

Love and charity 7-9-88

Robert W. Berberich proclaims "love and charity for the needy and underprivileged in this world." Of course! That is why he condemned as communistic sending crutches and wheelchairs to Nicaragua's children who lost their legs in the war financed by his tax money and mine. That is why he didn't want the powdered milk and medicines collected by our own Vietnam veterans to reach them — love and charity.

Unlike Nicaragua, which has a mixed economy (I assume he knows what this means, but maybe I'm assuming too much), Ethiopia is a communist state. And the world bestowed honors on those who raised support for the starving Ethiopians. Remember the major, international media event staged by entertainers?

I lack Mr. Berberich's concept of love and charity so I contributed long before that spectacular event.

So, he can now call me, as he calls our local peace center, whose literature he read so well he doesn't even know its name, "communist."

Of it he says its "writers all bitterly ring with condemnation of our capitalist system and lovingly praise the greatness of communism."

Why does he not submit some samples of this literature to the appers so they can reprint it and let the people see just how, as he puts it, capitalism was condemned and communism praised. If it exists anywhere except in the murk of his mind.

He says I called him stupid. I did not. Not that his letters do not warrant it. Ignorant would be closer.

He is one of those uninformed but dedicated ideologues who confuse epithets, political slogans and catch-phrases with reality.

He is, of course, entitled to believe that the world is flat or that apples are oranges or, as he apparently does, that peace is communistic. But that doesn't make any of it so.

HAROLD WEISBERG
Frederick