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August 27, 1962

Dear Mr. von Zell:

Dick Nixon appreciated very much your letter of August 14th, and has asked me to explain the policy established for the campaign period which precludes his serving as a member of the Committee for the 36th Anniversary Foundation Dinner of the Americanism Educational League.

As I am sure you will realize, many similar requests have been received and doubtless will continue to be received for permission to use Mr. Nixon's name on various Committees. There is only one equitable manner in which to handle the multitude of such requests, and that is to establish a firm policy of not participating, even to this extent, in any organizational activity during the course of a campaign. We have strictly adhered to this, and in fairness to all concerned, there can be no deviation.

May I, therefore, assure you of Mr. Nixon's appreciation for your thoughtfulness in writing him and his regret that he is unable to accept your invitation to serve as a member of the Committee?

With kind regards and good wishes.

Sincerely,

H. R. Haldeman

Mr. Harry von Zell, Chairman
Dinner Committee
Americanism Educational League
P.O. Box 90593 Airport Station
Los Angeles 9, California
To: Rose Mary Woods
From: Agnes Waldron
Subject: Americanism Educational League

I am attaching our file on this outfit. In my opinion its sole purpose seems to be to provide a living for the Exec. Director. Even though it says it has been "fighting communism" since 1927, the HUAC files in 1956 showed no reference to the League or to Lechner. The state Comm. on Un-American Activities is similarly blank.

Jack Tenney was Chairman at one time and the current board is ultra-right and has two Birchers. There is the possibility the organization may have been anti Japanese-American. We seem to have been ignoring it for a number of years.
I understand you have a form letter over your signature saying that RN unable to permit his name to be used because of numerous requests, etc.

Will you please handle this and reply to Mr. von Zell?

Thanks.
To: Agnes Waldron  
From: Rose Mary Woods  
Subject: Attached correspondence from Harry von Zell -- Americanism Educational League  
Distribution:  

Will you please check into this organization and furnish us with background so we will know how to answer Mr. von Zell's letter. Will appreciate your returning attached correspondence with any information you are able to furnish us.

Thanks.

[Handwritten note:]
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Honorable Richard M. Nixon
523 West Sixth St.
Los Angeles 14, California

Dear Sir:

Long years ago, before most of us were aware that the evil forces of Communism and totalitarianism were a threat to the American way of life, this organization was founded. None of us can adequately measure the great service rendered to our nation and to our country through its thousands of meetings and millions of pieces of research material made possible by the Americanism Educational League.

On Monday, October 1st, at the Ambassador Hotel, this organization will hold its 36th Anniversary FOUNDATION Dinner, which will be attended by at least one thousand outstanding civic, business and patriotic leaders, and which will be televised. Dr. Nicholas Nyaradi, former Finance Minister to Hungary, will be the principal speaker, with George Putnam as Emcee.

As General Chairman of the Dinner Committee, it is my pleasure to request that you permit your name to be used on the Committee, along with many recognized citizens in every field of endeavor in California. Please let me know as soon as possible if we may have your cooperation to this extent.

You will later receive additional information on the Dinner itself and reservation slips, if you find it possible to attend.

Very sincerely yours,

Harry von Zell
Chairman
Dinner Committee

A NATION WORTH SAVING IS A NATION WORTH SERVING
League Promotes Our American Heritage

American Educational League Composed of Many Outstanding California Leaders in Many Fields

During the years 1925-1926, as an active American Legion leader in Americanism in Southern California, Dr. John R. Lechner addressed several hundred organizations on a menace with which few people were familiar: International Communism.

In order to assist in this campaign and lend direction, a committee of Legionnaires was formed as an Advisory Committee. However, the demands on Dr. Lechner were so great that a formal organization was founded in January, 1927, comprised at that time of several business and civic leaders and a number of prominent members of the American Legion. This organization operated independently of The American Legion and began a 30-year service to the nation and to this community, which, by virtue of its magnitude and effectiveness cannot be adequately measured.

The League never became a membership organization, for the purpose of avoiding politics or control by any special interest group. It has been a clearing house to which tens of thousands of organizations have turned for research, for speakers, for actual direction of their own programs, without sublimating the identity of these groups and without detracting from whatever credit these groups deserved.

The Americanism Educational League has stood consistently and without waver, in opposition to the Red conspiracy, which seeks to subvert the minds of youth and to brainwash our people into submission. No one can measure adequately the effect the work of the League has had upon millions of Americans who have been directly contacted through meetings and over the radio and television by this organization.

During all of this period, the Americanism Educational League has withstood whatever attacks have been made upon it by enemies of our

The Freedom Press, Wednesday, June 20, 1962
Dr. Lechner was recently awarded the Los Angeles Press Club's John Marshall Award for distinguished service to the news media. He has been recognized for his public service and contributions to the Los Angeles community.

In 1924, Dr. Lechner came to California to serve as a minister. However, his work in the field of Americanism was so challenging and so rewarding, that he decided to give his life to this cause. He broadened his efforts to the fight for moral ideals and freedom for all people, and his work has continued to be a testament to his commitment to the cause of Americanism.

The Americanism Educational League established the annual Bill of Rights Program, appointing Joe Crall as its first chairman.

During this initial year, more than 175,000 copies of the Bill of Rights were distributed to school students nationwide, and special assemblies were held. More than 700 radio and television programs were presented on this topic.

