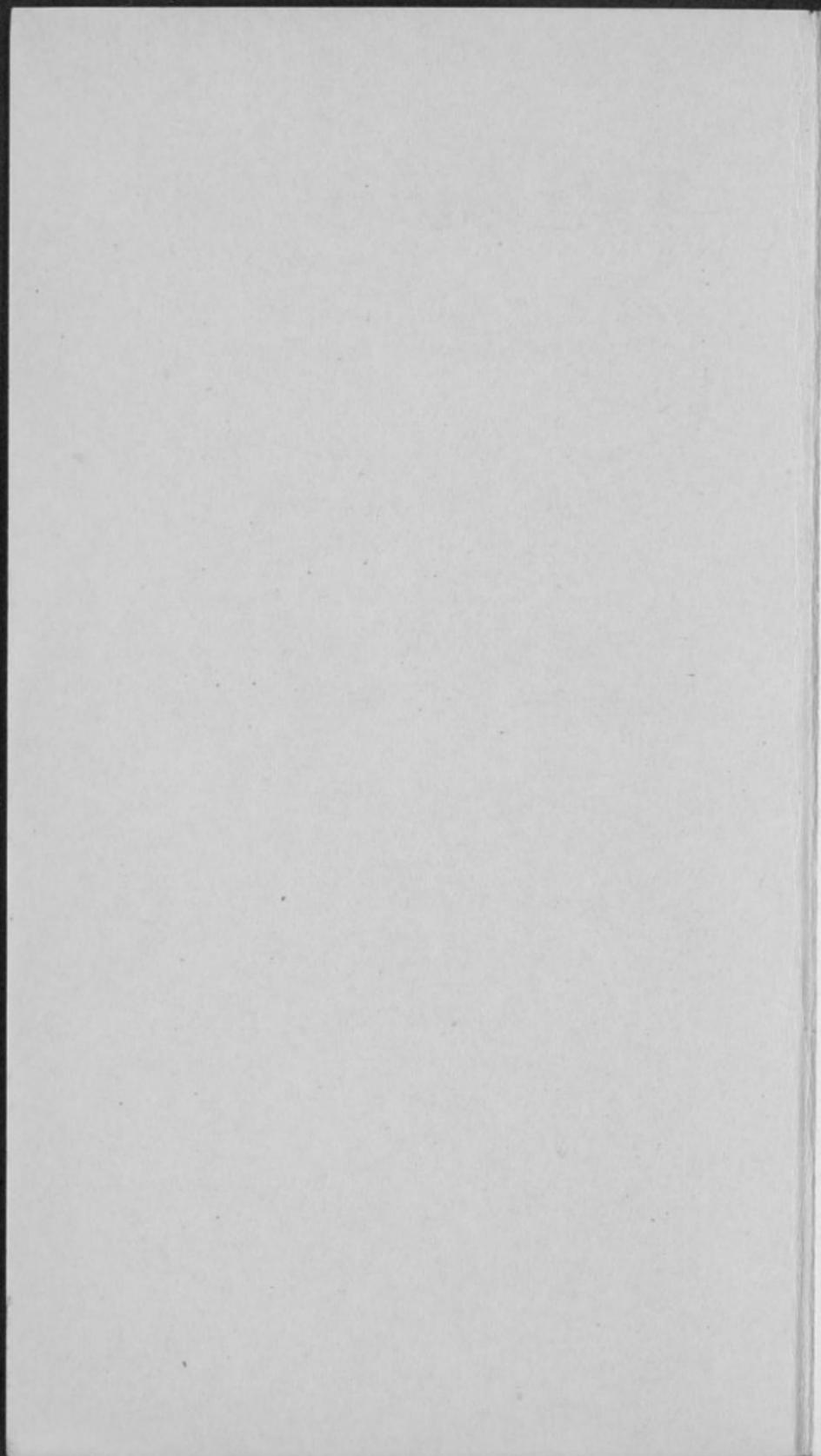


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Introd.

