

the motto of the school was "The truth shall make you free." Many there were Christians, but many were not. This statement had come to have a technical meaning to these scientists.

In both its spiritual meaning and its technical meaning, this statement can be ignored only at the greatest peril. To ignore civil defense in an age of advanced knowledge about nuclear, chemical, and biological technology and in an age of inevitable accidents and likely terrorism and war is to ignore the truth in both its spiritual and its technical meanings.

Those who ignore spiritual and technical truth are neither likely to become nor to remain free.

## **FOOD FOR IVAN**

The Wall Street Journal editorial page carried an article on January 21, 1992 entitled "Russia Has Lots of Grain - Just Ask the Army" by Richard F. Staar.

Mr. Staar reports that Russian grain "purchases" from the West with U.S. taxpayer money in 1991 and now ongoing in 1992 amount to the total grain consumption of all 15 republics of the former Soviet Union for a period of more than two years.

Moreover, in addition to this two year supply (which is also in addition to the grain produced in the 15 republics by their own farmers), the Soviet military has in storage between three and four year's supply for the entire 15 republics as part of its strategic reserve. This is the civil defense food supply, since Soviet civil defense is a part of their military command. Most of this civil defense supply has been purchased from the West with Western credit during previous years.

Therefore the Soviet military, aside from holding 27,000 nuclear weapons and a firm grip on the military industrial complex in Russia and the surrounding states, has a huge hoard of food capable of feeding the entire population for several years.

These facts are well known to American government officials. Undoubtedly, they have their own self-serving reasons for raising the cost of food for American consumers and raising the burden upon America taxpayers by shipping huge amounts of grain to Ivan. One thing is certain: whatever political or real objectives these shipments serve, feeding the poor hungry people in the "former Soviet Union" is not among them.