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CHALLENGING GOD

There have been a series of remarkable incidents recorded of God judging the persecutors of the Church in Eastern Europe:

A communist official ordered a certain pastor to be arrested. The next day the official died of a heart attack.

Another communist party official ordered that all the Bibles in his district were to be collected and pulped, to be turned into toilet paper. This blasphemous project was in fact carried out. But the next day when the official was medically examined, he was informed that he had terminal cancer. He died shortly afterwards.

On another occasion, a communist official who had ordered a Baptist church to be demolished by bulldozers died in a car crash the very next day.

When an order was given to dismantle a place of worship on the mountainside in a forest, the workmen flatly refused to carry out the order. At gunpoint a group of conscripted gypsies also refused to touch the church. In desperation, the communist police forced prisoners at bayonet-point to dismantle the structure. Yet the officier in charge pleaded with the local Christians to pray for him, that God would not judge him. He emphasised that he had nothing against Christians and was only obeying strict orders. He ensured that everything was carefully dismantled without damage, and numbered so as to enable the Christians to rebuild the church again after he had carried out his orders. The building was in fact reconstructed later, and again used for worship.

"They were all seized with fear and the Name of the Lord Jesus was held in high honour ... In this way the Word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power."

Acts 19:17,20

Peter Hammond

REVIVAL SPREADS

"The spiritual hunger of young people in our land is great. Each service is full and we have 500 children with 30 teachers in our Sunday School. Every baptismal service we baptise over 60 new members into our congregation. There is revival in our churches. We believe world revival will begin in Eastern Europe and spread from the persecuted church to the free."



"Go into all the world" includes behind "the iron curtain".

IN THEIR OWN WORDS

These are some things I learnt from interviews with pastors in Eastern Europe, in their own words:

THE GREAT EXPERIMENT

"Satan tried a great experiment of a New Society – without God. This great experiment has been a great failure. The Communists promised us everything. Socialism would be heaven on earth, they declared. They blamed Christianity for all evil and they prophesied that Christianity would be dead in ten years. Now, 44 years later, they are coming to the church for help. For nearly half a century they have restricted us, harrassed us, imprisoned, tortured and murdered Christians. Now we must help the economy, help the atheists to obtain the needed Western contacts and medical equipment and trade. After persecuting us, they now want us to help with their propaganda. This is an amazing humiliation and reversal for Marxism."

THREATS AND TRAPS

"The secret police have tried to entrap me with women and to torture me with electric shock. They said to me, "If we cannot get rid of you with electricity, we will kill you like the Polish priest – with a car accident." But I am not afraid for my life – for I have given my life into God's hands. So they have attacked my daughter, and my wife, sexually. I fear for my family but I do not betray the cause of Christ."

COMPROMISE AND CORRUPTION

"When the communists failed to destroy the Christian faith, they tried to restrict our growth and limit the Christian influence. In this they also failed. Now their tactic is to infiltrate us and compromise us. Through threats and deception, intimidation and bribery, they seek to make collaborators out of the church.

The evidence of a true Christian is that you will hate sin, love Christ, love the Bible and love the Church. But most of the state-approved church leaders love power, control, bureaucracy and authority. They betray the uncompromising believers and collaborate with the persecutors.

When I went to the West to plead for help for our suffering churches, I was shocked. The Baptist World Alliance is so corrupted in the West – even worse than in the East. I was so naïve. I thought that they would be dedicated to pray for us and help us. Instead, in London I found the same spirit as in Moscow. Compromise. Pride. Bureaucracy. They sympathise with the communists – not with the suffering believers. I never want to have fellowship with the British Baptists again. They are socialists! With a statue of Spurgeon outside! Spurgeon would have thrown these communists out of the church. They are a disgrace to Christ."

CHURCHES AND VILLAGES DEMOLISHED

Late in 1987, communist dictator, Ceausescu revived an 18-year-old blueprint to radically restructure Rumania. The new systematization law is reminiscent of Mao Zedong's disastrous attempt to crowd China's peasants into communal farms.

The Communist Party has begun the huge project to destroy 8 000 villages and replace them with 500 concrete-block "Agro-industrial centres" by the year 2000.

