

# Reflections

by Alta Nye Oxendine

Let's keep the people who have been traumatized by the killing in that Colorado high school in our prayers, along with refugees and others everywhere who are being persecuted.

**Yugoslavia**  
Concerning the Serbs, by the time other republics were hoping to gain their independence from Yugoslavia, there were many Serbs living in those republics. They were naturally against being politically separated from their families still living in Serbia. So they were willing to fight to keep their homes and to keep things the way they were. (It was the Serbs, not the Croats who resisted the Nazis during the second World War.) It was easy to get the Serbs in Croatia and Bosnia to fight against other ethnic groups in those republics. Also to get most Serbs in Serbia to fight to regain the province of Kosovo. There was at least one group in Serbia who were opposed to Milosevic and who carried on fervent demonstrations against him a few years ago. Our country did not get involved at that time!

**Trusting Communist Leaders**  
In the early 90's I thought former president George Bush and his administration were far to naive and trusting when it came to "former Communist" leaders! In fact, I believe THAT administration may be partly, indirectly, responsible for the fact that Mikhail Gorbachev is (according to what I've heard) now living in California, at least part of the time. Though he is NOT held in very high esteem in Russia, or by some of the rest of us, some Americans now consider Gorbachev to be an expert consultant on international matters!

I'd rather be right than wrong about Gorbachev. But, in spite of his charisma (or BECAUSE of it) I'm convinced that he has been one of the most successful FALSE manipulators of all time!

Most members of our present administration including Madeline Albright (who, as a girl, lived in Europe under Nazi and then later Communist control) seem to me to be acting like they don't have a CLUE as to how the international Communist

"Cult" has been operating for over 80 years!

A career military man recently remarked that, under communism, each child is "brainwashed" from age six. Reminded me of the personal story told by Sergei Kourdakov in his book, The Persecutor.

Is there ANY presidential candidate out there who knows at least SOMETHING about what's really going on behind the false facades we keep seeing all around us? I certainly hope so!

I believe EVERY single man or woman who considers running for president or for Congress should be required to "bone up" on the subject, instead of just assuming that the "House Committee" and Joe McCarthy were DEAD WRONG about any COMMUNIST THREAT in this country and elsewhere. According to a new book based on the KGB files that were finally opened a few years ago to non-communists, McCarthy was five years too LATE in hunting for communism in the U.S. Government. After Elizabeth Bentley defected from the American Communist Party (now CPUSA), Communists were quickly pulled out of government positions, according to the man being interviewed by Charlie Rose a month or so ago. I was unable to get down his name or the title of the book. Can someone else fill me in on the name of the book and author? I want to study the book when I can find time. I think all of us should!

Primakov, who seems to be calling most of the shots in Russia because Yeltsin's health problems is former head of the KGB there. And yet, our own leaders act as though we can trust him to talk sense into Milosevic, a dictator who is a "former" Communist comrade (perhaps a PRESENT Communist comrade) who now is said to belong to the "Socialist" Party! His wife, I've read, is still a member of the Communist Party.

By the way several years ago I asked Bruce Barton what he thought about Yugoslavia, after he had visited that country with other educators. His reply: "I would hate to live in a Communist country!"

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