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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

INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

**N i x o n   f o r   G o v e r n o r**

To:           Rose Mary Woods

Date:    August 21, 1962

From:        Agnes Waldron

Subject:     Americanism Educational League

Distribution:

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.

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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

N i x o n f o r G o v e r n o r

To: Bob Haldeman Date: August 23, 1962  
From: Rose Mary Woods  
Subject: "Americanism Educational League"  
Distribution:

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. vonZell?

Thanks.

## Nixon for Governor

To: Agnes Waldron Date: August 20, 1962

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.

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# AMERICANISM EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE

ESTABLISHED IN 1927 AS A PATRIOTIC PUBLIC SERVICE FOUNDATION INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF CALIFORNIA

P.O. BOX 90593 AIRPORT STATION  
LOS ANGELES 9, CALIFORNIA  
Telephone: ORegon 8-1641

August 14, 1962

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*  
Harry von Zell, Chairman  
Dinner Committee

HVZ:dv

JOHN R. LECHNER, B.D., LL.D.  
Executive Director

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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.



DR. JOHN LECHNER

### Dr. John Lechner's Background Given

Organizations are usually evaluated on the basis of their leadership. The directing hand for the League has been that of Dr. John R. Lechner, who has served the organization since January, 1927. In order that you may know a little of his background, we present these facts:

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 36-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 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.

#### BASIC OBJECTIVE

The Americanism Educational League was founded upon this basic objective: To

### LEAGUE'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS



The Americanism Educational League exposed the Japanese subversive structure operating undercover, and distributed nearly 50,000 printed reports on that structure to organizations, including American Legion Posts in the country and to members of Congress and other government officials.

#### PREDICTED ATTACK

It was on March 15, 1941, that the League released a story over the nation, based upon the translation of the Japanese War Plans, written by Matsua, Chief of Naval Intelligence for the Japanese, declaring that war was inevitable and that it would be started by the end of the year with a surprise attack on the Hawaiian Islands.

The Americanism Educational League has stood consistently and without wavering, 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

Dr. Lechner was graduated from Denison University, from the Graduate School of the University of Pennsylvania, and from Croser 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 expansive, that he decided to give his life to the broader aspects in the fight for moral ideals and freedom than would have been his opportunity as pastor of a church. He understood that the threat of Communism was a threat against Christianity itself, and must be met squarely and militantly if the church is to survive.

#### HONORED BY PRESS

Dr. Lechner was recently honored at the Greater Los Angeles Press Club for 35 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 foe of Communism and other subversive activities, and as one of the nation's top authorities on Communist techniques, philosophy and organization. At the same time he has dramatized the magnificent heritage of this Republic before millions of Americans in more than 15,000 meetings, and over

interpret constructively the fundamental ideals of our Constitutional Republic and our magnificent heritage of freedom and opportunity before youth and adults alike. Dr. Lechner himself has addressed more than 15,000 organizations in schools, churches, business, civic and patriotic fields.

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 presented to high school students over Southern California, and many special assemblies were held. (Continued on column 3)

more than 700 radio and television programs.

#### MANY CITATIONS

Dr. Lechner has received many citations from leading patriotic and civic organizations. He received special citations from the Los Angeles City Council, the Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, The American Legion, and other organizations for his unselfish devotion to the cause of American freedom and security.

Recently, the story of his life's work in the patriotic field was depicted in a book, "An American With Guts." This noteworthy biography makes available to the reader, a wealth of authentic information on the Communist conspiracy in a way which can easily be absorbed by the uninformed, and which is destined to become a classic in its field.



