

# The way I see it

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"Communism"



The 22nd Signal Brigade is training hard everyday. The average 22nd soldier is tough, motivated, and combat ready. Our Senior Officers and NCO's have been tried and tested in the thrust of battle against the Communists in Southeast Asia.

But what do we know of our enemy? We have been crossed trained on his weapons and tactics - but what makes him tick, how was he raised, what does he believe?

#### Deception

Godless communism comes to power by deception and remains in power by force. The best defense against deception is knowlegde.

This article is not intended to answer every question or present all the facts, but it will give the reader a base of knowledge to build on.

The ideas of Communism were developed by V. I. Lenin, taken from the writings of Karl Marx, a German social philosopher, born in 1818. Communistic ideas vary from one Communist country to another, but certain beliefs remain closely the same. For instance, they call for complete government ownership of all basic means of production, government control over all radio and television stations, newspapers and books and discouragement of religious worship.

In a Communist country, the voter has no choice of a candidate; you either vote for or against the individual. Communist governments permit little public or organized criticism, and the individual is constantly under the party's control.

Millions of Americans are completely unaware of the incidious and subversive tactics a Communist government uses against their own fellow countrymen. For instance, the East German (Communist) government is presently constructing a 9-foot-high fence from the Baltic Sea to the Czechoslovakian frontier. When completed, the fence will be 825 miles long, at an estimated cost of \$500,000 to \$1 million per mile.

The fence forms part of a highly elaborate system containing sophisticated killer devices designed to discourage East German citizens from fleeing to the freedom of the west.

#### The fence

The fence has been described as a mesh of razor-sharp metal triangles which are just big enough to admit fingers for a handhold. This mesh hangs loosely from the cement post sunk three feet into the ground, and set five feet apart. The looseness is purposeful. If a man sticks his fingers in the mesh to climb, his weight makes it sag and the triangles close, amputating his fingers.

Also, antipersonnel mines, armed with a quarter pound of TNT and a half pound of buckshot, are strapped on each post. The purpose, to ensure no citizens escape. This is Communism, think about it!