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THE CONTRIBUTION OF GORBACHEV TO THE DEATH OF SOVIET COMMUNISM--Part II

In the September 1 newsletter, it was shown how the economic stagnation of the Soviet Union, and the corruption within the Communist Party, convinced Mikhail Gorbachev that radical changes in the economic system, and in the Communist Party, were necessary. How did he decide what these changes should be?

Lenin and the Dialectic

Gorbachev sought guidance from the teaching and record of his idol, Lenin. He writes:

"The works of Lenin and his ideals of socialism remained for us an inexhaustible source of dialectical creative thought, theoretical wealth and political sagacity. His very image is an undying example of lofty moral strength, all-round spiritual culture and selfless devotion to the cause of the people and to socialism." (Perestroika, page 25)

Gorbachev's devotion to socialism remained undiminished. He sought to purge both the Soviet Union and the Communist Party from the debris that had accumulated during the years, and to restore their original zeal and purity of motive.

Retreating to Advance

The programs that he chose were based upon the dialectic of Karl Marx which had been applied in practice by the founder of the Communist Party and the creator of the Soviet Union, Lenin.

The official philosophy of Communism is dialectical materialism. This doctrine affirms the inevitability of progress. This progress, however, is not continuous. It results from a series of advances and retreats. In many situations, retreat is necessary in order to gain a position from which future advance will be possible.

I doubt if Lenin or Gorbachev were familiar with American football. If they had been, they would have observed one example of the dialectic. In this sport, two teams are in conflict, and the objective of each is to advance the football in the opposite directions till it crosses the goal line. One side has control of the football and its actions are offensive, while the actions of the other are defensive or reactionary.

The program of advance is directed by the quarterback. One major method he

uses to advance is to retreat with the ball until he secures a position from which he can throw a forward pass, which he hopes will lead to a major advance. When successful, this "retreat to advance" procedure results in a major gain towards the objective.

As any football fan knows, this dialectical procedure is not always successful. There are many possibilities that will cause the net results to be a loss, not a gain. The quarterback may drop the ball, or he may be caught and tackled before he can throw it. In the worst scenario, he may be blindsided by an opponent so that he drops the ball and it is gathered by an opponent who runs with it to the opposite end line, and scores a touchdown for the opposition.

The dialectical process is an efficient method by which to advance, but it may fail. It may lead to a genuine loss, not merely an apparent one.

Seeking to advance the cause of Socialism against the capitalist enemy, Gorbachev was blindsided and fumbled the ball. He was blind to the depth of the desire for freedom of the Soviet people. The result was a spectacular victory for capitalism. The Soviet Union has been destroyed, while capitalism is advancing in Russia and the former Socialist countries of Eastern Europe. The dialectical program of Gorbachev has proved to be a Socialist disaster.

Freeing the Tethered Horse

Another illustration may shed light on how the miracle of Russian liberation was accomplished. Consider a very powerful horse which is confined by a short tether. The amount of ground on which the horse may graze is limited, so his nourishment is inadequate. Since the distance over which he is free to move is so small that it does not permit him to get adequate exercise, the horse becomes malnourished, lethargic and weakened.

The owner reasons that the problems of the horse will be solved if he lengthens the tether so that the horse can move more freely, and thereby secure more nourishment and exercise. This should lead to improved health, better work, and greater contentment.

The owner does not realize the depth of the innate longing of the horse to be free. To his surprise, the horse uses the increased freedom it has been given to gain the momentum that is necessary to break the tether, and gain real freedom.

The horse represents the enslaved Soviet people; the tether represents the Communist Party of the Soviet Union; while Gorbachev represents the owner of the horse.

The Psychology of Gorbachev

Gorbachev was nurtured from childhood in the doctrines and organizations of Communism. He imbibed Marxist doctrine, joined the Communist Party, and rose in the

ranks. It is probable that he cherished Communist ideals in his younger days, and that vestiges of these remained with him when he ascended to dictatorial power within the Party.

