

should be interested in. The Christian Anti-Communist Crusade of Dr. Fred Swartz issues these papers every month which anyone can get on ~~XXXXX~~ request. They give you a fine picture of what is happening month by month. I wish every one, every Christian would read it.

But more important perhaps, more important than what we can do now is to prepare for what may happen. Humanly speaking communist conquest appears inevitable by one measure or another. Humanly speaking. We don't know when the Lord may come. He may come tomorrow. He may come very soon. But we are told to act as if his coming were a thousand years off, to work as if we had no other time to work than now, but to plan as if we have plenty of time to accomplish our very utmost for our Saviour. If the communists take over, would you be prepared to witness in spite of torture and imprisonment? Would you be prepared to stand for Christ like Popov did, and to win individuals in the prison in the midst of torture and suffering?

Would you be prepared to live so closely in the Scriptures that even though they were taken away from you as they were from Popov and used to make toilet paper, that even though that was done you would have so much in your mind of Scripture that God could ~~spwak~~ speak to you constantly from the Word of God? Oh we have easy times now, times we can prepare, times we can get ready. We don't know what's ahead. Are you doing your utmost to prepare yourself for we don't know what may happen? That you can speak for Christ in the midst of such terrible things as are ~~hix~~ being faced by Christians in Nicaragua, in Romania and Bulgaria, in Czechoslovakia, in many countries. Above all in Russia itself. Are you preparing yourself for the days that are ahead?

We don't know what days are ahead but humanly speaking it would appear that this is what is coming. Oh may the Lord enable us each one to keep our eyes on Him. May He enable us to make our lives count as those of Popov did in the ~~country~~ country. We would know nothing about Popov except that he had married a Swedish woman he had met in London, and she as a Swedish citizen was able to get out of the country and eventually ~~he~~ they were able to get him out. In practically every time you learn anything about what happens like this in communist countries, it is because there has been some ~~he~~ connection like that. For every one we hear of there are probably a dozen or a hundred whom we never hear of.

Oh may God enable us not to go along easy going, after all there is time! Who knows how long the time is? May God enable us to do what we should do as citizens if possible to prevent such an outcome, and who knows the Lord might enable us if we are active and busy in this direction. Who knows we may not, and humanly speaking it appears impossible. May the Lord enable us to prepare ourselves and put the Word of God in our hearts, to learn to live so close to God that no matter what happens we can still witness by our words and above all by our lives for Him.

Let us pray: Oh God our Father, we thank you that the men of Issachar knew the times. We thank you that Jesus prayed for those who were able to see the signs of the times. Help us, our Father, to take our part as citizens, to deal with others in opening their eyes to this tremendous work==force that is threatening to take over the whole world; but help us above all the plant the Scripture in our minds so that if our Bibles are taken from us we can recall and go over and over its precious teaching. Help us to live so close to our Saviour that in the hardest times we can truly represent Him. Help us, we pray, to serve ~~he~~ you as you would have us. We ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.