Top row: Arthur C. Arnold, chairman, Board of Directors since 1948, attorney at law; Don Belding, retired, Foote, Cone & Belding, Inc.; Franklin S. Briles, vice president of research and development, Briles Manufacturing Co.; Dr. L. Dale Coffman, chief counsel, Commission on Government Security, and professor of law at UCLA; Alfred P. Cole, president, Cole-Holmquist, Inc.; Second row: James C. Dolan, realtor; George W. Elkins, president of George Elkins Co.; Steve Foote, insurance executive; Dr. William E. Fort, Jr., executive director, California Freedoms Foundation; Louis L. Goodman, owner, Ajax Signs; Third Row: Patrick James Kirby, attorney at law; Goodwin J. Knight, former Governor of California; Vick Knight, producer, Key Records; Bud Lewis, president, The Lewis Company, Ltd.; D. B. Lewis, owner, Dr. Ross Dog Foods; Fourth Row: John Y. Marks, investments; John H. Mead, vice president, Southern California Edison Co.; A. J. Miller, first vice president, Southern California Retail Grocers Assn.; Burt Mold, chairman of the board, Mortgage Bankers of America; Russell Quisenberry, investments; Fifth Row: Harold S. Ryerson, Central Development Assn.; Harry Von Zell, radio and television star; Loyd Wright, attorney

The Americanism Educational League founded "I Am An American Day." Its two gigantic rallies for new citizens, one at Shrine Auditorium and the other at Gilmore Stadium, gave an impetus to the recognition of responsibility by all citizens, native and naturalized, in enhancing the true values of Americanism.

#### SECOND COURSE

The second course upon which the League embarked was to meet head-on in a militant fashion, subversive organizations and subversive propaganda. The work of the League in this field would take volumes to enumerate.

Briefly, the Americanism Educational League initiated organized opposition to the international Communist conspiracy from the outset in exposing in a bitter state-wide

fight, Communist infiltration in California politics, and met in a frontal attack the most powerful Communist structure in this field since Communism was established.

In three huge meetings before the Los Angeles School Board, Dr. Lechner and the League, working with the Legion, battled Labor's Non-Partisan League, an organization which was directly responsible for Mr. Roosevelt's second election nationally, and forced a ruling by the School Board to the effect that Labor's Non-Partisan League was an arm of the Communist Party. He produced the minutes of the State Convention of the Communist Party at Santa Maria, in which Labor's Non-Partisan League was organized by resolution to capture the political structure of this State.

#### EXPOSED COMMUNISTS

In 1937, single handedly, Dr. Lechner in the name of the League, exposed the Communist leadership in a disastrous strike at North American, which had resulted in weeks of terror and hardship for the workers. His exposure before several hundred strikers resulted in the end of the strike by 10 a.m. the morning after.

The Americanism Educational League was responsible for exposing the Nazi spy system on the Pacific Coast and through its now famous report, "Nazisism on the Pacific Coast," helped to close the Bund camps, one in Los Angeles.

country, and its work has been recognized as intelligent, sound and constructive.

#### EXPANSION PROGRAM

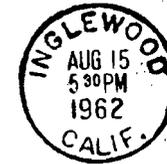
The Americanism Educational League has now come to a crossroads and its Board of Directors have decided to follow the path of expansion and greater service by building the League as a foundation. In 1941 the Americanism Educational League was recognized as a patriotic foundation by the Internal Revenue Department, and was given tax exemption and given the status of an organization to which contributions are tax exempt. It is believed that the tremendous experience of this organization and its directors not only merits the full cooperation of business and industry, but is needed by business in the constant struggle to preserve its own integrity.

Business men are beginning to understand that their enterprise is not autonomous, that our security and our future depends upon the preservation of basic principles of free enterprise under constitutional guarantees, and that these guarantees can be assured only by public relations and by public education. Public enlightenment on the dangers of State Socialism and Communism is the only effective deterrent to run-away powers by the Congress or by the Executive Branch of the government.

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July 10, 1956

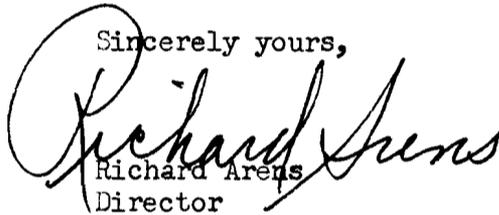
Honorable Richard M. Nixon  
Vice President of the United States  
Washington, D. C.

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 14, 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)

INFORMATION FROM THE FILES OF THE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES  
U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DATE: July 10, 1956

FOR: Honorable Richard Nixon

SUBJECT: Americanism Educational League; Dr. John R. Lechner

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.

Rodger Young Auditorium  
936 W. Washington Blvd., Los Angeles, Calif.

