

Gullible Front Groups Manipulated by Reds

(Continued from page 1) Party itself is under fire these fronts offer a bulwark of protection.

The names of the group's one hundred fifty founders have been exploited by the Party to fight its battles.

To make a known Party member the president of a front would immediately label it as "communist." But if a sympathizer can be installed, especially a man of prominence, such as an educator, minister, or scientist, the group can operate as an "independent" organization.

This trick has worked time after time and is still working today. By allowing themselves to be used as tools, fellow travelers and sympathizers have immeasurably advanced the communist cause.

Of particular interest to the communists is the influence of fellow travelers and sympathizers in the "thought-molding" field: teachers, script writers, newspapermen, etc. These individuals can be subjected to the slightest bit of communist thought control, the Party will have won a major victory.

Hidden Red Paid Expenses For Tour

One individual in New York City, for example, once occupied an important role as a news commentator and author. His views were consistently pro-communist. He represented himself as an authority on international affairs. He claimed to have talked personally to many of the world's leaders. Just as the communists would want, everywhere he went he built himself up as an individual who could give the American people guidance in their thinking.

This commentator was simply irreproachable in the communist scheme. No open communist could discuss current events before lecture audiences, behind the microphone, or through the written word with this sympathizer's degree of "objectivity" and "independence." He was able to fool many noncommunists and exert considerable influence. His lecture tours were often arranged by communist-front groups. A concealed communist contributed money to his expenses.

Whatever this "world observer" went, he preached communist-line and pro-Soviet propaganda. When his influence began to slip, he then changed his ways and sought his livelihood elsewhere.

Men and women of this caliber can do much to bring others into the communist-thought-control net. No wonder the Party works to support them.

Another group that falls on occasion, under communist thought control consists of opportunists. Individuals who, if they can benefit personally, will knowingly support the Party in return for support or favors from it.

In a large Midwestern city a noncommunist labor leader had aspirations to become president of a union council. A group of communists, opposed to the then president, decided that this labor leader could be controlled. They drafted him as a candidate and, of course, on the election slate placed also some Party members. The labor leader won the election, and so did the communists, because they gained a man over whom they had a hold and whom they could therefore expect to use.

Stress Importance As Labor Leader

The opportunist was then pushed into various front organizations: he was put on the board of a communist-sponsored school, designated as a delegate to a convention of a front group, enlisted to join a campaign to op-



AMERICAN REDS — General view of the veterans' convention staged by the communists in Washington in 1947, when communists were trying openly to gain influence and power within the veterans' political movements. (I.N.P. Photo)

pose the "anticommunist clause" in a state-wide labor convention. He was besieged constantly to "do this" and help us."

His value to the Party was shown, for example, when, even though he refused of a certain occasion to cooperate with a Party front, his position was defended by the Party. The opportunist, in the Party's eyes, was more important to it as a labor leader than as a supporter of the front.

For some time the deal paid off. The opportunist received the prestige and the communists had a champion. Then things began to change. The opportunist had his own ideas and ceased to follow the Party line. Relations became strained.

When the communists wanted the city-wide council to endorse a well-known comrade as a candidate for the board of education, they brought up the mo-

Catholic Scholars Named For Guggenheim Awards

New York (NC) — Four teachers in Catholic universities, an instructor at a Catholic high school and a well known Catholic historian are among the 322 recipients of 1958 Guggenheim Fellowships named by the Guggenheim Memorial Foundation which has headquarters here.

Grants totaling \$1,412,000 were awarded in the 34th annual series of fellowship awards, which are given by the foundation to scholars and artists to assist them in carrying out research and creative activity.

Among the 322 fellowship win-

ners for 1958 are: Dr. Rudolf Allers, professor of philosophy, and Dr. John Francis Callahan, professor of classics and philosophy, both of Georgetown University, Washington, D. C.; Prof. Svend Frederiksen, research associate of the Arctic Institute, Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Stephen Denis Kertesz, professor of political science, University of Notre Dame, Ind.; Benedictine Father Henry David Hurst, of the department of classics, Portsmouth Priory School, Portsmouth, R. I.; and Dr. Paul Horgan, Pulitzer Prize-winning historian.

