

## MISSIONARY PAGE

### Are Communists More Zealous than Christians?

By Mrs. De Witt Smith

A Florida gentleman offered to take a street beggar into a restaurant. The pan handler refused. "I asked for money, not for food . . . of course I'm hungry. I haven't eaten a good meal for three days." He explained frankly, "I am a Communist, we need money for literature."

I wonder how many Christians would go hungry to get money for distributing their literature. And to show how much good literature can do, Neal Dow was once asked how he made the State of Maine prohibition. His reply was "We sowed that State knee deep with prohibition literature."

A certain Colonel LaCrow in our armed forces was called upon to sit at the counsel table with communist representatives. He wanted to win that man to Christ. The young Communist quickly became aware of his intention and turned on him with brutal frankness, "You are trying to convert me," he said. "There is absolutely no use, I belong to the party. All I have . . . even my wife and family . . . would be sacrificed in obedience to its commands."

Colonel LaCrow was sent to his knees in heart-searching prayer. Here was a Communist completely given to his organization. Was he himself a Christian, given to Christ in any such absolute fashion?

One man says of Communists in Italy, "In all my travels throughout post-war Europe I have never seen the Communists equal for earnestness, aggressiveness and a sacrificial passion for the spreading of the message of the Kremlin." They have little halls everywhere, something similar to missions. Halls blare out the message at almost every street corner.

On the other hand, it is a heart-breaking fact that while Bible societies clamor for scriptures to meet the numerous demands in different countries, many professing Christians are spending their money for non-essentials.

Missionary boards are hampered continually for lack of funds.

But when you give to Missions, make sure you do not give to help spread modernism. Select evangelical societies, where every missionary is true to the Word of God.

Some say the atomic war will start before long. If this is true, soon many of your holdings will be worthless. Or if we ever have war here as in Korea you may become penniless over night.

Invest your money in a soul, and that money will go on and on 'til time shall be no more.

We say America is wicked, but what are some Christians doing to make it any better? Many could at least pass out tracts. There is such a thing as the sin of omission. Christians have slept long enough. They should match sacrifice with sacrifice, zeal with zeal and self denial with self denial.

Anything you give up for His sake will bring you a profit of 10,000% or 100 to 1. And Jesus answered and said, "Verily I say unto you, there is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and

### The Supreme Question of Foreign Missions

By Andrew Murray

How to multiply the number of Christians, who will individually and collectively wield this force of intercession for the conversion and transformation of men, that is the supreme question of Foreign Missions. Every other consideration and plan is secondary to that of wielding the forces of prayer.

That those who love this work, and bear it upon their hearts will follow the Scriptural injunction to pray unceasingly for its triumph, we take for granted. To such, not only the Morning Watch and the hours of stated devotion, but all times and seasons will witness an attitude of intercession that refuses to let God go until He crowns His workers with victory.

Missions have their root in the love of Christ, as that was proved on the cross and now lives in our heart. As men are so earnest in seeking to carry out God's plans for the natural world, so God's children should be at least as whole-hearted in seeking to bring Christ's love to all mankind. Intercession is the chief means appointed by God to bring the great redemption within the reach of all.

Pray for the missionaries, that the Christ-life may be clear and strong, that they may be men of prayer and filled with love, in whom the power of the spiritual life is made manifest.

Pray for the native Christians, that they may know the glory of the mystery among the heathen, Christ in them the hope of glory.

Pray for the baptism classes, and all the pupils in schools, that the teaching of God's Word may be in power. Pray specially for the native pastors and evangelists, that the Holy Spirit may fill them to be witnesses for Christ among their fellow-countrymen.

Pray, above all, for the Church of Christ, that it may be lifted out of its indifference, and that every believer may be brought to understand that the one object of this life is to help to make Christ King on the earth.

"Love never asks how much must I do, but how much can I do?"

"A man may give without loving, but he cannot love without giving."

Unless a man is ready to work for the salvation of others, it may be questioned whether he himself is saved. He who wants only enough religion to save himself is not likely to have even that much.—Henry Clay Trumbull.

the gospel's, but he shall receive an hundred fold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecution and in the world to come eternal life." Mark 10:29-30.

Dr. Schwaz, prominent Australian physician, said it seemed to him if the onrush of Communism is to be stemmed before it engulfs America, Great Britain and the few democracies that are left, something drastic must happen, and it must happen soon.

A. J. Gordon said, "I warn you that it will go hard with you if He finds your wealth hoarded up in needless accumulations instead of being sacredly devoted to giving the Gospel to the lost."—In the Evangelical Christian.

### You Decide!

One Sunday night two successful business girls attended a humble little church. They were immediately sorry they had come and wished themselves in their own stately cathedral, but the wishes were soon dispelled when the enthusiastic song service began. Never had the girls heard such singing!

"These people surely enjoy their religion!" whispered Mary to Rose. But the whispering stopped abruptly as the earnest young pastor began his clear, forceful Gospel message. Conviction gripped the hearts of many as God's servant poured out his heart in an impassioned plea for souls. When the first sweet strains of "Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling" sounded forth, Mary and Rose were among the number at the altar, where the pastor's wife had the joy of leading them to Jesus.

They were very talented girls and soon became active in the little church where their singing brought great blessing. As they grew in grace and walked in the light, each received a definite call to the Lord's work, which they answered with glad dedication, leaving successful careers, to train for Christian service.

At Bible school both made rapid progress. Their keen minds and excellent education made them outstanding in their studies, while their deep devotion to God and their consecrated talents opened to them many doors of service. Of the two, Mary seemed the more brilliant, the more gifted, and gave promise of a more outstanding ministry. Therefore, it was the more heartbreaking when she notified the dean of the institute that she was leaving school. He earnestly tried to persuade her to be true to the heavenly vision, despite the cost. Her dearest friend besought her with tears, but to no avail.

Mary returned home, where her pastor prayed with her and entreated her to obey God. She, however, had made her choice. She determined to have her own way, and announced her forthcoming marriage to a man whom she had given up, after her conversion. She would marry him, and win him to Christ, she insisted, notwithstanding the command: "Be not unequally yoked together with unbelievers."

Mary had a beautiful wedding, but that lovely bride went forth from the ceremony to walk alone, so far as being a Christian was concerned. Her husband never manifested any desire for spiritual things; and when she attended church, she attended alone!

Soon after her marriage, she found that the man for whom she had forsaken the service of God would not forsake the haunts of sin nor his evil companions for her. She, who had been untrue to her Lord, soon found that her husband was untrue to her. She, who had spurned the Saviour's love for her love of another, soon found that the only love of which he was capable was an inordinate love of himself. But though she had been untrue to her vows to her Savior, she determined to be true to her marriage vows, and through all the long, sad, lonely, heartbreaking years that followed, she stood by and took the abuse of the man whom she had married "for better or for worse." Twenty years have rolled by, leaving a crushed, broken, disillusioned Mary.

What has Rose been doing? We last saw her bidding a tearful farewell to Mary as she left Bible school. Rose completed her training, and sailed for China as a missionary of the (Next Page, Coluhn 2)