

LETTER TO CONGRESSMEN
GEORGE MEANY DENOUNCES DETENTE

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The Honorable Lawton Childs
The United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Childs:

Enclosed is a statement by George Meany in which he condemns in no uncertain terms the damnable policy of detente. I seldom find myself in agreement with much that Mr. Meany has to say. But in this matter I agree with his analysis 100%. He sees very clearly that the goal of the Communists is still the same--worldwide advance and ultimate victory. It is a statement well worth your reading. It explains the reason why we are in the economic mess we are in today.

In the current issue of National Review, Senator James Buckley presents a report on his six-day visit to Russia. Persecution against religious groups is being intensified despite the propaganda to the contrary, that there is religious liberty in Russia. When will we learn that the Communists are congenital liars and that their word cannot be trusted?

And what about the Kissinger-Nixon "peace-with-honor" in southeast Asia? One after another we have betrayed our allies, selling them out to the Communists, who are now, by the way, in control of the UN. This nation has lost its moral character. We were once a God-fearing people and had as our motto, "In God We Trust." That is no longer true. Having fought a no-win war for ten years at the cost of 50,000 American lives, we are now submitting to black-mail as reflected in the fuel adjustment incorporated into every utilities bill - and again the consumer is the sucker. It is nothing short of outrageous. We need a leadership in Washington that will fear God, do what is right instead of that which is expedient, and put the interests of its own citizens before those of atheistic, anti-God, Communist countries.

The line is going to have to be drawn somewhere, and soon, ere we allow ourselves to suffer strangulation through appeasement and compromise. Thank you for your time and interest, and may God bless you in the fulfillment of your responsibilities. I am sincerely yours,

In Jesus' Precious Name,
(Signed)
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Among the most scorching denunciations of detente was George Meany's compact statement before the United States Senate Foreign Relations Committee on October 1, 1974. Here are some choice quotations:

"Detente should not be construed as signifying a change in Soviet international objectives. In fact, detente is simply a new tactic, a new means toward the old end - the worldwide advance and ultimate victory of Communism. . . .

"While detente has produced a silly euphoria in the West, it is viewed with cold calculation in the Soviet Union. While the detente has made anti-Communism unfashionable in the West - and you know, of course, that anti-Communism is out of style with 'best' people - in the East, detente means an intensification of ideological struggle. To the Soviets, detente is based on U.S. weakness, an intensification of ideological warfare, the undermining of NATO, ultimate Soviet military superiority over the West, recognition by the West of the Soviet Union's ownership of Eastern Europe, withdrawal of American forces from Europe...

"Yet it is being proposed today that we grant the Soviet Union MFN (most-favored-nation) status in exchange for their agreeing to liberalize their emigration policies. We will bribe the Soviet Union to do what it is already obligated to do under international law. You see, there's something called the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. Moscow signed that Covenant in March of 1968. Article

12 of that Covenant says - and I quote - 'Everyone should be free to leave any country, including his own.' 'Everyone' - 'any country'. That's clear language! Nothing ambiguous about it.

"But the Russians decided to violate it. And what's the consequence? We give them MFN! Rewarding deception. . .

"There are no economic benefits for the United States in this deal. All the economic benefits flow to the Soviet Union. . .

"What I see is a one-way street in which the Soviet Union maintains all of its basic political objectives which are fundamentally antagonistic to the West, while it acquires from the West the technology it needs to help overcome the disastrous economic consequences of totalitarian planning. . .

"The distortions and imbalances in the Soviet economy are not due simply to backwardness, to the legacies of czarism. They are the direct product of Soviet concentration on military hardware, which is the inevitable companion to an expansionist, imperialist foreign policy. . .

"The volume of this one-way flow of American goodies is already alarming. Let's leave aside for the moment our huge food shipments to the Soviet Union since May of 1972 - shipments which have cost the American housewife and taxpayer mightily. Let's look at the operations of the Export-Import Bank. Here's an institution that is backed by taxpayers' money - not private enterprise...It is subsidizing overseas production that will hurt American exports and employers. And one of the beneficiaries of this largess is the Soviet Union.

"In the past year and a half, the Eximbank lent the Russians almost \$469 million - most of it at 6 percent and a small portion at 7 percent. What American worker can get a loan at 6 or 7 percent? You can't get a mortgage for under 10 unless you're lucky. This isn't trade. This is an economic aid program! It's a welfare program!

"Eximbank put up \$180 million of American money at a low interest rate to develop nitrogen, fertilizer production in the Soviet Union. But why don't we invest in our own fertilizer production here? Because we have to give the Russians a way to pay back credits. Why do we give them credits in the first place? So they can acquire our technological know-how? So we can have detente - a more peaceful world. Then why did the Russians encourage Arab aggression in the Middle East - not to mention Arab oil blackmail?

"Because they are not yet our 'partners in peace.' We evidently have to give much more. . .

"Look at another Eximbank loan - \$153,950,000 for the Kama River truck project - again most of it at 6 percent. This is the largest truck production facility in the world. And this was a project approved by our government despite the fact that it had a military potential acknowledged by our own Department of Commerce. An American firm, the McKee Corporation built the world's biggest iron and steel plant at Magmitogorsk. Ford built the first Soviet automotive plant. General Electric built the famous Dnieper hydro-electric dam. . .

"Let me suggest that there is a limit to the patience of the average American citizen. He's no dope. He knows he's being ripped off from every angle. . .

"The inability to face the world as it is, and to understand clearly the nature of freedom's enemies everywhere, is really the greatest threat to peace today. That threat is nowhere more clearly posed than in the delusion we call detente."