He knew that the tether, the Communist Party, was somewhat tattered and be-draggled, but he believed that it was basically sound and strong. He set out to repair its superficial weaknesses. In his report to the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, of which he was General Secretary, he wrote in July, 1988:

"We must fully revive the Leninist concept of the Party as the vanguard of society in the context of today's conditions. This vanguard, guided by Marxist-Leninist teaching, sees to the theoretical elaboration of the most crucial issues in the country's development, formulates the ideology of perestroika, and thereby --through organizational work among the masses, inspiring and encouraging them-- imparts the correct, socialist direction to the advance of our multinational society. The Party carries forward the personnel policy, ensuring a rational appointment of cadres through the democratic mechanisms of the reformed political system. The CPSU should pursue its political line through the Communists working in government and economic bodies, in public organizations and work collectives. All Party organizations should act within the framework of the Constitution and Soviet laws." (19th All-Union Conference of the CPSU, Documents and Materials--Report Mikhail Gorbachev)

He was convinced that the Soviet people would be so impressed with the leadership and dedication of the Communist Party that they would vote for Communists if other parties were allowed to form, organize and offer candidates for office. He lengthened the tether that held the people captive by the programs of Perestroika, Glasnost, and Democratization. The horse gained momentum, snapped the tether, and the rest is history.

THE KGB LIVES WITH A CHANGED NAME

The massive and malignant secret police organization, the KGB, was known as the "Shield and Sword" of the Soviet Union. Though the name has been changed to "Security Ministry", the "Shield and Sword" lives on.

The liberal British magazine, THE ECONOMIST, reports that Boris Yeltsin has chosen Nikolai Golushko, who has been active in the KGB for 30 years, to head the "New Security" service, which has 120,000 officers, without counting border guards and the paramilitary units.

THE ECONOMIST reports that there has been a failure to reform the KGB. A few officers were removed from their jobs after the failure of the coup, which kidnaped Gorbachev, and which attempted to re-establish the dictatorial power of the Communist Party and Russia. But not a single former KGB officer has been prosecuted for hounding dissidents, and KGB agents continue to play an active role in public life.

The victory over Communism in the Soviet Union is not yet complete. Since the prize is control of the enormous nuclear might of Russia, cautious vigilance is imperative.

HERBERT PHILBRICK. 1915-1993

Herbert Philbrick, the man who "Led Three Lives", is now living a fourth life. He is enjoying the life which God has prepared for them that love Him. On August 16, 1993, Herbert Philbrick died.

His death is the end of an era. Through his television program, "I Led Three Lives", he revealed the deceptive and deadly nature of Communism to an entire generation. His contribution to the downfall of Communism in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe was great indeed.



As a young man, he settled in the Boston area, joined a church, and became president of a youth group which claimed to be dedicated to peace. To his great surprise, he found that the youth group was controlled by the U.S. Communist Party. He informed the FBI, and they encouraged him to join that Party and provide information concerning their plans and activities. He did so, and rose in the ranks until he was elected to their supreme leadership body. His disguise was discarded when he appeared as a government witness in the Smith Act Trials

of the U.S. Communist leaders in 1949. His life henceforth was devoted to exposing the deceptive machinations of the Communists, and to preserving individual freedom.

I was privileged to have Herbert Philbrick as a friend and colleague. He was a regular member of the faculty of the Anti-Communism Schools and Anti-Subversive Seminars which the Crusade organized. Together, he and I conducted countless Anti-Communism rallies across the nation.

Despite his experiences, Herb never lost his innate gentleness and love for God and humanity. He reminded me of the apostle, Nathaniel, of whom Jesus said that he was a man "in whom there is no guile."

Our loving sympathy embraces his widow Shirley, and all the members of his large family. As Christians, we do not sorrow as those who are without hope. With the poet, John Greenleaf Whittier, we say:

I long for household voices gone,
For vanished smiles I long,
But God hath led my dear ones on,
And He can do no wrong.

