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I have often marveled at the emotions that stir within me each time I returned from the altar rail after having received Holy Communion. I am sure you have experinced the same sensation.

I have ~~often~~ just as often prayed fervently that I - and my fellow men - might be permitted to carry throughout our lives that feeling of security and confidence which is mine while I am contemplating the great privielge which ~~has been mine~~ I have just enjoyed.

I speak of security and confidence, Gentlemen, because I know of no other words, in our poor tongue, that will adequately express the sensation which I feel this morning.

The feeling of security which is ours at this moment stems directly from the knowledge that we hold within us the very being of our Creator.

The feeling of confidence with which we face the world is the direct result of our knowledge that we are at peace with our God.

That security is proper. We have a right to take it with us as we leave this hall.

That confidence is proper. We have a duty to preserve it - to inspire it in others - as Knights of Columbus - as good American citizens.

This nation which is ours - the ~~people of this land~~ men and women who gather around the living rooms of all the homes throughout this land - sorely need an injection of both. We shall never be in a better position to assist in that undertaking than we are at this moment. As Kngihts we are bound in honor to acknowledge our love and fear of God - in order that others will have the courage to ask Divine guidance in evaluating and overcoming the problems which beset this sorry old earth.

Each of us has his own problems to solve. Some may seem on occasion

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to defy solution. Our Nation struggles with a complication of disturbing concerns. The world we live in - its people and its statemen seem constantly at sixes and sevens. On every hand is confusion and doubt. In every mind is worry and uncertainty.

And while we devote our ~~the~~ constant efforts to the task of working out a solution to these manifold problems we are threatened at home by a wave of viciousness that will demand of us ~~we must not only be able to~~ promote our very best efforts if we are to ~~provide~~ security for all Americans inspire in others and ~~insure~~ the confidence we have in the future of this great Republic.

There is abroad in the land today a greater wave of Communist activity than ever we have experienced. While the minds of all decent people are devoted to the task of bringing order out of the chaos left in the wake of the recent Global War, the minions of Communist Russia concentrate their energies on the destruction of our system of Government by whatever means they find at hand.

We have many causes for concern. But none are so great that we can ignore the threat which comes from the Moscow inspired underground which ^{is} ~~has~~ filtered ^{into} ~~into~~ ~~every~~ ~~nook~~ ~~and~~ ~~cranny~~ the very life-stream of our country.

Some of us are prone to think of Communists as the characters portrayed in cartoons - with black beards and thick glasses. Some of think they still sulk in dirty attics and dank cellars. Some of us try to laugh off Communism as a joke in ~~the~~ a great country such as ours.

I am convinced the danger is serious. In our day they are no longer an unruly mob. They are well trained, well educated and well financed. They are bold enough to try anything, but they are also smart enough to cover their tracks. They employ the radio, the newspapers and magazines. Their tentacles reach ^{INTO}

every hamlet and they are skillfull in the use of propoganda. They are able to make use of many well-meaning but completely deluded innocents who have ~~been~~ ~~sold~~ ~~to~~ ~~either~~ been sold on the idea that communism is the asnwer to all our economic illls - or who fear the viciousness of Communists ~~smears~~ and slanders.

Communist front organizations ^{hide} ~~pose~~ under many ~~of~~ pious sounding

titles. Under the guise of misnamed Liberalism - many a party-liner seeks to convince Americans that our greatest ambition must be intimate friendship with Russia.

I have heard ~~many~~ some of them talk about the importance of that friendship - and ~~about how~~ describe how easy it would be win it. ~~But~~ All Americans want to live at peace with all Nations, including Russia, but it frequently appears that such friendship must be bought at a price we as Americans are unwilling to pay.

Daily we hear and read the propoganda. of these communist front organizations extolling the wonders of Russia, the sincerity of her gestures toward peace, the benevolence of her rule over other peoples. Daily we hear and read from the same sources ridicule and contempt for the United States of America and all her institutions - including the very freedom of speech and the press which these party-liners abuse.

~~It would seem~~

It would seem from their utterances that Russia can do no wrong and our own country can do no right. Yet these same elements say they seek only to promote international accord - and prosperity for all.

Through the ~~play of Russia's~~ actions of Russia's diplomats we have been permitted a view of what we might expect should Communism ever ~~secure a dominant position~~ secure a dominant position in our political and economic life.

Many times we have seen reminders that Stalin's promises were regarded as no more sacred than the ^{OFF-REPEATED} famous declaration of another Dictator that he desired no further territorial expansion.

Communists in America seek to promote membership in ^{their} its ranks through

promises that there need be no suffering or distress under a dictatorship of the proletariat.

~~They seek to promote friendship with Russia through the promise that together we can maintain the peace of the world.~~

That is ~~their~~ their promise - but the available evidence proves we shall get only the complete destruction of every ~~moral principle~~ institution we cherish - we shall be ~~given~~ rewarded with the status of slaves to the almighty states. And to achieve that great goal we shall first have to abandon every moral principle - abandon our God ^{and our religion} - abandon our self-respect as individual men.

If Communism is so great and ~~powerful~~ lofty a goal, as they would have us believe, then it should win to itself disciples from all ranks of society. If Communism is the ~~greatest~~ influence for good which party-liners claim - the people of the world would long ago have rushed to be enfolded in its benevolent arms.

If Communism possesses any of the attributes its proponents lay claim to - then why the need for the Iron Curtain which now shields Russia from the eyes of Western Europe? Why the concentration camps and the OGPU? Why the secrecy and stealth - and murder and violence - ~~with which Communists in Russia are accomplices~~ which are part and parcel of the present Communist expansion?

The tortured and the maimed - the dead and the dying - in Poland, Yugoslavia and the other countries of Eastern Europe - bear mute testimony to the decency and honor and sincerity of Communism.

And this contemptible country of ours - this decadent democracy -
this wasteful inefficient system of government was called upon to
provide the Soviet with ~~all~~ the tools of war. *necessary for her salvation.*
It is called upon now to
provide the starving people everywhere, including Russia, with bread,
~~and~~ is called upon, too, to provide ~~the~~ ~~unfortunate~~ Nations, including
Russia, with ~~the~~ dollars. *necessary for their reconstruction.*

American's differences
We have our ~~difficulties~~, to be sure. But how much better if we
would unite in an effort to work out our problems in a spirit of
Christian brotherhood - and concentrate our fire and our strength
on the elements who would undermine and destroy us.

We have here the most magnificent, the most progressive, the
most liberal of all countries. We have the strength and the ability
to be great and free. We need only the will.

Eternal vigilance is still the price of liberty. Catholicism is
still Communism's most potent enemy.

We are the guardians of Catholicism. We are its militant strength.
~~The fight must be ours.~~ *We must be vigilant.*

Our Country has faced grave ~~crises~~ in the past. Our forefathers
won the Revolution to give us a Nation conceived in liberty and dedicated
to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Great Americans won the war against ~~se-~~ *re-* ~~cession~~ to preserve ~~here~~ *for us* a
government of the people for the people and by the people.

We, their sons, shall win ~~this~~ *our* struggle to put down the enemies
of our country - to give to our children's children a Nation that is
free and strong - dedicated to genuine Social Justice ~~under~~ - a
Nation fearing God and no man.