

Communist Conspiracy

I. The Greatest Expose of Communism

By Louis Francis Budenz

The COURIER JOURNAL herewith presents the first of ten articles on Communism by Louis Francis Budenz, former editor of THE DAILY WORKER and a high-ranking member of the Communist party. Mr. Budenz returned to the Catholic Church a year ago and has since been a close witness in the investigations before the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Some days ago, a Catholic friend, visiting me, was surprised to note the large Marxist library I had accumulated during my communist days. Together we thumbed through the scores of volumes which contain the works of Marx, Engels, Lenin, and Stalin—and the numerous commentaries thereon. That the communists should study with such assiduity came as a shock to him. "Many of them study most zealously," I advised him, "often reading day and night and thereby acquiring a fanaticism which resembles the fury of Mohammed's followers. The tragedy of it is that such study leads only to complete surrender of the intellect to the dictates of Moscow."

"What is the best work that could be studied in turn to expose the Communists, to learn of the true nature of Communism?" he asked. The reply took him somewhat aback.

All Should Know

"There are a number of works that should be known thoroughly to all patriotic Americans," was that reply. "But, the work above all others reveals the true nature of Communism is the great message of Pius XI."

"You refer to the Encyclical 'Divine Redemptoris' of March 19, 1937," he asked. "On the Catholic Communism."

"That is it," I responded. "There is nothing which gives more accurately and thoroughly the characteristics and inner workings of the Communist conspiracy against Christian civilization. It is not an exaggeration to call Pius XI's document the biggest expose of Communism that has ever been published."

Naturally, I had to explain that statement more in detail. The Papal Encyclical has fascinated me during the past year because of the astounding fidelity with which it reproduces the Communist system as it exists and as it lived by one who is an active Red. Those who have not been Communists cannot appreciate its full degree of accuracy. If they are to combat red fascism effectively, however, they must come to understand that Encyclical in exactly what it conveys.

Pius XI's momentous declaration was written, though, for worldwide distribution. It could not be a book and could not go into minor details. Each sentence had to be economically constructed and in each sentence is packed a whole chapter describing Communist activities and purposes.

My Experiences

What is required above all, then, is a footnoting of this message to mankind so that its every vital word will be made vivid in the minds of current-day Americans. I welcome the opportunity which the Catholic Press has given me to make a beginning in this direction. From out of my experiences as a Communist leader, and in many episodes which

ON GUARD!

Morals and Youth Age of Scandal Under Capitalism

By REV. P. J. FLYNN

The morals of American students are "deplorable" according to a Church of England clergyman who has just returned home from a visit to the United States. The major percentage of students in American state universities defies and disregards the Christian standards of sex morality the Britisher told his London friends.

Let's not quibble. The Britisher's percentage may be set to correction, but debate no fear that his overall evaluation of the moral outlook of our American youth is frightfully true.

Don't blame this sorry condition on the war. The moral breakdown of American society started long before Pearl Harbor. If our youth are deserting the Christian way of life then who is to blame for misdeeds then? If our youth are in defiance to wholesome living then they are only manifesting a spirit which is common to the whole pattern of our national life at the present time.

The degradation of family life, of marriage, and of public and private conduct in this country should have shocked the visiting Briton just as much as the sub-standard morals or lack of morals of our state university students. And they probably did shock him.

Let's be honest! We sit around committee tables dis-

How many people appreciate, for instance, what is meant when the Pope says that Communism is a "diabolical" conspiracy? That is a word not lightly chosen by His Holiness. If the Communist activities—directed from a common center, as the Pope says—are "diabolical" then they will have to be combated in a much more intelligent and prayerful way than is sometimes the case.

Pius XI recognizes this with crystal clarity. It is not only the aim of Communism which is of the essence of evil but also its methods. "Insidious devices," "trickery of various forms," "perfidy and hypocrisy" are some of the terms by which he so correctly characterizes their acts.

