

Reflections By Alta Nye Oxendine

I CARE ABOUT PEOPLE
For those who do not know me, I may appear to have become a callous "anti-Communist" with nothing better to do with my time than to go around attacking Communists. But those who know me well realize that I am in this world to HELP, (not hurt) anyone and everyone whom (with my limited resources) I possibly can.

NOT MY FIRST CHOICE OF TOPICS

I would never have dreamed, a few years ago, that I would one day find myself spending hour upon hour studying, and then attempting to share what I've learned about a subject such as Communism. Not until I was nearly 60 did I begin taking seriously the probability that the Communist movement was begun with the United States in mind, along with the rest of the world.

At first I found such a prospect so frightening that I became paralyzed emotionally, totally unable to relax. Two and a half months in Montana mother brought healing.

Since then, the more I've studied and observed, the better able I've been to appreciate the pull and fascination which Communism's belief system and comprehensive lifestyle hold for so many persons and groups around the world. I've come to understand a lot about the man, Lenin, who appears to some of us to be Mikhail Gorbachev's hero, as well as his mentor. As I've mentioned before, Vladimir I. Ulianov took his older brother's revolutionary name, Lenin, after Alexander, who had been his hero, was executed by the regime of their Russian czar, for merely plotting assassination.

GORBACHEV--AN ENIGMA

Now I'm trying to understand Mikhail Gorbachev. For what are likely a number of different reasons (perhaps some of a personal nature) Gorbachev seems to be rejecting the atrocities committed by Josef Stalin, one after another.

Over and over, however, Gorbachev has been quoted as insisting that he is not rejecting Communism (Marxism-Leninism) just reforming it, taking it back to its purer beginnings. And it must be clear by now that Gorbachev is a Pragmatist, likely the most realistic Communist leader since Lenin, and in many ways even more flexible.

IS COMMUNISM DEAD?

Like his predecessors, however, Mikhail Gorbachev is still relying on the Soviet "Secret Political Police," originally called the Cheka, now simply referred to as the KGB.

(Although I have not yet been able to check this out, I am sure I heard a Jewish man who had been allowed to leave Russia remark in a TV interview shortly before the Malta Summit that he was not sure of Gorbachev's real intentions, that Gorbachev had served as the number two man under Andropov in the KGB. I was aware that Andropov, who was the Soviet Premier immediately before Gorbachev, had been head of the KGB. Never before or since have I heard this statement about Gorbachev.)

In any case, the last news I heard about the situation involving Lithuania was that this tiny country trying to establish its independence had been encircled by the KGB. Let's keep our eyes and ears open.

Is Communism already dead? I doubt it.

Pembroke Kiwanis Report

The regular monthly business meeting was held on the last Tuesday of the month at the Town and Country Restaurant with President Ronnie Sutton presiding.

A thank you note was presented from Mrs. Darlene Ransom, regarding the hundred dollars donated to the Drug and Related Diseases Program by President Sutton.

Chairman Bill Oxendine announced tickets will go on sale soon for a large wheel lawn mower to be drawn at 12:00 noon at the Lumbee Homecoming on June 30th at the Town Park. Kirk's Hardware is furnishing the mower at cost. President Sutton made the arrangements with Pembroke Hardware.

Scout Master, Francis Pinchbeck, was presented by Scout Chairman Ed Teets. He then, with scouts, Brock Gurr, Senior Patrol Leader, Tony Locklear, James Locklear, Christerfer Hatcher, and Derrick Locklear presented the official Boy Scouts of America Charter to the Pembroke Kiwanis Club. Scout Master Pinchbeck thanked the Club for its support and the Charter's expressed development objectives are character development, citizenship training, mental and physical fitness subject to the rules and regulations of the Boy Scouts of America. And signed by Ben H. Love, Executive Director of Boy Scouts of America.

Bill Oxendine asked for \$125 for the Boy Scouts and it was approved unanimously.

Ronnie Sutton presented his

brother Gerald from Boise, Idaho, now retired from UPS. "The State has a big potatoe industry; it has extremes in weather from very dry to the mountains reservoir of water used for irrigation in the dry summers. It is great in hunting and fishing. It has great timber in the northern part and a great sugar beets industry. They also have great skiing in Sun Valley and other fine resorts."

Presiding-Ronnie Sutton; Invocation-Pete Jacobs; Song Leader-Clay Maynor;



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Pembroke Jr. High News



Mr. Earlie Maynor visited Pembroke Junior High School recently. He spoke to eighth grade students and the Journalism Class. He spoke to the students about being healthy mentally and physically. At the conclusion of his speech, he reminded the students about eating properly, getting proper rest, being obedient to their parents, and thinking positive about themselves. These things, according to Mr. Maynor, have given him longevity. He is nearing 79 years of age. He displayed his 29 years of perfect attendance pins and stated that he expected to receive the 30th.

Birthday Celebrated



Mrs. Martha Ann Locklear celebrated her 73rd birthday April 21, 1990. It was celebrated at the home of her daughter. The following families attended: Mr. Murel Locklear and family; Mr. Nolan Jacobs and family; Mr. Harlis Cummings and family; Mr. Tyrone Locklear and family; Mr. Thurston Locklear and family; Mr. Kirby Locklear and family; Mr. Carlos Santiago and family; Mrs. Velear Cummings.

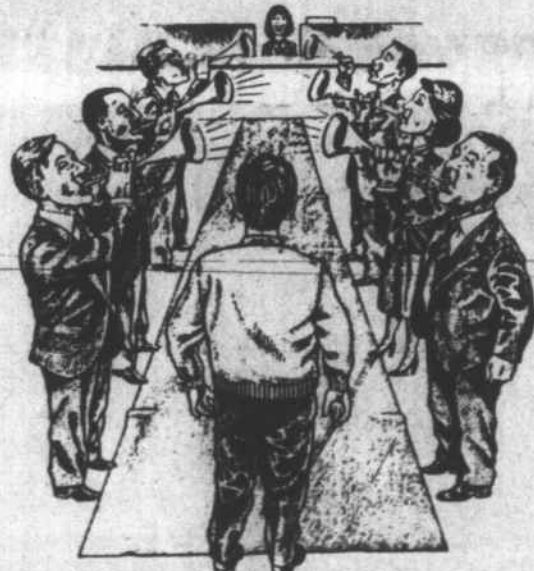
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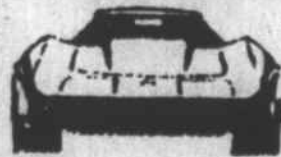
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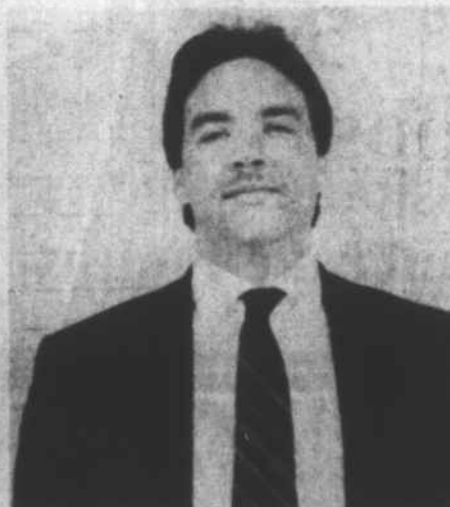
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