

## **FLF Statement of Policy**

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Since FLF was founded in 1960, the constant activity to support a growing number of projects tends to obscure any sharp dividing points in our stages of growth. However, the founding of the Rising Tide, our bi-weekly bulletin, certainly marked such a point in April 1971; so, too, will the expansion of the Tide to a full tabloid-size newspaper, beginning with this issue. Distribution only through the mails will now include street selling and newsstands, resulting in a much greater impact on public opinion.

Since many of you may be reading the Tide for the first time, it seems appropriate to present an overview of our FLF work-our general philosophy, some specific beliefs, and our strategy for victory.

FLF is an educational organization committed to the establishment and preservation of a true world peace which will ensure world freedom. The Communist ideology with its totalitarian goals and practices is the chief obstacle to our goal of freedom and peace, and thus we are dedicated to developing the standards of leadership necessary to advance the cause of freedom in the struggle against Communism. We are an independent organization with no partisan political goals.

We do not consider the people of Communist nations to be our foes, nor do we harbor any hatred toward their leaders who have wrought so much anguish upon the world. Rather, we feel compassion for them- they are misguided by their destructive ideology, where in lies the fundamental error. We seek to promote a bold and comprehensive foreign policy based on the moral precepts which would extend the promise of a free society to the whole world.

Because the peace of the world depends to a great extent upon the credibility of America's commitment to defend that peace, any American hesitation or indecisiveness in supporting our global commitments brings the world closer, not to peace, but to war.

There can be no real peace by compromising away our morality and ideals; we must repeatedly underscore our determination to fulfill our commitments.

Many anti-Communist groups in America are composed of individuals from a generation which had personal experience with the horrors of Communism, but somehow they have been unable to successfully communicate this feeling to our own generation.

Therefore, we cannot be just another anti-Communist organization, if we are to reverse the tide of moral retreat in America. Communism is more than just political or economic totalitarianism. Its whole worldview and social system are based on negativity and false values, and can be overcome only with a positive, spiritual value system.

In our opposition to Communism, we shall not prolong the negative anti-Communism of the past which has been accompanied by so much social stagnation, national guilt and moral hypocrisy. We do not hate the Communists, but the ideology of which they themselves are the most tragic victims. The primary goal of our foreign policy should be the ideological enlightenment and liberation of all peoples, as the foundation for world harmony.

Therefore, we evaluate our relations with other nations, not with an eye toward effecting short-term accommodation, although that may be appropriate at times, but with the ultimate view of achieving

universal freedom. We are not willing to compromise that goal of freedom, but we recognize that in search of its fulfillment we must deal with the realities present. America needs to develop young leaders who are fully aware of our responsibility to the world, and equally aware of the tragic consequences of failing to fulfill the responsibility. This FLF will do.

Our nation is in an ideological crisis. Compromising ourselves on so many issues for so many years, mistakenly believing that compromise in itself was good, we seem no longer capable of distinguishing between good and evil. The ideals upon which our nation was built are rapidly losing their meaning to the American people. Our nation lacks the strong visionary leadership necessary to articulate, these ideals give them relevance, and inspire wholehearted unity in their pursuit. Young people in particular are turning in growing numbers to the only ideological force which seems to promise ultimate solutions- Communism. The permeation of Marxist thought has generated a wave of despair, negativity and even self-hatred in our nation. The solution can only be found in a positive, moral ideology which can really offer an ultimate hope to mankind. The official philosophy of the Freedom Leadership Federation, the Unification Ideology, is a radical new synthesis of religious and scientific thought which inspires great new hope and vision.

Briefly, we believe in one family of mankind under the Fatherhood of God, and that man and God together share the responsibility to create a unified, peaceful world. We believe that progress between nations, races, classes or any two elements comes about through mutual commitment and cooperation, not through conflict, contradiction or struggle. Universal social justice will be achieved when every man identifies with the purpose of the whole, and derives his individual purpose from within that framework. This carries with it the moral responsibility of America to work for the universal good of mankind.

Since we view the Communist ideology as the chief obstacle to the achievement of our goals, our primary concern is on the ideological level. Other considerations, such as military, economic and political- however significant-are evaluated from within the framework of the ideological struggle.

The FLF presently has three main areas of activity, which are, briefly:

**World Freedom Institute:** The WFI training programs are designed to give students and youth leaders a comprehensive assessment of the current international struggle, and an ideological framework from which to evaluate it. By understanding precisely what Communism has promised in contrast to what it has in fact produced, these young people have recognized the urgent need to combat the Communist ideology and to strengthen our democratic and moral alternatives to it. Training of cadres takes place in graduated steps -- from initial involvement through public lectures, films and discussions, to participation in weekend workshops, street meeting and eventually teaching or training by the cadre himself.

**The Rising Tide:** Although we have a variety of publications, The Rising Tide is our main effort. Published bi-weekly, it includes objective information on radical activities and reports of FLF activities, as well as informative articles on current international events, theoretical analyses and timely reprints from the press.

FLF also publishes stimulating pamphlets, and posters for wide distribution on campuses and in communities.

**Committee for Responsible Dialogue:** CRD is an assembly of articulate young spokesmen who challenge all radical or Communist speakers to debate their ideas publicly and thereby to submit them to the test of reason. A number of Congressmen and other prominent figures have helped this effort strengthen the image of our entire Foundation.

FLF seeks to work closely with all other responsible educational organizations in areas of common concern. We act as the American affiliate of the International Federation for Victory Over Communism, with active chapters in Japan, Korea, Free China and a number of countries in Europe. We are also a member of the American Council of World Freedom, the U. S. affiliate of the World Anti-Communist League.

In the three years since the Freedom Leadership Foundation was established, we have seriously studied the extent and nature of Communist influence in and upon our nation and have sought to analyze the strategy of those groups who were seeking to counteract it. The results we found were not encouraging. In failing to combat the influence of Communism on the fundamental level of ideology, America has suffered an internal erosion of the spirit, which is much more subtle than a military or political offensive. Only ideological re-education can effectively draw young people to a real commitment to work for peace and Freedom.

To accomplish this, our planning is not based on a straight-line evolutionary projection. Our emphasis is not just on our present programs, but on using them as tools in order to establish the broadest foundation in the shortest time—a fully developed training program, and a corps of qualified trainers and other cadres to take leadership roles as we quickly expand to a mass effort. Therefore, the focus of every program must be coordinated to help develop that initial foundation of leadership cadres.

The World Freedom Institute and The Rising Tide are the two main tools in our work. The focus of our street speaking, public lectures, leafleting, postering and other activities is to recruit for our training seminars.

Here the expansion of the Rising Tide plays a major role.

Not only as a means for much wider exposure and publicity for our seminars, but also as a vehicle to involve 'new converts' in the writing, publishing, and selling of the paper. Providing an activity for immediate involvement for new members stimulates creative commitment, and vitalizes the organization.

In reviewing the work of the Freedom Leadership Foundation, I have hoped to show you the breadth of our vision, the strength of our determination, and the purity of our purpose. Because of our critical times, we cannot think of living for ourselves, but would rather sacrifice our own lives to achieve a true world of peace in which our descendants can prosper. We do not accept the view that the world will always have the problems of war, conflict, poverty and racial hatred -- but as long as it does, we are compelled to work for their solution. We can find no comfort in failing to confront them.

The commitment to realize our vision is total—how quickly we are successful depends on the response and support of the American people. We are asking you to join with us in this effort, especially through your financial support. Each single person is so vital—and the time is short. We are waiting to hear from you.