

able to preach the Gospel freely. At the beginning of Diocletian's persecution, there was a vdry large Christian church right across the street from the emperor's palace, and members of Diocletian's own family, as well x as top officials in his government, were known as professing Christians.

The situation under the Roman Empire was very different from that in a Communist country today, with its brain washings, and constant spying. Only recently we heard of thirty Chinese preachers being executed for ~~xxxxxx~~ refusal to promise to stop preaching the Gospel of Christ. Under a Communist government, propagation of Christianity is considered as counter-revolution. While freedom of religious worship is guaranteed by the Russian constitution, spreading of the Gospel is forbidden. It is only freedom of anti-religious propaganda that is permitted.

In recent years the World Council of Churches, ~~xxx~~ through its affiliate, the International Missionary Council, and through the activities of its various national councils, such as the "National Council of Churches" in the United States of America, has been seeking to ~~gx~~ keep Bible-believing missionaries out of mission lands, and to get control of the radio, of the chaplaincy, and of the pulpits of our great denominations. It is hard to think of anything that could do more to further the cause of Communism than this attempt to decrease the opportunity to preach the Word of God.

This leads us naturally to our second point:

2. In recent years, many of those who should have been preaching the Historic Christian Faith have, instead, been doing their utmost to forward another religion, one which actually has little to distinguish it x from the ~~Communism~~ Communism which is now in control of Russia and its satellites.

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