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U.S. COMMUNIST REPORT ON AIDS TREATMENT IN CUBA

Following bitter conflicts that erupted at the 25th Convention of the Communist Party, U.S.A., many, if not most, of the prominent leaders of the U.S. Communists left the Party, and formed a group which calls itself the Committees of Correspondence. They issue a publication called, THE CORRESPONDER.

The February/March edition of the CORRESPONDER contains a report on "The Treatment of AIDS in Cuba" by a group which has just returned from a fact-finding visit to Cuba. It is written by Rafael Pizarro.

The writer of the report is faced with a dilemma due to these conflicting realities:

1. They must present Castro and Cuba in a favorable light;
2. The treatment of AIDS by the Cuban Communist regime is identical with the nightmare that horrifies and terrifies the Communists, homosexuals, and liberals in the U.S.A.

Quarantine of All HIV Positives

In Cuba they quarantine all who test positive for the AIDS virus. In the U.S.A., the very thought of such a possibility drives the AIDS activists and their allies into a frenzy. How can these Communists report the facts without alienating their homosexual friends and liberal sympathizers? The author does his best.

He acknowledges that quarantine is the fate of all HIV positives with the statement, "all HIV diagnosed people in Cuba live in sanitarium, and the one in Havana is the largest in the country, with over 250 patients." Having acknowledged this, he proceeds to paint conditions in the sanitarium in the best light possible.

The facts reveal that all inmates are prisoners, but the reporter claims that these prisoners receive good treatment. He reports the attitudes of several young men they interviewed:

"I spoke to several young men who did not accept this as the best system possible. One said he hated it there and only remained because he was forced to do so. He expressed serious opposition to the Cuban government. Yet he, as well as the others, said the treatment they received, both as residents and patients was very good."

A Furlough Policy

The prisoners are allowed passes to make periodic visits outside their jail as long as they return on time:

"In our interview with the sanatorium director, we learned that all patients are allowed to leave the grounds as often as they like. Passes must be obtained from a joint patient/staff committee. At this time, the 22-patient facility had only one patient whose pass privileges had been revoked. This was a young man who came to Cuba from California."

The Cost of Testing

One of the arguments that is used against universal testing for AIDS in the U.S.A. is that it would be too costly. The Cuban experience reveals how nonsensical this argument is. Cuba is desperately poor, but they do multiple testing:

"One very interesting point made was with regard to the widespread myth (in the United States) that in Cuba testing is not very accurate, because they only perform one test. The fact is that the Cubans determine whether one is HIV sero-positive more carefully than even in the U.S. They use an ELIZA test and two Western Blots, and if all these show positive they run the same three tests again."

The Result

What is the result of this policy of quarantine? Rather reluctantly he acknowledges its success:

"The Cuban experience in dealing with AIDS holds much that the world can learn from--just as their approach to and successes with health care overall does. After all, we are speaking of an underdeveloped Caribbean nation which has a remarkably low growth in HIV cases and other impressive health indicators."

Note that there is "remarkably low growth in HIV cases." Surely this is a "consummation devoutly to be wished".

"IT'S DEJA VU--ALL OVER AGAIN"

The above statement is attributed to that great baseball philosopher, Yogi Berra. Though it is often quoted as an example of unnecessary redundancy, it enshrines a profound truth. History tends to repeat itself--not once but many times.

Throughout history, many movements have fought against legal injustice by peaceful and legal means. Almost invariably, the supporters of the unjust status quo have accused the peaceful leaders of the movement against injustice of creating a climate that encouraged violence by some of their extreme supporters.

Martin Luther King advocated, and organized, peaceful civil disobedience in his efforts to secure justice for the blacks of America. How often I heard this charge leveled against him--"He talks non-violence, but his methods provoke violence."

The Right to Life movement is now facing charges similar to those hurled against Martin Luther King. For 20 years it has endeavored to protect the lives and health of unborn babies by peaceful persuasion, legal advocacy, and public demonstrations. Recently a frustrated and deranged individual assassinated one of the active abortionists. The outraged advocates of limitless baby-killing are now accusing the leaders of the Right to Life movement of being bloodthirsty promoters of assassination, though these leaders condemn this violent action.

What a capacity for selective outrage the human mind possesses! If anything is responsible for the social climate that permits and encourages killing, it is the abortion verdicts of the Supreme Court.

