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Does the Cold War of Freedom vs. Communism Concern YOU?

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We invite you to read the attached letter sent His Holiness, Pope John XXIII in hope that its contents might be considered in the encyclical, "Mater et Magistra".

The letter concerns the "land question". It deals with why, tho we progress greatly, we continue to face basic poverty conditions - slums, unemployment and low wages - high taxes, crime, war and - Communism. It urges the removal of a most basic cause of these perpetual and multiplying symptoms and to permit all willin<sup>g</sup>, and able to work to take good care of themselves, and in high personal dignity - not to be made public dependents. And in the process, as this shameful dependency is reduced an ever increasing surplus is provided to care for those in want regardless of cause.

The Communist way taken by Cuba is known. Long before recent elections in British Guiana which placed Communist leaders in power, a great fear was felt by many that this would happen. What is not known, or is suppressed or ignored, is that Jamaica, a country in this general area, has, to a large extent, solved this evil land question; that it has largely immunized itself against the inroads of Communism. But this is not all. By adopting local taxation methods long being developed in Australia, which are designed to appropriate for public use the publicly earned rental value of land (nature) and abolishing taxes on improvements (true private property), it has taken long, long steps to make good on the ordinances and mandates of the Bible which commands that this be done.

For in the Bible we learn the concepts of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man, the Golden Rule, and the great values in the doctrines of love, justice, and charity - and how, as to economics, to defeat Communism. And have not these ideals been only such so long as we do not follow-thru and back them up with scientific and just economic support? We read - - -

"The heaven, even the heaven, is the Lord's, but the earth hath He given to the Children of Men". (Ps. cxv 16) \*\*\*\*\* "And ye shall inherit it, one as well as another". (Ezek. xlxi 14) \*\*\*\*\* "Moreover, the profit of the earth is for all, the king himself is served by the field". (Eccles. v 4) \*\*\*\*\* "The land shall not be sold forever; for the land is Mine; for ye are strangers and sojourners with Me". (Lev. xxv 23)

But things (and services) that are man-made are clearly private property; for the use of and control by those who make them - or secure them properly by exchange.

"They shall build houses and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat, for as the day of a tree are the days of My people, and Mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labor in vain nor bring forth trouble." (Isaiah lxx 21-23)

With all this in mind, can one help but wonder - and in utter amazement today - how it could happen that it was left to the anti-God, anti-Church Communists to take unto themselves the right to say to the oppressed people denied justice in God's gift of land in both under and well developed countries: "We will give you land!" - that Communists would give to the people that which their God had already given them. Brotherhood! Justice! What a travesty on these words!

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Comments or questions are welcome.

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