The official aim is to "increase agricultural efficiency and open more land to farming." The local people declare that the real aim is to eliminate social and cultural differences between urban and rural communities.

"Houses are bourgeois-capitalist! We must all be equal, they say. Do they bring us all up? No! No, they must drag us all down to the lowest level. So they destroy perfectly good houses, our family's home for generations, and squeeze us into badly-built, overcrowded concrete apartments. This is Scientific Socialism!"

"In our houses life was hard, there were no luxuries, but it was our home. We could grow vegetables in the garden, keep a dog for a pet and have Christian friends around for fellowship. Now in these apartments, we are no longer free to do this. The communists can spy on us much easier now. We have no space, no garden and no privacy. This forced relocation policy – this "systematization" – is to increase the control of the communist party over our lives."

The people in Rumania point out that this bizarre scheme is destroying the folk culture which was rooted in village life. It is also destroying hundreds of village churches – none of which are ever likely to be re-built. Many of the "Agro-Industrial centres" have only the most rudimentary amenities, with communal kitchens and shared sanitary installations. Traditional country life is being ruined and privacy has become a novelty of history.

Hardship is aggravated by a "redevelopment" scheme that is levelling large tracts of land. For the past five years, wrecker's balls and bulldozers have been tearing down central Bucharest, displacing more than 40 000 residents and demolishing historic monuments and churches. In their place, crews are building a modern civic centre and government palace, marble-clad apartment blocks for senior communist party cadres and broad boulevards. Similar projects have ripped out the centres of provincial towns.

Disastrous central-planning directives compound the misery. The electricity allocation for a one-room apartment is barely sufficient to boil two kettles of water a day. Most of the power supply is soaked up by dilapidated industrial plants, except when assembly lines are shut down for weeks at a time for lack of raw materials and Western spare parts. The regime has instituted a seven-day work week in factories and imposed pay cuts of up to 30% on workers who fail to meet production quotas.

Late at night, as we left church services or home meetings, we could see the food lines starting up in the unlit streets. Only in the communist world do people regularly stand in lines through the night in the hope of purchasing food. The average housewife in Eastern Europe must spend 35 hours a week in lines, patiently lining up, first for the ration coupon, then for a slip of paper representing the item, then with this slip they line up to pay for the item at the cashier, who provides the cash receipt. With this receipt the housewife can then begin the final line for the actual item.

"Send me one of your liberals from the West to come and do my shopping for a week. This will cure him of his infatuation with socialism," we were told.

Peter Hammond
(Director)

COMMUNIST FAILURE – CHRISTIAN SUCCESS

"Communism is a religion of hatred, built upon lies. Christianity is a religion of love, built upon the truth. Communism proudly declared that they would produce 'the new man' – an unselfish, hard-working, civic-minded individual who will work according to his fullest ability for only his barest needs. Now, 44 years later, we are still waiting for this new man. But the churches are full. Communism is bankrupt. Socialism is a failure. But the church is succeeding where society has failed:

Drunkards are now sober,
Thieves have become honest,
Adulterers are now moral,
Murderers now love,
Liars are now speaking the truth.

Happy is the nation which has Christian citizens.

"In the 1960's when I began this work into Eastern Europe more than 75% of pastors did not even have a single copy of the Bible.

Many of those who had Bibles had hand-written Bibles – copied from the few who had them. Now, because of energetic missionary work and Bible smuggling, most pastors have a Bible, but not all Christian homes. There are still many millions of believers lacking their own copy of the Bible."

Rev Bill Bathman

AUDIO CASSETTES

By Rev. Bill Bathman

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YUGOSLAVIA

Yugoslavia is a unique communist country, consisting of:

- 6 republics
- 5 nations
- 4 languages
- 3 religions (Catholic, Orthodox and Islamic)
- 2 alphabets

but only – 1 political party!

When we entered Yugoslavia in 1989, the country was gripped by 1000% inflation. One meal cost 1/4-million Dinar! "The prices double or treble every time we visit a shop," a Yugoslavian leader exclaimed. "These communists, they experiment with us and now there is record unemployment and our country is in an economic mess. That is what 'scientific socialism' has done for us. The people are disillusioned. There is inconsistency everywhere. The laws are changed overnight. They are not honest. The communists keep changing the rules. They seize investments. They change contracts. The situation is so sensitive. You can go to prison just for saying something. And what is 'wrong' changes daily."

