

FLF Participates in Mindszenty Meeting

Neil Salonen

April 1, 1973

The Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation (CMF) held its 15th Anniversary conference from March 30 -- April 1 in St. Louis, Missouri, home of its national headquarters. Several FLF members were invited to attend the conference, which attracted over 200 people from all over the country.

The Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation was founded by concerned Catholics who realized the need to actively oppose Communism's aggressive nature and its atheistic ideology. The CMF is named after the famous Cardinal Mindszenty, who was imprisoned both by the Nazis and the Communists before being liberated by freedom fighters during the Hungarian revolution. The Cardinal, however, did not flee his country but continued his work against his country's oppressors while in exile at the American Embassy in Budapest after the suppression of the revolution. Only after the urging of Pope Paul did Cardinal Mindszenty leave Hungary and come to the West last year. He is still quite active in opposing Communism and ministering to thousands of Hungarian refugees all over the world. The Cardinal will be making his first visit to several U.S. cities this fall. Miss Eleanor Schlafly, executive secretary of the CMF, did an impressive job in arranging the program. Speakers included Gen. Lewis M. Walt, U.S.M.C. (ret.); Rev. Edmund F. McCaffery; FLF President Neil Salonen; and Dr. Fred Schwarz of the Christian Anti-Communist Crusade.

The Drug Offensive

Gen. Walt led the program with an enlightening speech on "The communist Drug Offensive." There has been much speculation that the Communists, particularly the Chinese, have been a major supplier of drugs to our youth in the United States. Gen. Walt was asked by the Senate subcommittee on Internal Security to make a fact-finding trip to Asia to determine to what extent the Communists were involved in drug-smuggling operations.

Gen. Walt claimed he had circumstantial evidence which, indicated that 90% of all opium smuggled out of Asia is grown in Red China. The Chinese Communists use roaming tribesmen in bordering countries like Laos, Burma and Thailand to do the work of transporting the drugs to underworld dealers in the West. Walt added the Communist Chinese ships in Hong Kong are the only ones the British authorities are not allowed to inspect. In turn, a major amount of illicit drugs in New York are smuggled in by the Hong Kong Seamen's Union, an association controlled by the Communists.

Gen. Walt concluded that stringent measures are necessary to halt the use of illicit drugs, including stiffer penalties for drug traffickers and better anti-drug education in our schools. Subversive organizations involved in drug smuggling' he said, "must be dealt with."

A Spiritual Struggle

Saturday afternoon FLF President Neil Salonen spoke on "Aggressive Atheism" along with several other members of a panel. [Salonen noted that parallel to the growth of atheism, satanism, and occultism, is the growth in popularity of radical Marxist ideas. He added that the heart of the struggle between Communism and the Free World "is not between Communism on one hand and capitalism or democracy on the other; it is essentially between the atheistic, materialist ideas of Communism and one's spiritual belief in God." Salonen concluded that "we cannot hope to win by dealing with the symptoms" but that we must go to the heart of the struggle to bring "ideological victory over Communism through the

superiority of our own spiritual beliefs.

That same afternoon FLF members Gary Jarmin, James Cowin, and Judy Barnes conducted a workshop for about 50 students on how young people can work more effectively to combat Communist influence on campus.

FLF Pres. Neil Saloman, Secretary-General Gary Jarmin and Research Coordinator James Cowin were also invited to make a 15 minute tape describing FLF's activities for CMF's radio program, "The Dangers of Apathy."

Saturday evening's guest speaker, the Rev. Edmund F. McCaffery, gave an inspirational talk on "The Ethics of National Security." Rev. McCaffery pointed out that power can be ethical when used to preserve peace and stability. Yet if the U.S. allows a totalitarian and aggressive nation to gain too much power, he said, we would be acting immorally.

The conference conclude on Sunday with an enlightening talk by Dr. Fred Schwarz on "Marcuse and Sex on Campus." Dr. Schwarz gave a concise expose of the so-called father of the New Left's theories and his views of the free-sex movement as a revolutionary tool to bring about the destruction of our society.

From all observances the CMF conference was as successful as it was educational. FLF is looking forward to attending such future conferences as a base to exchange each organization's experiences and ideas, thus advancing our common goal in bringing victory over Communism.

(From *The Rising Tide*)