



George Bush is a loser

The word “politician” has two basic meanings. In general, it means someone who is engaged in the science of government and is holding or seeking office.

Used derogatorily, it implies someone who seeks personal or partisan gain, scheming, etc., as distinguished from a statesman.

Which of the two uses would you apply to George Bush? He is an officer holder and seeking reelection. And it has become increasingly apparent that the man will do or say anything to hold onto the presidency.

His latest strategy — and this requires a real stretch of the imagination — is to take credit for “winning” the Cold War. He made it plain in his acceptance speech at the Republican convention when he said, “I saw the chance to rid our children’s dreams of the nuclear nightmare, and I did!”

Others, too, have said that Reagan and Bush “defeated” communism.

This is nonsense. Communism was never defeated. It collapsed because it just doesn’t work. Its theory, that the State will provide for everyone, sounds fine, but in actual practice it destroys the one necessary ingredient for a viable nation:



the incentive to succeed.

Under the totalitarian rule of the Communist Party, there was no reason to work hard and produce, since all the benefits were automatic. As a result, production fell to the point of disaster.

Back in 1946, a political science professor named McIver wrote a textbook on government in which he predicted that communism in Russia would last about 50 years. He was right on the money!

In reality, no one won the Cold War. Both the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. spent themselves into financial ruin building arms and nuclear missiles. The only difference was that the Soviets couldn’t produce enough food to feed their people. And, in less than a decade, America went from being the world’s largest creditor to its largest debtor.

Communism in China will survive for two reasons. First, the mass of Chinese people are uneducated peasants living in the

countryside and are easily led and dominated. They have been so for many centuries.

Second, the aged party leaders have firm control of the military. That may change as the ancient hard-liners die off.

Whatever the future may hold, communism is an experiment that failed. It was actually a thinly disguised dictatorship with the party as dictator. It was not “defeated,” despite the claims of Bush and Reagan.

If we “won” the war, as Bush would have us believe, why are we in such chaos now? The economy is in ruins, our cities are disintegrating, and we are burdened with a \$4 trillion debt that currently eats up half the gross national product.

Bush didn’t win *any* wars. Russia simply defaulted in the Cold War, and Bush’s “victory” in the Gulf War has turned out to be Pyrrhic at best. All he accomplished was to slightly reduce Saddam Hussein’s army. It still remains the most potent force in the Mideast, and Saddam is still in charge.

George Bush is a loser, not a winner, and four more years of his non-leadership is a certain recipe for disaster.