**Second Course**

The second course upon which the League embarked was to meet head-on in a mili
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This work of the League in this field would take another giant step forward in 1950. The Americanism Educational League initiated opposition to the Communist infiltration in California politics, and met in a frontal attack on the Communist infiltration in this field since Communist infiltration was established.

In three huge meetings before the Los Angeles Board of Education, Dr. Lechner and the League, working with the League, battled Labor's Non-Partisan League, an organization which was directly responsible for Mr. Roosevelt's second election. The School Board's ruling to the effect that Labor's Non-Partisan League was an arm of the Communist party was directly responsible for the election results.

The Americanism Educational League was responsible for exposing the Nazi spy system on the Pacific Coast and through its famous program, "Nazism on the Pacific Coast," helped to close the Bund camps, one in Los Angeles, and its work has been recognized as intelligent, sound, and constructive.

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**AMERICANISM EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE**

P.O. BOX 90593 AIRPORT STATION

LOS ANGELES 6, CALIFORNIA

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**Honored by Press**

Dr. Lechner was recently honored at the Greater Los Angeles Press Club for 15 years of outstanding service to the cause of Americanism. During this long period in which he served as Director of the Americanism Educational League, and as a leader in Americanism for the American Legion, Dr. Lechner established a national reputation as a fearless advocate for Americanism and other subversive activities, and as one of the nation's top authorities on Communist techniques of subversion, and organization. At the same time, he has dramatized the magnificent heritage of the Republic of America.


dr. lechner was graduated from denison university from the graduate school of the university of pennsylvania, and from crosby theological seminary. he has earned degrees in philosophy, political science, and theology, and holds a doctor of laws honorary degree.

After graduating from Seminary, Dr. Lechner came to California in 1924 to serve his Baptist denomination as a minister. However, his work in the field of Americanism was so challenging and so rewarding, that he decided to give his life to this cause. He broadened his efforts to the fight for moral ideals and freedom for all people, and his work has continued to be a testament to his commitment to the cause of Americanism.

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PERSONAL

Honorable Richard M. Nixon
523 West Sixth St.
Los Angeles 14, California
Honorable Richard M. Nixon
Vice President of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Dear Vice President Nixon:

In response to your request of July 9, 1956, I am enclosing two copies of the memorandum from the public records, files and publications of this Committee concerning the Americanism Educational League which was sent you on March 11, 1951.

Literature issued by the organization which was received for our files in 1953 shows the address of the Americanism Educational League as 1108 No. La Brea Ave., Inglewood, California.

Sincerely yours,

Richard Arens
Director

Enclosures (2)
The public records, files and publications of this Committee contain the following information concerning the subject organization. This report should not be construed as representing the results of an investigation by or findings of this Committee. It should be noted that the organization is not necessarily Communist or Communist-front, nor should any individuals who may be mentioned herein be considered Communists, Communist sympathizers, or fellow-travelers, unless otherwise indicated.

A check of the public files, records and publications of the Committee on Un-American Activities has not shown any reference in Committee publications to either the Americanism Educational League or Dr. John R. Lechner.

Files contain an undated leaflet, "Americanism Will Survive," which was published by the organization some time prior to the year 1945. It shows the address of the Americanism Educational League as 833 South Grand Avenue, Los Angeles, California, and officers of the league as follows:

Jack B. Tenney, Chairman
Dr. Walter Scott Franklin, Vice Chairman
Edwards H. Metcalf, Secretary
John R. Lechner, B.D., LL.D., Executive Director

The same leaflet states, in part:
"Founded in 1927
The Americanism Educational League was organized in 1927 and has since been incorporated under the laws of the State of California as a non-profit, non-political institution engaged in patriotic education.

For Better Understanding
Its primary function has been to furnish, without charge, material, speakers and direction to civic leaders throughout the state in order to combat organized class and racial hatreds. Through its many channels of operation, the Americanism Educational League has consistently endeavored to create a better understanding of American traditions and American ideals."

Files also contain an undated pamphlet, "The Inside Story of Our Domestic Japanese Problem," by John R. Lechner, and its title-page states:
"This report has been compiled at the request of the 23rd District of the American Legion in a motion unanimously adopted." It is noted, in addition, that an endorsement of the booklet by State Senator Jack B. Tenney appears on the back of the title-page.
You are cordially invited to attend a

Patriotic Testimonial Dinner

to be extended to the Americanism Educational League
and to its Executive Director, Dr. John Robert Lechner,
in recognition of thirty years of patriotic service to this
community and to our nation.

Rogers Young Auditorium
938 W. Washington Blvd., Los Angeles, Cal.
Wednesday, Feb. 27 7 p.m. $3.00 per adult

Let those who would destroy America know
that we support those who defend her.
February 18, 1957

Hon. Richard M. Nixon,  
Vice President,  
United States of America,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Nixon,

I am enclosing an invitation to attend a Patriotic Testimonial Dinner for one of the nation's outstanding patriotic leaders, a man who has made tremendous personal sacrifices to combat the evil forces which threaten the security of this great nation. A brief outline is enclosed.

I know that you cannot take time from your very busy schedule to attend, as much as you might wish. You have yourself done so much in the fight against subversive propaganda that our Board members have often been inspired by your great service to the nation, and we know you would want to be with us.

May we request a great favor in making this worthy affair a greater success. Will you please send us immediately, a letter or a telegram, offering your good wishes in the work we are doing for our nation? I am enclosing a photostatic copy of a letter you wrote to Dr. Lechner six years ago, giving your blessings to the patriotic work of the League.

