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CHINA: THE END OF COMMUNISM

Has the Communist Era ended in China? Have the recent changes in China's economic system heralded the final removal of the memory of Chairman Mao and his doctrines?

These questions and others will be discussed at a lecture entitled "China: The End of Communism", to be given in the Cariboo College Boardroom at 7:30 P.M., Friday, January 11, 1985.

The speaker, Charles Mossop, will discuss the turbulent history of China since the 1949 revolution with a view to explaining the present situation and future implications. Mr. Mossop will trace the rise of Mao through the Cultural Revolution, the decline and fall of the so-called Gang of Four after Mao's death in 1976, and the subsequent seizure of power by the moderate pragmatists who are now proposing to radically alter the economic and social order for China's one billion people. During the course of his discussion, the speaker will consider such matters as the new social structure which has been set up and the implications of the rise in consumerism which has taken place in the last few years; the new status and class system, the demise of Karl Marx and the resulting social conflicts will be considered as well.

Mr. Mossop is a frequent visitor to the Far East and has visited China several times, the first being in 1971 when Chairman Mao was at the height of his power during the Cultural Revolution. Mossop holds two degrees in Anthropology and Asian Studies from the University of British Columbia and is familiar with many aspects of Chinese culture including language, literature, politics and economics. He has been on the faculty of Cariboo College since 1970.

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