World Freedom Institute Training, A Huge Success

Neil Salonen August 4, 1972



FLF President Neil Salonen addresses Crusade members at WFI Seminar

A new level of success in the WFI training program was achieved through an intensive session August 4, in which more than 100 young ecumenical missionaries of the "One World Crusade" were trained in FLF's unification theory for victory over Communism.

Highly motivated, the young evangelists had expressed a deep desire to understand Marxist theory and practice, especially in relation to religion in general and Christianity in particular. Many of them had encountered opposition from radical students in their work on campuses throughout the country, and the Crusade commissioned the WFI to train its members in anti-Communist theory in order to meet in overcome the Marxist challenge.

The session began at 9:00 a.m. with an inspiring film of the 1970 World Anti-Communist League Rally. The dedicated efforts of the young Japanese members of the International Federation for Victory over Communism, who organized the rally, were particularly inspiring to the young American missionaries, who said they faced many of the same problems the Japanese youths had faced in standing up and fighting for freedom nonviolently against radical Communists and other violence-oriented youth groups in Japan.

After the film, FLF president Neil Salonen gave an overview of FLF activities and presented FLF's perspective on the anti-Communist struggle in America, Following this, the assembly broke down into eight discussion groups of 12-14 members each, which were given the task of coming to a consensus on goals for the conference and educational needs for ideological victory over Communism in America.



Rep. Earl Landgrebe talks to One World Crusade member at the Senate Office Building

Capitol Hill

After reconvening and presenting reports from the discussion groups, the seminar broke for lunch and reconvened again an hour later at the Rayburn House Office Building on Capitol Hill. The participants then heard a detailed report from Senate staff member David Martin on the subject of strategic defense.

Mr. Martin presented a series of statistics indicating the seriously slipping position of the United States in air, land, sea, and nuclear defense vis-a-vis the Soviet Union.

He refuted the idea that unilateral disarmament would encourage the Soviets to act in a more peaceable manner. "Every time we have taken a unilateral step toward disarmament," he commented, "the Soviets have taken one in the opposite direction."

Martin continued that even with the SALT agreements reached by President Nixon in Moscow, "The Soviets are virtually assured 3-2 nuclear superiority over the U.S. by 1975."

Cautioning that the United States could suffer defeat at the hands of the Soviets if she does not recommit herself to her own and her allies' defense, Mr. Martin declared, "the disparity of strategic weapons makes it possible that Soviets could achieve their goal of world dominion without an actual attack by using their strategic superiority as a political lever or by nuclear blackmail.

Following Mr. Martin's speech, Congressman Earl Landgrebe (R. Ind.) spoke to the participants concerning his experience smuggling Bibles into the Soviet Union.



FLF member James Cowin lectures at WFI seminar

Theory stressed

After Landgrebe's talk, the participants attentively listened to a series of ideological lectures given by FLF staff's Gary Jarmin, James Cowin, and Dan Fefferman on the Unification Theory, Marxist theory and a comparative analysis of the two, respectively.

The talks essentially examined the world-view of Marxism vs. the Unification Theory. Fefferman concluded in his comparative talk that "Marxism sees progress in terms of contradiction, struggle, negation and abrupt qualitative change, while the Unification Theory sees it in terms of harmonious give and take, growth to fulfillment and multiplication. The essential difference in these views is derived from different assumptions as to the nature of man and of life in general. Marxism is basically materialistic. deterministic and militantly atheistic, while the Unification theory teaches that the ultimate source: of the ultimate motivation of man lie in the spiritual reality of God and the freedom which He has given to humankind.

Deeply ideologically concerned, the participants said they considered the theoretical lectures a high point of the seminar.

The seminar then moved to the Sandy Spring Friends School, outside of Washington, D.C. in Maryland, where the young missionaries were being trained prior leaving on assignments to all 48 continental states.

Task Groups

After dinner, a second small group "task session" was held, covering material which the WFI had provided the students as assigned reading the previous night.

The students were then asked to fill out two questionnaires -- one containing a series of "agree-disagree" statements on complicated questions relating to Communism, and another in which they were asked to choose the "best" and "worst" responses to four simulated crises in international relations. After discussing their responses to the questionnaires in their task groups, the participants were asked to create a list of criteria upon which America should base her foreign policy.

A lengthy large-group discussion session followed, lasting quite late into: the night. It was concluded that

the United States cannot hope to be a leader in the search for world peace unless she recommitted herself to the spiritual ideals which made her the great nation that she is. It was further concluded that the primary threat of those ideals is the very ideology of Marxism and Marxism-Leninism, which must be resisted and overcome at all costs if freedom is to survive. As one of the participants was heard to say, "America has a mission to serve the world and to protect smaller nations against Communist aggression. If we withdraw from the responsibility, who is going to fulfill that role?"