Agents Confuse Issues

The very diabolical quality of the constant deceit employed by the Communists makes it more difficult to expose thoroughly their crimes. If anyone begins to throw real light on the darkness of the Communist underground, the agents immediately call upon their agents in the non-Communist press and organizations to beset and discredit the truths which are being told. Beyond that, any measures will be taken—even to the point of perjury and forgery—to break down in the public mind the full effect of such revelations.

Let me draw a moment on my own experiences in confirmation. The evidence of the conspiratorial character of the American Communist Party, as disclosed in my book "This Is My Story," has been called "the most damaging ever put on paper." And yet, that is only a small part of what can be told and should be told.

The rest of the indictment will have to be drawn up with the greatest of care, since the Communist conspiracy will resort to every device to conceal alleged flaws, and to call upon fellow-travelers in the current daily press to falsify and caricature the charges. So skillfully is this done, and so unacquainted is the American public with the real character of Communist propaganda, that often in the past this game of deceit and perjury has been effective.

Moved Cautiously

Even in those instances where specific and sweeping revelations were made by me—as in the case of Gerhard Eisler, representative of the Communist International—the utmost caution had to be my guide. From the beginning I knew that Edwarda, the Moscow representative here from 1933 to 1938, was Eisler's friend. I had to phrase my charge to that effect with the maximum of caution, for fear that the Reds would force documents showing that Eisler had been in Kamchatka or Canton at that time.

With the friends whom I knew the Communists had had in the State Department I had no assurance that the perjured passports on which Eisler had traveled back and forth had not been destroyed. It is providential that my charges were so quickly backed up by the appearance of the documents which demonstrated the wide spread perjury and forgery used on his passports.

And yet, so truly diabolical are Communist methods that these conclusive proofs of criminal conspiracy have not fazed them at all. They are unleashing a new campaign of falsehoods, designed to depict the American people as if what Eisler is and what he has done.

If we really mean to fight Communism, we can afford to learn the exact details of this "Eisler case" and tell it in every corner of America. It graphically presents the full depravity of Communist methods—to the extent of cynically using false American citizenship to forward Moscow's plots against America.

Pius XI has prepared us for such trickery by his warnings in "Divine Redemptoris."



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Newman Club Parley Slated For Weekend

Fostering of intellectual, social, and spiritual activity will be the theme of the three day convention of the Newman Club Federation's Central New York Province Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

His Excellency, Bishop James E. Kearney, national Episcopal Newman Club Moderator, will formally open the convention with celebration of Mass Saturday at 9 a. m. in Columbus Civic Centre auditorium.

Newmanites from colleges and universities all over the State will converge on Rochester for the three day sessions. A rally and dance have been scheduled Friday evening.

Robert Hennessy, chairman, will preside at a discussion of the National Student Council led by Miss Carole Korman and Miss Eleanor Murphy of Nazareth College on Saturday morning.

Miss Mary Sheehan vice principal of Monroe High School and president of the New York State Teachers Association will address the convention on "The Permanency of Christian Ideals" at the banquet Saturday at 1 p. m. on the Sheraton Hotel Roof.

Afternoon lectures will be given by the Rev. Dr. John E. Manney, "Matrimonial Law of the Church," Rev. Dr. Elmer McNamara, "The Bible," and Rev. Benedict Ehmman, "The Liturgy." Discussions will follow.

Saturday night a buffet supper will be held at the Sheraton followed by dancing at Columbus Civic Centre.

The convention will close Sunday morning with Mass at 9 and a Communion Breakfast at 10 at the Sheraton. Emmett J. Schupp, former P. B. I. man, will be the speaker.

All sessions of the annual event are under the auspices of the Rochester Council of Newman Clubs which includes the University of Rochester, Eastman School of Music, R. I. T., R. B. I. School of Commerce and Rochester Dental Dispensary.

House Group Cites Dennis for Contempt

Washington, (NC)—The House of Representatives Committee on Un-American Activities took two actions against Eugene Dennis, Communist Party secretary, yesterday when he failed to appear before the committee in response to a subpoena.

