

rest. The word "communism" suggests that everything is done for the good of all, yet the average opportunity for enjoyment of life in communist countries is a tiny fraction of the average opportunity available to every American citizen. Communism aims to destroy free enterprise, but apart from the small amount of free enterprise it still permits, the poverty of its results would be even greater.

What is the duty of the Christian toward government? In such a country as ours, where he has a right to vote for candidates who are freely chosen, it is his duty to find out who is running for local offices as well as national ones and to make a judgment among those who are running. I do not say that it is every Christian's duty to run for office. I do say, however, that this is something that should be considered by Christians, and not simply ruled out. In such a country as ours, where a Christian has freedom to express himself and freedom to vote, he has a duty to know what issues are being considered and to make his voice heard in relation to them. In a democratic country it is absurd to hear social, economic or political conditions criticized by one who chooses not to vote. If he has done his best to change them and has not succeeded, that is one thing; but to simply stand on the sidelines and criticize would definitely be unchristian.

In view of the widespread sympathy with communism that is introduced in a veiled way in so many of our educational institutions it becomes necessary for Christians to think carefully about what lies ahead.

Early in the present century most of the world was controlled by governments that possessed absolute or near-absolute power. The rank and file of people had little or no voice in deciding what was done. There was widespread nationalistic feeling in most countries and there were frequent