

The Communist Conspiracy IX. Fears of a Trotskyite-Stalinist

By Louis Francis Budenz

Nothing illustrates more graphically the intellectual degradation required of Communist "leaders" than a recent attack upon me in The Daily Worker. It was an oblique reply to this series of articles in the Catholic press, which has caused considerable concern among Communist circles.



L. Budenz

The Red leaders know that if patriotic Americans begin intelligently to expose the Reds then the Quisling game is up. That Daily Worker article also illustrates how the Communists expect their false statements to travel far beyond their own ranks and registers in non-Communist groups and organizations. "Hiller" crudely talked about the Big Lie, but Marxism-Leninism invented it. I have said in scores of lectures this year. "And the Communists know how to advance that Big Lie most subtly and effectively." That is the moral to be derived also from this current Daily Worker diatribe.

In the May 15 issue this featured article appears, entitled "The Budenz Technique." It is written by one Arnold Johnson, present head of the Communist Party in Ohio, whom I got to join that party after he had been a devoted Trotskyite, that is a fanatic enemy of the Stalinist Communists. That is why he now writes this particular piece, as one can see from his sheepish allusions to his own career. It is because he is ordered to do so, to prove that he is no longer "infected with Trotskyism." The pitiful thing is that Johnson manifestly fears expulsion from the Communist Party and a flood of vituperation against him, such as he tries to visit upon me. In his fear, therefore, he resorts to extreme expressions, calling this series "omit," "degenerate," the work of a "tool of the reactionary elements in the Catholic hierarchy" and "irresponsible publicity seeking."

What makes the Johnson performance more pitiful are the following facts: He was a member with me of the organization known as the Conference for Progressive Labor Action. When I joined the Communist Party in 1935, however, he joined the Trotskyites. It took me months of constant visits to him in Columbus, Ohio, and Washington to persuade him to become a Stalinist Communist. As a consequence, he was always under a shadow of suspicion in Communist circles, and he always relied upon me to protect him politically from such suspicions.

Red Reluctant Dragon
For instance, he was very reluctant to tell what transpired in the Trotskyite top circles, until I finally dragged it out of him and published the information in The Daily Worker. I

excused his reluctance to the leading Reds on the grounds that he was "slow of thinking." A defense which I employed in his behalf repeatedly. When the Soviet secret police agents were put in touch with me in late 1935, they wanted Johnson also to help them. But he evaded the matter, and again I had to "go to bat" for him. Finally, during the Browder trials in 1945, the special Control Commission of the Communist Party asked me to guarantee Johnson's "political integrity" of which they were unsure. They had heard some of his phrases, such as uttered to me in Cleveland—that Foster was "irresponsible" and "worn-out." Again I made the same excuses for him.

Now, when some "fuehrer" of the secret Red apparatus has visited Johnson and told him he must assuage me, what does he do? Does he proceed to prove that his political bona fides are good? No, he does not. He proceeds to repeat on forged and perjured passports, as I have declared? No, he can't do that. The passport exists and has been filed with the Committee on Un-American Activities. Can he disprove my testimony under subpoena at Washington that Gene Dennis, the present secretary of the Communist Party, used false names in subversive activities? No, for J. Edgar Hoover has now come forward with the exact names and when they were used.

What Johnson does, then, in his fear, is to make two false accusations against me: (1) That I got arrested in the Toledo Auto Lite strike of 1934 for "mercenary" reasons, the former becoming a party member and (2) that I am a constant publicity seeker.

If these statements were true, it is not strange that a man of the type, this Budenz, could persuade Johnson to become a member of the Communist Party against his previous devotion to Trotskyism? Is it not strange that the Communists put such a man in charge of The Daily Worker in a most difficult period, in 1940, and even had his name on the masthead of that paper on the morning when he (Budenz) received Holy Communion in St. Patrick's Cathedral.

History Made at Toledo
Moreover, to indicate how cheap and shoddy is the lying machine of the Communists, my arrest at the Auto Lite strike is written up enthusiastically in The New Republic of that time (May and June of 1934) and by the Red's present friend, Louis Adams, in the second edition of his dynamite. And the real fact that for the first time in the history of the auto industry, permanent organization was won at Toledo, is recorded there.

That was what my efforts

breathed in Toledo, my arrest in the midst of the strike—when Johnson stayed safely away. And for that, my "mercenary" considerations, as Johnson knows, was a most meager work, which I had voluntarily set for myself because of the many people hungry and unemployed at that depression time. Indeed, I was then advancing money to the Conference for Progressive Labor Action, being one of several persons who were doing so.

