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**Deceive Public
Said Red Party
Goal In U.S.**

The Communist Party of the United States, disturbed but not daunted by recent events, is in the process of deciding how it can most effectively infiltrate the American scene.

From these considerations there has arisen a "debate" between John Gates, editor of the Daily Worker, and William Z. Foster, national chairman of the Communist Party. So far, the sections of the press have given attention to this disagreement, but have pictured it as though it were bringing about an inevitable cleavage in the Communist Party.

Such a cleavage is, of course, possible. Every change of the line causes some major or minor defections. But the discussion on its present level is not of that character at all. It is merely the revival of the old question: How the Communists can best deceive the general American public without falling victims to their own deceit?

WHEN WE examine the "water of words" that Gates and Foster pour forth in the September, October, and November issues of Political Affairs, we observe that the real question at issue is around a single point. That is, how to preserve the Communist Party as a "Marxist-Leninist Party" and, at the same time, give the impression that it is not such.

The majority of the National Committee — including everyone except Foster — has sought to accomplish this by pointing out from the preamble of the Party constitution the phrase "dedicated to the principles of Marxism-Leninism." They have then gone on to introduce in the draft resolution a statement that they have themselves on Marxist-Leninist principles "as we interpret them."

The very word of "Marxism-Leninism" was coined by V. I. Lenin in his "What is to be Done?" and by Stalin in his "Foundations of Leninism." It is the violent overthrow of the Government of the United States that is the goal of the "Marxist-Leninist" party.

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If they should succeed in this concealment, it would not only add to their strength, but it would be a boon to the American people. It would mean that the American people would be deceived by the Communist Party. It would mean that the American people would be deceived by the Communist Party.

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Foster will have none of this. He fears that if the Communists, for tactical purposes, change the term "Marxism-Leninism" in this fashion, they will lose their iron discipline and that sacred purpose of working for their "goal." He is criticizing the "left" organizations which acknowledge this as a goal of Red work. He also warns against the "right" organizations which are springing up, including the pro-Browder manifestations. This, he argues, is now known as the "Marxist-Leninist" faction of the Party.

It would be a mistake to think that Foster's purpose is different from that of Gates. He also wants to "Americanize" the Party in order to facilitate its infiltration. But the stress is on its being a "Marxist-Leninist" party. It is the whole infiltration will be more effective because it is more disguised.



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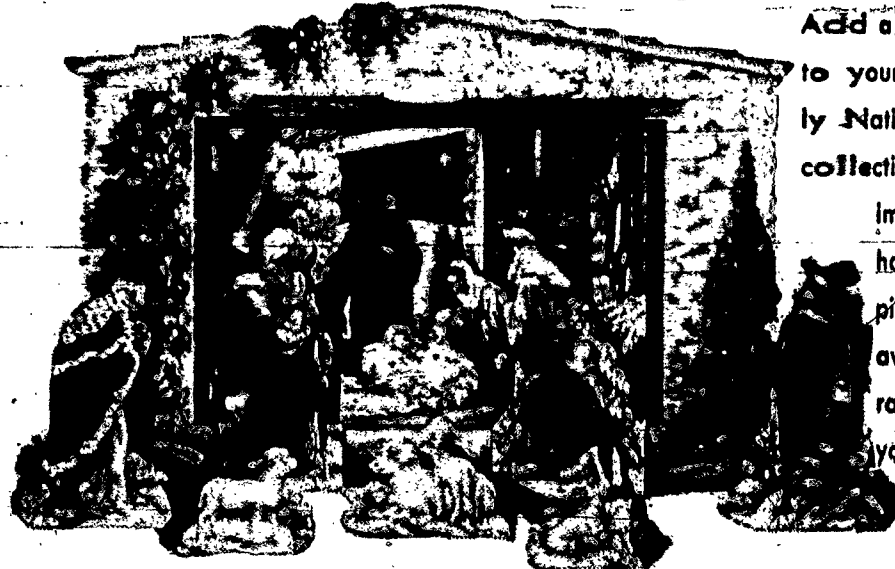
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