

they themselves will probably go to prison on their return, and their families will be cruelly tortured. These men come not as free agents, but as prisoners of the Kremlin, under compulsion to say exactly what is desired. They are like the victims of the purge trials in Russia, who, with fixed eyes and glassy stare, confessed the most terrible crimes hoping against hope that their families might not be subjected to the cruel torture which they knew would otherwise await them. Some speakers may be of this type; others may be men whom the Communists have forced upon the church as bishops and leaders, in order to utilize this opportunity of speaking for Communism. To give these men the sounding board of the World Council for this propaganda is inconceivable, unless some of the leaders of the World Council are themselves in sympathy with the purpose of the Kremlin.

6. In this situation which may lie ahead of us, the Historic Christian Faith offers the only hope.

The more we look at Communism the more we thank God for the Historic Christian Faith. Contrast the heartlessness of Communism with the kindness of Christianity. Contrast the interest of Communism only in the state and in the mass with the love of Christ for the individual. Contrast the attitude of Communism, ready ruthlessly to plunge millions of people into blood and misery for the sake of its ideological purpose, with the kindly shepherding care of true Christianity. Surely the contrast is really between two religions, one of them Satan-inspired, the other taught by the Creator of the universe.

We have observed the rise of Communism and its great increase of power. We have noted its hostility to the preaching of the Gospel in the lands under its sway. We have seen its terrible threat of unprecedented misery for the entire world, if our governments fail to act now. If it were not for the Christian faith, we might well despair. But we look at the Bible, and we find reason for hope. Some of the statements in the Book of Revelation, such as of the third of the inhabitants of the world being destroyed in one hour, seemed fantastic and unbelievable a few years ago. Today,