God bless you in your mission across the seas, not only for the American people, but for all freedom loving peoples of the world. Our nation is GREAT, largely because our leaders are GREAT. Thank God for that!

Very sincerely yours,

LMB:rc
L. Mills Beam,  
Vice-chairman, Board.

A NATION WORTH SAVING IS A NATION WORTH SERVING
Dr. John R. Lechner,
Executive Director
Americanism Educational League
3312 West Vernon Avenue
Los Angeles 8, California

Dear Dr. Lechner:

I wish to thank you for your letter of December 8, 1950, and sincerely regret that the heavy volume of mail which seemed to confront a new Senator has prevented an earlier reply.

The time and effort being expended by the members of the Americanism Educational League is most worthy of commendation, particularly in this time of world crisis. The critical turn of events on the international scene has stressed only too well the serious threat to freedom by the forces of Communism.

The endeavors of such organizations as the Americanism Educational League are deserving of the support of loyal Americans throughout the country, and I am sure that your slogan, "A Nation Worth Saving Is A Nation Worth Serving", expresses the purpose of your organization most appropriately.

I want you to know that I shall be glad to be of any assistance within my power in your fight against the forces of Communism.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Richard Nixon

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This is the story of personal sacrifice and public service which has made millions of citizens all over this nation more appreciative of their great heritage of freedom. It's the story of a man and the organization he created more than THIRTY years ago.

The man is Dr. John R. Lechner, and the organization is the Americanism Educational League, founded in January, 1927. The League was organized at the suggestion of several American Legion leaders who felt that special facilities should be established to make the best use of Dr. Lechner's remarkable training and ability to interpret American ideals.

Dr. Lechner was willing to forego a lucrative career in order to serve his community and his nation, at great sacrifice to himself and his family. He entered this public service as a distinguished scholar in the field of political science and theology, holding the following degrees: Rh.B.; Ph.B.; B.D.; M.A.; and LL.D. Facing an enigmatic apathy of the part of the American people, who take for granted, he has had to accept a salary over a period of years, often comparable to a day laborer, and three times mortgaged his house to carry on the important work of the League.

THE RECORD

The record of patriotic service rendered by the Americanism Educational League during the last three decades is phenomenal, considering the meager support it has had from some 300 patriotic citizens, many of whom contribute a modest sum each year, some from the very inception of the League.

The League has carried its vital message on Americanism to millions of Americans in more than 50,000 meetings since 1927, and without charge. It has likewise conducted over 700 radio broadcasts, many national.

The League has distributed millions of pamphlets and copies of reports on subversive activities and Americanism throughout the nation.

The League originated the annual Bill of Rights program, appointing Joe Crail as its first chairman, and distributed 180,000 copies of the Bill of Rights to high school pupils.

The League conducted the first mass NEW CITIZENS LOYALTY DAY with several thousand new citizens attending rallies at the Gilmore Stadium and the Shrine Auditorium in 1937 and 1938. These meetings were the forerunners of the "I Am an American Day".

Dr. Lechner personally addressed over 12,500 civic and patriotic meetings during the last thirty years, including more than 500 high school assemblies from Fresno to San Diego.

The League has been one of America's most militant and effective opponents of the Communist conspiracy for thirty years, and its director has been villified by the Reds, and was once the target for a Red bullet. His fearless opposition to Communism, Nazism and other unAmerican movements, coupled with his inspirational interpretation of American ideals, stamps Dr. Lechner as one of the nation's outstanding patriots.

Arthur C. Arnold, Chairman
Americanism Educational League
Suite 228 - 6363 Wilshire Blvd.
Los Angeles 48, California
Road to Ruin

by

JOHN ROBERT LECHNER, B.D.; LL.D

Every freedom-loving American should read this article, and ponder well its contents.

L. MILLS BEAM,
Vice-Chairman
Board, Americanism Educational League
THE HAPPINESS BOYS

History has recorded the steps in the downfall of the great Roman Empire. These steps were moral decay, licentiousness and lack of initiative. They were elements in a decadent society.

These elements are not true of the American people. And still, history may recount the fall of Western Civilization because the lofty ideals of our people have blinded them to an imminent and awful danger. We are too willing to trust a deadly enemy for the sake of world peace.

Like some magic spell, every word uttered by the Soviets which might promise friendship or peaceful intention is dramatized in every media of public information, and although the actions behind these honeyed words belie their sincerity, many Americans are ready to do business with the Communists. We hate no one. We want to get along in this world. The Soviet HAPPINESS BOYS know this too well, and they have cast a spell over our nation to which millions of our citizens, who should know better, have succumbed!

Unless the American people snap out of the present state of mass hypnosis and demand continued protective measures by the Government against the threat of communism at home and abroad, we shall find the foundations of freedom undermined and the will to resist the depredations of a Godless enemy destroyed. We shall travel down the road to ruin!

GENEVA CONFERENCE

When Krushchev and Bulganin declared at the Geneva Summit Conference that the Soviet Union desires sincerely to live in "peaceful co-existence" with the nations of the free world, they threw a bombshell into the bastions of the Western World. As commendable as any overture to the easing of international tensions may appear, nevertheless, President Eisenhower may have handed the Soviets a propaganda weapon far more effective than any atomic secrets in the current struggle to enhance the universal state of the Communist regime. At any rate, the winsome smiles of the HAPPINESS BOYS has all but shaken the foundations of NATO and has given anti-American forces in the Far East, India and Africa a powerful argument against the "imperialism" of the United States. We are now on the defensive to show why the United States should not lead the free world into a new era of peaceful co-existence on the basis of STATUS QUO.

