

MEMORIAL DAY?

Today Americans pause in remembrance of those who gave their lives defending our freedom, particularly those in the armed forces, and all the way back to our Founding Fathers of 1776.

Let's review "45 Communist Goals" as noted by former FBI agent Cleon Skousen, read into the Congressional Record in 1963. How do you think they have been and are being accomplished? If unreversed, could we be looking at a "Memorial Day" for the United States of America?

COEXIST? - 1, U.S. acceptance of "coexistence" as the only alternative to atomic war. 2, U.S. willingness to capitulate in preference to engaging in atomic war. 3, Develop the illusion that total disarmament [by] the U.S. would be a demonstration of "moral strength." 4, Permit free trade between all nations regardless of Communist affiliation or whether items could be used for war.

TRADE? -5, Extension of long-term loans to Russia and Soviet satellites. 6, Provide American aid to all nations regardless of Communist domination. 7, Grant recognition of Red China. Admission of Red China to the U.N. 8, Set up East and West Germany as separate states in spite of Khrushchev's promise in 1955 to settle the German question by free elections under supervision of the U.N.

RIGHTS? - 9, Prolong conferences to ban atomic tests because the United States has agreed to suspend tests as long as negotiations are in progress. 10, Allow all Soviet satellites individual representation in the U.N. 11, Promote the U.N. as the only hope for mankind. If its charter is rewritten, demand it be set up as a one-world government with its own independent armed forces. 12, Resist any attempt to outlaw the Communist Party. 13, Do away with all loyalty oaths. 14, Continue giving Russia access to the U.S. Patent Office. 15, Capture one or both of the political parties in the United States. 16, Use technical decisions of the courts to weaken basic American institutions by claiming their activities violate civil rights.

SCHOOLS? - 17, Get control of the schools. Use them as transmission belts for socialism and current Communist propaganda. Soften the curriculum. Get control of teachers' associations. Put the party line in textbooks. 18, Gain control of all student newspapers.

19, Use student riots to foment public protests against programs or organizations which are under Communist attack. 20, Infiltrate the press. Get control of book-review assignments, editorial writing, policymaking positions. 21, Gain control of key positions in radio, TV, motion pictures.

CULTURE? - 22, Continue discrediting American culture by degrading all forms of artistic expression. An American Communist cell was told to "eliminate all good sculpture from parks and buildings, substitute shapeless, awkward and meaningless forms." 23, Control art critics and directors of art museums. "Our plan is to promote ugliness, repulsive, meaningless art."

24, Eliminate all laws governing obscenity by calling them "censorship" and a violation of free speech and free press. 25, Break down cultural standards of morality by promoting pornography and obscenity in books, magazines, motion pictures, radio, and TV. 26, Present homosexuality, degeneracy and promiscuity as "normal, natural, and healthy."

CHURCHES? - 27, Infiltrate the churches and replace revealed religion with "social" religion. Discredit the Bible and emphasize the need for intellectual maturity which does not need a "religious crutch." 28, Eliminate prayer or any phase of religious expression in the schools on the ground that it violates the principle of "separation of church and state."

We'll look at the remainder of the 45 goals next week. Meanime, consider how much pernicious progress has been made by anti-freedom forces since this was written. Should America continue to accept these stated goals? What can we do to reverse them? Should Christians sit idly by while politicians, corporations, and thought leaders systematically break down our society?

PRAY! - 1 Timothy 2:1-5 commands believers to pray for leaders, so the gospel goes forth freely, without government interference. It is time to take action! Since the founding of the United States of America, our forefathers laid their very lives on the line, as have dearly departed patriots in the Services - because our God-given rights are irrevocable. Let's remember, and be diligent! ☐