

The other night I heard President Reagan speak. It seemed to me that he presented evidence that was absolutely unanswerable. He simply declared the facts as they are. Great large planes filled with medical supplies from Bolivia. Why should Bolivia be sending medical supplies? Medical supplies from Lybia (that must be what you said that I took for Bolivia) stopping to refuel in Brazil. The Brazillians wondered about it. They examined the plane -- one of the planes-- and found they were filled with the latest Soviet war equipment which would enable Nicaragua to be more powerful than any other nation in this continent except the U.S.

The Brazillians kept the munitions and allowed the planes to go on. But in the island of Granada which the communists have taken over, they are now building a great airport large enough to receive those big planes. Once that is finished it will be possible for Lybia to send as many munitions as they desire without our having any way to intercept them or even to know about them!

After Reagan presented this situation in which our very existence as an independent nation is at stake, after he presented it, congressman after congressman spoke saying how silly it is for Reagan to have this silly fear and how after all these people are peace loving people. And after all the trouble in Salvadore is simply that there is poverty, and that they should take the guerillas that the Russians and Cubans are training and equipping and we should negotiate with them just as Chamberlain negotiated with Hitler!

Reagan

How quickly we forget. I heard/on the radio tonight and I thought well maybe there's still action may be taken that will prevent any great overthrow in this country. Then I heard Congressmen after Congressmen speaking this way. And many said they were speaking that way because that was what their constituents wanted them to say.

It seemed to me that humanly speaking there is no escape from our having sometime in the near future, perhaps in three years, perhaps in 10 years, perhaps it may even be postponed 30 years, we cannot say it will be that long. Are we in exactly the situation that country after country after country in eastern Europe is in today. So I do not see there is much at present we can do about this situation, but I do feel that it is tremendously important that we think what it's implications are for our lives.

Supposing that you are in a position like ministers in Bulgaria and Rumania and Czechoslovakia were placed in. They must either deny their Lord or be subject to imprisonment, to torture, to all sorts of methods the Communists use. Will you be ready? Suppose you were in the situation of that English missionary of whom I read who 30 years ago was in Tibet preaching the Gospel, and the Communist forces came through.