Rep. Clement J. Zablocki, recently returned from the Middle East, reported to Congress that the Geneva Conference was a serious blow to our cause in that area. He claimed that the people in that troubled zone are either moving in the direction of neutralism or toward the USSR, believing that this nation betrayed the people of the satellite nations by accepting the Soviet Union on an equal basis at Geneva, ignoring our promises of liberation of the enslaved peoples behind the iron curtain.

Still, if this country flatly turns down these Soviet overtures to "peace," we will be accused of being war-mongers. Certainly, the prospects of peaceful co-existence from the lips of smiling Soviets is enticingly attractive to many internationally minded leaders in our Government, who appear to influence our foreign policy. Only a realistic and factual analysis of the serious implications involved in the acceptance of Soviet terms for peace can prevent the enmament of our own leaders and the hostility of our friends abroad.

Aside from other and more important considerations, the new Soviet peace offensive has been designed to convince our Allies that it is no longer necessary to spend money for armaments, since the USSR will "never" attack. According to Generals Le May and Twining, this is a gigantic hoax. They show in their recent reports that the Soviet Union has already outstripped this nation in the building of long range bombers and ballistic missiles, and should exceed us in quality as well in another two years. "They will be capable of a devastating surprise attack in three years, or less!"

The American people are tasting the palatable fruits of a synthetic prosperity, and deny any suggestion that there may be an end to that prosperity. Or to their freedom! It may be highly unpopular to disillusion our people, but the fact remains that history has recorded no case where an aggressive nation has ever armed to the teeth with offensive weapons without resorting to war. The fundamental difference between this nation and the Soviet Union is that we have always resisted aggression, while the Soviet Union, since the advent of Communism, has violated 39 non-aggression pacts, and has had a history of aggression since 1945. To close our eyes to this truth would make us highly vulnerable to the evil machinations of the Marxist conspiracy.
Let's be HONEST. The Soviet leaders are proclaiming to the world that they want to and can live in a state of peaceful co-existence with the free world, but ON THEIR OWN TERMS. Terms are to be ignored completely the methods, the practices and the ugly history of their Marxist dictatorship. We are asked to accept the Soviet Union on the basis of "status quo." The fact that the HAPPINESS BOYS may want a state of "peaceful co-existence" for gain time for an all-out preparation for war, is not an argument against our principle of "status quo" when compared with the moral defect we must inevitably suffer upon accepting those terms. The United States has been guilty of many sordid moral reverses in our diplomatic policy toward the Communist leaders during the last fifteen years, but nothing can equal the moral depravity we must suffer in this latest plea that the American people close their eyes to the evil practices of Communism for the sake of a temporary peace. In reality, we shall be guilty of condoning every crime and every vile deed by the process of negation! No thinking American can deny this!

If we accept peaceful co-existence on Soviet terms, we shall be guilty of CONDONING ALL THE ACTS OF SOVIET AGGRESSION WHICH HAVE LED TO THE ENSLAVEMENT OF 10 FREE NATIONS OF THE WORLD, WITH A POPULATION OF NEARLY 900 MILLION HUMAN BEINGS.

The ruthless methods employed by the USSR to gobble up and destroy such former independent nations as Poland, Eastern Germany, Bulgaria, Rumania, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, and others, and the violation of the code of decency and humanity adopted by Western civilization at the dawn of this new era of enlightenment.

The leaders of both American political parties made courageous pronouncements in the days when the country was unified, that this nation shall be dedicated to the worship of the enthroned peoples! This forthright declaration gave hope to millions of pathetic human beings behind the iron curtain, that their privations and suffering shall not remain permanent. It must have sustained countless millions in their indescribable plight! Shall we now FORSAKE THEM? Shall we take from them all hope for redemption?

To condone such misery and inhumanity by negation, implied in a state of peaceful co-existence, is to put the mockery of our Radio Free Europe, and a sorry sham of the endless promises we hurl across the ether to the victims of Soviet aggression in the satellite nations.

WHAT PRICE PEACE?

What price peace? Shall it be at the price of hundreds of millions of human beings whose faith in the American people, and in the moral purpose of this democracy, is being shattered by the accounts of such cruelty in the press. We hold in our way of life that the highest pinnacle of God's creation is the individual, fashioned after God himself, with a spark of the Divine in his soul, and that no conditions may be imposed upon him, by another person, by any group, or by the State itself, which is harm

MORAL DEFEAT

Let just one child in any American community be slapped by a teacher, or bruised with a switch given by a parent, and the whole society is duty-bound to fury by the accounts of such cruelty in the press. We hold in our way of life that the highest pinnacle of God's creation is the individual, fashioned after God himself, with a spark of the Divine in his soul, and that no conditions may be imposed upon him, by another person, by any group, or by the State itself, which is harm
ful without just cause. We will not condone torture or cruelty! Is our concept of
the dignity of a human being then, confined merely to individuals who live
under the American flag? If our government leaders ignore the sordid history
of Communist atrocities to forestall the day when the Soviets will test the
limits of any avenue of propaganda which will spread anti-Communism
as a way of life? Communism, like Nazism, can never be satisfied
with containment; it is essentially UNIVERSAL. We are accepting the offer to sit at
the table for world revolution, Hence, his policy had to be repudiated to allay the fears of
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attack by infiltration, internal upheavals, economic warfare, capturing essential raw
materials, and risking an atomic war, and they are hopeful that by the time they culminate their new
strategic plan, the stage will be set to inject its venomous fangs into an unsuspecting and trusting victim?
Shall we open our homes and our banquet halls to the dope peddlers and rapists, and
make our new peace won in our prisons, and fawn upon them, because they now smile
upon us? These are the questions we must answer if we are to accept the Soviet terms for a peaceful coexistence!