COMMUNIST SUCCESS IN TRAPPING THE UNWARY

In recent newsletters I have reported the efforts of the violent activists of the Revolutionary Communist Party (RCP, USA) to ensnare and exploit devotees of civil liberties. The bait which they are using in their trap is the alleged danger to the civil liberties of Abimael Guzman, the founder and chairman of the Communist Party of Peru, commonly known as the Sendero Luminoso or Shining Path, which has mercilessly murdered thousands of Peruvians.

The Communist technique is to assert that Chairman Gonzalo, the popular name for Guzman, is in deadly danger of summary execution, and to ask the devotee of civil liberties to sign a petition which requests that Guzman receive fair treatment. The signature is then presented as evidence of support for the conduct and program of Guzman and his band of murderers.

Evidence of the success of this campaign is provided in recent editions of the "liberal" magazine, THE NEW REPUBLIC. The February 22 edition contains the following in the magazine's notebook section:

"What do Sinead O'Connor and Chrissie Hynde (singers), Stanley Aronowitz and Gayatri Spivak (left-wing academics) and Gary Snyder and John Edger Wideman (distinguished writers) have in common? The answer is a surprising fondness for the unrivaled brutality of Peru's Shining Path guerrillas and their imprisoned commander, Dr. Abimael Guzman. They are all among the signatories of a petition, which appeared in the January 12 Village Voice, calling on readers to 'Defend the Life of Abimael Guzman!' The statement distributed by the Berkeley-based 'Committee to Support the Revolution in Peru', is not merely a plea for human rights. It declares that 'no knowledgeable and truthful observer of Peru... can deny that Dr. Abimael Guzman is the recognized leader of millions of peasants, workers, students, intellectuals and others of various walks of life in Peru. In no way can the twelve-year-long war he has been leading be dismissed as 'acts of terrorism.' Maybe the cultural elite is a menace after all." (Feb. 22, page 10)

This statement came to the attention of one of the signatories, Gary Snyder, who wrote a letter which is published in the March 22 edition of the magazine, describing how he was trapped:

"Your February 28 Notebook item on the 'Defend the Life of Abimael Guzman' statement published in the Village Voice in January just came to my attention. (I haven't heard about the Voice ad until a friend told me about (TNR's account of it.)

"What happened is this: I was giving a poetry reading and book-signing at Black Oak Books in Berkeley last fall. At the end of the reading I was approached

with a request to sign a statement on behalf of Guzman calling for international standards of justice to be applied in his case--no quickie execution--and the people bearing the petition assured me it was not to 'defend his life' per se, or to defend or support Sendero Luminoso.

"As a Buddhist I am committed to the defense of the life and habitat of all creatures. Opposition to capital punishment is meaningless if not applied to those people who are most controversial, however repugnant their acts may have been. Opposition to the extinction of species is meaningless if not applied to those beings who are less charismatic, less seen, less obviously useful, such as the spotted Owl.

"With those thoughts, I signed. Needless to say, I am hugely annoyed to have my signature put onto additional statements that I would not support. I'll be more careful next time." (Gary Snyder, Nevada City, CA)

As Thomas Jefferson said, "Eternal vigilance is the price of Liberty."

THE LINGERING DELUSIONS OF THE U.S. COMMUNISTS

Reading the literature, which is published by the U.S. Communists, gives one the eerie feeling that the writers, like Rip Van Winkle, have just awakened from a big sleep, and that they are unaware of the events that have taken place in the world during the past 20 years.

They write as though the collapse of Soviet Communism has not occurred, and they repeat the dogmatic assertions of Marxism-Leninism which history has rendered absurd. Consider some of the statements in the February, 1993, edition of POLITICAL AFFAIRS, the theoretical journal of the Communist Party USA:

"The Communist Party is going to make things better for your children in the future and for their children. And a better future cannot be achieved under capitalism." (Page 11)

"The main class contradiction on a global scale remains the struggle between socialism and capitalism. The movements for the restoration of socialism offer the peoples of the world the only solution to global unemployment, world hunger, ecological ruin, and the spread of imperialist wars." (Page 33)

"Unlike socialism, imperialism cannot change and grow. Its 'victories' over the last five years have brought it back to a 'New World Order' of gunboat diplomacy. These 'victories' can only be, through the export of capital and growing resistance of people everywhere to militarization, nails in the coffin that is its future." (Page 33)

"In the United States, as indicated above, the capitalist class in fact rules as a dictatorship over the working class. That it does so through a democratic form, with universal suffrage, does not change this fact." (Page 35)

I was rather surprised to find no assertion that the world is flat. The borderline between assumption and delusion has obviously been crossed.

