

PROTECT
FREEDOM

INTERNAT. - PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE
IRON CURTAIN

HELP FROM THE FREE -- HOPE FOR THE FORGOTTEN

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More than a hundred years ago, Abraham
Lincoln declared that ~~our government could~~
not endure half slave and half free.

It took a tragic war, and the lives
of many American brothers, to prove Lincoln
right.

Today, the people of the United
States enjoy a national freedom unexcelled
in the history of mankind.

We have our freedom. We love it.
We guard it. We keep it.

But we must do more. Freedom is a
condition too precious and too basic

to be limited to one people, or to one nation.

↳ A hundred years ago, the crisis of our time was a conflict in a nation of states.

Today, the crisis of our time is a conflict in a world of nations.

↳ The conflict grips us and all men. We are no longer separate -- we can no longer ignore -- the total affairs and conflicts of this small planet.

↳ Today we must be told -- with the clarity and eloquence of Lincoln -- that our world cannot endure half slave and half free.

"Half slave" is an understatement.

More, much more than half the people
of the world are ~~slaves~~ *in a real sense, 'enslaved'!*

Millions of men and women are slaves
to hunger. They are ^{bound} rigidly to pathetic
physical weakness and stagnation.

Slaves
to
hunger

Millions of men and women are slaves
to disease. They are walled off from
fruitful, productive activity and work.

Disease

Millions of men and women are slaves to
ignorance. They are chained to backward,
primitive lives by illiteracy.

Ignorance

America can -- America must help break
the chains. America must break down the
walls and rip apart the bonds which enslave
millions of human beings to misery, hunger,
disease, ignorance.

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↳ We, as free men, must send help. They,
as forgotten men, must be given hope.

↳ It is in our power to help. We and
our lands have the resources, the strength,
the productivity to do the job.

↳ We have the opportunity and the programs
to do the job. Legislation, such as my Food
& ~~Health~~ for Peace
for Peace program, has already been offered
to Congress.

↳ The job is immense, and our effort must
be massive. We must have dedicated leadership
in the government for programs which can be
developed only through the government.

↳ But there is one type of slavery which
requires more than government programs and
the attention of government officials.

That is the slavery of men and women
behind the Iron Curtain -- men and women
in Central and Eastern Europe and other nations
dominated by Communist rule.

We cannot throw out irresponsible promises
about "liberation" to these people.

We cannot do anything which might
precipitate global war and nuclear conflict.

We cannot do anything which might help
to strengthen the physical or economic
foundations of Communist rule.

And, sadly, we cannot reach the people
beyond the Iron Curtain through the
mechanics of Government.

The governments of these Communist

nations do not represent the hearts of the people. They represent only autocracies designed to control the people.

↳ All of these are things which we cannot do in our attempt to bring hope and freedom to the slaves of totalitarian domination.

We must face these facts.

↳ Let me now state what we can do as free men and women concerned with others who are not free.

We can increase and expand positive people-to-people programs which will bring hope to the millions trapped behind the Iron Curtain.

↳ We can remind the captive people and their Soviet masters that we do not accept as right

or final the imposition of Communist rule.

↳ We can exert constructive action and
positive programs which appeal to enslaved
peoples and tend to negate the force of
Communist rule.

↳ Such programs are practical and possible
in the basic fields of health, education and
food uses.

Let me give you one example.

↳ I was able to get Congressional
authorization for the establishment of
the American Research Hospital for Children
in Krakow, Poland.

This hospital was financed with Public
Law 480 funds. It did not cost the taxpayers
of America a cent.

1 The Polish children's hospital accomplishes two purposes. The first, and most important, is that it will help promote research on children's diseases everywhere in the world.

2 The second purpose is to offer solid evidence of American humanitarianism and goodwill to the people of Poland and satellite countries. The hospital is a wedge and a weapon against Soviet domination over the lives and the minds of the people.

3 Solid achievements such as the Polish children's hospital will bring us steadily closer to victory in the struggle between Communism and the free world.

4 We cannot hope to win that struggle, we cannot hope to extend freedom throughout

the world unless the United States launches
many more such concrete programs, programs
which have an immediate effect on the people
in satellite countries.

With determined leadership, our government
can lead the way.

But as a free people, we cannot rely solely
on government programs and government action.

In a democratic society, government is
but the surface strength of the nation.

Our nation can be compared with the
physical shape of an iceberg. The government
is only the upper tip seen above the water.

The people of the nation represent the
mass of strength and form which holds the tip

of government high enough for the world to see.

↳ We are not tapping the real strength of
America -- the people. We are not calling
on the people themselves to provide the real
thrust we must have to reach the men and
women behind the Iron Curtain.

↳ The Iron Curtain is a physical and
political curtain, which can become even
more rigid and impregnable in times of
political crisis.

↳ Let us break through the Iron Curtain
with Human, people-to-people efforts, not
just government programs.

↳ Let us challenge the people of the United

States to work individually, personally and
freely to bring hope directly to the people
behind the Iron Curtain. *16*

Each of us can ask our government to
provide the inspiration and the leadership,
but each of us must work in a voluntary,
personal way.

We can work through our churches, our
farmers' ~~unions~~ *groups*, our labor organizations,
our Parent Teachers Association, our civic
and fraternal clubs. We can, from the local
level and through the groups in which we are
personally and directly linked, sponsor and
develop programs such as the Children's
hospital ~~in Poland~~ *or a library, or a school.*

↳ This is the challenge of our time. We must pursue a policy of peace, freedom and justice for all men. We must -- as a free people -- exhibit a Good Neighbor Policy toward the people under Communist domination.

↳ The world totters precariously today on a thin balance between freedom and slavery.

↳ The world is nudged toward open conflict and nuclear war by angry governments.

↳ If our world is to endure, if mankind is to survive, the free people of America must begin now to reach those who are enslaved.

↳ We cannot sit back and enjoy our own freedom. The wisdom of Lincoln remains with us today.

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of men, no world in which all men are

interdependent ^{long} can endure half slave and

half free.

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