

DEMOCRACY vs. COMMUNISM

Everyone has basic rights and freedoms guaranteed.

No one has guaranteed rights. Everyone is subservient to fourteen Politbureau dictators.

Freedom of the Person

No arrest without warrant; no arbitrary seizure of persons or property or search of homes. Trial by jury guaranteed.

Arbitrary arrests; imprisonment without trial, police seize anyone; search any home; everyone watched by spies.

Other Freedoms

Free press and radio, free speech.

State controlled press and radio; persons criticizing government imprisoned.

Freedom to seek truth, in schools, in universities. Religious freedom.

State tells everyone what to believe, though often untrue. Church dominated by state.

Representative Government

Government by laws enacted by chosen representatives of the people.

Government by decrees of dictators, without consent of the people.

Free elections, candidates nominated in primary elections or conventions of parties.

One party "elections," candidates chosen by Communist party officials.

Economic Freedom

Anyone is free to start any kind of business.

State controls all business. No private enterprise.

Anyone may own a home, farm or business.

State owns housing facilities, farms, businesses.

Worker is free to choose job and change job.

State dictates job, freezes worker in job.

Result

High living standards.

Miserable living standards.