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THE DUTY OF FREE CHINA

by Neil Salonen, FLF President

I.

In the wake of an Asia changed so abruptly by Nixon Realpolitik, those isolated voices within our nation still accustomed to fashioning policy from principle—and not the reverse—are widely scrambling to integrate their moral duty with new reality. Some, such as William F. Buckley, Jr., propose an Independent Republic of Taiwan, while others shrink from the thought of such a “shameful compromise.” Nevertheless, all are agreed that the present status of the two Chinas is already vague and steadily becoming more so—something must be done now to clarify the issue.

It is most useful to begin with a reminder of what our end goal is (or should be), and proceed by steps toward the present. Setting the important question of implementation temporarily aside, it should be obvious that we cannot eternally abandon even one nation to Communist ideological enslavement. Most specifically in China, we believe that whether or not Mao's peasant understands politics, or knows the alternatives, he doesn't like the suppression of his freedom; and he has a moral right to a better life. Our chief objection to Communism is that it completely denies the reality of God and suppresses the spiritual nature of man. In such state-imposed ignorance, the higher levels of creativity are stifled. Those in the light have a duty to protect and lead others. We must accept that responsibility.

II.

The original goal of working to liberate the whole of China made the posture of Nationalist Government credible and sound in 1949. But the fulfillment of that goal depends upon the support and commitment of the United States. The dramatic collapse of the Judeo-Christian ideology in the West under the onslaught of Marxist-materialism had rapidly altered the given realities of world politics. The mission of America was to lead the way toward establishing a harmonious, unified world—where all nations could relate in freedom to all others.

But, as William Buckley pointed out, we have lost any sense of moral mission in the world. We have witnessed the barbarous attacks of North Vietnam on South Vietnam, North Korea on South Korea, China on Tibet and the U.S.S.R. on Hungary and Czechoslovakia while doing little ourselves, and even restraining others from aiding the forces of freedom. We no longer seem

to believe that we are morally right and that the Communists are tragically wrong.

However serious this is for America, at the moment it is even more serious for China. Because of our national incapability or unwillingness to meet our moral responsibility, the Chinese on Taiwan are denied even the opportunity of fulfilling their primary desire; and their dreams of liberating all of China are made fiction. Therefore to continue to fight as if America were her ally, when the very substance of that alliance is now in decay, would be to operate under an even greater illusion than the one Free China's critics now accuse her of. She cannot take the sole responsibility to repel the Communist tyranny from the mainland, but, as a voice of conscience to the world, she must confront such nations as the U.S. with their historical duty, and courageously demand that we fulfill it.

So the most immediate problem of Free China now is the U.S., and not Peking. Only if the U.S. accepts her role can the free world nations, together, succeed in preserving and extending freedom. At this late point, accomplishing this goal of freedom means at least safeguarding the independence of

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The Strategy For Victory Over Communism

by Hal McKenzie, FLF Staff Writer

The first step in developing a strategy for victory over Communism is to define our goal clearly. Communism is the greatest single oppressor of humanity in the world today, which is reason enough to want to defeat it; but our intrinsic goal is to bring about peace, freedom, and prosperity to all mankind, and to relieve human suffering. Therefore, victory over Communism must not be seen as an end in itself, but rather as a necessary step in a larger scheme to bring peace with freedom and unity to the whole world.

When we examine the physical dimensions of our enemy, we see a formidable foe indeed. Spanning almost the entire Eurasian continent, massively armed with terrible weapons and gigantic armies, Communism is, from a military point of view, practically invincible. Soviet Russia has now surpassed the U.S. in many areas of strategic power (see TRT Vol. I, No. 9) and continues to supply a constant stream of sophisticated arms to its allies in North Vietnam, the Middle East and elsewhere, while the spectre of American neo-isolationism continues to rise. In addition, Communist China's new position as the recognized major power of Asia further decreases the chances of freedom's survival in that area of the world.

Finally, we cannot ignore the diabolically effective propaganda offensive which has succeeded in deceiving even the most intelligent and well-informed people in the West as to the reality of Communism. It has likewise succeeded in confusing the masses as to the necessity of fulfilling our national mission to stop the Communist advance. Despite its long history of cruelty and slaughter, Communism has clothed itself in an aura of invincibility and "moral" power and has won for itself innumerable sympathizers and lackeys in our universities, government, media and churches. All this might be enough to make us think our cause is hopeless, until we reflect upon the strategic factor which motivates every Communist system—and that is its ideology.

All Communist states, despite regional or doctrinal differences, are built upon some form of Marxism-Leninism. It is this ideology which gives faith, direction and certainty of victory to its cadres, legitimizes its regimes (no matter how oppressive) and justifies the boundless grief and sacrifice imposed upon the hapless millions under its control. Ideology is the real power of Communism, not its armed might alone. Take away the ideological underpinning, and the entire system would collapse like a house of cards, or else cease to be Communism as defined by Marxism-Leninism. However, no matter how irrational and destructive the Marxist faith may in fact be, it is far superior in *moral force* than the no-faith, no-purpose attitude which is so dominant among the Western liberal establishment. Because of this lack of a forceful alternative, Marxist ideology is spreading practically unchecked in the West.