What is most amazing in this shoddy Red fabrication is that a telegram to which Johnson refers—and which had to do with organizational fund-raising and not with my personal fortunes—was instigated by none other than Johnson himself. This illustrates how foolish is any man to rely on any Red, for that Red will use his own suggestions later to berate and belittle anyone who has worked with him.

The chief Communist leaders know all this. They understand, too, that such lies and violent language as Johnson employs not only degrade him but receives little sympathy from decent-minded men and women. What, then, is their purpose in compelling him to write this product of fear?

Just What the Reds Wanted
They expect it to be picked up by fanatical Reds and especially by those who are concealed politically. These are expected to whisper it in their various circles, not as something which they have "reliably heard," in that way they look for it to work around until it comes up even in anti-Communist groups that are more anti-Catholic than they are anti-Communist. Often the Reds have had the satisfaction and the gleeful knowledge that their lies have appeared in organs which ordinarily attack them because, in this or that instance, the falsehood happened to accord with a particular group's prejudice or petty hatred.

American Catholics can become alert to the methods of falsehood and deceit worked out with "saturnic logic" (as Pius XI notes), and aimed at particular groups and particular complaints or bigotry within these groups. Diligently the Reds labor for the destruction of anyone who works against them, through spreading undercover fabrications concocted often out of the fear that has moved Johnson into his belated action in The Daily Worker.

It is not only "the fury of Communism," as Johnson says, that operates under the most difficult of circumstances. Yet it may be heard from soon.
The speaker was that outstanding radio reporter and foreign correspondent, Dr. Max Jordan. His prediction was true. The German underground was heard from. And Allen Welsh Dulles, international lawyer, treaty expert and former foreign service man at last tells the story of the men who fought Hitler from within. In another short work prepared by Gero V.S. Gaverwitz, Fabian von Schlabrendorf, the man who almost killed Hitler on several occasions, tells his story.

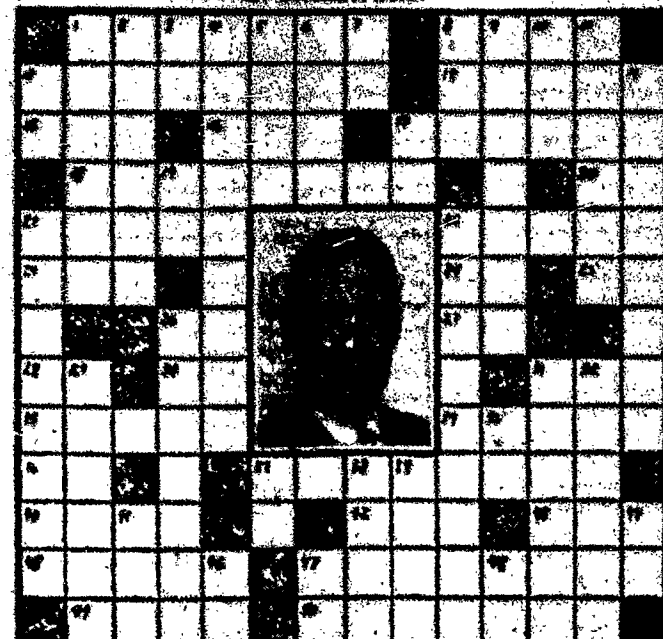
'Polar Priest' Writing Book

Washington — (NC) — The Rev. William J. Menster, Navy chaplain from Waterloo, Ia., who was the first priest ever to offer Mass on the Antarctic continent while with the Navy's polar expedition, has returned to the United States. He landed here aboard the Command Ship Mount Olympus.
The priest is now engaged in writing a book, giving the religious diary of the expedition. In it he points out that almost every Sunday of the four and one-half month operation he celebrated two Masses for the benefit of the Catholic personnel and, in the absence of other chaplains, held two general services for non-Catholics.
He related that this exceptional practice of a Catholic priest holding services for non-Catholics is permitted and even recommended by His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Military Vicar of the U. S. Armed Forces, when no Protestant chaplain is available.

Incredible as it may seem, it takes longer to engrave a portrait of a President than it does to nominate and elect one.

Who? Who? Follow the Clue

By Michael Kane



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The Literary Cavalcade

By John O'Connor

The German Underground

The tall, balding man sat back in the leather chair. Far below the skaters circled around the rink in Rockefeller Plaza. Yuletide shoppers battled the chill wind that swept through Fifth Avenue.
The spires of St. Patrick's Cathedral stood out clearly against the glittering stars of a December winter sky. It was just before Christmas, 1933.
"I can tell you there is a German underground," the man said. "It operates under the most difficult of circumstances. Yet it may be heard from soon."
The speaker was that outstanding radio reporter and foreign correspondent, Dr. Max Jordan. His prediction was true. The German underground was heard from. And Allen Welsh Dulles, international lawyer, treaty expert and former foreign service man at last tells the story of the men who fought Hitler from within. In another short work prepared by Gero V.S. Gaverwitz, Fabian von Schlabrendorf, the man who almost killed Hitler on several occasions, tells his story.

