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WORLD AFFAIRS INSTITUTE REPORT

Senator Thomas J. Dodd, in a written speech delivered by his son, Thomas J. Dodd, Jr., expressed only "cautious optimism" toward the current test ban treaty, and avowed that the free world and communism could never co-exist under the same roof. The Senator was scheduled to deliver the Keynote address for the Tenth Annual Southeastern World Affairs Institute, but was held in Washington as a result of test ban negotiations.

"World Communism and Western civilization are totally opposed to one another in everything that is basic and important; freedom cannot survive a major infection by Communism, and Communism certainly cannot survive any injection of freedom," the speech read. "Therefore, the two cannot live together, and the Communists will not permit us to exist apart from them if they can help it, therefore Communism is compelled to destroy us to justify itself, to save itself from contradiction and collapse."

The speech left room for what Senator Dodd called two prime causes for renewed hope of peace. The first, it explained, was "The rift between Red China and Red Russia which appears to be taking on the proportions of a major schism. But it is too early to measure the consequences of this split."

The second cause for hope was listed as the signing of the nuclear test ban treaty "banning tests in the atmosphere, in outer space, and under water, but leaving both sides free to continue testing underground, where secret testing would be undetectable." Dodd said he viewed the treaty with cautious optimism.

Dodd's comments in the speech also revealed that the fundamental causes of the Cold War remain unchanged.

"These causes are the Communist enslavement of their own peoples and almost a score of captive nations; the undisguised Communist design to destroy freedom wherever it exists, and subjugate the entire free world, whether by subversion, infiltration, intimidation, economic warfare, or outright military aggression; and the basic injustice and denial of all moral values, upon which the Communist system is based.

"The reigning idea of Christian civilization is love," the speech read, "while the reigning idea of Communism is hate. We are involved, not in just a conflict between nations or power blocs or economic or political theories, but rather everything that has made us what we are, as individuals, as families, as a nation, as a civilization. To lose is to lose everything."

Dodd's remarks indicated that the United States was losing the Cold War through deceit by the Communists. "The first step toward building an effective foreign policy to achieve true peace, the indispensable

step, is to accept the basic facts of our existence as they are, and to clear away the illusions that have obscured those facts. If we can free ourselves from the illusion that Communism and Western civilization can get along, we will give up vain hopes of an easy way out and begin to make the stupendous efforts that must be made."

The Senator's speech added that the U. S. must also take stock of itself concerning foreign aid and "stop pouring out our substance in aid to Red dictatorships which have reached more than \$4 billion in recent years." He listed Poland and Yugoslavia in this connection.

The speech was made to approximately 150 persons who attended the three-day Institute.

Proctor and the Peace Corps

Dr. Samuel Proctor, Associate Director of the Peace Corps, said that racial strife in the United States is hampering efforts of the Corps in foreign countries. At the same time, he asserted that the corps was helping promote integration in the U. S.

"There is no use in going overseas—even in the Corps—and preaching peace if we can't have it here at home," he commented. "The image of the United States has been lowered in the eyes of some people in foreign lands, but many reports have been misleading."

"Our members tell the people the truth," he continued, "and we tell them that we do have problems in the United States, but we also tell them we still have a free society and this cannot be bettered anywhere."

Dr. Proctor claimed that the Peace Corps has helped lower racial barriers within the U. S. through training programs which are done on an integrated basis on college campuses which were predominantly white. He pointed out that training programs are underway on some 50 campuses throughout the U. S. where no segregation exists.

The speaker pointed out weaknesses of the Corps, but said that in spite of the problems involved the idea of such a peace force was successful.

"You have to call the program a success," he explained, "for in every country where we've been, the people have asked for more."

He explained, however, that out of the 52 countries included under the program since its initiation, only 22 were settled without serious problems. "We had it rough in at least 30 countries, but out of 5,080 Corps volunteers, only 118 failed to make the grade."

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