

## **National Council of Churches and Objectionable Literature**

WHEREAS the National Council of Churches, through its Department of Racial and Cultural Relations, has published a list of 260 books which it recommends for public reading; and

WHEREAS this list contains titles of at least 34 books written by Communist, or Communist-front authors; and

WHEREAS nine of these books were written by Communist poet, Mr. Langston Hughes; and

WHEREAS the attitude of Mr. Hughes to Christianity is reflected in his poem entitled, "Goodby Christ" and which reads as follows:

"Listen, Christ,/You did all right in your day,/I reckon/But that day's gone now./They ghosted you up a swell story too,/Called it 'Bible'/But it's dead now.

The Popes and Preachers/Made too much money from it/They've sold you to too many.

"Kings, Generals, robbers, and killers/Even to the Czar and Cossacks/Even to Rockefeller's Church/Even to the Saturday Evening Post/You ain't no good no more/They've pawned you/Till you've done wore out.

"Goodby/Christ, Jesus, God, Jehovah/Beat on away from here now. /Make way for a new guy with no religion/at all.

"A real guy name/Mark, Communist, Lenin peasant, Stalin/worker me.

"Go ahead on, now/You're getting in the way of things,/Lord,/And please take Saint Ghandi with you/When you go/And Saint Pope Pius/And Saint Aimee McPherson/And Big Black Saint Becton of the/consecrated dime/And step on the gas Christ/Don't be so slow/The world is mine from now

on,/And nobody's gonna sell me/To a King or  
General or millionaire.

WHEREAS another one of these books entitled *And the Wall Came Tumbling Down* contains the story of the sex relations of two couples in revolting details; and

WHEREAS the American Baptist Convention, in its sessions in Rochester, New York, in June, refused to withdraw from the National Council of Churches;

BE IT RESOLVED that the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, assembled at its 29th annual conference in Long Beach, California, June 20–24, 1960, condemns the recommendation of such books and authors, and that we call upon all Bible-believing Baptists still within the American Baptist Convention to withdraw from said Convention, as well as all Bible-believing Christians in other denominations to withdraw from such denominations, and thus separate themselves from the National Council of Churches.

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