THE MARXIST STATE

Finally, accepting a state of peaceful coexistence under Soviet terms means that we are ready to trust and do business with a partner who is inexorably dedicated to the
principles of Marxism, for that is the very heart and core of international Communism.
We have never questioned the HAPPINESS BOYS on what they think of Karl Marx
because we know that they could never repudiate Marxism. It would be like asking them to
commit suicide.
Have our international-minded leaders in government evaluated the basic philosophy
of Marxism? Do they know that by its very principles Marxism must be a UNIVERSAL
STATE, that the existence of a single successful democracy must give the lie to the effi-
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The new front, so dramatically portrayed by the amazing attack upon Stalin, a
former hero, and one who was worshiped by the same men who now denounce him, is
designed to throw the American people off guard, to make us believe that the present
Soviet aggressors have preceded all the evils of Communism, and that they now want to be
our friends. How stupid can Americans be, if they fail to realize that not one basic
principle of Marxism has been abandoned by the unscrupulous HAPPINESS BOYS in
their bid for time to complete their plans for world domination!

Since 1945, every Soviet act of aggression, direct or indirect, and every diplomatic
skirmish, has met with such amazing success that Joseph Stalin concluded the Soviet
forces could ride roughshod over the free world. Far ahead of the generally accepted
table for world revolution. Hence, his policy had to be repudiated to allay the fears of
the suspicious world after the terrible force of the new H-bomb was disclosed, and the
present leaders realized that the United States could destroy such bombs with the ability
to destroy them, to destroy the industrial areas of the USSR within one day. Kruschev
and Company may feel that they can destroy the foundations of the free world without
risking an atomic war, and they are hopeful that in the time they have
the secret weapon of the new attack by infiltration, internal upheavals, economic warfare, capturing essential raw
materials, as well as oil and rubber through naive insurrectionists and militant nationals, our
capacity to strike back will be destroyed.

TECHNIQUES OF DESTRUCTION

Kruschev calls this return to the original Communist tactics the method by which the
Soviet power can boast of "our certainty of victory." With hundreds of thousands of
highly trained agents in key positions in some 50 countries of the world, outside the iron cur-
tain, the push is on to destroy the bastions of the free world. Here are the methods to be
employed by the Communist leaders who profess to be sincerely interested in world peace:

1. "We shall continue to spread the ideas of nationalism in Asia and Africa, always taking over control of
insurrectionists so that Communist agents and the native guerrillas will dominate
new governments which arise out of the struggle.
2. Use all the time tested methods of infiltration by new trade deals with these small
countries and principalities, offering benefits to the peasants, to labor, and to com-
paigning, what is the limit any avenue of propaganda which will spread anti-
communism as a way of life in Europe?

In Europe, consolidate the strength of the various Communist and social fronts,
organize, assuming leadership as quickly as possible. Control labor groups and peasant
organizations for the purpose of creating disorders and undermining existing
government authority on an extensive propaganda campaign. Take over various States and its defensive establishments in Europe.

Campaign constantly to weaken the good relations between Great Britain and the
United States, creating wherever possible, mutual suspicion and discord.

In the meantime, the Soviet Union will speed up its own industrial development
and its war potential to be in complete readiness when her sinister campaign of
internal disruption has created a world crisis. The time-table for this objective
has been set for 1960. Already, the USSR has exceeded the United States in the
production of rockets,ombo bravers, guided missiles and submachine gun.

Our government leaders ignore the sordid history of
American Communists who want this nation to scrap its war production and to
abandon all foreign outposts. Any agreement for a "peaceful coexistence" under
such circumstances would inevitably lead to our destruction.

AMERICAN COMMUNISTS

Americans in all walks of life who have succumbed to the hypnotic spell of Utopia
as a result of the Geneva Conference and subsequent propaganda, may well examine the
techniques which the Communist leaders have designed for us. If we continue to
ignore the impact of the red conspiracy at home or if we disregard it as unimportant,
we shall find ourselves headed inexorably down the road to ruin.
J. Edgar Hoover, in his annual report to the Congress in February, gives the Ameri-
can people sharp warning of the growing menace of Communism within our own nation.
He stated that: "The Communists will come out more in the open this year by reason of the favor-
able political atmosphere created by the Geneva Conference and subsequent propaganda.
They oppose urgently needed internal security measures and they advance the theory
that the menace of communism is a mere myth or hysteria.
Their campaign is intended to involve local law enforcement, acquiring eminent
counsel to defend the party and its leaders, and the use of various petitions, forums, mass meet-
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Smith Act of 1940, and will spare no effort in trying to undermine Congressional investigating
committees.

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they plan feverishly to undermine us, then apply the finishing touches for our complete destruction!

