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Victims of Communism; An American Concern

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In today's America, the Victims of Communism seem to have only sporadic attention, primarily from conservative groups and the refugees themselves. Without the American population at large getting interested, informed, and involved in condemning the atrocities of over one hundred million victims of the Communist Regimes over the past 94 years then there will neither be a proper recognition of those civilians' deaths, nor a clear understanding and appreciation of what the rights and responsibilities the Constitution of the United States of America provides. In the long run, whether by violent or gradual overthrow, the risk of a Communist or Extreme Socialist government takeover is a real threat. This threat is voided by an informed and educated citizenry being prepared and acting in support of a government that is 'of the people, by the people and for the people'.

In 2010 I wrote my Master's thesis on this subject matter, which was published in 2011 under the title *Victims of Communism and Their Persecutors* (New Kindle Edition published by Jongleur Music Book Publishing.).

As a political refugee myself, I have seen with my own eyes the

Communist State's abuses, including the permanent scars on my father's legs, left from his imprisonment in the Communist prisons of Romania.

He was arrested, beaten, tortured and sentenced to 12 years in prison. This was because he helped provide food for some farm families that had been persecuted because they had opposed the stealing of their land and farm animals by the Communist State in the 1950s.

After his release, he was given an "enemy of the State" label that followed him wherever he tried to seek work in Romania. He survived, and raised a family, with children who have called America home since the 1980's. He kept telling me over the years that notwithstanding his ordeal, he was among the "lucky" ones, because he made it out alive; most of his colleagues didn't.

In the United States he, Dr. Teodor Gherasim, wrote two seminal books; *Astride 2 Worlds* and *Ancient Dictators, Modern Tyrants*, in which he exposed the danger of societies moving from middle-class based systems to oligarchic societies that primarily benefit the power elite. In the latter case, whether called royals, Communist Party nomenclature, or corporations, it leaves the majority population in a state of virtual serfdom, while the elites lavish in tremendous luxury and power. With tremendous power, comes tremendous abuse, and this is why knowing about, condemning, and being vigilant about Communist atrocities, may help keep America free.

Various attempts by the US government to condemn Communist crimes have been made throughout the years, from the 1950's US support of Nationalist China, and standing by the West Germans' when the Russians built the Berlin Wall (1) to the 2011 support of Vietnamese dissidents, including a church pastor and activists, who were summarily convicted in a 1 day trial and sentenced to up to 8 years in prison by the Communist State, for "attempting to overthrow" the Communist government. Their supposed crime was that they criticized the government's abuse of power being directed against the civilian population.

In the West, including in the United States, the violent destruction of the societies seems to have become a trivial thing. Endeared by Marxist activists and flirted with by corporations, politicians, and citizens alike the killing of millions of farmers, workers, students, intellectuals and religious leaders (priests, pastors, imams, rabbis, and Buddhist monks) has become an incidental sidebar in the Departments of State and major news organizations around the world. Some have resorted to the cute label of "Communist chic" thereby hiding the insidious true nature of the danger behind an apparent innocent facade.

President Obama's 2009 White House Christmas tree displayed an orb depicting the genocidal Chinese dictator Mao (3), London Fashion Week had models wear clothes (including panties) with the hammer and sickle emblem as well as the likeness of Che Guevara. Tim Vincent of television's *Access*

Hollywood went on the air in 2006 sporting a hammer and sickle t-shirt. In 2005, there was a big outcry when Prince Harry wore a Nazi uniform to a costume party and when a clothing chain in London inadvertently stocked a bag whose design included swastikas in 2009. The bag was quickly removed from the clothing chain's shelves. As a side-note, in all probability, the bag came from India, where the swastika (in its original shape, not the Nazi one, which is inverted), is an old and perfectly honorable symbol (4).

In 2010, the same year Georgia took down Stalin's statue in Grozni, a statue of Stalin was raised in Bedford Virginia, courtesy of the D-Day Memorial Foundation. Paradoxically, it is former Communist countries such as Romania, which seem to keep educating their populations and the world on the Communist atrocities, such as itinerant exhibitions to the United States offered by The Romanian Cultural Center of New-York on Communist crimes, to Bucharest based *Institute for the Studies of Communist Crimes* (5).

In the United States, the *Global Museum of Communism* offers virtual information on the Communist crimes, easily accessible on internet.

My book, *Victims of Communism and Their Persecutors* (7) attempts to analyze from a mediator's, facilitator's and negotiator's perspective, the Communist crimes, in terms of emotions, intentions, actions and reasons, with both the victims' and the perpetrators' testimony, of what is commonly called in Europe the Red

Holocaust, with particular focus on Romania. It goes to the sources of inter-group conflicts, its cognitive factors, its implications for understanding and leads to some recommendations for compensatory resolutions. It does that by presenting an overview of several micro and macro-level approaches to understanding the origins, the nature and the dynamics of this conflict, as well as possible healing. It details several psychological, social, economical, political, systematic, and cultural perspectives that have led to and are still making innocent victims, from Cuba to China, in the name of Marxism and of the Communist Party.

Without the condemnation of the Communist ideology and crimes, by the world at large, and without the inclusion of educational programs in schools all over the world on the true Communist power grab masked by a false concern for the welfare of the people the world will continue to expose itself to the risk of new abuses based on similar criminal ideologies. Communism has been propagating its overthrow of liberty and democratic principles from the Marxism of the 1800s to the 2011 Chinese, N. Korean or Cuban Communist States (8).

With the American poetess Audre Lorde (1983), it is also the opinion of this writer that there is no hierarchy of oppression for the victims, and nor should there be one for those who analyze these crimes. Qualifying one tragedy as greater than the other (such as pitting the Nazi victims versus the Communist victims and vice-versa), will only serve perpetrators' propaganda and agenda, be they

committed by left or right wing dictatorships, past, present, or future, according to the adage: “Divide et Impera” (Divide and Conquer).

In all religions throughout the world, with the exception of satanic or suicidal cults, the sanctity of all human life is universally recognized and agreed upon. It is when false paradigms of economical, racial, ethnic, religious, military, geographical, gender or other social hierarchies are made, that some human beings decide that it is a proper recourse to eliminate some 'inferior' human beings for the betterment of society as a whole; ultimately for an elite group of 'superior' human beings.

For those Americans who think that ignoring the victims of Communism and choosing to not condemn the violent aims and methods of the Communist State I refer you to the Georgia Stones, a 1979 project which exists today in the Elbert county, Georgia under the idyllic nickname of “Georgia Guide stones” that calls on authorities, among other criminal pursuits, to: “Maintain humanity under 500,000,000 in perpetual balance (?!) with nature.” (thus killing the “excess population” and prohibiting individuals to reproduce outside these standards) (9).

It is the intention of the author of the *Victims of Communism and Their Persecutors*, to inform its readers on the greatest unsolved problem of the 20th century and one of the most repugnant episodes in the history of mankind, and to call for conferences, exhibits, research, books, courses, and other activities that

would bring light to this imperious need. This in turn will prepare the American population by making them acutely aware of their freedoms and make them ready to get involved in preventing the dictatorships that may attempt to rise up in the United States of America.

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