Defeating Communism means defeating the ideology of Marxism-Leninism. To do this, we must not only attack the fallacies and contradictions of Communism, but aggressively proclaim the superior ideology which has the power to unite the non-Communist world, lead to a solution of the pressing economic, political and ecological problems of this age, and eventually convert the Communists themselves to our greater cause. Difficult as this may seem at the present time, this is the only option open to us. Anything other than an all-out ideological offensive will only prolong the world's agony, for "co-existence" to the Marxist mind is only the period of "unity of opposites" after which the final dialectic clash inevitably follows.

Thus we must "negate" the Communist ideology before that ideology forces the Communists to negate us and our view of the world. The weapons we need will be found in the areas of religion and science.

Marx said that Communism is the death blow to religion, but the fact is, conversely, that religion is the death blow to Communism. All of the world's great religions are essentially antithetical to Communism, because they can see a higher reality than simply material relationships; and they emphasize positive, cooperative ideals and respect for human dignity and life, rather than contradiction and conflict. Strong religious faith immunizes one against Communist ideology and enables one to withstand even physical torture and brainwashing.

The Soviet regime in Russia, for example, is being shaken severely by the persistent activity of the underground Christian Church which is winning increasing numbers of bright young Russians and has won such notables as Alexander Solzhenitsyn and Svetlana Stalin, daughter of the great dictator himself. Nearly every time Communism has tried and failed to lay an ideological base, religion has been the main factor in thwarting it. We find that this is true in Vietnam with the Hoa Hao, Catholic, Cao Dai and other sects; and in South Korea, where Christianity and native syncretic faiths have been very influential in making South Korea nearly ideologically immune to infiltration from the North. Many other examples could be cited concerning the power of religion over Communism. In Tibet, Eastern Europe, Cambodia and even within Red China and North Korea, religious consciousness is the "bourgeois thought" the Communists fear most.

The other main area is science. Marxism pretends to be scientific, but all of the great advances in anthropology, psychology, genetics, physics and systems theory came about after Marx's time. Modern science is even discovering the spiritual world of psychic phenomena, and modern physical and ecological studies have shown that the universe is one marvelously well integrated, purposeful, even intelligent organism. It runs on cooperative, mutually beneficial relationships, not "internal contradiction," which Marx said was the dynamic of progress.

Science and religion, once thought to be mutually incompatible, are now coming to be complementary and mutually sustaining. The outdated ideas of Marxism and the militant atheism which it inspired are now coming to be seen as rank superstition.

The fact of the matter is that there is, after all, only one universe in which man is involved, only one world upon which he must make his home. Therefore, there can be only one universal truth which describes and corresponds to the actual structure of that one cosmos. It is that truth which we must articulate so clearly and logically that it can open all but the most closed of minds and hearts.

Our tactics will be the exact opposite of Communist tactics. Where they inspire hatred and conflict, we will inspire love and cooperation. Where they deceive and confuse people, we will enlighten and strengthen people. Where they try to break down and disintegrate our society, we will revitalize it and spur it on to new levels of achievement. In short, where Communism is the ultimate negation, we will be the ultimate affirmation; the ultimate negation of the negation.

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KOREA

Kim Il-sung's 60th Birthday Passes

The fact that Kim Il-sung's 60th birthday (April 15) passed without the Communist victory, which the North Korean dictator allegedly had prophesied, should be viewed in the Free World as a triumph for our side. (Kim was alleged to have proclaimed his intention to celebrate his "han kap" [60th birthday] in Seoul . . . ed.) Kim's word is officially infallible to the enslaved North Korean masses, whose school-children are forced to bow down to statues of Kim, to call him "Father" and even to pray to him and give absolute allegiance to his supreme power. Thus the unfulfillment of Kim's prediction may serve to undermine his authority as the perfect "Great Leader" of the Korean people.

However, while proclaiming this victory for the Free World, we should be careful not to relax our guard. Over the last three years it was becoming obvious even to Kim that his desire to complete the Communization of Korea by 1972 would not be fulfilled. Thus the new North Korean line began to proclaim that the overthrow of the Republic of Korea and victory for Kim Il-sung would not take place until near the end of the current 6-year economic plan in 1976.

North Korean rhetoric recently has softened even more, due to the constraints of the international situation. However, even a superficial reading of North Korean newspapers reveals the Communists' motivation. They intend, first of all, to force the complete withdrawal of all U.S. and U.N. troops from South Korea. Withdrawal of U.N. forces ("driving out the U.S. imperialist aggressors") was called "the basic condition for averting a new war" by the official North Korean English language news magazine *Korea Today*.