**AMERICAN TERMS FOR PEACE**

The time has come for the American people to call their bluff! Let millions of our people who love freedom, make known to our Congress, the terms on which WE, THE PEOPLE, will accept peaceful co-existence! It is a matter of a few minutes to write a letter, but it may take generations to restore freedom, if we once lose it by carelessness and indifference!

Here are the terms we demand of the Soviet Union for a SAFE peace:

1. Release all prisoners of every nation, and close the slave labor camps.
2. Restore the freedom of all conquered nations, permitting free elections.
3. Abolish the worldwide network of spies and foreign agents.
4. Renounce the Marxist plan for world domination and aggression.
5. Remove the iron curtain, and permit complete freedom of travel and inspection in every corner of the Soviet Union.

Can we expect these terms to be met by the Soviet leaders headed by the HAPPINESS BOYS? The answer is self-evident.

International Communism, despite the post mortem purge of Stalin, whose hatchet men now head the Kremlin, and despite its declaration of "peaceful intentions," has not changed its avowed determination to destroy the free nations of the world by intrigue or by force, and to set up a universal Soviet dictatorship. Hence, Americans must take the communist menace seriously, at home and abroad.

Secretary Dulles made an important observation recently on the responsibility of the American people in the present conflict between freedom and communism. He said, "It is not enough to prove that despotism is bad. It is equally necessary to go on—and on—proving that freedom is good."

For every communist meeting in this country, for every propaganda letter sent to the Congress, for every pro-communist story in the press or on the radio, loyal Americans should have a hundred to offset their effect! The price of freedom against so powerful an enemy is not vigilance alone; it is militant opposition to every communist maneuver and complete dedication to American ideals! If enough Americans let the other fellow worry about this problem, we shall surely be headed down the road to ruin!
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MEMORANDUM

Bob

we have Un-American Activities Committee report now -- doesn't give very much info, except indicates that Jack Tenny quite closely associated with groups, although don't know how recently. His name rather unsavory in California - bigot -- ran against Joe Holt for Republican nomination in 1952 primary and against Mildred Younger for State Senate Republican nomination in 1954 primary.

what do you think we should do now?

lgg
June 28, 1956

Hon. Richard Nixon  
Vice President  
United States of America  
Washington, D. C.

Hon. Sir:

May I urge you to give your personal and immediate attention to the invitation I have been instructed to extend to you on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Americanism Educational League, of which I have the privilege of serving as vice-chairman.

I have attached a brief copy of the great public service rendered by this League during the last thirty years which I hope you will study. It does not tell the full story. Only the perusal of more than 5,000 letters from civic and patriotic organizations in the files of the League can tell how much this work has meant in the never-ending struggle to preserve American Freedom.

The Board of Directors of the Americanism Educational League voted unanimously to hold a gala PATRIOTIC BANQUET on the night of October 22, at the famed Moulin Rouge, which will seat the 1200 civic and patriotic leaders we expect in attendance. The setting will be excellent for a national radio and television broadcast of the proceedings.

This great event will demonstrate to many communist front organizations in this community that loyal Americans stand behind their patriotic leaders, and that they appreciate individuals and organizations dedicated to the fight for American ideals. The Communist conspiracy has made significant headway in our great Land of Freedom for ONE reason; its advocates have been unafraid and have been eager to shout their cause to the housetops! We have lost many encounters with this evil force because too many Americans have been reluctant to tell the world how much they think of Americanism!

There will be a GENERAL COMMITTEE OF 100, under whose auspices this patriotic affair will be held in honor of the Americanism Educational League, and its founder, Dr. John R. Lechner. You are invited to be a member of this COMMITTEE. I should like to have your reply to this invitation by return mail so that I can report to our Board of Directors at the next meeting.

Very sincerely yours,

L. MILLS BEAM

LMB:ec
This year will mark the completion of three decades of immeasurable public service to help preserve and enhance the principles of sound Americanism.

The primary objectives which have inspired the unwaivering devotion of the offices and associates of the Americanism Educational League for thirty years have been to interpret constructively, the remarkable heritage of freedom and opportunity under our Constitutional form of government, and to oppose vigorously, alien propaganda aimed at the destruction of the American way of life.

To list the many accomplishments of the Americanism Educational League since its inception would be impossible. However, the following highlights of this patriotic work should suffice to merit the highest commendation of civic and patriotic leaders in this area.

**PRO-AMERICANISM.**

1. The League carried its vital message of Americanism to countless thousands of citizens through more than 50,000 meetings since January, 1927.
2. The League has conducted over 700 radio broadcasts, many of them national, all of them dealing with Americanism.
3. The League organized the annual BILL OF RIGHTS program for Southern California, which still functions under the chairman originally appointed by the League. It distributed nearly 250,000 copies of the Bill of Rights to high school students.
4. The League conducted the first mass NEW CITIZENS LOYALTY DAY, with thousands of new citizens attending rallies at Gilmore Stadium and the Shrine Auditorium in 1937 and 1938. This was the incentive for the founding of "I Am an American Day".
5. The League, through its director, conducted more than 500 high school assemblies from Fresno to San Diego.
6. The League has cooperated with hundreds of other organizations in their work in the field of Americanism, and rendered notable service during World War II in assisting Civil Defense.

