neither a newspaper nor a letter. It represents hundreds of hours of research into original source material, the summarizing of it and references given to the sources. A single issue may be only four pages or it may run over 100 pages, according to the scope and urgency of the material. Also, *NEWS AND VIEWS* has been published as high as three times per month because of the importance of the subjects covered and the fact that they are very current. A gift of \$5.00 will bring this publication to you for one year.

Secondly, there is sent to every \$10.00 contributor the National Laymen's *DIGEST*, which is printed every two weeks and keeps Church League supporters informed, in short, concise paragraphs, on up-to-date happenings in every phase of American life which the subversionists and revolutionists are trying to destroy. Those who give \$12.50 per year will receive a package combination of both *NEWS & VIEWS* and the National Laymen's *DIGEST*.

Thirdly, the League publishes special research reports which consist of the following categories: Complete case histories on individuals such as Bishop James A. Pike, Walter and Victor Reuther, Martin L. King, Fred C. Cook; documentaries on Moral Re-Armament, the National Education Association, the PTA, the National Council of Churches, UNESCO, and hundreds of other

subjects as listed in the League's free catalogue. Also, the testimony of the Director of the FBI, J. Edgar Hoover, annually given in secret session to the House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations and not printed for general public distribution by the Government Printing Office, is received by the League and reprinted exactly as it is by offset process for distribution to all Church League supporters who take the League's Special Reports service. A gift of \$20.00 per year over and above that for the *DIGEST* and *NEWS & VIEWS* is necessary for this service.

Fourthly, the League processes requests for information from Government agencies without charge, and allows a contributor of an additional \$50.00, over and above the gifts for *NEWS & VIEWS*, the *DIGEST* and Special Reports service, the privilege of asking for checks on three names in any category within a year.

These are especially researched by staff writers and investigators.

The Church League publishes major books such as: *COLLECTIVISM IN THE CHURCHES*, *HOW THE COMMUNISTS USE RELIGION*, *APOSTLES OF DECEIT*, *MANUAL FOR SURVIVAL*, and *THE RECORD OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES*.

Church League personnel speak around the world: In Bible conferences, evangelistic services, seminars lasting from one to three days, before educational groups, civic banquets and luncheon clubs, state and national conventions of church, business, civic and patriotic groups; and, on

public forums and in debates.

These personnel have not only appeared as expert witnesses under oath before U.S. Congressional Committees and state legislative committees, but they have participated in nationally known television panel shows, overseas television programs and on many radio broadcasts, both local and on national networks. The Executive Secretary of the Church League was one of several expert witnesses to appear in the first Trial of International Communism held at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. in February 1968.

In 1942 the Internal Revenue Service of the U. S. Treasury Department granted the Church League of America a tax-exempt status, permitting it to receive tax-deductible gifts from individuals, churches, corporations and foundations for the support of its educational program. This is how the League is supported. Annually the League renders a certified public accountant's report of all receipts and expenditures to its supporters and to all inquirers.

Never once, in the history of the League, has one cent been found out of place or mis-used. All League personnel are on salaries fixed by the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee.

The Church League cooperates with all the law enforcement agencies of the United States, right down to the local police departments. Its facilities are used frequently by these groups.

How To Become a Contributor

The League's regular publication, *NEWS & VIEWS*, dealing with some current phase of subversion in the religious and educational fields, is sent as an educational service to all who contribute \$5.00 or more per year to sustain the League's work. For those who send only \$10.00 per year, the National Laymen's *DIGEST*, dealing with individuals, organizations, publications and subjects in religion, education, entertainment, political life, and youth groups, is mailed every two weeks. For a gift of \$12.50, both *NEWS & VIEWS* and the *DIGEST* are mailed for an entire year to the

contributor. A gift of \$20.00 extra brings our Special Reports to the contributor.

The League also offers a report service to its \$50.00 or more contributors which includes routine checks, involving twenty separate checking sources on names of individuals, organizations and publications which appear in the contributor's local community. Three name limitations are placed on this special service during the year in which the supporter contributes because of salaries of employees involved and time consumed in investigation and compilation of such reports.

One becomes a supporter of the League and a recipient of its services by making annual contributions toward its work. A free packet of introductory material, including the catalogue, the history of operations, and sample publications, may be had by writing to: The Church League of America, 422 North Prospect St., Wheaton, Illinois 60187.

The Church League of America's motto is: "ETERNAL VIGILANCE IS FOREVER THE PRICE OF LIBERTY."



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