Amidst the confusion and change in Yugoslavia we found that the Marxist government there has made a major industry out of tourism, to gain precious hard currency (or real - Western - money). And Yugoslavian citizens have been exported throughout Europe as migrant labourers, to earn foreign exchange. This has brought about unprecedented freedoms for the Christian churches, and the Catholic churches are packed. The Protestant church where we ministered, however, declared that many of their members had drifted away since the severe persecution slackened off.

The present freedoms in Yugoslavia have also brought about a deluge of pornographic literature, publically displayed in the streets, and a dramatic rise in immorality, crime and materialism.

Yugoslavia offers a clear warning against half-hearted religion. It provides the challenge of unprecedented evangelistic opportunities and it definitely proves how bankrupt and unworkable socialism really is. Communism is discredited. It is up to the Church to offer the lost people of Yugoslavia the Biblical alternative.



Statues of Lenin remind us of the founder of this religion of hatred and destruction

EVANGELISM IN THE U.S.S.R.

On May 2, 1989, some 1200 young people gathered from many towns in Ukraine in the forest outside Kiev for a youth fellowship. More than 100 made public commitments to Christ as the Holy Spirit worked in the hearts of teenagers. At the end of the day as they headed home, the Christians decided to witness in the square across from the main train station in Kiev.

The impromptu service opened with Christian songs. Next some young men preached mini-sermons. Commuters stopped and listened attentively.

People scrambled to get the gospels the Christians were trying to distribute. A forest of hands stretched out to get hold of them.

Once the supply of gospels ran out, the young people passed out tracts. The crowd swelled even larger as the believers continued preaching, singing, reciting Christian poetry, and playing music.

Several police cars pulled up and officers surrounded the crowd. But they just stood watching.

Next a special police unit arrived. About a dozen men in helmets and riot gear stormed out of the vehicle and rushed at the crowd. But, in no time, after a bit of screaming and a few hands flying in the air, the special unit was once more on the outside of the crowd. The people wouldn't let them through to the Christians.

Police tried to arrest Viktor Gomon, a former prisoner. They later released him at the crowd's insistence: "These are the most honorable people. Why are you bothering them?"

Changing tactics, the special unit resorted to megaphones: "Comrades, please disperse. Stop this illegal assembly. You have no permission from the city council."

The crowd yelled their opinions: "Who needs city council permission to sing?"

"So that's what our *perestroika* is like, and our democracy too – manufactured only for the West!"

"It's scandalous. They're using riot gear

and truncheons to drive away Christians."

Before long the crowd – not the Christians – started chanting to the police, "Go away! Go away!"

After a few more attempts to end the gathering with megaphones, the police unit returned to their vehicle. The crowd applauded, then the vehicle drove away, leaving the regular police behind. The Christians sang another song.

The crowd maintained their tight ring around the Christians, who were continuing to speak of Jesus. Even when the regular police drove at the crowd with their vehicles, they didn't give away. The police cars had to come to a halt.

Finally a civilian's voice came over a megaphone. "Comrades, we request you urgently to disperse. Such crowds near the central station are not good. Please proceed to Central Square and continue to sing there."

Glancing at one another the Christians nodded and agreed to leave. A few seconds later a girl's voice sounded over the police loud hailer. "We'll conclude now in prayer, then we'll depart."

So prayer sounded out over the square: thanking God for the opportunity to witness to His resurrection and life and asking Him that those who had been listening would continue to seek until they found true faith and receive new life. The crowd responded loudly to the final Amen and to the thrice-repeated traditional exchange of greeting: "Christ is risen!" "He is risen indeed!"

The meeting then came to a peaceful end.

Clearly, the decades of enforced atheism have resulted in a spiritual hunger in the Soviet people. In contrast to the past, however, some of the population seems determined to hear God's Word regardless of official disapproval.

In this instance the police vacillated between violence and pleas, but it's impossible to predict how they will respond in the future.



A statue celebrating the Soviet Russian Occupation of Eastern Europe

THE JUDGEMENT OF GOD

"We must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad."

