

vote for the regime which will put into effect Socialistic ordering of society. Socialistic direction, even though it is initiated through democratic decision, is just as tyrannical as though it were initiated by revolution and the brutality represented in Communist Russia.

Democratic Socialism, or what is called in certain circles "Christian Socialism," is offered as the answer to Communism. It is no answer. It is a way the enemies of Capitalism and freedom, and also of historic Christianity, have of seeking to make the adjustments necessary to bring harmony and unity between the Soviet Union and the Western world.

The Constitution of the Soviet Union states: "The socialist system of economy and the socialist ownership of the means and instruments of production firmly established as a result of the abolition of the capitalist system of economy, the abrogation of private ownership of the means and instruments of production, and the abolition of the exploitation of man by man, constitute the economic foundation of the U.S.S.R." (Article 4, Chapter I, The Organization of Society, of the constitution of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.)

Article 11, Chapter I, of the Soviet Union's constitution also says, "The economic life of the U.S.S.R. is determined and directed by the state national economic plan with the aim of increasing the public wealth, of steadily improving the material conditions of the working people and raising their cultural level, of consolidating the independence of the U.S.S.R. and strengthening its defensive capacity."

The ecclesiastical leaders who are Socialists in their thinking are constantly telling the Christian public that they should accept the "half-truth" of Communism, the half-truth being the Socialist ordering of the economic life. That part of Communism which they do not like is brutality, murder, genocide, and other atrocities which are a part of every move the Communists make to gain power and also are manifest in the enforcement of their Socialistic system.

The program of the Socialists in the religious world at the present moment in meeting Communism is to have the Western democracies become Socialist, accept the principles of the welfare state, and then announce at the proper point that the road to Socialism has been traveled so far that there can be a peaceful reconciliation with the Communist order, and in a Socialist world "freedom" will return.

Both the Communist and the Socialist order of things use freedom to describe a condition of tyranny in which the individual is perfectly free to carry out the will of the State, and that is all. Socialism appeals to men's corrupt, lazy human nature, but it is contrary to the teachings of the Bible concerning the individual and his relationship to his Maker and his God.

Communism destroys the church. Socialism makes the church unnecessary because the State becomes the guardian, provider, and master for all of life.

Both Communism and Socialism are blood sisters, and both make God unnecessary and irrelevant.