



THE WAY OUT!



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Is Nicaragua Communist? If so, will all Central America eventually become a "Soviet missile base"?

These questions were put recently to Jose Alonso, Spanish editor of the Catholic newspaper of the Archdiocese of Miami and formerly editor of a major secular magazine in Cuba with over 3 million readers.

This celebrated expert on Latin America answered: "Nicaragua is Communist. If El Salvador falls, it is likely that all Central America will go the same way."

Then we asked if this meant that in 1982 we are seeing a continuing fulfillment of the 1917 prophecy of Our Lady: "Error will spread from an atheist Russia **throughout the entire world**, fomenting further wars — several entire nations will be annihilated."

In a word, is the situation "hopeless"?

"By No Means!"

Jose Alonso, himself a permanent deacon and a staunch Catholic, told of communities of Catholic missionaries which have been "infiltrated." He spoke of terrorist and Communist organizers trained in Cuba and Libya and working not only in Central America, but extensively within the United States itself! He warned of the "confusion of public opinion" in our nation which brought about our "defeat" in Vietnam (and which has already prepared the way for even greater Communist victories).

As to whether it is hopeless, to our surprise Jose Alonso replied emphatically: "By no means! **Something remarkable is happening**," he said, "**There is an outpouring of the Holy Spirit causing**

many individual lay persons to respond as Our Lady of Fatima requested."

At that very moment in our conversation, Mrs. Julia Ceravolo, wife of a busy doctor, entered the room with a large box of leaflets advertising a lecture on Fatima which she had arranged. She had also scheduled a television interview with two Catholic Bishops to discuss the importance of Fatima.

The truth of what Jose Alonso had just said was right there before us!

Where did Mrs. Ceravolo — and many like her — get the inspiration, the strength, the courage, to do what they are now doing? What gave them the daring to arrange a visit of the Pilgrim Virgin statue, a lecture, a television program about Fatima?

Jose Alonso had just given the answer: The Immaculate Heart of Mary, full of grace (a reservoir of the Holy Spirit for today's world) is already causing the response of millions of Blue Army members (and others). She is causing the floodgates of the "reservoir" to be opened!

"O.K. with Us"

In her recent book **Not Alone**, Mary Lewis Coakley tells of an extraordinary conversation she had with her husband shortly before he was stricken with a massive cerebral hemorrhage. They had been discussing the world situation in much the same manner as the conversation recorded above with Jose Alonso. Suddenly Bill Coakley said: "**Man has gotten himself into such a mess that it seems only God can pull him out.**"

His wife answered: "You're saying what the Blessed Mother said

at Fatima. Her formula for peace and order was to pray and do penance. **Maybe you and I should pray more.**"

As a result, husband and wife began to do what Blue Army cells are asked to do once a week: Read aloud for about twenty minutes from a spiritual book, pray appropriate prayers, and then, as "meditation," discuss together and pray the Rosary.

After only two of these weekly "exercises" in response to the Fatima Message, Bill Coakley said: "There's one thing, Mary, we can do here and now, we can accept the time and manner of our own death. We can tell the Lord that His plan, whatever it is, is OK with us."

Mary Coakley had been thinking only about accepting the nasty rainy weather, and her husband added:

"When we get sick, who knows how capable we'll be of conscious compliance?"

"A Living Sacrifice..."

Only days later the massive stroke exploded in the brain of Bill Coakley and into the lives of this beautiful couple — trailing into four and a half years of mutual Calvary, graphically and beautifully told in Mary Coakley's masterful book, **Not Alone**. (It is "must" reading for widows or persons who have or may be undergoing a similar experience. To order a copy, see p. 31.)

If Mary Coakley had not written her book, few ever would have known that a man in a suburb of Philadelphia **had offered his life**, and that his wife joined with him in months of **incredible** Calvary saying: "Remembering what he had said, I had long believed that every moment he lay upon his hospital

bed he was in a sense offering himself as a living sacrifice...."

Hopeless?

"A Jacinta-Like Response"

In a past issue of SOUL we read the extraordinary story of Johanna Block — and how response to the Message of Fatima — on a scale at first even smaller than that of the Coakley's weekly "hour of meditation," led to a change in her whole family and finally to a weekly series of Radio Rosary programs affecting thousands!

I wrote a book about all this called **Explosion of the Supernatural** back in 1975. Fortunately it "sold out" and needs some updating before reprinting. But in over two hundred pages it affirms from many experiences that **God is now raising up chosen saints**. They are the saints of our time and cause us to look at the creeping empire of Soviet atheism not in the light of annihilation of nations but in the light of Our Lady's promise: "If my requests are heard...Russia will be converted and there will be peace."

To a degree few of us can imagine ...in Blue Army cells (and others) throughout the world there is a Jacinta-like increasingly generous response to the appeal of Our Mother Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart so that its triumph promised at Fatima may come and come soon.

It's so easy: Just joining together once a week (if only with **one** other person) to read, to think, to pray the Rosary together, that like the children of Fatima we may help Our Lady save the world as She has promised!

Holy See Approves Blue Army President



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Vatican, February 3, 1982

Your Excellency:

It gives me great pleasure to announce to you the official communication of the decision of the Holy See so that Your Excellency may accept the responsibility as President and Ecclesiastical Assistant of the Worldwide Apostolate of Fatima (the Blue Army), which has been offered to you by the leaders of this Movement.

The Holy See recognizes, therefore, Your Excellency as the official intermediary of the "Apostolate of Fatima" as President and Ecclesiastical Assistant. Likewise, you will also be recognized in the same way by the Ordinaries of the various dioceses and Episcopal Conferences with whom you will be in contact because of the involvement of your responsibilities. The Holy See promises to cooperate with Your Excellency in everything which may serve the well-being of this association in its participation in the life and mission of the Church.

We are most confident, Your Excellency, that in your new responsibility, you will be able to offer an essential contribution in promoting and guiding this apostolate in order to clarify and affirm the doctrinal and spiritual direction of the Magisterium in communion with the authorities of the Church and also to define precisely the statutes, organization, finances and its progress.

Deeply grateful for your generous disposition and service, uniting our prayers with those of Christ and Our Lady, we remain,

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WEST COAST TO BE VISITED BY BISHOP HASTRICH AND JOHN HAFFERT

The Fourth Annual Meeting of the Queen of the Americas Guild will take place at the Claretian Center, 1119 Westchester Pl., in Los Angeles beginning July 16, Feast of Our Lady of the Scapular (a Friday). It will close on Sunday, July 18.

Bishop Hastrich, National President of the Blue Army, and John Haffert, National Lay Delegate, will be present. All Blue Army members are welcome! Cost for the three days, including rooms and meals, is \$75.00. For details and reservations, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to The Blue Army, Washington, N.J. 07882.

Last year the Conference was held near Chicago and Bishop Hastrich suggested that it be held this year on the West Coast "so that we may have personal contact with more of our dedicated leaders."

