

Patrick Henry's address to the Virginia convention, Mar. 20, 1775.

In vain may we indulge the fond hope of reconciliation. There is no longer room for hope. If we wish to be free, we must fight! I repeat it sir, we must fight! An appeal to arms and to the God of Hosts is all that is left us! They tell me that we are weak; but shall we gather strength by irresolution? We are not weak. Three millions of people, armed in the holy cause of liberty, and in such a country, are invincible by any force which our enemy can send against us. We shall not fight alone. A just God presides over the destinies of nations . . . There is no retreat, but in submission and slavery. . . Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! - I know not what course others may take; but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death.

For those who tell us that the Soviet leadership is not the same cruel *despotism* that existed under Stalin and that we should give this new leadership a chance to prove itself by showing good faith in their fair speeches, the answer is to be found in deeds, not words. "Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard its spots? Neither can you do good who are accustomed to doing evil" (Jer. 13:23)