2 Corinthians 5:10

"Man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgement."

Hebrews 9:27

"Surely God will crush the heads of His enemies ... of those who go on in their sins."

Psalms 68:21

"Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life."

Galatians 6:7,8

"The Lord is slow to anger and great in power; the Lord will not leave the guilty unpunished."

Nahum 1:3

"For with fire and with His sword, the Lord will execute judgement upon all men, and many will be those slain by the Lord."

Isaiah 66:16

"Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account."

Hebrews 4:13

"For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him. Whoever believes is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already."

John 3:17, 18

"Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him."

John 3:36



Frontline Fellowship crosses Communist borders for Christ

HUMOUR IN EASTERN EUROPE

Amongst the harshness and drabness of life under communism, in Eastern Europe, one is struck by the resolute steadfastness and biting sense of humour of the people who have endured two generations of socialism.

Here are some examples of their local brand of humour:

"There are **FIVE CONTRADICTIONS** in every communist country:

"Nobody works. — But the 5 year plan is always accomplished.

"The plan is always accomplished" — but the market is always empty.

The market is always empty — but "the people always have enough to eat."

"The people always have enough to eat" — but they are not satisfied.

Nobody is satisfied — but we all applaud!"

DO'S AND DON'TS

"In a communist country it is best not to think.

However, if you do think — then you must not speak.

But if you cannot restrain yourself and you do speak — then you must under no circumstances write.

And if you cannot discipline yourself and you do write — then at least do not sign.

And if you are so foolish as to sign — then do not be surprised!"

THE REASONS WHY

Three men were being transported to a concentration camp in Siberia and they began to discuss the circumstances that had led to their imprisonment.

"Why are you here?", the first man was asked.

"Oh, I was five minutes late for work," he explained. "They accused me of economic sabotage!"

The others nodded in understanding.

"Why were you convicted?", the second man was asked.

"Well, I was five minutes early for work," he answered. "They accused me of espionage!"

The others nodded sympathetically.

"And why were you imprisoned?", the third man was questioned.

"You see, I was on time for work," he explained. "And they checked and saw that my watch was made in West Germany!"

PARROT CRY

A Moscow resident came home from work to find his parrot missing. Frantically he searched the streets for hours, but to no avail. In desperation he reported to the KGB headquarters that his parrot was lost.

"Go away," they laughed. "We don't care about your parrot."

"Yes comrades," the man acknowledged. "I understand that. I just want to officially distance myself from my parrot's views. I do not agree with any of its opinions."

For those wanting specific details on Christians suffering for their faith behind the Iron Curtain in the Soviet bloc, you can write for prayer updates and prisoners' addresses from:

Friedensstimme (UK), P.O. Box 10,
Leicester LE3 2FX, England.

WAYS AND MEANS

An international team of archaeologists were discussing the origin of an ancient mummified corpse. To their surprise the Russian delegate confidently declared not only the name of the corpse, but the date of his birth and death as well as the details of his life.

"But how do you know? How did you discover all these facts?", the archaeologists asked in amazement.

The Soviet delegate smiled and explained — "He confessed!"

OFFICIAL JUSTICE

One night a flock of sheep were attacked by a pack of wolves, who killed and ate many of the defenceless sheep. The next day the shocked and outraged survivors approached the King of Beasts — the Lion — and lodged an official complaint. The Lion listened attentively and was most sympathetic. "We will appoint an official investigation into this atrocity," declared the Lion.

The next day, when the investigation team came to inspect the site of the tragedy and interview the survivors, the sheep saw that the inspectors were all wolves!

SCIENTIFIC SOCIALISM

A man visiting the local psychologist was amazed at the long queue waiting their turn. By the time he was ushered into the counselling room he had forgotten why he was there.

"Don't worry," the psychologist reassured him. "This happens all the time. Let me try and jog your memory — was it financial troubles?"

"No! No, I have more than enough money — with nothing in the shops to buy I have enough."

"Well, was it your work?"

"No, with the shortage of spare parts and raw materials, there's no work to do at the factory."

"Was it perhaps domestic!"

"Yes, that was it. I have a marital problem. My wife and I cannot agree. She says that communism is scientific. I say that it is political. Now, doctor, which one of us is right?"

