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A FOREST SACRIFICE

Holy Church can unite in her communion sections of the human race separate in culture and customs by thousands of years. We, in the van of human progress, join hands with these savages whose tenure of land makes our own appear as of yesterday; and in the common experience of a common salvation we realize that our spiritual need remains fundamentally the same as that of peoples who are still the prey of a host of superstitions from whose power we claim liberation.

Religion in Russia

It is reported that during the year 1935, 14,000 churches were closed in Russia. A Polish publication reproduced official Soviet figures showing that between 1917 and 1935, 42,800 clergymen had died in concentration camps and other places, and it was estimated that the number of priests in Russia was 1,200. At Easter, there were 35 churches open in Moscow, with over 50,000 persons attending.

In February, 1936, the tenth anniversary celebration of the League of Militant Godless was held. President Yaroslavsky reported considerable progress, but admitted that the anti-religious battle was far from won. Fifty per cent of Russian youth still clung to the faith. Half the population of U.S.S.R. was atheist, but 40,000 communities still maintained churches; thirty-four per cent of *collective* farmers, and a much larger percentage of the *individual* farmers persisted in religious practices. 'Nina Kamneva, holder of the women's world championship for a delayed parachute jump, was loudly cheered. . . . She asserted that in all her nebular travel she had been unable to find God or the angels anywhere in the clouds.' It is a little difficult to see the value of a delayed parachute jumper's pronouncement about matters which have commanded the closest attention of the finest minds in human history! A threat to withdraw 'work permits' had led two million persons to adhere to atheism, but 'amongst those two millions there are many who are not militant and may even try to practise religious ritual in secret.' (Yaroslavsky).

The programme of the Communist International for 1936 states: 'Among the objectives of the cultural revolution . . . the fight against religion, that opium of the people, holds a special place. This fight should be carried on inflexibly and systematically . . . active anti-religious propaganda should be conducted, and all education should be placed upon the basis of a materialist conception of the universe.'