Germany's Underground, by A. W. Dulles.
They Almost Killed Hitler. (Gaverwitz edited Schlabrendorf Macmillan publications).
Allen Welsh Dulles has been an interested participant in world affairs for over thirty years. Originally in the diplomatic service and one-time Chief of the Division of Near Eastern Affairs in the State Department, this international lawyer and treaty specialist was attracted to the Office of Strategic Service when it started in 1942. He spent the war years in Switzerland, gathering information, advancing aid when he could—and relaying all the intelligence he could back to Washington.
Actually the story of the anti-Hitler underground goes back to the hectic days of 1933 when Hitler assumed control of the Reich. Some of the graduates of the German Universities saw their fundamental liberties were in grave danger. Having found that the organized thugs of the Nazi Party were too many to cope with, they decided to form an underground. It must be recalled and kept in mind that they were doing so under the nose of the second most ruthless terror and secret police in his

Why, for instance, did the British and American leaders refuse to hear Grotz, the Rhodes scholar, who was desperately trying to reach them with information and a plea for aid? Why were the desperate messages of the courageous Protestant minister Dietrich Bonhoeffer unanswered by the British Foreign Office? Churchill knew of the German underground before the war when von Schlabrendorf got to London to tell him ahead of time of the coming Hitler-Stalin pact.
Mr. Dulles states categorically that both Washington and London were fully advised beforehand on all the conspiratorial plans BUT
"... it sometimes seemed that those who determined policy in America and England were making the military task as difficult as possible by utilizing all Germans to resist to the Hitler end." (Bold face mine)
Because of this and the monotonous unconditional surrender reply, many Germans turned toward the more acute Russians. The latter continually distinguished between the Hitler government and the German people and undoubtedly won friends among these people. Nor must it be omitted that the underground did NOT want a negotiated peace.

France is a good example of how the Communists can capitalize on their control of trade unions. At present, the French railroad workers are on strike. It is true that the alleged reason for the strike is a demand for a \$15 weekly wage to replace the present wage of \$13.25. This is certainly a just demand. Yet the French Federation of Railway Workers is Communist controlled. The present French government excludes Communists. One can legitimately wonder whether this strike will be continued not so much for the purpose of bettering the economic conditions of the workers, but in order to cause the downfall of the Ramadier government. If this happens the Communists will probably take over the French government. And thus France will fall in with Hungary, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Rumania, Poland, and many others who are no more than Soviet satellites. Continuation of the strike may serve the French workers, but it will serve Soviet Russia more.

The menace of having Communists in the labor movement is not exhausted by emphasizing their loyalty to Russia. Next week, other factors will illustrate how much of a menace they really are.

Many a man born with a silver spoon in his mouth won't stir himself. — Howard W. Newton, Redbook.

A LOOK AT LABOR

By A. C. Tuckey

Communists have one function in life—to serve the cause of world revolution. World revolution is presently served by blind devotion to the interests of Soviet Russia. These Communists have no allegiance to any country save to Russia. Consequently when they have the chance of making a decision as to serving Russia, they are prepared to be traitors in their own country.

A good example of what can happen when Communist leaders are faced with such a choice is illustrated by what would happen in event of a war between the United States and Russia. The American Communists have managed to gain control of those unions within the United States which have the largest number of members and the most important. In the event of war, these Communists, through their control over the unions, could set the American war machine back far more severely than the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor. This type of treason not only could happen, it has happened.

In 1941 a Communist controlled union went on strike at Allis-Chalmers. At that time this country was engaged in a national defense program. The Allis-Chalmers company was producing airplanes for American defense. But because Soviet Russia was a party to a non-aggression pact with Hitler, and because it was likely that we might use the planes built in fight Hitler, a handful of Communists vowed to bring production to a halt. They did at the expense of weakening American armed strength for the purpose of keeping Russia.

The political strike is a work stoppage called for political or economic reasons. It is a dangerous weapon in the hands of union leaders who have no loyalty to the United States. Most labor leaders in this country recognize that they need some moral justification before they can strike. They also recognize that the strike is an economic weapon, not a political one. The Communists have no such scruples. They will call strikes whenever it suits the purpose of the Communist Party or the cause of the Kremlin, even when such strikes injure their own country.

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