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IS U.S. COMMUNISM DEAD?

The March 13 edition of PEOPLE'S WEEKLY WORLD reports that the Young Communist League is growing phenomenally:

YCL grows by leaps and bounds

In the period leading up to its 5th National Convention, the Young Communist League (YCL) has been recruiting new members at a record pace, and engaging in a flurry of activity around the country, YCL leaders told the World.

"The YCL is literally busting out all over," said Jason Rabinowitz, YCL National Coordinator. "We have more than 70 new members just since the start of the year. Whole new clubs are sprouting up out of nowhere.

"And what's really impressive is who is joining now," Rabinowitz said. "Most are working-class youth, including many unemployed and homeless. Many African American, Chicano and Puerto Rican youth are joining. And more high school students than ever before. And they are activists. They don't just want to sign a card; they want to get busy and hit the streets."

And hit the streets they have, armed with the petition that is part of the Jobs for Youth Campaign recently kicked off by the YCL. The petition, aimed at President Clinton and Congress, demands a massive public works program to create jobs for youth, and unemployment compensation for first-time job seekers.

"The response to the petition has been great," said David Mirtz, coordinator of the New York YCL, which has collected nearly 1,000 signatures in the Polo Grounds projects in Harlem. Star petitioner and YCL Education Coordinator Terrie Albano said, "I think a lot of the people joining the YCL right now are being inspired by the Jobs Campaign. It's just what millions of young people are looking for - solutions to the crisis and an avenue for struggle."

In Philadelphia, where the YCL Convention will be held at Temple University, April 30-May 2, the YCL has been leading the way in the fight against racism and police brutality, initiating a campaign for a police review board.

"The YCL convention has generated a lot of excitement here in Philadelphia," said Myke Simonian, Philly YCL coordinator. "All different kinds of youth and student groups are looking forward to participating. And a number of people have joined during the pre-convention period."

The brand-new Arizona YCL, which has 15 new members, all of whom joined since the year began, is working with other groups to protest the murder of a Mexican youth by immigration agents, who shot him repeatedly in the back as he attempted to cross the border.

The California YCL is taking off, too. The Los Angeles club quintupled its membership this month, and organized youth to attend an emergency rally on the Clinton budget. The Bay Area YCL, all but non-existent a few months ago, now has more than 10 members, and has sponsored one activity after another, including a recent forum on Cuba and El Salvador, which was attended by more than 100 people

RUSSIAN COMMUNISTS REGROUP

As President Clinton prepares for his summit meeting with Russia President Yeltsin in Vancouver on April 3 and 4, alarming reports about the bitter struggle for power between the Russian Legislature and the President disturb the serenity of lovers of freedom and democracy.

The U.S. Communist newspaper, PEOPLE'S DAILY WORLD, reports how the Communists of Russia are marshalling their forces for a counter-attack. The February 27 edition reports:

"The reestablishment of the Communist Party of the Russian Federation marks a qualitative change in the political scene. Though the unification of the Communist movement is not complete, there now exists a formidable CP of half a million members with a structure embracing the entire Russian Federation. The CPRF is by far the largest political organization and the most dedicated and experienced. Above all, it is armed with the creative science of Marxism-Leninism as contrasted to the pragmatism that marks political life in Russia today."

Valentin Kuptsov, who served as chief spokesman for the CPRF, described the major political groups in Russia as follows:

1. The pro-capitalist forces led by President Boris Yeltsin and supported by international, especially U.S., capitalism, but whose ranks are beset with contradictions and desertions to the opposition.
2. Parties and organizations representing the rising native capitalists.
3. The left forces--parties of Communist and socialist orientation, elements of the trade unions, patriotic organizations and other movements for a strong Soviet state.

The key task, Kuptsov stressed, is to unite the left forces and to build a people's patriotic front.

THE LINK BETWEEN DEMORALIZATION AND COMMUNISM

We often hear the statement, "You can't legislate morality." Nevertheless, morality should guide legislation. President Clinton illustrates this when he states that taxation must be fair and just. Fairness and justice are moral concepts.

Some fail to see the obvious link between morality and Communism. The Communists exploit available instances of unfairness and injustice. So it is correct to say that demoralization aids Communism.

