

# 'West Urged to Open Political Offensive

WASHINGTON (AP)—A congressional committee Monday cautioned the world not to be deceived by Communist "peaceful coexistence" propaganda but to be prepared for "armed aggression" when Russia "is convinced the proper time has arrived."

The Kremlin's "peaceful coexistence" line, the committee said, is propaganda designed to gain time to divide and destroy free world alliances and pave the way for World War III.

## POSITIVE OFFENSIVE

To counteract the Communist menace, the committee urged that the United States "immediately launch a positive, bipartisan, political offensive against the international Communist conspiracy and in behalf of the enslaved nations."

## Pope Attacks Military Pacts

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Pius XII Monday criticized recent accords—presumably the rival military pacts reached at Paris and Moscow—as having no basis for "more extensive European unification."

He called for construction of "a bridge of peace" between East and West.

## LENGTHY MESSAGE

The message of the 78-year-old head of the Roman Catholic Church was one of his longest and most important recently made. Written in Italian, it was distributed by the Vatican Press Office and published in the Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano.

Still weakened by the recent grave illness which caused fear for his life, the Pope was unable to deliver his message on Christmas Eve as he had for the 15 previous years. However, he recorded an abbreviated message which was broadcast over the Vatican radio at that time.

The Pope made apparent reference to the Paris accords for bringing a reasoned West Germany into NATO and the counter-Moscow conference project for a unified Communist command in Europe, including East German troops. He said:

## NATIONALIST STATE

"Recent accords which have opened the way to a cold peace no longer have for a basis the ideal of a more extensive European unification. Many, in fact, believe that the governing policy is for a return to a kind of nationalistic state, closed within itself, centralizing therein its forces, unsettled in its choice of alliances and, consequently, no less perilous than that which had its time of richest development during the last century."

"Too soon," the Pope warned, "have been forgotten the enormous mass of lives sacrificed and goods exorted by this time of state, and the crushing economic and spiritual burdens imposed by it."

The committee, a special nine-man House group created to study Communist aggression, based its report on 50 public hearings in the United States and abroad. Many of its 335 witnesses were eyewitnesses and actual victims of Communist crimes. The committee was headed by Rep. Kersten (R-Wis.), who was defeated in the November election.

## OPPORTUNE TIME

"The time was never more opportune for the free world to initiate a bold, positive political offensive as the only course which gives reasonable hope for avoiding all-out war," the committee said.

As part of this offensive, the committee urged wider support for the United States Information Agency, operating the Voice of America, and the private Committee for Free Europe (Radio Free Europe). It also recommended Congress create a joint committee on all U.S. overseas information programs.

## CONFERENCE URGED

It suggested that the President convene an international conference of all non-Communist nations to solidify them, to sever all diplomatic recognition of Moscow-controlled governments and to terminate all commercial treaties and trade with Communist peoples.

The United States, it said, should seek to have the United Nations brand Russia as an aggressor against "all nations enslaved by communism."

Basically, the committee said, the objective of Communist aggression is to destroy civilization, to abolish the family as the basic unit of civilization, and to create a superstate sustained by terrorism, barbarity, slave labor and the destruction of religion and culture.

## FINAL SHOWDOWN

The committee said the Communist conspiracy is now engaged in "the process of consolidating its empire and preparing for the final showdown with the still free nations."

When the Communist leaders decide that the time is appropriate, the committee said, no pretext will be "too insignificant" to serve as an excuse for armed aggression.

The committee rejected the theory that war would result if the United States took "positive and overt action against the Communist conspiracy."

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