That was too much for the opportunist, who promptly issued a public statement denying that he was backing the communist candidate. A special meeting of the council was called to reconsider its action.

The communists now moved into high gear. Word went out that the opportunist would have to be "put in his place" for publicly denouncing the communist candidate.

Americans Duped Into Aiding Reds

At a special meeting the opportunist took the floor and successfully led the fight to reverse the council's endorsement of a communist. The communists were bitter in their condemnation of their longtime petegee; he was a "traitor" and a "hypocrite." De-

claring he had had enough, the opportunist resigned the presidency.

A tragedy of the past generation in the United States is that so many persons, including high-ranking statesmen, public officials, educators, ministers of the gospel, professional men, have been duped into helping communism. Communist leaders have proclaimed that communism must be partly built with non-communist hands, and this, to a large extent, is true.

Communist propaganda is tailored to attract noncommunists. "Communism offers a bogus "spiritual appeal," a "Kingdom of God on earth." Its tactics and strategy are covered with attractive, appealing words, such as "freedom," "justice," and "equality." The communists claim they are working for a "better world."

Many well-meaning citizens, attracted by these words and not seeing behind the communist intentions, have been swept into the communist thought-control net.

"Fool the noncommunists!" That is the slogan. And, time after time, in almost unbelievable fashion, victims, somehow or other under communist thought control, do communism's work: signing communist election petitions, contributing time or money to communist fronts, issuing statements in support of communist-sponsored campaigns.

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, USA, quite recently was a candidate for the New York City Council, under the emblem of the People's Rights Party.

Communists canvassed to obtain at least 3000 signatures on petitions required by law to place her name on the ballot. They went over the goal with the help of noncommunists. In the Nov. 5, 1957, election, however, Flynn received fewer than 100 votes.

Sham Political Group Hides Reds

The People's Rights Party is a sham political party created to give the Communist Party the legal right to run communist candidates. In 1946, 1952, 1954, and again in 1957 communist candidates have run for municipal, state, or national office in New York City under the banner of the People's Rights Party. Each time signatures had to be obtained to secure the right of the PRE to place its candidates on the ballot.

Another instance of Party manipulation to gain the support of noncommunists was the campaign in the summer of 1957 to solicit signatures for petitions opposing the further testing of nuclear weapons by the United States government. Most of these signatures, of course, were those of noncommunists. On this issue the Party was slavishly following the line of international communism. Communist strategy is to provide the leadership, encouraging noncommunists to do the work.

Not that these individuals are communists. The great majority of them are loyal, not deceived, citizens.

Sending five dollars to a front organization with a patriotic-sounding name—signing a communist-inspired petition urging "world disarmament" (isn't that a worthy cause?); attending a giant Party-manipulated rally in support of the "Bill of Rights"; the noncommunist does not realize these campaigns are being operated out of downtown communist headquarters.

He is fooled because he believes in the aims they profess and does not recognize the hidden motive.

Party officials, like fishermen, are constantly watching their "nets" to see what the fishing will bring. Each day, unfortunately, communist thought-control nets, sweeping through American life, catch new supporters, new members, several sympathizers, an opportunist, many victims. The strength of the Communist Party depends, at any given time, on the number of fish in the net.

NEXT WEEK — How To Spot Red Fronts.

Drop Reported In Church Construction

Washington, D.C. (RNS) — Church construction is declining, apparently because of the impact of the current business recession, the government reported here.

New construction dropped \$3,000,000 during March on the February level, although ordinarily a seasonal increase occurs in building activity at this time.

NEW CONSTRUCTION was estimated at \$61,000,000 by the Departments of Commerce and Labor, \$2,000,000 less than last year.

However, except for the 1957 record, it was still the largest total recorded for March in the postwar period.

The impact of the business downturn on church building programs is clearly evident in the government statistics for the first quarter of 1958, with construction falling from \$68,000,000 in January to \$64,000,000 in February and then \$61,000,000 in March. But the situation does not give cause for pessimism, at least as yet, since total construction for the quarter was \$193,000,000, only \$2,000,000 less than the same period of 1957 when an all-time record for church construction was set.