**MILITANT FIGHTER.**

1. **COMMUNISM**
   The Americanism Educational League was the FIRST organization to conduct an active campaign to expose the sinister objectives and techniques of the Communist international conspiracy. In 1927 it held a huge mass meeting attended by 15,000 people to protest the activities of the Communist fifth column in America. Gov. C.C. Young was the principal speaker. Since that time, hundreds of similar meetings have been conducted by the League. In 1931, "Reds" was published by the League, containing 6 radio addresses delivered by Dr. Lechner, and distributed by the thousands. 10,000 copies of "Communism—What It Is", was published later and sent to organizations all over the nation. The League was responsible for the sudden death of Labor's Non-Partisan League, the powerful political front of Communism in California.

2. **NAZISM**
   "Naziism on the Pacific Coast, a factual analysis of Bund activities on the Coast, ended Nazi activities in this area.
March 19, 1951

Mr. Robert K. Clanton, Vice-President
First Federal Savings and Loan Association
1000 Fair Oaks Avenue
South Pasadena, California

Dear Mr. Clanton:

With further reference to your letter of February 19 with regard to the Americanism Educational League and Dr. John H. Lechner, we have received a report from the House Committee on UnAmerican Activities, which is enclosed.

I am sorry their report is not more comprehensive, but trust that you will find it helpful to some degree in your deliberations.

Sincerely,

Richard Nixon

Enclosure
March 15, 1951.

Honorable Richard M. Nixon
Suite 341 House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Nixon:

In compliance with your request I enclose a report relating to Americanism Educational League and Dr. John R. Lechner.

It is regretted that we have no basis for answering the specific inquiry as to the effectiveness of the League as an anti-communist organization.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

JOHN S. WOOD
Chairman.

Encl.
February 27, 1951

Congressman John Wood, Chairman
House UnAmerican Activities Committee
Washington, D. C.

Dear John:

A constituent has requested that I obtain for him any information I might have as to the Americanism Educational League, 1108 North La Brea Avenue, Inglewood, California, of which Dr. John R. Lechner is the executive director.

I am personally aware that Dr. Lechner has for some years been active as an anti-Communist speaker and organizer of groups to combat Communism in this country.

I would, however, appreciate any information your Committee might have as to the effectiveness of Dr. Lechner and the Americanism Educational League, since my constituent is concerned as to whether this organization is deserving of financial support, which I understand is being solicited for its activities in California.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Richard Nixon
Mr. Robert K. Clanton, Vice-President  
First Federal Savings and Loan Association  
1000 Fair Oaks Avenue  
South Pasadena, California

Dear Mr. Clanton:

I wish to thank you for your letter of February 19 inquiring as to whether the Americanism Educational League is deserving of financial support.

I have requested the House Committee on UnAmerican Activities to give me a report from any information which may be contained in their files concerning this organization.

As soon as I receive a reply, I shall be glad to forward it on to you.

Sincerely,

Richard Nixon
The Honorable Richard N. Nixon
Senate Building
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

A few weeks ago the South Pasadena Rotary Club was addressed by Dr. John R. Lechner, the executive director of the Americanism Educational League. Mr. Lechner made an eloquent plea for assistance against the Communist threat and asked for individual support of the battle. His talk gave the impression that he wished support in the form of letters to Congressmen demanding certain actions.

Since making his talk to our group, each member has received two letters from the Americanism Education League, whose address is 1108 N. La Brea Avenue, Inglewood, California, all asking for cash donations. On behalf of this interested group I would appreciate your reply giving what information you may have available as to whether or not this organization is deserving of financial support.

For your information I am enclosing a sample of the letters that each member of the South Pasadena Rotary Club has received since hearing Dr. Lechner's talk.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

ROBERT K. CLANTON
Vice-President

Encls.
During the last five years, the American people have spent the huge sum of $100 billion dollars for aid to Europe, Asia, and South America, and for defense purposes at home.

During the last several months, the American people have sacrificed 50,000 of the flower of our young manhood on the altar of war in Korea. Countless thousands more may become casualties before the ink on this pamphlet dries. Why this great expenditure of money and men? There is only one answer. We have given until it hurts to help stop communism abroad. Still, WE HAVE DONE LITTLE OR NOTHING TO STOP COMMUNISM AT HOME!

The present "laws" are ridiculed by the American traitors, Communists still run their newspapers and print their vicious pamphlets right under our noses, while the parade of our boys marches on toward the battlefield. Communist saboteurs are still free to organize and complete plans for the revolution BEHIND THE AMERICAN LINES. There is neither common sense nor justice to this coddling of Red Destroyers at home. We are selling out our youth with a mess of political pottage! Outlaw Communism!

There is but ONE course open to the American people if we are to back up our boys in Korea. That course is to deal with the traitors at home as enemies of our freedom, not as glorified martyrs. Congress had the power to OUTLAW the Nazi Bund in this country. It outlawed the Silver Shirts and the Ku Klux Klan. Let it immediately define communism in America as a deadly international conspiracy aimed at the destruction of American freedom, and OUTLAW IT AS SUCH. Then give law enforcement agencies the power to seize all communist records, close all propaganda centers and printing plants. Then JAIL EVERY COMMUNIST LEADER AND ORGANIZER AND KNOWN SABOTEUR until the war with communism is won, and the nations of the earth can live in freedom once more. It is far more humane for us to jail communists than to have them murder our men, women and children!

What YOU Can Do About This

The fight to get Congressional action requires organization and direction. The Americanism Educational League is circulating petitions throughout the nation calling for the program suggested above. You can help by writing for a petition to circulate among your friends and neighbors. You can also help by supporting financially, the important work of the League.

