

RESOLUTION ON: 50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BOLSHEVIK REVOLUTION

ADOPTED BY NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
YOUNG AMERICANS FOR FREEDOM  
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November 7th will mark the 50th anniversary of one of the greatest disasters in history - the Bolshevik seizure of power in Russia. From the country the communist blight has spread until it embraces a billion human beings:

We free Americans record:

THAT during this half-century, communism has been directly responsible for the extermination of at least 85 million people through civil war, man-made famine, blood purges, genocidal deportations and executions, in torture chambers and in history's largest concentration camps;

THAT communism has systematically destroyed moral and spiritual values; has persecuted all religions and placed myriad minds in the chains of thought control;

THAT communism set the pattern for Fascism, Nazism and other varieties of totalitarianism, and that its relentless drive for world domination has kept the world in a state of turmoil;

THAT since 1917 not one of the nations conquered by force or seized by subterfuge has been permitted a free election, nor has any free people ever voted to adopt communism in preference to democracy;

THAT during these 50 years, all communist dictatorships have preached "liberation" while practicing unlimited oppression to consolidate their rule based on terror;

THEREFORE, believing that it is the solemn duty of all those who cherish freedom and conscience to speak for the silenced and to honor the martyred dead;

WE, free American individuals and organizations, do proclaim November 7th a

DAY OF MOURNING FOR THE VICTIMS OF COMMUNISM

We call on free men everywhere to observe that week by meetings and prayers and by disseminating this Proclamation; and

We call on every community to rededicate itself in its own way to restoring the freedoms already destroyed for a billion human beings and threatened by communism for the rest of mankind.

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as soon as possible. Thank you

Press release from:  
Young Americans for Freedom

CITIZEN GROUPS PROCLAIM NOVEMBER SEVENTH  
"A DAY OF MOURNING FOR THE VICTIMS OF COMMUNISM"

The Soviets have organized world-wide celebrations for November 7th, to mark the 50th anniversary of the Bolshevik seizure of power in Russia.

To counter these celebrations of communist power, November 7th has been proclaimed a "Day of Mourning for the Victims of Communism" by a group of prominent Americans and over 60 organizations in the United States--patriotic, civic, veterans, ethnic, captive nations and religious -- including Young Americans for Freedom.

Announcement of the Day of Mourning was made by a Coordinating Committee in behalf of the participating groups, many of whom represent world-wide opposition to international communism from Cuba to China, and in behalf of well-known Americans supporting the action. They described the effort as a spontaneous voluntary response to the wish of many organizations and individuals, hitherto unassociated, to counter together the massive Soviet celebration which has been in preparation for over two years.

The formal Proclamation calls upon communities throughout the country to observe the week of November 7th with memorial ceremonies, religious services and in other ways to "remember the heroic dead" and indict the crimes of communism.

Acting on American initiative, the Day of Mourning was also proclaimed by a resolution adopted on September 28th by the World Anti-Communist League and the Asian Peoples' Anti-Communist League, at their joint conference, just concluded in Taipei, Taiwan. The Conference represented organizations from 72 nations plus 15 international organizations. The American delegation was headed by former Congressman Dr. Walter H. Judd.

The National Board of Directors of Young Americans for Freedom unanimously passed a resolution of support for the "Day of Mourning" at its meeting on October 7, 1967. All chapters have been urged to participate.

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Among the first prominent Americans to sign the Proclamation are: Cardinal Spellman; Rev. Daniel Poling; Cardinal Cushing; Rev. Frank W. Lowry; Hon. Frances Bolton; Prof. Frank N. Trager; Gen. Thomas S. Power (USAF Ret.) Prof. Stefan T. Possony; Hon. Spruille Braden; Gen. A. C. Wedemeyer (USA Ret.) Elliott Macrae; Hon. Charles Edison; Dr. Kenneth D. Wells; Prof. Anthony T. Bousaren; Igor Sikorsky; Allan B. Kline; Patrick J. Frawley and William L. White. More than 100 signatures have already been

received from other American leaders

Anti-Communist groups in other free countries have been apprised of the American action and already, according to the Committee, it is clear that the Day of Mourning will be observed in many parts of the non-communist world.

