

es are prepared to repudiate or to break so-called Christian fellowship with the Communist-controlled churches and the Communist-appointed leadership from these Iron Curtain country churches. It would be disastrous to their so-called unity or ecumenical program to do so, and obviously a desire for world-wide unity in what they call their ecumenical movement is so pronounced and so controlling that they are ready and willing to extend the hand of Christian fellowship to Communist-appointed church leaders and give them a platform from which to preach the Communist line of peaceful coexistence.

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The press has just reported that the Russian Orthodox Church has applied for membership in the World Council of Churches on the basis of "brotherhood, love, and peace." I have released the following statement to the Associated Press:

"Announcement of the application of the Russian Orthodox Church in Moscow, for membership in the World Council of Churches, presents squarely to the Christians in the West the Communist conspiracy in the use of the churches. The long negotiations to this end were carried on with Metropolitan Nicolai, an identified agent of the Soviet secret police. The Russian Church, under the complete control of the Communists, is being used to consolidate the Reds' position in the World Council of Churches. Patriarch Alexei recently toured the Middle East in a Soviet plane and preached the Communist political line. He addressed a letter to the World Council of Churches last August, presenting the phony peace program of the Reds. He operates under the direction of a major general of the Soviet secret police, Georgi G. Karpov, a member of the council of ministers of the USSR. Stalin placed him in charge of the Russian Orthodox Church. He directs the world-wide Communist conspiracy through the churches. Khrushchev retains him in that position today!

"This move will strengthen 'peaceful coexistence' and deceive the peoples of the world. Blinded and duped Protestant leaders are giving the Reds' agents the recognition and propaganda forum which will hasten the destruction of the West.

"We call upon the Christians of the West for open rebellion against such prostitution of the Christian churches. While the Reds are doing their dastardly deeds in Cuba, the United States leaders of the World Council of Churches open their arms to welcome these 'wolves in sheep's clothing.'"

The Communist drive to win the world has its nearest outpost in Cuba. The failure of the "Freedom Fighters" on the beaches of Cuba revealed that a tragic miscalculation had occurred in estimating the opposition to the Castro regime.

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We are in a position now to report that the Protestant leadership, Presbyterian and Baptist, has given to Castro such support that his socialization of the country is believed to be an extension of the Gospel of Christ.

The Communists have used the mission work in Cuba in an hour of crisis to deliver Castro. The magnitude of the Protestant commitment may be seen in a "declaration of principle" adopted by the Cuban Council of Evangelical Churches, November 28-30, 1960. This declaration was prepared over a period of 19 months by the Lay Committee on Social Action. In its social creed, it completely repudiates capitalism. In its section dealing with Communism, it specifically declares, "Our view of Marxist doctrine, being objective, does not ignore the elements of truth, which, mixed with error, we find in this philosophical-social doctrine. It is evident that Marx-

ist Communism has certain affinities with Christianity, for example, in its criticism of the capitalist system, in its passion for social justice and its aspiration for a better world."

Here it is — the Communist line word for word, as we hear it in Hungary, Czechoslovakia, and from the Russian Baptists in Moscow! This has been developed since Castro came to power and it comes not from Castro, but from the mission movement financed by American churches.

The National Council of Churches in the United States now includes among those whom it supports financially the Rev. Cecilio Arrastia, evangelist for Latin America and consultant for the Committee on Co-operation in Latin America which is a part of the Foreign Missions Department of the National Council of Churches. *Heraldo Cristiano* (*Christian Herald*), May, 1959, is dedicated to Castro and presents Castro as the "preacher of the revolution." He has gone throughout Latin America preaching Castroism.

The Foreign Missions Division of the National Council of Churches, in its report to the General Assembly in San Francisco, December 6, 1960, after reviewing the so-called advances made under Castro, including socialized housing, said: "These reforms are facts to be considered in any appraisal of the Castro revolution in Cuba. It is small wonder that many Cubans have been loyal to the revolutionary government, and not critical even when the ideals of state ownership of property have been proclaimed, and new relationships with Russia and Red China have been introduced into the revolutionary scene."

In Cuba, the so-called Social Gospel, imported from the United States, has now demonstrated its invaluable contribution to Communism. This has been accomplished by American money and, in the hour of crisis, undercuts the interests of the United States of America and favors the cause of Castro in Latin America.

No one knows better than the Communists that these elements in modern Christianity called the "social gospel" are their ally in the world revolutionary cause of Communism.

It would do the Kennedy administration, the C.I.A., and other interested agencies in Washington, D.C., good to take a second look at the National Council of Churches. The program sponsored by this Council in Latin America has, in the past, contributed to Castro and his triumph.

III.

The only remedy for this is that we return to the Christianity of the Bible and that Americans who call themselves Christians refuse to support directly or indirectly this so called liberal Christianity. Almighty God indeed is the Author of liberty — spiritual liberty, personal liberty, human liberty — and all freedom is a gift from Him to man, and in His name this battle against Communism must be waged.

Ecumenical Press Service,

November 13, 1959 reported:

Moscow Church Official Heads Israel Mission Mission

(Jerusalem) - Archimandrite Augustin, formerly an official of the Moscow Patriarchate, has arrived in Jerusalem to take up a new post as head of the Russian Orthodox Mission in Israel. He succeeds Archimandrite Nicodim, who has joined the staff of the Moscow Patriarchate.