Atheistic Communism or faith in God—this is the issue America is facing today — Communism or Christ; Communism or the right to worship according to the dictates of conscience; Communism or a free representative form of government with its guarantees of the rights and liberties of the people; Communism or the opportunity for the unhampered development and expression of individuality and ability; Communism or the right to own one's home and to raise one's children in the fear of God; Communism or the normal and free ministrations of the home, school and church; Communism or the soul—the soul of the individual, the soul of the church, the soul of the nation.

It is the soul of America which is at stake today. Let us for a moment remember the beginnings of our country. Beginnings are so important—the beginnings of a nation, of married life, of a home, of a little child's life—how vital is a right beginning!

America Recognized God

America owes its greatness to the fact that God was in its beginning. He was in the beginning of American history and in the beginning of American government. Three great events took place in the dawn of American history—the landing of Captain Smith and his band at Cape Henry; the first colonists' settlement at Jamestown; and the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers at Plymouth. The landing at Cape Henry was marked by the raising of a cross. The first act of the Colonists in Jamestown was the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper; and when the Pilgrim Fathers landed on Plymouth Rock, the first thing they did was to have a prayer-meeting. A cross, a sacrament, and a prayer-meeting marked the beginning of American history.

And God was in the beginning of America's government. The men who framed the American Constitution asserted their dependence on Divine guidance and wisdom for their great task. Also, careful study will prove conclusively that the Fathers of our Country, consciously or unconsciously, wove five of the Ten Commandments and a number of the principles of Christianity right into the warp and woof of our Consti-

tution, and this is what makes that document the greatest ever penned, next to the Bible. However, we must go further back than the Constitution to find the beginnings of American government. True, our government is based on the Constitution, but the Constitution itself is based on the Declaration of Independence, and the Declaration of Independence is in turn definitely based on a belief in God.

Asserts Faith in God

The Declaration of Independence was the first official act of the American Colonies as independent States, and it embodies the first official statement of the American political philosophy—it is therefore our first and most basic governmental instrument and as such constitutes the beginning of American government. No less than four times is faith in God asserted in the Declaration of Independence. Also in that significant document an all-important statement is made. It is there asserted that the rights of men are given them by God, and that governments are instituted among men with the sole purpose of securing to them these God-given rights.

If the rights and liberties of the people are the gifts of God, it is self-evident that no government can justly take them from its citi-

zens without their consent. But, if the people are made to believe that there is no God, no Creator and Giver of human rights and liberties, these rights and liberties are then at the mercy of anyone who chooses to annul them, man becomes helpless before the encroachments of the tyranny of his fellow man, government takes the place of God, despotism becomes effective, and civilization goes backward. Hence, we see that faith in God is not only in the beginning of American government, but is absolutely fundamental to it. In other words, faith in God and the rights and liberties of the people—faith in God and democracy—rise and fall together. Communists know this, and it explains the vigor and violence of their campaign against God and religion.

Nations Weak Without God

Washington, the Father of our Country, said, "God can do without America, but can America do without God?" The answer is, "No!" Destroy God—the conception of Him in the soul, faith in Him in the heart, obedience to Him in conduct, and you quickly destroy all that makes a nation great and noble, and worthy of our loyalty and devotion.

No civilization or nation is strong

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without God. Government is not strong without God. Our homes are not strong without God. Neither is anything holy without God. Marriage is not holy—womanhood is not sacred—childhood is not sacred—our churches are not holy. Nothing is holy, nothing is strong, without God!

Communism is the greatest enemy of God in the world today. It is to Christianity that our civilization owes its elements of greatness and goodness. Therefore, destroy Christianity and you destroy our present civilization. This is the intention of the Internationale of the Militant Godless, which is organized, directed and financed from Moscow and is operating in every country of the world. The Communists hate God and are determined to banish all religion from off the face of the earth. Why? Because God and His laws stand between them and the accomplishment of their purposes, namely, that the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics of Atheistic Russia may become the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics of an Atheistic World.

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Have Christian Americans awakened to the hideous truth that millions of dollars have been taken from the suffering and starving

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people of Russia, from our Christian brethren, be they called Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, or Protestant, to finance a world war on God, on religion, on freedom of worship, and on the Christian ideals of marriage, home and morality?

