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DOES COLD WAR LEAVE US COLD?



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Father de Vos

A few weeks ago Communists cut off his ears, gouged out his eyes, cut off his head, then dismembered his body. The "cold war" had come to the Congo. (NCWC Photo)

Are you shocked that Cuba . . . just off our coast . . . is becoming a Soviet missile base? Of course. And probably a little frightened because it is so close.

Are you shocked that the same kind of revolt (which delivered Cuba to the Soviet) is now going on in Africa? Not so much. It is too far away.

But if this were a "hot" war between the United States and Russia . . . if *our* soldiers were being killed in Laos, in Vietnam, in the Congo . . . we would be indignantly mobilized. We would be angry. We would be making fantastic personal and national sacrifices as we did in World War I and World War II to gain victory over a deadly enemy. And, in the American tradition, we would probably win.

But the "cold" war . . . leaves us cold. Patriots of *other* nations are dying. Soil wet with blood of *dis-*

tant members of the human race falls to the Soviet. *We do not feel really involved . . .* at least not yet.

Community Group Demobilizing

This was brought home with particular force recently when I spoke to the twentieth annual Communion Breakfast of the "Catholic Women's Societies" in an Eastern State. Nineteen societies were represented, with their officers and delegates. This "community" meeting of nineteen groups began in 1941 . . . at the outbreak of World War I . . . to coordinate the activities of all the organizations in the War effort.

Now, at this twentieth annual Communion Breakfast (in 1961)—the leaders of the societies were *reaching a decision to discontinue* "Because the war is long over and perhaps this meeting of the heads of all societies has now outlived its need."

Yet, *just a few days before this*

Communion Breakfast, five priests in a Congo mission were assaulted by fifty Communist attackers. The Communists had vowed reprisals on a priest who had said a Mass of reparation when Communists in that mission had recently destroyed a statue of the Blessed Virgin . . . the Virgin who at Fatima foretold their cold war ("Error will spread from an atheist Russia through the entire world").

Most of the priests escaped. The priest who had actually said the Mass of reparation for the destruction of the statue of Our Lady wasn't there, but the priest taking his place (Father de Vos) was brutally killed. His ears were cut off, eyes gouged out, then his head was cut off. This was *one week* before the Communion Breakfast at which I spoke: An "incident" in the cold War" . . . by atheists spreading from Russia as Our Lady had warned us

at Fatima. And the nineteen Catholic women's societies were considering demobilization because the war has been over so long!

How Long?

How long will the cold war leave US cold? Do members of our own families . . . our own husbands or sons, fathers or brothers . . . have to be on the actual fighting line before we become aroused?

Are we to continue to disarm . . . not only mentally and morally, but also organizationally . . . during this greatest war which has ever threatened our nation, the deadly cold war in which Communism is beating us?

How long will we continue to ignore the message of Our Lady of Fatima?

THERE IS A WAR ON NOW . . . more terrible, more deadly, more dangerous to us than World War I or World War II!

What do we really *know* about the cold war? For example—do we know, now, how Portugal is being attacked? Those men who pirated the ship *Santa Maria* were *Communist directed*. (Most were not even Portuguese). Hardly any of the loyal Portuguese crew members joined them despite bribery. Yet the Communists not only got away with piracy on the Atlantic Ocean but succeeded in turning world opinion against Portugal . . . which, in Africa, holds one of the key positions against the Communists' unrelenting campaign to take over that

continent. Shortly after the piracy of the *Santa Maria*, Communists *from outside* the peaceful Portuguese territory in Africa (legally an actual part of Portugal, with all Africans there enjoying the same citizenship as every person in continental Portugal), launched an open, bloody attack in which dozens of persons were massacred! The vast, powerful propaganda machine . . . the *real* secret weapon of the Soviet . . . followed through and the United Nations in the Spring of 1961 moved against Portugal over the question of its Portuguese territory. And most Americans do not . . . and probably will not . . . know the facts. They will stand by out of ignorance . . . while Africa goes the way of Cuba, and the Communist plot to isolate America . . . and ultimately to gain all the world . . . goes on skillfully, almost inexorably.

War for Survival

Few of us **KNOW** the Communists' intentions. What did we know about what was happening in Cuba? The present writer happens to know about Portuguese territory in Africa only because of the Blue Army work in Portugal which brought him into close contact with the real facts there.

But can we excuse ourselves for doing nothing because we do not know?

OUR LADY HERSELF TOLD US ALL THESE THINGS! *That is why she came at Fatima . . . that is*

why She performed the miracle of the sun . . . that is why She had the 1960 secret. **SHE TOLD US, AND THEN DESPERATELY HAS TRIED TO GET OUR ATTENTION.**

There is a war on . . . and it is a war, on our part, for survival.

The Reds are mobilized in their cold war because they see the Red Army behind them. (*"They have never taken over in any country except by force . . . by revolution or by the presence of the Red Army"*), said Dr. Malik, former President of the General Assembly of the United Nations). And it's about time we saw that we have the Blue Army behind us, and joined its ranks . . . *militantly.*

We have more reason for confidence in the Blue Army than the Reds have for confidence in Moscow . . . because the "Leader" of the Blue Army is Our Lady, *who can perform miracles.* She demonstrated this at Fatima when she performed the miracle of the sun. **AND SHE HAS PROMISED US VICTORY.** She has promised that *if we do what she asks* (and this is contained in the Blue Army pledge) "*Russia will be converted*".

Isn't it time . . . looking at Cuba . . . that we woke up? Isn't it time that we began to make some sacrifices, began to go out and get our neighbors to learn about the world crisis and the warnings and answer Our Lady gave at Fatima? *Isn't it time to mobilize for war?*

BOOK REVIEW

"Mary Was Her Life"

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Very seldom do we do a book review in Soul Magazine. However, in the past few months we have read the book "Mary was her Life", by Sister M. Pierre, R.S.M.

This is the story of new twentieth century Mary, another story of Our Lady in life. Blond, vivacious, athletic Teresa Quevedo, daughter of a

prominent Madrid doctor, has not as yet been canonized. She died only eleven years ago, but her cause for beatification has already been introduced in the Sacred Congregation of Rites. It is the story of a popular, beautiful girl who will be an inspiration to all who read about her. She was a talented dancer (folk dancer), an expert swimmer, an outstanding tennis player, a splendid driver of a car, who devoted herself quietly to generous works of sacrifice. Her life can be summed up in her own beautiful motto, "May all who look at me, see you, O Mary".

Teresita, or little Teresa, as her family and friends called her was

born in 1920. She attended parochial school and Sacred Heart Academy in Madrid. The ideals of her life as a grammar school girl were extremely Marian. She loved our Lady with all the love of which a human heart is capable, and she very often told her little classmates, "Our Lady never refuses me anything I ask her". As a high school girl of fifteen she went to her confessor to ask and to receive a vow of virginity for the rest of her life. She wished always to live as a virgin soul just as Our Lady lived.

She joined the Carmelite Order at the age of sixteen and most of her life was spent in pain and suffering