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The most powerful communist weapon for destruction is SABOTAGE. Physical and psychological sabotage has resulted in the capture of 15 free nations by the Soviet Union within the last seven years. This method of warfare (not the atomic bomb) may be the "secret weapon" with which the Soviet strategists hope to destroy free America.

Informed students of American communism know that there are thousands of trained saboteurs, located in vital industrial centers throughout this nation, ready and eager to strike on orders from Moscow. Most of them were trained in Moscow, and they are experts in the art of destruction. They will be as ruthless as their counterparts in Europe and Asia. Unless the American people awaken to their diabolical schemes, and demand Congressional action before it is too late, they may have the shock of their lives before long!

The Soviet pattern for aggression has been carefully planned for the United States. It is based on the most successful techniques ever employed for undermining and destroying independent nations.

The first source of this disorganization will be the extreme difficulty of securing supplies and transportation. A short period, perhaps several days, before the U.S.S.R. makes an aggressive move calling for the declaration of war by this nation, Moscow will issue orders through its transmission belt to hundreds of guerrilla units in this country, designating the hour for a frontal attack upon the life-lines of American defense.

The General Strike

William Z. Foster, head of the American branch of the communist conspiracy, has outlined in his own official words the frightful techniques and consequences of the General Strike. Herein lies the consummation of thirty years of propaganda and intrigue of the American communists. This straightforward plan to paralyze this nation should be read and re-read many times by loyal Americans so that they may get the full import of the threat against their freedom.

"Once the General Strike is in operation, the greatest obstacle to its success will be the armed forces of capitalism - soldiers, police, detectives, etc. This formidable force will be used energetically by the capitalists to break the general strike. The Syndicalists have given much study to the problem presented by this force, and have found the solution for it. They are going to defeat the armed forces by disorganizing and demoralizing them."

"The first source of this disorganization will be the extreme difficulty the armed forces will experience in securing supplies and transportation. Modern armies, to be effective, must have immense arsenals, powerhouses, etc., in arms manufacturing works, and other industrial establishments behind them to furnish them their supplies of ammunition, arms, food, and clothing. They also must have the railroads constantly at their disposal for transportation. When the general strike has halted these industries the army will be stricken with paralysis."

"The second source of disorganization will be the division of the armed forces into minute detachments to guard the many beleaguered gates of capitalism. The strikers, or revolutionists, will be everywhere and nowhere seize or disable whatever capitalist property they can lay their hands on. To protect this property, the armed forces will have to be divided into a myriad of guards and scattered along the thousands of miles of railroads and around the many public buildings, bridges, factories, etc. The wealthy capitalists themselves will also need generous guards. The most important industries, such as transportation, mining, etc., will have to be operated in some manner. To do this will require many thousands more of soldiers and police."

"The result will be that the armed forces will be minutely subdivided, and through the loss of the solidarity and discipline, from whence they derive their strength, they will cease to be a fighting organization. Once the disorganization of the armed forces is complete, the revolutionists will seize the unprotected industries and proceed to reorganize society."
I want to do my share to combat Communism and State Socialism in order to help preserve freedom in America.
Realizing that unity of effort and experience are necessary for success in this struggle against the Communist movement,
I give my financial support to the Americanism Educational League.

I hereby subscribe $__________________________

(Check enclosed) □

Name __________________________________________

Address ________________________________________

City ___________________________________________ Tel. ____________

Contributions are deductible from corporate and personal income tax in accordance with United States Department of Internal Revenue ruling August 13, 1941; File Code IT:LA:1, Symbol IT:P:C:Q., District 6, California.
January 30, 1951

Dear Friend:

Fifty thousand fine young American boys have already been killed or wounded by heathen brutes, and perhaps several millions may yet die because we, the American people, have betrayed them.

We have permitted men in vital branches of government and their propagandists to stooges in radio, the press, schools and churches to sell our boys out for political expediency. We permit the Reds who want to destroy YOU and me to run their newspapers, to carry their filthy propaganda in pamphlets and books, and to poison the minds of our workers and youth. We, the American people, are still coddling communist saboteurs in our own back yards, while our boys are crying for help. We jail a handful of destroyers for one day, then let them out on bail to continue their destruction!

The time has come for ACTION by the American people, by you and me who have everything to lose if our country is destroyed. Alone, you can do little. Working with many thousands of others through an organization like this one, you can help in having the communist movement OUTLAWED. You can help in cleaning the reds out of Washington!

Join with the League in fighting the communists at home before they wreck the nation! It will take money, lots of it, to pay for literature, for radio and television, and for many other vital phases of this fight. Your financial support of our work is most important. There is so little time left to help ourselves in this crisis.

Very sincerely yours,

Dr. John R. Lechner,
Executive Director.
Mr. Robert Clanton  
1000 Fair Oaks Ave.  
Pasadena, Calif.

Dear Mr. Clanton:

When I addressed your club on the Communist menace a few days ago, I shot squarely from the shoulder. When I finished the talk, I asked the members if they would do more than just listen to the facts. I told them I would get in touch with them by mail and would give them the opportunity of helping us carry the story to those who need it most.

I asked for a show of hands of those who will honestly say that they would respond. Every man in the room raised his hand.

NOT A SINGLE MEMBER RESPONDED TO MY LETTER.

If we have to end our fight against Communism and close the doors of the League, it will be because of the apathy of American businessmen.

Very sincerely yours,

John R. Lechner

Executive Director