

J. B. Matthews



The coming of Dr. J. B. Matthews to Collingswood, N. J., on Saturday night, March 22, 1958, has been used by Almighty God to stir people to more diligence in defense of freedom and their Christian heritage. In a magnificent and brilliant address, this defender of liberty won the affection of the great congregation.

Dr. Matthews' gracious, careful, factual presentation of the issue concerning the Communist use of the churches stunned people. At his conclusion the entire congregation stood and in prolonged applause expressed their tribute and appreciation to this man. He looks like a patriarch and is an American of the true individualist school.

John T. Flynn first gave the appellation, "Mr. Anti-Communist," to Dr. J. B. Matthews and it has stuck. He is the one who made the Dies Committee, gave it its foundation, and set up its research files. In the days when he led in developing the anti-Communist movement, he was virtually alone and truly a pioneer. He possesses a massive photographic memory, and his brilliant intellect, together with his meticulous care in handling facts, has made him the outstanding authority in America today on the question of Communist infiltration and conspiracy. He was the man who was behind the factual exposures in the State Department of John Stewart Serves, Owen Lattimore, and the others who gave away China to the Reds.

In the address, which is here printed in full, Dr. Matthews brings out new, fresh, and additional information. It all supports his article which caused such a storm, "Reds and Our Churches," *American Mercury*, July, 1953. His facts have stood; they stand today.

Let Christian people ponder these facts.

The Christian public owes an undying debt of gratitude to Dr. J. B. Matthews for the service that he is rendering to the cause of religious freedom and in the battle against Communism.

Communism in Our Churches

BY DR. J. B. MATTHEWS

I can think of no better illustration of carrying coals to Newcastle than my addressing an audience of the Collingswood Bible Presbyterian Church on the subject of Communism and the Churches. For years, your distinguished pastor, Dr. Carl McIntire, has hammered away on this subject, citing chapter and verse of the Communist infiltration of the Protestant churches. Anyone who has listened attentively to Dr. McIntire and read the meticulously accurate columns of the *Christian Beacon* on this subject is presumably a well-informed citizen. I cannot hope to add any new facts to the mass of information that is already in your possession.

Five years ago, when an article that I wrote became the subject of a national discussion in the