Wednesday, Feb. 27 7 p.m. \$3.50 per plate

Let those who would destroy America know  
that we support those who defend her.

ARTHUR C. ARNOLD  
CHAIRMAN  
L. MILLS BEAM  
VICE-CHAIRMAN

COL. H. L. HERBERTS  
TREASURER

JOHN R. LECHNER, B.D.; LL.D.  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

# Americanism Educational League

(Established in 1927 as a patriotic public service foundation. Incorporated under laws of California)

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February 18, 1957

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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,

*L. Mills Beam*  
L. MILLS BEAM,  
Vice-chairman, Board.

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A NATION WORTH SAVING IS A NATION WORTH SERVING

## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 4, 1951

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 seems 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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## A SAGA OF PATRIOTIC DEVOTION

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 freedom so much 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 vilified by the Reds, and was once the target for a Red bullet. His fearless opposition to Communism, Naziism and other unAmerican movements, coupled with his inspirational interpretation of American ideals, stamps Dr. Lechner as one of the nation's outstanding patriots.

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# *Road to Ruin*

by

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*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 ensnarement 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 detest 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.

## MORAL DEFEAT

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. Those terms are to ignore 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" to gain time for an all-out preparation for war fades into insignificance when compared with the moral defeat we must inevitably suffer upon accepting those terms. The United States has been guilty of many sordid moral reverses in our diplomatic relations with 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 terrible deed of the red gangsters 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 16 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, is a 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 party platforms in 1952, that this nation shall be dedicated to the liberation of these enslaved peoples! This forthright declaration gave hope to millions of pathetic humans behind the iron curtain, that their privations and suffering shall not remain their permanent fate. 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, would make a 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 our shortsighted eagerness to deal with the Soviet leaders? The American people will have to answer this question! No sound person wants war. But, by the same token, no sound person wants the kind of peace which will lead to the same ends as war,—destruction and enslavement!

To accept peaceful co-existence on Soviet terms would mean that the American people condone all the bestial practices in the name of communism which have made the last four decades among the blackest in all human history. Under the ruthless slogan of "the end justifies the means," Marxist executioners and torturers initiated a reign of terror under the secret police from the very outset of the Bolshevik revolution. Thousands of "counter-revolutionaries" were tortured or shot in cold blood by the Cheka and the OGPU in order to break down resistance to communist dictatorship. Hundreds of stories leaked out from behind the iron curtain telling of victims being burned alive and brutally mistreated, without causing any articulate hostility among the American people. Perhaps it was because we could not project our imagination to anything so horrible, not being able to relate such acts to our own experiences. And when the facts were brought home to us of the deliberate starving or liquidation of more than five million Ukrainian people in 1931-32, in order to obliterate all opposition to the collective farms, we paid little attention to this wanton destruction of human life! Rather, we acquiesced in the foreign policy of President Roosevelt when he gave diplomatic recognition to Russia in 1932, right after this mass murder.

## SOVIET ATROCITIES

How shall we describe the men at the head of the Kremlin who represent a system guilty of the atrocities we shall here mention? Not ONE isolated atrocity, nor a few which might take place under adverse circumstances, but atrocities which have taken place by

the hundreds of thousands, and are taking place, perhaps at the very moment this article is being read! How can we invite these men to sit with us across the diplomatic table to be dealt with as equals in a moral world?

Let those who are bewitched by the smiling faces of Soviet leaders, justify the cold blooded murder of ten thousand Polish officers in the Katyn Forest during the second World War, under the very direction of the men whom we now choose to honor as respected members of the new partnership! Let these new partners justify the raping of nearly 100,000 German women and girls by the Red Army soldiers when American leaders turned over East Germany to the Soviets! Let them justify the ruthless enslavement of more than 20,000,000 human beings in the slave labor camps of Siberia and elsewhere in the Soviet Union, people who are tortured, overworked and underfed, and who die by the thousands each month, only to have their numbers replaced by other thousands through constant liquidation!