We are not dealing in this article with persons but with principles. I hate Communism but I do not hate the Communist. I hate Communism because it is the enemy of the Communist. The Communist is deceived by it; the working mass of the people, which Communism claims to befriend, becomes its prey. That Communism is a friend of the working class is the biggest hoax ever perpetrated upon mankind. How can Communism be the friend of man and at the same time be the enemy of God, the great Lover of Mankind? Whatever weakens faith in God strengthens all the enemies of man.

Russians Starved and Robbed

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A relentless and continuous war on all religion and on all expression of faith has been waged in Russia for more than ten years. The only religion allowed the Russian people today is the worship of Lenin. But what is the truth about Lenin? Did he love the people of Russia? His own words and acts

answer that question. "To hell with Russia," he exclaimed on one occasion.

Lenin put himself in supreme control by the murder of two millions of Russia's people. Besides this deliberate slaughter, no one knows the exact number of those who died as a result of starvation forced upon the people by the confiscation of their wheat. The Communist government stole from the Russian peasants their grain—the fruit of their honest toil—not only that through hunger the people might be crushed into submission, but also that by selling the wheat to foreign nations, gold might be procured for the Communist Party and for the Red Army.

No Respect for Life

Communism loudly preaches peace but it has proved over and over again that it does not hesitate to sacrifice human life if it can thereby better achieve its ends. Human life is of no consequence to Communists. Why should it be? According to the philosophy of Communism, man is but a handful of chemicals—there is no soul, no after-life, no God.

It was not Lenin who delivered the Russian people from the bondage of the Czarist regime. Lenin was not even in Russia when the Czar was dethroned. A revolution

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had taken place. Russia was a Republic. Under the leadership of Karsensky, that great nation was headed for recovery. The peasants had been set free. Then came Lenin and Communism. Russia, its government, its people, its wealth, and everything in it was stolen by Communism, just as Communism stole the Spanish government, and as it will steal the American government if it gets a chance.

The Russian people are suffering the enslavement of a tyranny before which that of the Czars fades into insignificance. The masses of Russia do not want Communism, but only a comparative few know anything else. They suffer desperate agony under its ruthlessness, but they are helpless. They are kept in absolute ignorance of what goes on in other countries and are not allowed to leave their own.

One Great Prison

Russia is one great prison! When returning from Europe not long ago, I conversed with an Italian-American, who said to me, "One thing I do not understand—if Russia is such a wonderful country as we are told it is, why then are not the Russian people allowed to leave it, that they might come and tell us about it? I don't call it liberty to be shut up in a country."

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Those Russians who remember better days have been destroyed or exiled by the thousands. It is represented to the Russian people that theirs is the most privileged nation in the world, and that it is the people in the capitalistic nations which are to be pitied. How shocked, how appalled and amazed would be the Russian people if they were to know the truth about America and that the people of this great Country, blessed beyond the Russian's wildest dreams, are flirting with this monstrous enemy, Communism!

Millions of our fellow Christians in Russia, whether Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox, or Protestant, have been tortured, frozen, starved, allowed to be devoured by vermin and by worms, beaten to death, and otherwise "liquidated"—just because they were Believers in God and in His Christ! Communism has also caused the slaughter of Christians by the thousands in Spain and Mexico. In Russia the full fury of Communism is outpoured first upon Believers, then upon intellectuals, then upon political prisoners, then upon peasants, and lastly upon criminals. This in itself is sufficient to indicate the spirit of Communism.

Communism in Action

The countries of Europe have

been wrestling with this arch-enemy of God and of Christianity for a number of years? They have had before their eyes continually the blasphemous, horrible, insane and inhuman illustration of Communism in action, which Russia afforded.

Germany rebelled against Communism, which resulted in the Hitler dictatorship.

France will be destroyed spiritually, morally and politically by Communism, unless it soon shakes itself free from its strangling clutches.

The people of Portugal have from the beginning attached the full responsibility of the war in Spain to the Marxists, and have declared that had it not been for the uprising of the Nationalists in Spain, that Country was doomed to inevitable material, moral and spiritual ruin.

The so-called Rebels in Spain are the true loyalists. Horrible as is the civil war, now raging in Spain, let us not forget that the Rebels are fighting to keep Spain for the Spaniard—they are fighting to save their country from the tyranny of Moscow—they are fighting for their religion, for their sacred traditions, for their homes, for their churches, for their very soul's life.