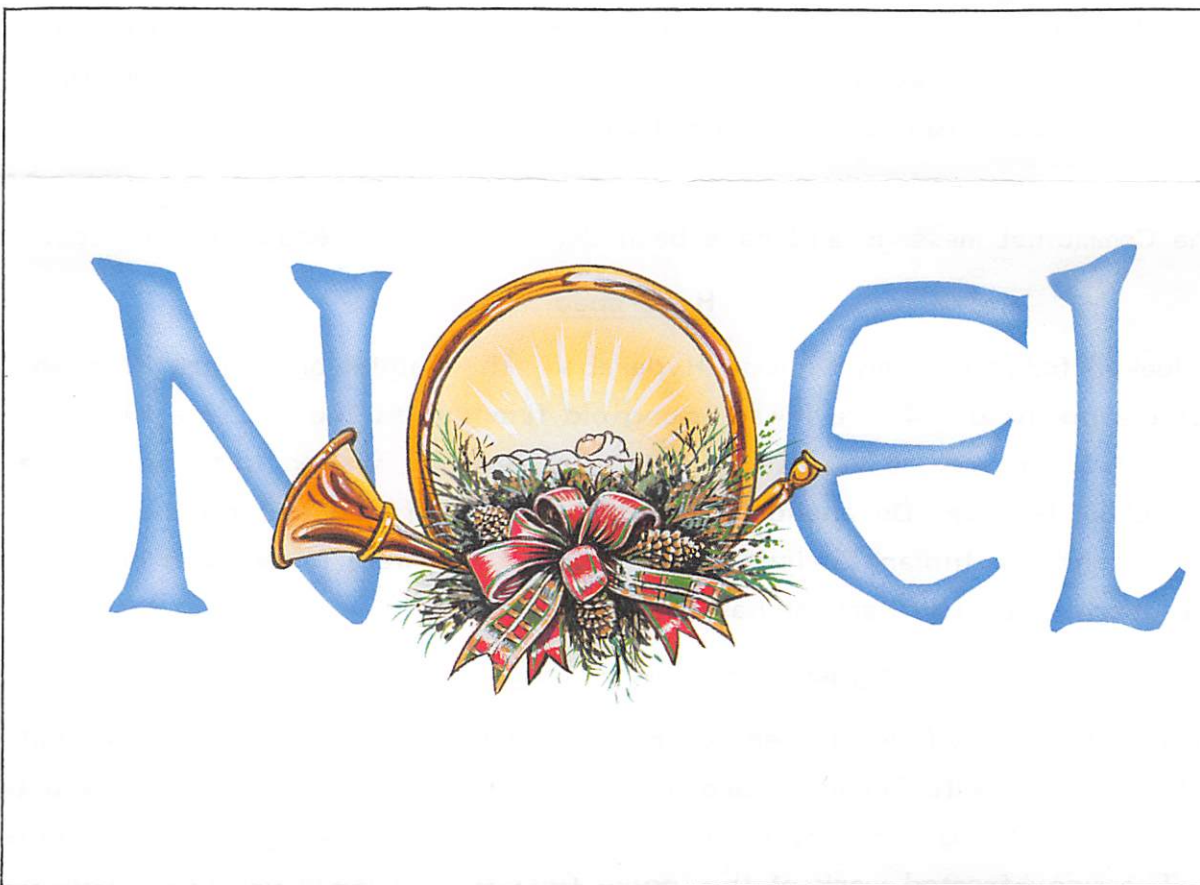
The death of Herbert Philbrick leaves a gap in the ranks of the veterans of the struggle against Communism and tyranny. "Close ranks" is the order of the day.

CHRISTMAS CARDS, 1993

The specially designed Christmas cards for 1993 are now available. These cards will convey your message of friendship and love to family members, friends, business associates, employees, and neighbors. They will also express God's message of love and redemption.

There is no charge for these cards. Request the number you desire, and they will be sent to you with appropriate envelopes. We do ask that you send the Crusade a tax-deductible Christmas gift which will be an expression of your love, and God's love, to us.

The card is folded. The design on the front is:



On the inside, the Christmas message is tastefully presented:

*His Name shall be called wonderful
God's Only Begotten Son
Offers Everlasting
Life to all.*

ANTI-COMMUNISM SEMINARS IN INDIA

By Rev. James Colbert

JET LAG! How glad I am that I don't suffer greatly from it. I arrived in Madras, India after a long and tedious flight from Los Angeles, by way of Tokyo and Singapore, and was informed that I must conduct a large Sunday morning service in the Methodist Cathedral after 3-1/2 hours of rest.

I have made many visits to India, but I believe this June visit was my finest. The response everywhere was enthusiastic. After the first seminar in Madras, several pastors said: "We cannot wait. You must come again soon and train us so that we can carry this message all over India. There is a real threat here. We are writing a letter with a proposal, and plead with you to respond soon."

In India, many have never heard the Gospel of the love of Christ, but they have heard the Communist message and have been deceived by its seductive promises.

Hyderabad

I looked forward to my visit to Hyderabad, the Capital of Andhra Pradesh, and I was not disappointed. There I was among old friends, as the Crusade has been active in that region for nearly 40 years. In 1956, Dr. Schwarz visited India and met a young Christian school teacher, Devananda Rao, whom he encouraged to form the Indian Christian Crusade and the Indian Christian orphanages. Rao went ahead, with our wholehearted cooperation. The harvest has been bountiful.