WFI Seminar participants discuss foreign policy

The young missionaries determined that in addition to working to fulfill the spiritual goals of their Crusade, they would commit themselves to working directly against Communism as well.

It was the unanimous feeling of the FLF staff that if many more such spiritually motivated, dedicated young people can be given the FLF ideological training over the three years, a foundation of hope can be established in our country to reverse the trend toward national withdrawal and to recommit America to her critical mission in the struggle for peace and freedom.



Neil Salonen talks with Rep. Earl Landgrebe from Indiana

Letters of Appreciation to FLF from US Congressmen

Thank you very much for your recent letter. I was delighted to receive the current issue of "the Rising Tide;" I certainly do like the new format.

Thank you also for sending me the picture of the luncheon party where we heard Mr. Sun Myung Moon. I remember that occasion very well.

I wish to commend the Freedom Leadership Foundation for its work in making known the dangers of the communist system. That Insidious philosophy must be fought with every weapon at our disposal.

The work of your foundation is an important element in the struggle of freedom against this deceitful ideology. "The Rising Tide" is an excellent and informative publication which has made and will continue to make a real contribution to the battle against communism.

My recent visit to the Soviet Union has reinforced my determination to resist the spread of communism. The reality of communist oppression should wake people up to its dangers. Like you I feel deep

compassion for those who live under communism. Our struggle is against the ideology and not against the people of communist lands.

I trust that the Freedom Leadership Foundation will continue its good work in educating the people of the free world to the truth about communism.

Earl F. Landgrebe Rep. from Indiana

Thank you very much for your recent letter; I compliment you and the staff at the Freedom Leadership Foundation for your work on "The Rising Tide." The preservation of freedom is a noble goal to be sure and often talked about, but the actual work to preserve that Freedom is a daily thing, most tedious, with intangible rewards.

Thus, too many people do just that -- talk about it. You, at FLF, through the "Tide," work at it, day after day.

I wish you every success in the years to come!

Barry M. Goldwater, Jr. Rep. from California



Gen. Lewis Walt, former US Marine Corps commander in Vietnam, talks with Farley Jones and Bo Hi Pak at the Washington DC Main Church Center

At a time when too many Americans have permitted themselves the luxury of wishful thinking, of believing that the Cold War was over, and that our Communist adversaries no longer sought world domination, the Freedom Leadership Foundation has been a perceptive and persuasive advocate of resistance to tyranny.

Through your newsletter, "The Rising Tide," you have made it clear that the young people of the United States are by no means represented by the radical activists who so often seem to dominate the headlines and the airwaves. While so le seem not to understand the differences between a free society and one which is totalitarian, "The Rising Tide" has made an important contribution in once again clarifying the stakes in today's world.

Only by recognizing the foes of freedom and by remaining so strong that such forces will be prevented from spreading their own destructive ideological systems, can we hope to preserve our freedom and pass it on to future generations.

In the important battles now taking place on our college campuses, "The Rising Tide" has been an eloquent spokesman. I wish it continued success, for the future of our society depends upon the dedication which a new generation of Americans can bring to defending the values which are under attack in so many places.

Philip M. Crane Rep. from Illinois:

It is a pleasure for me to take this means of expressing my encouragement to the Freedom Leadership Foundation and its publication, "The Rising Tide." I enjoyed meeting with representatives of the foundation here in my office and I hope that your organization will be successful in your objectives of countering the communist movement here in the United States and elsewhere in the world. With kind personal regards,

Milton R. Young Senator from N. Dakota

I am pleased to learn that the FLF bi-weekly bulletin. "The Rising Tide," is continuing its publication and improving its content-format.

There is a need for accurate information to counter some of the misinformation being circulated on major issues in this country. I believe that FLF is doing this, and I wish you every success as you seek to disseminate responsible and factual information to the American people.

Charles H. Griffin Rep. form Mississippi

Thank you for sending me a copy of the current issue of "The Rising Tide." I am very pleased to have this copy and appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending it to me.

As you know, I share the high ideals of the Freedom Leadership Foundation and fully recognize the increasing dangers of communism in this country which you have emphasized in your newspaper. I have voiced my opinions on this subject on many occasions in the House of Representatives and I assure you that I will continue to speak out against communist aggression and infiltration.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate you on this very fine publication and wish for you every success in the future.

With your past record of progress and accurate reporting, I feel sure you will be able to achieve your goal by expanding your present circulation of 10,000 to three or four times that number.

With all good wishes, I am, Sincerely

Bob Sikes Rep. from Florida