The psychologist turned on the radio and, looking around carefully, lowered his voice to a whisper and declared: "You're right. If it was scientific, they would have first experimented with it on animals!"

A LETTER FROM SOUTH WEST AFRICA

I WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE YOUR REPORT CONCERNING SOUTH WEST AFRICA / NAMIBIA BECAUSE LIKE MANY THOUSANDS OF OTHER BLACK NAMIBIANS WHO ARE WORRIED ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THAT COUNTRY ESPECIALLY THE SITUATION WHICH IS EXISTING IN THE COUNTRY TODAY, I AM ALSO ONE OF THE THOUSANDS OF NAMIBIANS WORRIED ONCE THE SOUTH AFRICANS LEAVE THAT LAND TO THE SWAPO BACKED COMMUNIST SURROGATES. THE SOUTH AFRICAN RULE OVER THE TERRITORY HAS BEEN QUITE WELL WITHOUT CORRUPTION, DECEIT AND PROPAGANDA AS IN OUR NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES ANGOLA AND ZAMBIA.

HENCE I AM VERY MUCH ALWAYS TROUBLED ONCE OUR OLDER BROTHER SOUTH AFRICA LEAVES THAT BEAUTIFUL LAND TO THE HANDS OF COMMUNISTS.

MAY GOD CONTINUE PROTECTING YOU FOR YOUR GOSPEL WORK TO PROSPER FOR EVER.

YOURS IN NEED,

M.W.

WHAT IS FRONTLINE FELLOWSHIP?

Frontline Fellowship is:

- * A Christian Missionary movement serving God in the war zones of Southern Africa.

- * A faith mission dedicated to assisting Christians suffering under persecution.

- * A group of Missionary Scouts undertaking Bible distribution and Bible teaching in communist lands.

- * An interdenominational fellowship of Bible-believing Christians

"Fighting the good fight of faith"

1 Tim 6:12

"As a good soldier of Christ Jesus"

2 Tim 2:3

- * To arrange for a Frontline Fellowship missionary to speak to your group, please write to: P.O. Box 74, Newlands 7725, or phone: (021)-619672. We also have slide presentations on Mozambique, Angola, SWA/Namibia and Eastern Europe.

FAITH IN ACTION

A new devotional book containing Life-transforming Messages from Frontline Fellowship, written by Peter Hammond, will soon be available at R10 (or overseas \$10) a copy (postage included).

PUBLICATIONS

- * **Mozambique Report** (available in English and German)

- * **The Christian at War** (available in English and Afrikaans)

- * **South West Africa/Namibia Special Report — (While stocks last)**

Each available in R2 per copy.

In addition, a variety of Bible teaching, evangelistic and devotional tracts, as well as pamphlets exposing liberation theology, communism and pacifism, are available upon request.

- * Frontline Fellowship is a faith venture which depends upon the generosity of Christian supporters to carry out its mission. All donations will be acknowledged. The safest way for overseas supporters to send contributions is by cheque in own currency.



DISINFORMATION INTERCEPT

AN AMERICAN MISSIONARY WITH 28 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN ASSISTING CHURCHES BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN WRITES IN GLOBAL GLACE (AUGUST 89).

SCREWTAPE SCENARIO

If C.S. Lewis was around today he might have penned a sequel to "ScrewTape Letters." His principal character would have been promoted downward. Uncle ScrewTape is now the Under-secretary of the Department of Disinformation. He's working out of a basement office in the Kremlin. His nephew, Wormwood, is on TDY (temporary duty orders) in Washington, assigned to the State Department. A typical mail intercept might reveal the following:

"Dear Wormwood,

We have been working on an analysis of support for mission work world-wide propagating the idea that our Enemy is the only Way, the only Truth and the only Life. This message has met with a disturbing measure of success. There have been reports of many conversions. People are actually devoting their lives to this Judean carpenter. Orders from our surpeme commander below demand that this must stop ... NOW! The question is "how?"

"I know you've been busy in Amerika (that's how we spell it here), and the operation you undersee has met with some success. You've managed to get the Bible and prayer out of the public schools, and you've succeeded in replacing it with much more interesting subjects like sex education. I understand that the children, particularly the 'latch-key kids', are only too glad to do their homework.