CONSTRUCTION by the non-public schools and colleges held steady during March at \$40,000,000, the same level as February, but \$2,000,000 less than in March last year. Total construction for the first quarter was \$122,000,000, a decline of two per cent from 1957.

Daily Mass Calendar

- Sunday, May 4—Fourth Sunday after Easter (white), Gloria, 2nd prayer of St. Monica, Creed, Easter Preface.
- Monday, May 5—St. Plim V, pope (white), Gloria.
- Tuesday, May 6—St. John at the Latin Gate (red), Gloria, no Creed, Preface of the Apostles.
- Wednesday, May 7—St. Stanislaus, martyr (red), Gloria, no Creed.
- Thursday, May 8—Apparition of St. Michael (white), Gloria, no Creed.
- Friday, May 9—St. Gregory Nazianzen, bishop (white), Gloria, Creed.
- Saturday, May 10—St. Antoninus, confessor (white), Gloria, 2nd prayer of St. Gordian and St. Epimachus. —omitted at High Mass.

BOOK SHELF

Lay Apostle's Guidebook By Sister Margaret Teresa Nazareth, College.

World Crisis And The Catholic: Texts from the Second World Congress for the Lay Apostolate, Rome, 1937, Vittorio Veronese, editor, Sheed, 1958, 231 pp., \$3.00.

A Catholic layman's "Summit Conference," for adult readers who want to measure their own responsibility for the world now taking shape.

Here are twenty talks by Catholic lay leaders, covering with immense practicality and hopefulness the whole area of today's world-anxieties—and what talkers!

Adenauer of the German Republic, interviewed on Christian politics; Arno Blyth summing up the Catholic actor's business in the great popular art of the movies; Dr. Wa defying the Eastern mentality, showing in what aspects of Christ's life East and West understand each other; Mayor La Pira of Florence, discussing with tone courage the workings of grace in the present awakening of the continent; Christopher Dawson showing the Church to be free of any East-West barrier.

Are not these the very people we want to hear, down-to-earth people who have been taking a lively part in the new world, who have real hope for it? "Man-Kind," says Pope Pius XII, "is entering one of the most beautiful springtimes the world has ever known, a spring marked by a great awakening and development in all fields of human life." (America, April 5, 1958, p. 2)

SOME OTHER equally interesting voices: George Meany, talking to Europeans on unions and a guaranteed annual wage; Severin, the mathematician, holder of France's highest scientific title, and to an apostle of love; D'Orrnesson, successor to Paul Claudel in the Academie Française, rejoicing that the new unity of the world obliges us to give it back a soul however hard the task.

The Spanish mind too makes fascinating contributions: a great neuro-psychiatrist, Juan Lopez

abor, measures the advance of medicine, analyses the doctor-patient relation, explains disease as the definer of death and therefore of life; while Gustav Corcao of Brazil puts everything in the book with his magnificent analysis of the everyday Catholic, who starts and disappoints the world by being — just like everybody else!

"The world has a supernatural instinct," he says, "and it is thanks to this instinct that the world expects the Church to be something different from any other society. . . . It expects us to be both zealous about the things of the world, and detached towards the world's standards of values. However strange it may seem, the world expects the church to be in the world but not of it." And Dr. Corcao gets down to details with a vengeance, catches us out in absurd snobberies.

A woman, Marga Klompe, Minister for Social Welfare in the Netherlands Government and U.N. delegate for many years, is the only one to surpass Corcao in the close and urgent precision of her suggestions for everyman's conduct. Her topic is international collaboration, she knows it from A to Z, and she shows how the Catholic and secular organizations meet each other.

BIOGRAPHICAL sketches accompany each text, each one a heartening record of practical brotherhood, success in Christian charity, corporal or spiritual.

This is a book to restore the balance, to call back hope, after the dark warning of Romano Guardini's "The End of the Modern World." That world can end with neither bang nor whimper, but with morning at the brown brink eastward—and hope is after all a duty.

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