

of the prophecy of Our Lady of Fatima concerning the spread of communism "throughout the entire world" as unlikely to be realized in the United States.

It is perhaps for that reason that interest in the apostolate of Our Lady of Fatima is far less in the United States than it is on the fringes of the Iron and Bamboo Curtains and now with new force in Portugal.

But on the other hand, it is a great consolation to us in the United States that so many devout Americans have responded to this appeal with an unselfish generosity. They have responded in the past not so much out of fear for themselves and for our country as out of consideration for those of other nations.

## VIETNAM WAR LOST HERE

However, suddenly the threat of a Communist takeover in much of the free world is more imminent from within than we ever feared it might be through the threat of Atomic war.

Most of us are aware right now of the tremendous power of the Communist party in Western Europe (especially in France and Italy).

And now, after getting a foothold in Cuba, the Soviets have been waging an intensive open propaganda campaign throughout Latin America. And they are certainly waging an intensive hidden propaganda campaign in the United States, which surfaced during the Vietnam conflict which

America lost at home rather than on the battlefield.

The Communists rarely win by electoral majorities but by intimidation and force. With less than 15% of the votes they control Portugal at our gateway to Europe (and the Azores have long been of great importance to our defense of the Atlantic).

## BECOMING SURROUNDED

Mexico now leans to Communism and there has been constant agitation around the Panama Canal, vital to the mobility of the Atlantic fleet to protect both the east and the west coast of the United States.

What we had thought could never happen is happening. We are being surrounded by Communist might.

How many of us know that the volume of Soviet weaponry purchased by Peru (according to reports issued a few months ago from the EFE International News Agency in Hamburg) equals the TOTAL arms facility granted by the Soviet Union to North Viet-Last January, Edward Marin, the president of the Argentine Confraternity for the democracy and security of the Americas, stated openly that the Communists are building up a force in Peru for another Vietnam in Latin America, in which ultimately they intend that "the DMZ" will be the border of the United States!

Many Americans will not wake up until this has actually happened. We have had so much to fear with the proliferation of atomic weapons that most of us have crawled into a psychological corner and have refused to look at the reality of the world around us. It is just too frightening.

But to prevent this, Our Lady said She would come to ask for the devotion of the Five First Saturdays and for the consecration of Russia to Her Immaculate Heart.

It was only recently that we fully understood, from letters written by Lucia to spiritual directors, that as soon as the Holy Father joined with all the Bishops of the world in the act of consecrating Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary that the religious persecutions in Russia will cease. The tide will turn. (This will also be dependent upon the Holy Father's promotion of the devotion of the Five First Saturdays of reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary throughout the world.)

When Lucia asked Our Lord why it was necessary for that act of consecration to take place before Russia could be converted, Our Lord replied that it was because He wanted the entire Church to know that it was through the Immaculate Heart of His Mother that this great change had taken place and this great benefit had come to mankind. And Our Lord said that this was because He now wished that the devotion to the Immaculate Heart of His Mother be placed alongside the devotion to His own Sacred Heart.

Edward Marin says present arms buildup in Peru is aimed at Chile. Is the U.S. being prepared now with anti-Chilean propaganda?