The House Committee cited Dennis for contempt of Congress, and also called upon the Department of Justice to look into the possibility of prosecuting Mr. Dennis on a charge of conspiracy to commit contempt. The contempt of Congress charge is a misdemeanor punishable by a maximum fine of \$1,000 and a year in jail, while the conspiracy to commit contempt is a felony punishable with a fine of \$10,000 and two years in prison.

Budenz Mother Dead at 84

Indianapolis, (NC)—Funeral services were held here for Mrs. Henry Joseph Budenz, mother of Louis Francis Budenz, who died on Easter Sunday in her eighty-fourth year. Budenz, one time managing editor of the communist Daily Worker, speaks of his mother in his book, "This Is My Story," which recounts his reputation as a communist and his return to the Catholic Church. He says in one place that his mother, whose maiden name was Mary Gertrude Sullivan, "daughter of immigrants from Canada, Cork and Kerry," proved to be "another Monica, whose Catholic clarity and prayerful piety followed me lovingly into the new dawn of conversion."

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8 High Schools Enter Speakers In Competition

With eight Catholic high schools participating, the Bishop's Public Speaking Contest opened tonight (Thursday) at Aquinas Institute on Thurs will point to the finals scheduled May 1.

Under the direction of the superintendent of Catholic Schools, Diocese of Rochester, the contest will result in awards for winners and for their schools.

Announcing the contest to school principals, Father Mooney stated: "We shall have again this year, the two minute extemporaneous talk in which the students will answer a question relative to their subject. Talks in the semi-finals and finals should consume no more than ten minutes."

Semi-finals will be conducted on Wednesday, April 23 at Nazareth Hall at 8 p. m. with two boys from each school. St. Andrew's Seminary and Aquinas Institute, competing to send one boy into the finals.

At Holy Family High School, Auburn at 8 p. m. on Wednesday, April 23, semi-finals will be held for students from Holy Family High School, Geneva and Catholic High School, Elmira. One boy and one girl will be selected for the finals.

First of the semi-finals being held tonight, April 17 at Aquinas Institute has these six schools competing, Nazareth Academy, Our Lady of Mercy High School and Academy of the Sacred Heart.

The Bishop Kearney Medal will be awarded to the boy and girl winners in the final. Twenty-five Dollar Saving Bond will be awarded by the Catholic Education Office and the Rochester Courier-Journal to the boy and girl winner.

Each winner of the Semi-final Contest will be awarded \$5 by the Catholic Education Office and the Rochester Courier-Journal. A School Trophy, appropriately designed and engraved will be awarded to the schools representing the boy and girl victor. This trophy will remain in possession of the school one year. When any one school has merited this trophy for three consecutive years it becomes theirs permanently.

Nazareth Academy has won the trophy for the past two years and is now eligible for permanent possession. A trophy is also in possession of Aquinas Institute, Rochester.

Rochester students participating, their schools and topics are: Sacred Heart Academy, Diane La Tulip, "Women's New Role"; Helen Veltner, "Poison—The Test That Failed"; Our Lady of Mercy High School, Betty Bryan, "The Women's Voice"; Maryanne Coile, "The Persecution of St. Andrew's Seminary, Daniel Torrey, "Archbishop Stepinac—A Modern Martyr"; John Kernan, "Faithful in Ireland"; Aquinas Institute, John Curran, "The Truman Doctrine"; Robert Maloney, "Security in the Atomic Age"; Nazareth Academy, Mary Kay Donovan, "Pope Pius XII—Keeper of the Light"; and John Strachan, "The Leadership of America."

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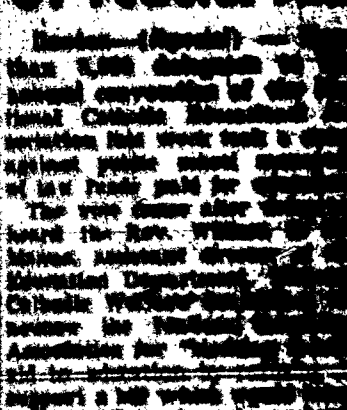
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