This newsletter provides accurate information concerning Communism and demoralization in the United States. It is available, without charge, to all who request it. To obtain the newsletter, other literature, videos and tapes which expose the forces which promote demoralization and Communism, write to the CHRISTIAN ANTI-COMMUNISM CRUSADE, P.O. BOX 890, LONG BEACH, CA 90801

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THE VINDICATION OF DAN QUAYLE

The front cover of the April, 1993 edition of the prestigious magazine, THE ATLANTIC, carries the startling caption, "Dan Quayle Was Right". Under the same caption, a feature article, written by Barbara Defoe Whitehead, gives the evidence that proves the accuracy of Vice-President Quayle's contention that the breakdown of the family is responsible for much of the poverty, crime and desperation that exists and grows in the inner cities of the U.S.A.

In the recent pre-election period, the national news media portrayed Dan Quayle as an amiable buffoon with an I.Q. slightly above the moronic level. With great glee they featured his mental lapse when he committed the egregious error of adding a terminal "e" to the spelling of potato. Their hilarity overflowed when he contended that the glamorization of the television character, Murphy Brown, as an unwed mother, had a malign influence on the susceptible youth who watched the program. Patronizing commentators pointed out that Murphy Brown was not a real person, but a character in a TV drama, as if Quayle was not fully aware of this. Quayle jokes became the stock in trade of comedians in night clubs and on radio and TV.

The acknowledgment by Barbara Whitehead that Dan Quayle was right, when he indicted family breakdown as the cause of much of the social pathology of America, is welcome but belated.

For many years, responsible voices have been crying out that family breakdown has led to the poverty of women and children, and the creation of a group of predatory males who indulge in violent criminality. In the mid-1960s, Daniel Patrick Moynihan, now a Senator, but then an assistant Secretary of Labor, pointed out the relationship between the prevalence of single-mother, fatherless families, and the impoverishment of black ghetto children. He was rewarded for his insight and courage by being accused of racism. George Gilder wrote the books, "Sexual Suicide", and "Man and Marriage", which present irrefutable evidence that marriage and the family are the essential instruments that socialize predatory males and make civilization possible. He was rewarded by having his speeches at universities picketed by feminist women.

Courageous Christians, such as Phyllis Schlafly, James Dobson, James Kennedy, and Pat Robertson, have stressed the consequences of sexual license, and have been rewarded by being pilloried as right-wing religious fanatics. I wonder what fate awaits Barbara Whitehead.

Blunt statements such as, "The Los Angeles Riots were caused by family breakdown," which is the harvest of sexual liberation, are controversial but true. As the Biblical Proverb states: "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the ends thereof are the ways of death."

KILLING BY KINDNESS

"O Liberty, what crimes are committed in thy name!" This cry came from Madame Roland as she stood on the scaffold in Paris, France, before she was guillotined.

A comparable lament today would be, "O Health, what sickness is caused in thy name?" or "O cancer, how much suffering and death have been caused by attempts to prevent you?"

An editorial, signed by Philip H. Abelson, in the February 26 edition of the prestigious magazine, SCIENCE, states: "The long-lasting flap about the Delaney Clause and synthetic pesticides probably had the side effect of increasing cancer..."

The Delaney Clause is the name commonly applied to section 409 of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetics Act. It forbids any governmental approval of any addition to food, or any pesticide residue, that has caused cancer in laboratory animals.

Last year the U.S. North Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that, "the language of the Delaney Clause is clear and mandatory... once a finding of carcinogenicity is made, the EPA has no discretion."

The Science editorial states that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) relies on tests for pesticide residues performed on laboratory rodents using huge doses and then extrapolating the results to tiny doses in humans. The permissible level is set with the objective that individuals consuming the food for 70 years would have, as an upper limit, one extra chance in a million of incurring cancer. This contrasts with the probability of suffering a cancerous death from a bad diet (e.g. excessive fat) which is about 70,000 chances in a million.

The Delaney Clause is now malign because tests are so sensitive that they can detect minute concentrations of "parts per billion", and consequently almost any substance can be deemed carcinogenic. This prevents the use of food additives which control diseases caused by bacteria, fungi, and insects.

Many fruits and vegetables contain naturally occurring carcinogens which cause cancer in rodents. Since it has been estimated that, on average, humans ingest 10,000 times as much natural as synthetic pesticide, the editorial asks why the Delaney Clause does not apply to "natural" carcinogens.

The editorial verdict is that "Synthetic pesticides in marketed foods constitute no appreciable threat to human health."

As the poet, Alexander Pope, says: "A little learning is a dangerous thing." How many have suffered the scourge of cancer because of the Delaney Clause?

(A carcinogen is a substance which may cause cancer.)