"During this half-century" the Proclamation declared, "communism has been responsible for the extermination of at least 85 - million people; has systematically destroyed moral, intellectual and spiritual values; persecuted all religions; set the pattern for Fascism and Nazism; has preached "liberation" while practicing unlimited oppression.

The undertaking was prompted by the need to "counter-act the anniversary barrage of propaganda of communism now inundating the world." The Committee expressed appreciation for the tremendous initial support from all quarters and suggests that churches, synagogues, civic and fraternal groups and communities throughout the U.S. arrange solemn memorial events.



## THE YOUTH EMPLOYMENT ACT

Two of the most critical challenges facing the United States today are reduction of unemployment and conservation of the nation's natural resources. A big step can be taken now to boost employment opportunities - particularly for our young men and women - and to end the waste of our great natural resources.

The step is Congressional approval for my bill - the first to be introduced this year - titled "The Youth Employment Act."

As sponsor of The Youth Employment Act, I am particularly pleased by the interest shown by Indian tribes and organizations interested in Indian welfare. These groups are to be commended for their astuteness in recognizing the benefits which this legislation can offer to Indian reservation areas as well as to the whole country.

The two features of this bill - formally designated "S.1" in the Senate and given top priority by the Administration and Congressional leaders - call for establishment of a Youth Conservation Corps and a home-town youth employment program.

The Youth Conservation Corps, under S.1, would recruit up to 15,000 young men from the ages of 16 through 21 in the first year of operation and up to 60,000 for the next four years. In recruiting youngsters for this program, special preference will be accorded to residents of "redevelopment areas." Every major Indian Reservation of the Country has been designated a "redevelopment area."

The members of the Corps would be put to work on valuable and necessary conservation projects in National and State forests and parks and other public as well as Indian lands. They would be trained and supervised by adult foresters, rangers and other expert conservationists.

Each boy could renew his sixth month enlistment for a total of two years, and would receive classroom instruction, room and board and a modest monthly salary.

This program closely resembles the Civilian Conservation Corps of the Thirties, which many Indians regarded and still regard as one of the most valuable development programs ever undertaken on Indian reservations. Many a Reservation Indian acquired skills and work habits in the CCC which have seen him through life since then.

The home-town youth employment program - under Title 2 of my bill - would concentrate on training and employment of both young men and women in the communities in which they reside.

This part of the bill provides for matching grants by the Federal government to States and local communities, including Indian tribes, for on-the-job training and service by young men and women in public programs.

The young people in this program would be trained for and put to work in such public projects as hospitals and clinics, recreation facilities and settlement houses for older citizens.

Both the Youth Conservation Corps and the home-town youth employment program are designed to meet an obvious and critical need in the Nation today - to

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end the waste of the energies and potential talents of our young people who want, but can not find, positive employment.

The sheer volume of that waste is shocking. Almost one million out-of-school teen-agers are now looking for full-time jobs. More than 16 per cent of the Nation's young men and women under the age of 21 are unemployed. On Indian Reservations the percentage is far above the national average, the percentage of Reservation unemployment of all ages, exceeding 40%. At best, the result of youth unemployment is the simple loss of time, energy and talent by our young people. At worst, the result is juvenile crime and delinquency. Both results are of continuing serious concerns to Indian Tribal leaders, as they are to community leaders generally.

The Youth Employment Act will not solve completely the problem of unemployment. Nor will it end the pathetic and costly pattern of juvenile delinquency.

It is a first step - a big first step - toward the day when all of our young people have a chance to avoid wasted years of emptiness and trouble and to learn skills and make positive contributions to the Nation.

The first bill of the 88th Congress will, I believe, become the first major legislation approved by the 88th Congress. With increased expression of support for the Youth Employment Act by the people, Congress will act soon and favorably.