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UP-TO-DATE and BEYOND -By S. J. Phillips, Pres.

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fellow citizens with mixed feelings; aware of the tremendous pressure under which most of us live today—the threat of allout war, the loss of loved ones, heavy taxation, fear of an atomic attack, shortages, rationing-these and hundreds of other situations and conditions cause grave concern. Yet, I am not unmindful of other serious events in this country when proved to be beneficial to Negroes. World Wars One and Two enabled Negroes to make great strides in many fields of

If others would be little, we can be great; if orthers would be mean, we can be good. If others would push us down we we can help push them up.

-Booker T. Washington-

HOW SERIOUS IS COMMUNISM?

To answer that question, I quest was their ultimate aim. They lost.

Imperialist Russia has similar designs, according to authentic sources. Before the physical struggle with Russia actually begins however, the Kremlin seeks to impose its thoughts, its form of government, its ideas upon the unsuspecting, weak-minded, un-

I begin this series of articles to my prepared nations of the world. Many countries have already been J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the ing a stand toward off the spread ters of the gospel to promote their others upon a stream," expresof Communist domination. Is evil work and espouse a cause sive of their hopes for the future Communism serious? Yes, deadly. that is alien to the religion of Many people seem to think that Christ and Judaism." little its influence. They say it vicious so-called religious organhasn't touched them - they izations in this country: The Peowouldn't know a Communist, if ple's Institute of Applied Religion, they saw one. Is this a witch- Birmingham, Alabama, and Methhunt, a red-herring-what is odist Federation for Social Action, Communism?

and our counter-esponiage, plus Communsts ideas. recent laws requiring agents of causes of World War II. These ing, making their activities harder Christendom and Communism. idealogies, imposed upon the to check-by the public. They Communism is an ever-present people of Germany and Italy by are still working though . . . danger. Don't be misled by false ruthless dictators, flushed with stealing our war plans, disrupt- claims of a more abundant life political and minor military vic- ing our war production with under imperialist communism; if tories, became a challenge to our strikes, infiltrating our organiza- you can't make it here, you can't form of government. World con- tions, screaming about the in- make it anywhere.

justices to Negroes (Martinsville case), staging boycotts, inventing grievances, picketting, and spearheading minority group complaints whenever there is the slightest chance to arouse, cajole, and inflame. They do these things in the name of liberty, justice and freedom. Democracy is not perfect, yet. But no Russian or Communist has ever been able to prove or show that people in Russia, or any other Communistdominated country have as much spiritual and mental independence as we have in the United States of America.

What To Do About Communism Communism is more than a po-

ments you are asked to join.

control of thought and action.

atheism.

Communism is a rea' danger swallowed into the Russian orbit. FBI, who said: "I confess to a real Korea is the last, and there the apprehension, so long as Com- people." The early pioneers of free nations of the earth are tak- munists are able to secure minis-

Communism is a myth. They be- Here are two of the most New York City. Neither or these Because of the activities of the have official 'church' connection. Federal Bureau of Investigation Both use the church to teach

"The Protestant" is a magaa foreign government to register, zine which spreads Communist might ask one: How serious was Communists are no longer parad- propaganda under the guise of be-Nazism and Fascism? We know ing the streets and holding meet- ing a religious journal. Its purpose that both of these isms were the ings. They have gone into hid- is to 'build a bridge' between

ATE MISTORICAL SOCIETY My column a few weeks back on the naming of Nebraska has personal freedom, opportunity, prompted requests that I discuss the naming of Omaha.

by JAMES C. OLSON, Superintendent

Nebraska's first city appropriately is named for the tribe of tilical theory based on the su- which it is built. The Omaha, a used as the official designation, premacy of the state; it is totali- tribe belonging to the so-called the "City of Omaha." The town tarian. Its purpose is complete Dhegiha group of the Siouan family. The Dhegiha lived at one time Since Communism thrives upon on the Ohio and Wabash rivers. deceit, you can help to expose In the course of their westward them. Get to know the facts migration, possibly about 1500, a about organizations and move- separation occurred. The Quapaw went down the Mississippi and the If you are a worker, skilled or Omaha went north, ranging unskilled, become more profi- through Iowa and into Minnesota, cient; don't shirk on the job. Help and eventually located in what is to improve living conditions in now eastern Nebraska. In 1854, in your neighborhood; work with a treaty negotiated at Washingcivic groups to clean-up and ton, they ceded their lands in Nepaint-up. "Cleanliness is next braska to the United States Sento Godliness": Communism is ate, with the exception of a reservation.

The word Omaha means, "those inside our churches according to going against the wind or current." Sometimes this is translated to mean, "the upstream Omaha translated it as "above all of the city they were founding.

It is a little uncertain just how the name was applied to the town,

Omaha was founded in 1854 by the Council Bluffs and Nebraska Ferry Company. On May 6 of that year, Bernhart Henn, who represented western Iowa in Congress, wrote Dr. J. D. Test, of Council Bluffs, that he had got a post office established at "Omaha City" and had A. D. Jones appointed postmaster.

Alfred Sorenson's History of Omaha, published in 1889, quotes Experience Estabrook, first United States attorney for Ne-braska and a delegate to Congress, to the effect that the name Omaha was adopted by the ferry company simply because it was pretty and was borne by the

nearest tribe of Indians in the vicinity.

It has been suggested that credit for adoption of the name should go to Dr. Enos Lowe, president of the ferry company and later a prominent citizen of Omaha. Still others claim that Joseph E. Johnson, editor of the Omaha Arrow, the city's first newspaper, and one of Nebraska's most colorful journalists, should have credit for naming the city.

In any event, all will agree that the name was well chosen. The town was first known as Omaha City (every place with any pretensions at all had to have the word "city" in its name), but the Indians who owned the land on legislative act incorporating it soon came to be known simply as "Omaha."

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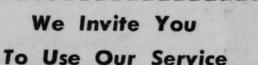
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