While this article is being written, the bloody purge of unfortunate Polish workmen is taking place! At least one thousand, and very likely many thousands of these workmen have already been mowed down by Soviet tanks and machine guns for striking against inadequate food allotments and impossible working conditions. And yet, so far as the free world is concerned, there has been no formal or organized protest. The free world seems to take these violations of human decency by Communist gangsters in stride.

What would the reaction among these same nations be if the Government of the United States would mow down thousands of strikers in our steel industry with tanks and machine guns? Remember, these strikers in our steel industry already enjoy the highest standard of living ever recorded in human history! One of the crucial questions in this entire struggle between Communism and Americanism is that of moral standards. Is there one standard for the Reds, and another for Americans?

What shall we say to Mrs. Z, whom the writer knows well, whose young husband was routed out of bed one winter night by the secret police in Stalingrad, bound together back to back with four other men from the neighborhood, the space between them stuffed with paper and saturated with kerosine,—then burned alive, while the wives and mothers were forced to watch the holocaust! And there were countless thousands of cruelties like this, **IN THE NAME OF COMMUNISM**, with which we are asked to become trusting partners!

Christian leaders in the American church and university who are now extolling the great virtues of "peaceful co-existence" with a "reborn" sinner, had better read over and over again the awful revelations of communist outrage contained in "DELIVER US FROM EVIL," written by Dr. Thomas A. Dooley, Lieutenant, Medical Corps, U.S.N., relating his harrowing experiences in North Viet Nam. He describes only a few of the thousands of refugees who fled from communist terrorism, many of them cruelly tortured and maimed, some of the men emasculated, some of the women with breasts hacked off, others with an assortment of ingenious wounds inflicted upon them for no logical reason. In speaking of a group of seven small boys who came to his hospital with their young emaciated teacher, Lt. Dooley said,

"The young man was a school teacher. The Communists had caught him leading his class in the Lord's Prayer. They made him repeat it for them, line by line, and made a mockery of the words.

"Give us this day our daily bread' . . . Then they said to the children: 'Who gives you bread? God? No! The State!' When the lesson was ended, they led the class into the schoolyard and taught the pupils a different kind of lesson.

"Two Viet Minh guards held a child by his arms, and another grasped his head. Then the leader jammed a chopstick deep into each ear, splitting the canal and shattering the inner ear. When all seven children had been 'treated,' the guards turned to the teacher. They drew forth his tongue with pincers and sawed it off with a blunt bayonet."

Remember Americans, this unspeakable incident is not the work of an isolated sadist. It follows an established pattern of torture and inhumanity which is a very integral part of the communist technique; it is an accepted means to an end, that of communist domination over all humanity!

## CHRISTIAN CONSCIENCE

Let just one child in any American community be slapped by a teacher, or bruised by a switch, even by a parent, and the whole nation will be aroused 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 of final reckoning, what must the world think of Christian conscience in the future? How can we entertain with honor and adulation, the various delegations sent to this country by those who consider these evil practices merely an expedient to build and maintain internal power? Have we lost our sense of morality? Shall we open our homes and our banquet halls to the dope peddlers and rapists, and murderers now ensconced 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 co-existence!

### THE MARXIST STATE

Finally, accepting a state of peaceful co-existence 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 essence, Communism must be a UNIVERSAL STATE, that the existence of a single successful democracy must give the lie to the efficacy of Communism as a way of life? Communism, like Naziism, can never be satisfied with containment; it is essentially UNIVERSAL. We are accepting the offer to sit at the diplomatic and international trade table with a powerful world force, openly dedicated to the destruction of the free world, including this nation, as the only means to preserve their own integrity! Is this not living in the same room with a vicious rattlesnake, which before long, will inject its venomous fangs into an unsuspecting and trusting victim?

The new front, so dramatically portrayed by the amazing attack upon Stalin, a former hero, and one who was worshipped 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 gangsters have repudiated 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 rough-shod over the free world, far ahead of the generally accepted timetable for world revolution. Hence, his policy had to be repudiated to allay the fears of a suspicious world after the terrible force of the new H-bomb was disclosed, and the present leaders realized that the United States had enough such bombs, with the ability to deliver them, to destroy the industrial areas of the USSR within one day. Krushchev and company may feel that they can destroy the foundations of the free world without risking an atomic war, and they are hopeful that by the time they culminate their new attack by infiltration, internal upheavals, economic warfare, capturing essential raw materials such as oil, tin and rubber through native insurrectionists and militant nationals, our capacity to strike back will be destroyed.

