members voluntarily sold their goods, had a common purse, and distributed to the needy. It did not work. It produced two big liars, both of whom were stricken dead in judgment by God. The whole affair was abandoned.

To dignify Communism with any kind of Biblical support or a relationship to the Kingdom of God is a perversion which does nothing but help Communism.

The meaning today, of course, "refers to the theory developed by Marx and Engels," the article explains. But this is the payoff—the two are related, for we are told: "Seeing this twofold meaning of communism helps us understand the struggle with communism. The appeal of communism to the hearts of men lies in its preaching of the historic ideals of communism — peace, justice, equality, and brotherhood. From the Christian perspective the weakness of communism is not that it preaches such ideals."

Thus, these "historic ideals" apparently have been taken over from Christianity, accepted in Communism, and the Christian does not consider these ideals to be its weakness.

### Communist "Peace"

Let it be said with all emphasis that "peace" in the Communist program is nothing but a tactic to weaken the opposition and to establish world socialism. The brotherhood of Communism is the brotherhood of slavery. There is no equality or justice. Man has no soul and Communist justice is not related in any direct degree whatsoever to the moral law, for there is no morality.

Thus the Methodist Church has gone far, far astray, and at this point has given a commendation to Communism which it does not merit and should never be credited with by a church. The Methodist Church should be denouncing these so-called Communist ideals as deceptive, phony, and frauds. The "dictatorship of the proletariat" could never be an ideal with which a God-fearing man could agree.

### Double Talk

Now, with this favorable presentation of the good in Communism, it is more than significant to note that at the opening of the article there is a blanket disclaimer. It reads: "Publication of this analysis of communist theory in no way constitutes an endorsement of communism."

But certainly if Communism was practiced by the early Christians and has remained in Christianity as the ideal of the Kingdom of God, there is some kind of endorsement of this "good" kind of Communism.