

The Things We "Know" That Are Not So THAT COMMUNISM CAN BE NON-AGGRESSIVE

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I.

Have you ever heard of people wanting to migrate and settle down in a Communist country?

On the other hand, how often have you heard of people wanting to leave a Communist country and settle elsewhere?

In the answers to these two questions lies the reason why a Communist nation cannot live at peace with its neighbors who extend personal freedom to their citizens.

The very *presence* of nearby liberty, opportunity, and personal dignity, is a never-ending threat to the internal security of the Communist state and makes it, of necessity, one vast prison camp in which the penalty for trying to escape is a prison sentence or death.

That is why, as long as there are free nations touching their borders, the Communist countries must always claim that they are "surrounded by enemies."

This means that subverting or seizing the free nation "next

door" will not solve the problem because the free nation next door to the newly-conquered one automatically becomes the next "enemy."

For example, after Red China took over North Vietnam it *had* to start on Laos.

So we see that, unless checked by equal or superior force, Communism *must* attempt to spread until it covers the face of the earth.

There must be no remaining place for the prisoners to run.

Then, and then only, can Communism safely relax its never-ending policy of aggression.

II.

A crystal clear example of this relentless pull on Communist populations is to be found in post-war Germany today.

The people of East Germany, one of Russia's war-prizes, live under the iron rule of Communism—and live miserably.

The people of West Germany, occupied by the non-communist powers, live under personal and economic freedom — and live better than any other nation in all of Europe.

East Germany has an escape hatch, — the City of Berlin — which makes emigration possible providing the escapee is willing to leave all his possessions behind.

The massive migration of East Germans to the Western Zone — the never-ending stream of people willing to strip themselves of everything they have in order to find freedom and personal opportunity — is a dramatic demonstration of inferiority which frustrates and enrages the Red high command.

The "shame" of it is there for all the world to see.

Every one of the more than three million East Germans who have "crossed the line" is eloquent testimony to the inability of Communism to satisfy the material and spiritual needs of mankind.

This, the Communists cannot abide, yet they cannot close the escape hatch except by one step — *bring all of Berlin under Communist control.*

This would serve two of their purposes: shut off migration and destroy this magnificent showcase of freedom standing in sharp

and damning contrast to their own drab spectacle of serfdom.

By the same token, *the protection of this shining example of freedom is absolutely essential to the interests of the free world.*

III.

The loss of prestige caused by this type of migration is only one of the penalties suffered by Communist nations.

Of equal importance (or more) is the fact that these departing citizens are usually the cream of the population — the people who have the most ability and the highest skills.

For example, in the last five years, 3,433 doctors and dentists have fled East Germany.

Where it is possible, most of the time, to keep the population imprisoned within its own borders, this migration can be kept more or less under control, but even rough and ruthless Communist China cannot imprison everybody — a fact attested by the substantial and continuous flight of its citizens to Hong Kong, Laos, Vietnam, and South Korea.

And we all remember how many of the Communist Chinese prisoners of war in Korea, when they were released, *did not want to go home.*

It is safe to say that where