### TECHNIQUES OF DESTRUCTION

Krushchev 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 working in some 50 countries of the world, outside the iron curtain, 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. Fan the fires of nationalism in Asia and Africa, always taking over control of insurrectionists so that Communist agents and the native vanguards will dominate new governments which arise out of the trouble.
2. Use the time tested methods of infiltration by new trade deals with these small nations and principalities, offering benefits to the peasants, to labor and to potential revolutionists, yet always working for revolutions which appear to be locally inspired.

3. Take advantage of local coalitions by insinuating trained Communist revolutionaries into key positions. In doing this, care must be taken not to cause immediate open breaks with native customs and religions until full control is achieved.
4. Always exploit to the limit any avenue of propaganda which will spread anti-Americanism and hatred for the free world.
5. In Europe, consolidate the strength of the various Communist and socialist fronts, overlooking no opportunity to promise a solution to any maladjustments, thereby assuming leadership as quickly as possible. Control labor groups and peasant organizations for the purpose of creating disruptions and undermining existing governments. Carry on an extensive propaganda campaign against the United States and its defensive establishments in Europe.
6. Campaign constantly to weaken the good relations between Great Britain and the United States, creating wherever possible, mutual suspicion and discord.
7. 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 heavy bombers, guided missiles and submarines. The Soviet leaders mean BUSINESS; not the business of peace, but the business of the world revolution and universal Marxism. All this lies behind the smiling faces of the HAPPINESS BOYS, who want this nation to scrap its war production and to abandon all foreign outposts. Any agreement for a "peaceful co-existence" 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 American 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 favorable political atmosphere created by the Geneva Conference, and they have set aside a huge fund for the purpose of defeating the Internal Security Act of 1950, the Smith Act of 1940, and will spare no effort in trying to undermine Congressional investigating committees.

"Their campaign is intended to involve legal maneuvers, acquiring eminent counsel to defend the party and its leaders, and the use of various petitions, forums, mass meetings, radio broadcasts and any media that can assist the party in its propaganda efforts . . . They oppose urgently needed internal security measures and they advance the theory that the menace of communism is a mere myth or hysteria."

Furthermore, the communist propaganda machine will extend its full force in a campaign to soften the American people on the entry of Red China into the UN, urging the repudiation of the Formosan Government as an essential expedient in maintaining peaceful co-existence with the Soviet Union.

Early in July a significant joint declaration was made by the British, several principalities under her influence, and supported by several neutral states, urging prompt admission of Red China into the UN. Some foreign statesmen have been so bold as to suggest that the final push to seat Red China should be delayed until after our Presidential elections, intimating that the Eisenhower Administration would then fall in line with this nefarious scheme to betray the Republic of China.

Should this nation succumb to the pressure on behalf of the Chinese Reds for the sake of political expediency, all of Asia would soon fall to the Communists. We will have sold Japan, Formosa and Southeast Asia down the river. It could spell the doom of India, Africa and the Middle East. Eventually, it could spell the doom of Western Civilization!

In other words, the Soviet leaders invite us to sit at the peace table, call upon us to disarm, invite us to sell them consumer goods and strategic materials to build their economy, profess their own saintly desire for peaceful co-existence, but every moment during this period in which the free world remains blissfully hopeful and unsuspecting,

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

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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?

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Handwritten signature and initials, possibly "J. H. C." and "R. H.", written in dark ink over the typed text.

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## Beam Smelters

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June 28, 1956

Hon. Richard Nixon  
Vice President  
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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.