Secondly, the North Koreans will attempt to undermine the Republic of Korea through "people to people" and "cultural" exchanges with the goal of creating a revolutionary situation in the South. This is where the real victory will be won or lost. At present the North Korean population makes up probably the most well-trained and highly indoctrinated society in the world, while in South Korea ideological training is given much less emphasis. Totalitarianism, coupled with intense Communist ideological indoctrination, is an effective tool for exerting power over a population. The Communists will send only those people whom they choose—including trained infiltrators—to the South. Moreover, Northerners coming South face the threat of their families' liquidation if they do not return.

On the other hand, well-trained people from the South could shake the enforced faith of the North Koreans in their "Great Leader" and Northerners who journey South are bound to encounter a much greater degree of freedom and prosperity than North Korean officials have led them to expect. Thus the question is, can the South Korean people be prepared ideologically and politically for the North Korean "people to people" offensive and can North Korean social controls stop the spread of truth from the South. The battle is *ideological*, and military or economic strength alone will not produce the ultimate victory. Only the truth can do that.

Thus the deciding factor in the struggle between North Korean Communism and South Korean freedom—indeed the deciding factor in the world-wide struggle between Communism and freedom—will be the war of ideas.

If the North Korean strategy progresses according to Kim's

plan, the Communists will create a revolutionary situation in the South, fighting at first through guerrilla warfare and then through conventional warfare, much as in Vietnam. However, if the South Koreans can win in the battle of ideas, the tables may be turned on the Communists and North Korea could be transformed without firing a shot. Here, for a change, the situation is hopeful. For once North Korean society is opened to new ideas from the South, the "Big Lie" strategy of Kim Il-sung is doomed.

With regard to the material situation and the United States, let us not forget the historical lesson which we *should* have learned from our encounters with divided nations in our divided world. Unless our commitment to defend the free sector is made absolutely clear, the Communists are liable to attack, whether through miscalculation or accurate perception of the willingness and ability of the U.S. to respond to their aggression. Moreover, while North Korea, at the cost of great sacrifice placed upon its people, has created perhaps the most militarized society in the world, the South Korean military industry is only just beginning, largely due to American constraint. And at the same time, the growing mood of accommodation and selfish isolationism among the U.S. political leadership is dangerously close to placing the South Koreans—not to mention our numerous other Asian allies—in a seriously compromising position.

In the long run, the battle of ideas will decide who wins the Cold War. But in the meantime, decreasing our military, economic and diplomatic support for free nations unacceptably weakens our position in the world-wide politico-ideological war, regardless of domestic political "realities." If our government had fulfilled its responsibility of explaining to the American people *why* we have to fight Communism, those "realities" would be very different. Our responsibility to the world is too great to ignore, election year or no election year. In this context, the Administration's strong response to the current Communist offensive in Vietnam is a hopeful sign.

Korea, the first country in which the United States engaged in a hot war against Communism, could be the country to act as a model for the unification of divided nations. If Korea is unified under freedom, it may be the harbinger of real peace for mankind. The Korean people—and the people of the whole world—deserve our material and spiritual support, for if the U.S. is unwilling to continue sacrificing itself for the cause of world freedom, how long can we expect our own freedom to endure?

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The Duty of Free China

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Taiwan, not for the sake of her inhabitants alone, but as the tangible symbol of the 800-million who have lost their own freedom. In this light, the proposal to declare an independent Republic of China on Taiwan makes much more sense.

Too long the Free Chinese have faithfully "swallowed and followed" whatever policy emanated from the White House. That faith in the American commitment, which all Asia now questions, must be publicly and unmistakably justified. Agreed that Washington would be vexed to recognize an independent R.O.C. on Taiwan on the grounds that it might "refreeze the thaw" with Peking, but the Administration really would have very little other choice. And that is precisely why it must be done now.

In helping a reluctant Nixon Administration to clarify our moral commitment to and perspective on freedom, Free China would be performing an historic role. Best wishes notwithstanding, the attempted detente with Red China clearly has been at the expense of Free Asia already. Forcing the U.S. to stand openly on the side of an independent Republic of China on Taiwan may be the way to recover those losses.

III.

Although the Nixon Administration could be expected to gag a little, such a tonic now, like cod liver oil, might just forestall

a fatal case of ideological influenza further down the road. And the same for Japan. In fact, the only valid argument against such a policy would be that the Nationalist Government claim to the mainland might find a few less supporters. In any case, the situation now can only be expected to worsen for Free China. Remember, we have been discussing the duty of Taiwan—not the U.S. or the Free World.

The real solution lies in generating an ideological rebirth in the Free World. A maturation of the root of Judaism and the trunk of Christianity has, by its compelling immediacy and vitality, at last exposed the Marxist bankruptcy. It has therefore opened the way for a true brotherhood of man under freedom. This Unification Ideology has mobilized tens of thousands of youth cadres in Asia, and now in America and Europe. These moral absolutists are confident that the peace and harmony we all seek can be found only in a world which recognizes the value of the individual as a reflection of God. They are willing to sacrifice their own generation in dedication to the struggle for freedom so the way can be open for their descendants to know the life of which man has thus far only dreamed.

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