

Masters of Deceit + + By J. Edgar Hoover

FBI Chief Bares Red Agents' Role

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...the real backbone of communist striking power, lies not in numbers, but in organized deception. Following Lenin's teachings, the Party is a small, compact, and highly mobile group that can strike quickly with great fury, often achieving objectives unwarranted by its numbers.

Today's membership is hard, well trained, and disciplined. The weak, faint-hearted, and skeptical have been purged. Those who remain faithful to the Party are dedicated to the communist revolution. They are willing to sacrifice everything for it. Here is an actual case:

A Party member was given a special assignment. The first step was to drop everything and go into hiding. That was all he was told. He obeyed. He took another name, moved away. Time passed. The children began to ask, "Where is Daddy?" The mother's answer: "He is dead. You don't have a daddy!"

This is the fanaticism of the trained member.

To be obedient, however, is not enough. This select group of Party members must be made super obedient, meaning subservient beyond the hope of return. They must be constantly whipped into a state of frenzied enthusiasm and never allowed to relax.

Some Party members are old-timers; others are new recruits. All of them grew up in capitalist society. Many still show the effects of their former upbringing, especially the younger ones. That is why they slacken once in a while. They think for themselves; they put self before Party. These instincts must be pounded out and communist thoughts instilled. Communists are not born; they are made. For example:

A Party leader in the Deep South was angry. He was talking to a member who had "slipped" a little. This individual was not giving his best effort to the Party, although he had been in the Party for twelve years and had fought in Spain with the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

"Work hard for the Party," was the leader's theme. "You've got to give more time to the Party than you're doing now."

"And starve," answered the other man. "I've got to keep my job. I can't make a living just doing Party work."

"Let your wife work," retorted the official. "That'll hold you for a while, or borrow money it need be."

"But she can't make enough. Besides, she wants to keep house."

"She's a drawback," flashed the leader, "a definite hindrance. What are you going to do, stand up for the Party or your wife?"

"If your marriage is such that you can't work for the Party," came the reply, "I'd seriously consider divorce."

The communist leader rammed home his point. "I'm working all the time," so much that I can hardly sleep nights. You can't allow personal problems to take your mind off the Party. You've got to fight that kind of pressure. Your allegiance to the Party comes first. I never let my wife interfere. She knows her place."

Second: Concealed Party Members.

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...cealed communist, is called. He can be trusted. Or a study group is formed on a campus.

The professor "guides" the discussion and subtly engenders communist doctrine. A personnel manager hires communist sympathizers, working them into key positions. Here is an example of how the system works:

Two men huddle in conversation. One is a top Party official; the other, a high-ranking labor union leader who is a concealed communist, although his union has since ousted him from his post.

The national convention of the union is about to open in Philadelphia, Penna. The Party official is issuing instructions. Support this, support that. He talks in great detail, laying down the overall Party policy. Then he becomes more specific, even going so far as to dictate the wording of resolutions, suggesting the order of convention business, and advising how certain personalities should be handled. Nothing is to be left to chance.

The union leader listens. He can go on the convention floor since nobody knows that he is under Party discipline, and carry out the communist program.

The Book Editor Under Red Discipline

Another concealed member of the Party was the editor-in-chief of a conservative book-publishing house. This editor, having an excellent educational background, was highly regarded by his company. On one occasion, after this publishing house had been criticized by a newspaper columnist for publishing procommunist books, the president discussed the problem at a meeting of the board of directors.

He reported that he had asked the editor if, in fact, he was a member of the Communist Party. The editor entered an emphatic denial. The president then advised the board that since the editor was a gentleman, the allegations that he was a communist were false.

The president of the publishing house simply did not know the facts. The editor's usual procedure was to have the manuscript of a communist author submitted directly to him on a personal basis. He would review it, be sure it was in publishable form, then have the author submit it to the publishing house through routine channels.

Receiving the manuscript later through the company, he would recommend its publication. Through this technique, the editor was eminently successful in circulating communist literature.

When noncommunist authors complained and several terminated their relations with the

...publisher, the editor was later quietly eased out of his job.

There are occasions when a member of the Party will drop his open Party activities, move to another section of the country, and become a secret, concealed member. Such was the case of a talented young man who became active in the Communist Party in New York City before World War II when he was employed by a motion-picture company.

After work he functioned as a Communist Party organizer, later as a membership director of a Party club, and, for a while, worked on the paid staff of the American Labor Party. In the meantime he obtained a job in television and in 1933 became program director of a television station in a large Southern city.

Soon after his arrival in the Southern city, the TV program director started to meet secretly with the Party's "white-collar" professional group. Word came through that he should sever these connections. A Party functionary said, "We want them (him and his wife) to be secure for the Party." He was too valuable a member to be compromised. The Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, however, uncovered the white-collar professional cell, and when the TV director declined to answer Committee questions, he was promptly fired by his employer.

Third: Fellow Travelers. The third area in which communist thought control works is that of the fellow traveler and sympathizer. These two terms are distinct but related. The fellow traveler, while not a member,

Bishop Sheen

Things Looking Up . . .

New Orleans — (NC) — "From a political and economic viewpoint, pessimism over the state of the world may be justified, but from a divine point of view, the winter of the world is about to be over," Auxiliary Bishop Fulton J. Sheen of New York observed here.

The national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, in a lecture here at Loyola University of the South, compared the Church's many scars to the sufferings of Christ which preceded the Resurrection.

Speaking of Russia in a press interview, the Bishop said "there never is any change in the intent of communism to dominate the world, only a change in communist tactics." He contended

actively supports (travels with) the Party program for a period of time.

The sympathizer is more passive, sympathizing with the Party or individual members on specific issues and may not give active aid. These individuals are not Party members, but in some degree, have come under Party control.

This control is sufficient to make them work consistently for the Party. Many consistently follow the Party line, even maintaining personal contacts with Communist Party officials. Others, the so-called "intellectuals," may never have attended a communist meeting and may know nothing about Party or

...ed that "too many Americans judge communism by Soviet foreign policy."

"If the Soviet foreign policy is favorable to the western world," he said, "then the western world is inclined to believe communism is on the decrease. Regardless of what Soviet foreign policy may be, communism is intrinsically evil and intends to enslave the world."

Discussing the recession, Bishop Sheen acknowledged that he was no economic expert, but as national director of the Propagation of the Faith society, had devised a test to determine the trend.

He said: "I am a beggar for the poor of the world. As a beggar I know that I'm getting a lot less in my tin cup now than I got a year ago."

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Governor Kills 2 Smut Bills, Approves 3

Albany, N. Y. — (RNS) — Gov. Averell Harriman vetoed a bill that would have prohibited advertising of the fact that the decency of a book, film or magazine had been challenged in court or by a censorship board.

Objective of the bill, sponsored by the Joint Legislative Committee on Obscene Publications, was sound but it was worded too loosely, the governor said.

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