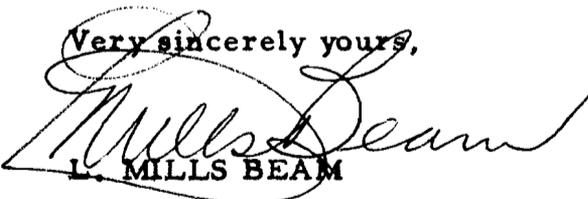
I have attached a brief copy of the great public service rendered by this League during the last thirty years which I hope you will study. It does not tell the full story. Only the perusal of more than 5,000 letters from civic and patriotic organizations in the files of the League can tell how much this 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

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## THIRTY YEARS OF PATRIOTIC SERVICE

## AMERICANISM EDUCATIONAL LEAGUE

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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. NAZIISM

"Naziism on the Pacific Coast, a factual analysis of Bund activities on the Coast, ended Nazi activities in this area.

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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 R. Lehner, we have received a report  
from the House Committee on UnAmerican Activities,  
which is enclosed. 927

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

Sincerely,

RN:pw  
Enclosure

Richard Nixon

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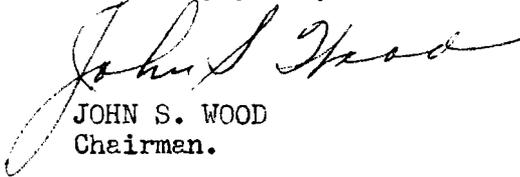
Honorable Richard M. Nixon  
Suite 341 House Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

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,

  
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,

RN:pw

Richard Nixon

February 27, 1951

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.

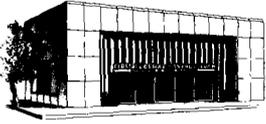
I have requested the House Committee on UnAmerican Activities to give me a report from any information which may be contained in their files concerning this organization.

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

Sincerely,

RN:pw

Richard Nixon



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February 19, 1951

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Tell him you  
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The Honorable Richard W. 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,

*Robert K. Clanton*  
ROBERT K. CLANTON  
Vice-President

RKC/tj  
Encls.

During the last five years, the American people have spent the huge sum of 150 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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# **SABOTAGE!**

The word 'SABOTAGE!' is written in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font, slanted upwards from left to right. Several teardrop-shaped icons are scattered around and below the letters, appearing to fall from the text.

The most powerful communist weapon for destruction is SABOTAGE. Physical and psychological sabotage has resulted in the capture of 16 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 capturing independent nations.

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.

Two paralyzing maneuvers will be executed simultaneously. The first is the GENERAL STRIKE, designed to cripple seriously, transportation, communications, shipping and basic industry. The second is open insurrection against the key cities of America.

### *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 the 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, powder 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 will everywhere 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."

### *Insurrection*

About two years ago, communist District Leaders received a secret code, called SINBOKFUL, outlining step by step, in military fashion, techniques for the insurrection against the major cities of the nation. Strategic objectives have been carefully mapped out in hundreds of cities, with "Operation Center" established at the communist headquarters in New York and "Relay Centers" in cities like Los Angeles.

When the hour strikes for action, perhaps in the dead of the night, riots and fires will be started in industrial cities to dissipate the police and fire departments. The code is explicit in the details which follow.

"While the police are busy trying to quell the riots and cover the fires, picked bands of guerrillas will seize radio and telephone stations to control communications.

"Bridges will be blocked or bombed to bring transportation in the cities to a standstill. Power will be shut off to immobilize traffic and plunge the city into darkness. Water will be shut off, as well as gas supplies. The entire pattern is to create immediate panic.

"Special squads will capture the Police Department and will scan records to find out who has firearms. These people will be forced to give up these weapons, while guerrilla units will break into all stores selling guns and ammunition, seizing everything which might be used to quell the insurrection. Terror will be spread all through the night by the 'liquidation' of opposing units so that complete panic will reign by morning."

FOR DETAILS, ASK ANY SURVIVOR OF THE INSURRECTION IN POLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, RUMANIA, BULGARIA, KOREA, etc.

### *Americans Helpless Today*

With thousands of incontrovertible incidents in the files of the government, warning our leaders of the unspeakable horror of internal revolution, the paradox of modern history is the fact that NOTHING has been done to protect life and property, if the insurrection should come next week, or next month, or next year!

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(Founded in 1927 and incorporated under the Laws of the State of California as a non-profit non-political organization, dedicated to public service, patriotic education and the furtherance of American freedom.)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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. \_\_\_\_\_

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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 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,

*John R. Lechner*  
Dr. John R. Lechner,  
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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

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