"We have enjoyed so much your reports about the job you did on the Surpeme Court. We were delirious about the way you used a private (and unverified) letter from Jefferson to convince the Justices that there was a 'wall of seperation' – and you did it all with smoke and mirrors. Your argument about the First Amendment allowing dial-a-porn, but banning dial-a-prayer was brilliant.

"However, our most pressing task at the moment is to destroy the economic base of this nation that persists in providing 87% of all the missionary work in the world. We must stop Amerika from sending out emissaries of our Enemy. Here is our plan ... hatched in hell and born in the satanic domain.

"You know of course how troublesome South Africa has been to us. Last year they printed more Bibles than any other country in the world. Many of their people, among all four racial groups, are committed to the Carpenter. They have the audacity to send out emissaries of our Enemy even into countries where they are not invited! One particularly obnoxious chap is this Peter Hammond, from Cape Town. When we confront him, he resists us and we must flee, but such is life. So far this Indiana Jones-type missionary has managed to elude us, but we have not given up.

"Your work at the State Department is vital. Keep them preoccupied with apartheid. We both know it has virtually disappeared now, but the media is on our side. They keep the pot boiling. Our demon in Johannesburg suggested to an international correspondent the other day that he might be 'reassigned' to Beirut if he couldn't find trouble to report in the Townships. You should have seen his face. 'Please don't send me there,' he pleaded. 'The hotel windows are all shot out, the plumbing doesn't work and the bars are closed at night. Gimmie one more chance, I'll find something here.'

"He went straight off to Soweto, found that ole rusty hulk turned on its side, (the one we did years ago for Dan Blather), and with a little help from our friends in the ANC poured gasoline over it and set it alight. It made the evening news in the U.S. His biased commentary, sandwiched in between commercial announcements about headaches and hemorrhoids, made the couch potatoes 'feel good' about being against something... even though it was something they didn't understand. We laughed because most of them couldn't even find on the map where it is alleged to have happened.

"We've made great gains, but we cannot afford to give up or slow down. We must build the hysteria to a crescendo. If we can shut off the supply of strategic minerals from South Africa, vital to the aero-space and high-tech industries in Amerika, we can put an additional eight million Amerikans out of work. As you know, that will dramatically cut the money available to fund mission work worldwide. But, my dear nephew, that is not all.

"If our dearest friends here in Moscow can gain control of the Cape sea route, then they can shut off 41% of Amerika's oil imported from the Perishing Gulf. Or is that Persian Gulf? Nevermind, they're all lost. What is more, South Africa has 75% of the world's gold reserves. Add that to the 20% we have here in the USSR and our Kremlin comrades will control 95% of the world's gold.

"You know what that will mean. You studied that in Demonic 101, the 'Root of all Evil'. Overnight the already weakened dollar will become the soft currency and the ruble will become the hard currency on the world market. Amerika will not even be able to buy oil, much less get it around the Cape of Good Hope. But more important from our perspective, *without Amerika's support 87% of world missionary activity will dry up.*

"Keep in close contact with your colleagues in the Treasury Department. Tell them to print more money. It's going to be hilarious when the crunch comes and there is no precious metal backing for their worthless paper. Keep encouraging people to lay up treasures on earth. We have ample supplies of moth and rust.

"Our office is in direct contact with the International Bankers. It never ceases to amaze me how easily they are deceived into making larger loans, for longer terms and with lower interest. Such rates are unavailable to the couch potatoes. Of course we never intend to repay the loans. When they get tired of waiting they'll forgive us our debts, so they can loan us some more. They always do. It's just that much more interest the Bankers can suck out of the taxpayer with their guaranteed loans. Too bad about those hard working Amerikan farmers. But they seem to enjoy feeding the rest of the world as long as they can collect their government subsidies. We used to call it slavery, remember?

"This word is just in from our Head Red, that charming PR personality that has 'em dancing in the streets in West European capitols. He has actually suggested that they should link their economy with ours! Can you believe it? Talk about the fox guarding the hen house. We're holding our sulfuric breath around here these days. He might just pull it off. In any case he's talked them into selling us yards and yards of rope. Keep on confusing and deceiving.

