

various schools all over the Country — state universities, and particularly in the denominational colleges, the colleges that are associated with the major denominations that are a part of the ecumenical movement or the National Council of Churches — that one finds this unbelief.

The *Sunday Gazette Mail*, Charleston, W. Va., February 20, 1966, featured an article, "New Theology of Christian Atheism Finds Comfort in Area." A local reporter called upon certain ministers. He wrote: "Dr. Robert H. Emery, professor of religion at Morris Harvey College:

"On the virgin birth: 'I regard it as a myth. It's an attempt to say something about the uniqueness of Jesus, but it's certainly not to be taken literally.'"

"On the divinity of Christ: 'I regard Jesus as a man — a man who was fully open to recognizing and receiving the love of God, and who allowed this to become the sole motivating force in his life. . . . He was a unique man, but this doesn't make him in my mind a divine or semi-divine figure.'"

The entire Methodist denomination is permeated with this same poison. Dr. Richard N. Bender, director of religion in higher education — Methodist colleges, Department of College and University Religious Life, Board of Education of the Methodist Church, Nashville, Tenn., wrote a feature for *The Adult Student*, May, 1966, entitled, "Constructive Responses to the Fact of Communism." In this article, which was placed in the hands of these Sunday school leaders throughout the entire 10 million member denomination, Dr. Bender rejected outright what he called extreme rightist reactions to Marxism-Leninism, which he says are, "hysterical, irrelevant, and confused." This, of course, simply means the historic position of Christianity in its opposition to Communism, that there can be no peaceful coexistence between the two systems of thought. He concludes his article, however, by calling for increased "international student exchange programs with M-L [Marxist-Leninist] countries, sponsorship of study-travel programs for students and adults in M-L countries with a view to genuine exchange of ideas and achievement of understanding of persons in those countries."

This means nothing more than bringing the Communist students into the United States, and none can come unless they are steeled Communists, here to carry on their propaganda; and it means that the students are to become the leaders of revolution in changing the whole attitude of the West in its resistance and opposition to Communism.

The changing of the church into the leader of a social revolution is indeed the goal of much of this that we now confront. Dr. Bender says, "It is intolerable that we should continue to permit the Marxists to pose as the liberators of the down-trodden while the church seeks to protect the status quo in which it may be far too comfortable."

In line with this we see this steady stream of Marxist propagandists and theologians and professors coming to the United States from Czechoslovakia, particularly, with their Communist line.

So-called Dr. Zdenek Trtik was reported in the Lancaster, Pa., *New Era*, Tuesday, April 5, 1966, under the headlines, "No Need to Fear Communism, Czech Theologian Says Christians Must Accept Marxist Revolution." And the story is that this so-called professor was lecturing to the students at the Lancaster Theological Seminary. His line was that humanism "has its roots in the Biblical message," and that "There are clear elements of humanism in Marxist philosophy," also. So, on the basis of humanism, Christianity and Marxism have something in common and they can work together for the good of mankind. This is the basis of the dialogue between Marxism and Christianity, which he says must now be carried on. But Dr. Trtik could not possibly leave Czechoslovakia and come to the United States unless he was a spokesman for the Communists. He has taken the oath required by the government, that he support and promote the cause of the Communist government.

There seems to be no let-up in all this activity that helps the Communists — the peace missions.

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