Orphans, Evangelists and Bicycles

I have been privileged to see, on many occasions, the wonderful work that Brother Rao and his wife Suvarna are doing. It was a joy to preach, teach, and to distribute food, clothing and bicycles to groups of orphans, evangelists, and Indian people. The many-faceted work of the Indian Christian Crusade has been made possible by the family of supporters which the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade has recruited. The Indian Christian Crusade now ministers to the material, educational, and spiritual needs of 300 orphans, and to the support of 350 Christian anti-Communism evangelists.

American foster parents adopt one or more orphans and contribute \$15 each month for the support of each one. Loving-hearted Christians contribute \$25 a month to support an evangelist and his family. For these modest sums, the orphans and underprivileged children receive food, clothing, shelter, education, and Christian teaching. This is dispensed by a devoted staff under the direction of Brother Rao and his wife, Suvarna.

It is remarkable that an evangelist, who performs the double duty of preaching the Gospel and of exposing the deadly, deceptive doctrines of Communism, can live, travel, and support a family on \$25 each month. It seems, and is, miraculous, but they do it.

There are still quite a number of orphans who need sponsors, who will love and pray for them, and who will give \$15 each month for their support. There are also many evangelists who need sponsors who will donate \$25 a month.

Be a Missionary

Every Christian can be a missionary. In Andhra, I saw the results of the efforts of many missionaries. They are the friends and supporters of the Crusade who send \$15 a month to support an impoverished orphan child, or \$25 a month to support a dynamic and informed Christian evangelist. They are missionaries by proxy.

Church Dedication

While in Andhra, I preached and dedicated a church that was made possible by the gifts of the friends and supporters of the Crusade ministry. Following the dedication, we fed 800 people including Christians, Hindus, and Moslems. In a town, in the district of Kurnool, I visited one of the orphanages, and distributed new clothing to the orphans. Another orphanage is located in Warangal, and I preached there also and distributed new clothes to the 80 orphans.

Communist Terrorists

A violent Communist group, known as Naxalites, is operating in that area. They call themselves the People's War Group, and practice terrorism. While I was there, a Naxalite leader was shot and killed by the police.

For tactical reasons, the Naxalites profess approval of the orphanage program. They claim to be working on behalf of the poor, and they acknowledge that the orphanages help the poor. They are critical because they believe the Christian program is not as thorough as the Communist one. While Christians seek to feed the hungry and clothe the poor, Communism promises it will wipe out poverty and hunger forever. Unsurprisingly, most of their recruits are idealistic university students who do not realize that the Communist promise is deceptive, and the means used to promote it are deadly.

Bicycles

One highlight of my visit to Andhra was the presentation of bicycles to 25 pastors and evangelists. All recipients had been nurtured in the orphanages, and had been sponsored by supporters of the Crusade. Now, each of them shepherds ten villages. They ride their bikes about 100 miles each week. The tires last about one year, and the bikes about five years. We can provide a bike for \$75, and many pastors need one now. Will you be one who will respond and donate a bicycle, and thereby be God's messenger?

When sponsors for the orphans and evangelists are lacking, support must come from the general funds of the Crusade. Due to the death of major supporters, the retirement of others, and the prevalence of the delusion that "Communism is dead", the

income of the Crusade is diminishing, and reserves are being depleted rapidly.

Will you be a messenger of truth and life? You can achieve this status by contributing \$15 each month to support a child, or \$25 to support a Christian Anti-Communism evangelist. What an investment! I thank you.



MR. COLBERT AMONG THE EVANGELISTS



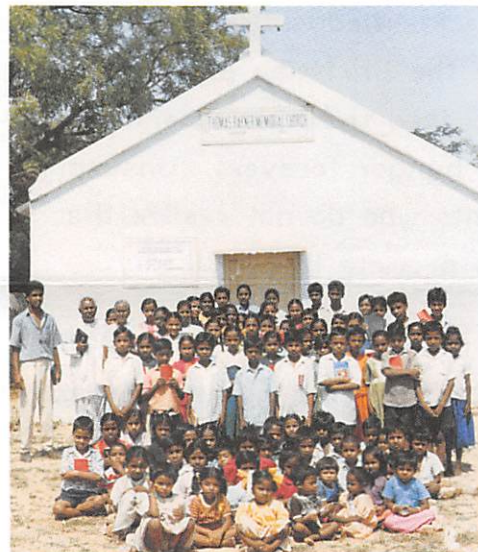
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