Yours affectionately,

Uncle ScrewTape

"P.S. Don't let anyone raise the question as to whether South African blacks would be better off under white Russian rule. Our human rights record in Angola leaves something to be desired."

FACTS TO PONDER

Consider South Africa. The Bible, prayer and religious instruction are an every day part of life in the public schools. (Some of our best and most fruitful ministry was in the high schools across the land. Thousands of teenagers in a score of schools heard the gospel clearly presented. Many responded.) Pornography is banned. So was "The Last Temptation of Christ." Abortion is illegal. Add to this the fact that *South Africa printed more Bibles than any country in the world last year, and is the **only** missionary sending nation on the continent of Africa, and you will begin to see why she is so despised by god-haters everywhere.*

"But why is South Africa so important?"

Because it is the key to America's future. Without the uninhibited free flow of vital minerals found only in SA, the United States could not produce steel or sustain its aero-space or high tech industries. We could not manufacture automobiles much less run them along our freeways. *If South Africa should fall to the communists, within six months there will be an additional 8 million unemployed Americans, as factories dependent on imported strategic minerals from SA begin to close down.*

Most of you reading this report are in some way dependent on imports from SA. Your job, your family's future could be at stake. Even if you are not employed in some industry directly affected, your present life style will be changed dramatically. Does that sound dire? IT IS!

Can you imagine what that would mean to worldwide missionary work, 80% of which is supported from the USA?

This thing is bigger than politics or race relations of any kind. It's bigger than sanctions and disinvestment. It goes beyond the insane passion of the liberal media to continually beat-up on their favourite whipping boy, SA. This thing is about world missions. I'm talking about the survival of missionary enterprise as we know it.

As it watch the game of life being played-out on the international chess board, I can discern some of satan's subtle moves. By isolating SA from the family of nations and by punitive sanctions imposed by the USA, his satanic majesty thinks he can conquer both.

Knowing South Africa, I doubt that. But, **I am desperately concerned for the United States. That disquiet, coupled with the Great Commission is a powerful motivation to be obedient.**

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SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT SOUTH AFRICA THAT NO LIBERAL WANTS TO BE ASKED

1. Why have millions of refugees, migrant workers and illegal immigrants fled into ("apartheid") South Africa from neighbouring ("liberated") black states?
2. If South Africa is so racist, how is it that most of the South African Police and many of the (volunteer) members of the South African Defence Force are black?
3. If there's no freedom in South Africa, how is it that the revolutionaries have killed hundreds of black town councillors, mayors and parliamentary candidates?
4. Why have the communists and the ANC agitated for boycotts of the multi-racial elections in October 1988 and September 1989?
5. How come there are so many political parties amongst every racial group in South African when the entire Soviet Union has only one political party?
6. How can it be that there are more black doctors, lawyers, professional people and millionaires in South Africa than in all the other 55 countries of Africa combined?
7. If South Africa is as bad as the journalists say, then how come so many thousands of reporters have had the freedom to repeatedly visit, slander, and re-visit the country? How many have been free to do that in Cambodia lately?
8. How is it that Tutu can speak for "the poor and oppressed" whilst living in a millionaire's mansion in Bishops Court, and travel first class overseas on a South African passport whilst campaigning for economic warfare against South Africa?
9. If there is no freedom in South Africa, how come that Tutu is free to break the laws of the land, visit Moscow, Maputo, Lusaka and Harare on a South African passport and still drive around without fear in his chauffeur-driven car in Cape Town?
10. How can America be so morally superior when South Africa has prayer and Bible teaching in its schools and army bases, laws against pornography, abortion is illegal, and the blasphemous "Last Temptation of Christ" film was banned?
11. Doesn't it seem hypocritical of America to sanction its long-time ally, South Africa, whilst aiding and trading with despotic regimes in Russia, China, Rumania, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Angola, etc., etc.,?
12. Is the Western media not guilty of biased, prejudiced and selective reporting on South Africa? Doesn't it appear that we are being lied to?
13. Are we not bearing false witness against our neighbour, South Africa?
14. Are the Western churches truly loving South Africa as Christ would have us love? Are we doing unto South Africa as we would want to be done unto? Or are we guilty of double standards?

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