America remembering its birth-throes when seeking relief from British despotism, should certainly sympathize with Spain in its upheaval to overthrow the tyranny of an alien system. One of the many evidences that Moscow inspired, directed and financed the Communist activities in Spain which caused the civil war, is that the Reds followed exactly the same methods in that country that they followed in Russia, namely, the defilement and destruction of all sacred buildings, midnight raids into private homes, arbitrary arrests, torture, executions without trial, and the ruthless slaughter of thousands of innocent Christian men and women.

Attacks Church First

It has been evident from the beginning that the war in Spain was fundamentally a religious one—Communists in Columbus Circle in New York openly boast of this fact. Wherever Communism has been given a foothold, its first attack has been on the Church.

Everyone knows of the frightful persecution of Christians in Mexico and of the destruction there of religious freedom and privileges.

In South America revolutions have been deliberately created by the Communists and there have been attacks on all religion and on

the churches. The South American States have acted quickly in their efforts to check Communism in their midst because they have realized its serious destructive underground operations.

Canada has been permeated with the destructive doctrines of Atheistic Communism, and has greatly suffered spiritually and morally as a consequence. Senator Copeland has revealed that Communism is the main cause of the disturbances now taking place in Palestine. In fact, every nation in the world is being harrassed by this sworn enemy of God and of man.

Communism is really politically organized atheism and is synonymous with anti-Godism. Atheism today no longer means just individual disbelief in God—it is a powerfully organized movement to free human beings from all loyalties, all morals, all inhibitions, as a step toward their acceptance of a purely materialistic mode of thinking and living, to the end that they might attach themselves to the class struggle.

“Congress of the Godless”

That is the clever policy of Communism. In February, 1936 in the city of Prague, the capital of Czechoslovakia, an important “Congress of the Godless” took place. At this Congress the two international

organizations of the Atheists, called "Free Thinkers"—Communists and non-Communist—were officially united. A new Internationale of Free Thinkers was organized to pursue more systematically than ever the world war on all religion. Delegates from every leading nation of Europe, except Italy, were present. Prague officially sponsored the Congress and put its municipal palace at its disposal. Deputies and senators came to openly declare their attachment to the cause of the Godless. *The late* M. Benes, the President of Czechoslovakia, personally sponsored this Congress and received the foreign delegates in private audience. This gesture of M. Benes makes the Prague Congress a bold act of defiance on the part of the enemies of God. It was a challenge thrown in the face of Christendom. Quoting from the April issue of "Le Sans Dieu" ("The Godless"—Moscow), the closing remarks of the report on this Congress are as follows:

"This new Internationale of the Godless has before it the largest program: (and note this) the Soviet Godless shall be in the first ranks and will reinforce the United Front of the Internationale of the Godless."

This Congress in Prague was under the direct supervision of the

Militant Godless of the U. S. S. R. Again quoting from the paper, "Le Sans Dieu," "One of the first tasks of this new Union of the Militant Godless is the establishment of contacts with all the organs of Free Thinkers and with the leading personalities in the anti-religious movements in other lands to the end that there might be helpful exchange of experience." In other words, this Congress was the inauguration of a world missionary movement of the Godless, having for its objective the systematic destruction in every country of all faith, and the making of converts to atheism. How does it appeal to the Christians of our Land to have the leaders of this Godless Movement here in America "exchange experiences" with those in other countries?

Christians Must Fight Back

It seems to me that it is high time, in fact it has become an urgent necessity, that representatives of Christians of every name throughout the world assemble in solemn Congress in defense of the Faith and to decide on ways and means of combating and repulsing this black army of unbelief. The next Congress of the new Internationale of the Godless is scheduled for Paris in 1938.

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However, though Russia is the instigator of the world war on religion, let it be understood that every totalitarian state is in its very nature anti-God, for it substitutes the worship of a dictator for the worship of God, bondage of spirit for freedom of conscience, the authority of the State for the authority of God's laws and of man's conscience.

In Germany, a totalitarian State, 500,000 Christians are suffering persecution, and Paganism is being forcibly substituted for Christianity. Any nation that entrusts the keeping of its soul to one man will suffer the loss of that soul. Let America remember in this crucial hour that we have inscribed on our coinage the words, "In God We Trust."

Notwithstanding the many factions, parties and differing forms of government, the world today is really divided into but two warring camps—on the one side, Christianity, freedom, and democracy, and on the other, godlessness, paganism, and dictatorships, whether of the Fascist, Nazist or Communist kind. With America rests the decision as to which side will win, and, therefore, the fate of Christian democracy and of our civilization. Eight years ago Trotsky said, "Communism will never conquer

the world until it first conquers America."

Propaganda Here

And what of America? Communistic propaganda has filtered into our homes, schools and churches. It has undermined our government. There are about seven hundred national Communist organizations in the United States, and approximately four hundred Communist schools, and all these organizations are fundamentally atheistic. The Daily Worker, official organ of the Communist Party in the United States, boasted that there were enrolled in the Communist National Student League over five million, four hundred thousand high school students, and approximately one million in colleges and universities. The Communist National Student League and the Student League for Industrial Democracy have united, forming the American Student Union, and there is nothing in the name to warn honest Americans that this is a Red organization. The book, "Crucifying Christ In Our Colleges," reveals the appalling demoralization and spiritual destruction of students in certain colleges and universities through atheistic and Communistic teaching and influence.

There are Communist Sunday

Schools in the United States just as there are in Canada, where children are taught to spit on the picture of Christ and to trample the Bible under their feet. On May Day, 1935, I witnessed in New York City a Communist parade of thousands of American men, women and young people. Again and again I saw the sign of Communism—the upraised fist against God and government. For the first time in the history of New York City, I believe, the churches needed police protection—but police protection will not save the churches if the enemy continues boring from within their sacred walls.

Preach Communism

Communistic and socialistic philosophies have replaced in many pulpits the preaching of the gospel of Christ and of the Word of God. The Communist Party in the United States numbers about one hundred and forty thousand members—relatively, these may not be many, but when we remember that every one of those Communists has sworn to agitate in season and out of season and to propagate the “gospel” of Communism at all times and in all places, then we can realize how great is the power of this army. Would to God that we Christians were not ashamed of our Gospel and that we were as

faithful to our convictions, and as passionately concerned about sharing them with others, as are the Communists theirs! No wonder they are advancing and we are retreating!

However, the great danger to America is not in those who are outright Communists—rather is it in the tens of thousands who though professing to be true Americans are turning Communist in their philosophy without knowing it.

Let it be understood that in America we want neither Naziism, Fascism, Communism, nor any other form of dictatorship or totalitarian State, which would mean the destruction of all liberties, both civil and religious. However, we must keep in mind that Naziism and Fascism are the logical outcome of the reaction against Communism—witness both Germany and Spain. Naziism and Fascism are, therefore, the indirect result of Communism: they are for the nations the natural expressions of the law of self-preservation, and are really emergency measures.

Doctrine of Destruction

Neither Naziism nor Fascism however can be compared in ruthless destructiveness to Communism. The doctrine of destruction inherent in Marxian Communism,

is fearful in its potentialities. Therefore, both from the patriotic and spiritual standpoints, it becomes nothing less than the duty of every American to see to it that Communism no longer continues its deadly operations in our Land.

All Christendom is challenged by the suffering and death for their faith of millions as a result of Communism in Russia, Mexico and Spain. Are not we Christians, who know that Communism is the sworn enemy of God and of man, responsible to the masses of our fellow-citizens who are unaware of the spiritual issues confronting America today? The question is, "Will atheistic Communism in America conquer Christian democracy—or will Christian democracy conquer atheistic Communism?"

We owe it to our God, to our Country, to our children, and to future generations, to do everything in our power to prevent any who are disloyal to our nation's tradition, its governmental, educational and religious institutions from further boring in with their spiritually destructive propaganda and their disquieting and strife-provoking doctrines and systems. Indeed, inasmuch as both historically and governmentally America is founded on faith in and love for God—let us endeavor to make and

keep atheistic Communism an outlaw in our Land, and let us reassert that America is for God—for Christ—for righteousness—for liberty—and, true brotherly love.

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