

# MASTERS OF DECEIT

## Red 'Liberality' Traps Unwary

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI since 1924, emphasizes that the danger to the United States from master Red plotters is as great as ever. In this week's installment of his book, "Masters of Deceit," Hoover discusses the most deceptive of the lures with which communists have caught unwitting American "fish" in their net.

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One of the chief strengths of the Communist Party has been its ability to appeal, by trickery, to many Americans who are sincere, idealistic, and well-meaning.

Let us consider five of the most deceptive claims made by the Communist Party, USA, in its effort to lure "innocent victims."

### Reds Claim To Be 'Liberals'

1. It is claimed that communists are liberals.

The concept that communism is a new world of liberalism is false, a trap used to catch non-communists. The word "liberal" has a fine, upright meaning and is symbolic of a great historic tradition. That is why the communists appropriate the term for their own use.

Communism is the very opposite of liberalism.

Liberalism stands for increased rights for the citizen; a curb on the powers of the central government; freedom of speech, religion, and the press.

Communism means fewer and fewer rights for the private citizen, curtailment of speech and press and worship of God. The communist state becomes all-powerful, the absolute reverse of American tradition.

Communists do not like the genuine liberalism of Western civilization. They denounce liberals ("liberal blockheads" Lenin called them) and attempt by every means to destroy them. The communists realize that true liberalism is a bitter enemy, a fighter for the things that communism opposes.

Liberals do not want revolution but genuine social reforms. That is why the communists detest them. But if liberals can be exploited, so much the better. Like everybody else, they are fuel for the communist engine of revolution.

### Join Party And See Progress

2. It is claimed communists are progressives.

"We of the Communist Party are fully and completely in the camp of progress..." A prime tenet of communist propaganda is that communism is the latest word in social progress. All other forms of government, especially our constitutional government, according to the communists are outdated, old-fashioned, and antique.

Communism is the wave of the future, they like to say, bringing all the good things that man has been dreaming about for years.

Religion, the "opium" of the people, must be destroyed, God cast out, and the "oppressors" liquidated. The road ahead is clear. Join the Communist Party and see progress. Those who do not join are "reactionaries," "fascists," and "warmongers."

You are a farmer, you want to grow better corn and more of it. If you have a lawn, you want to weed out the dandelions and have better grass. If you are a manufacturer, you want to develop a better product. This is a natural human trait.

The communists, identifying themselves with this idea, have convinced many people that they are the "progressives" of the twentieth century.

The exact opposite is true. The individual under communism is a mere number with two shoulders to carry a bale of hay or a couple of feed sacks, two hands to pull a wagon or drive a tractor. This is not progress but a turning backward, throwing away the fruits of history, religion, and free government.

### Reds Pose As Champions of Poor

3. It is claimed communists are social reformers working for the betterment of living conditions.

"The Communist Party... champions the... interests of the workers, farmers, the Negro people and all others who labor by hand and brain..." This theme, here quoted from the 1957 Party Constitution, is exploited time after time, hoping to attract noncommunist support.

The communists detest democratic reforms. These changes, they know, will make free government stronger, hence less likely to be overthrown by revolution. Their espousal of reforms (higher wages, better working conditions, elimination of racial discrimination) is strictly a revolutionary tactic.

That communism, by such mass agitation, might gradually change to democracy is a false and dangerous illusion. Communism's goal is world revolution. Any device that will advance its cause is urgently pursued.

Lenin himself was frank:

"The strictest loyalty to the ideas of Communism must be combined with the ability to make all the necessary practical compromises, to 'tack,' to make agreements, zigzags, retreats and so on..."

### Red Democracy Means Tyranny

4. It is claimed communists believe in democracy.

Communist leaders of all ranks, from N. S. Khrushchev to William Z. Foster, from Lenin to the lowest-ranking communist agitator, have proclaimed that communism is the most highly developed form of democracy.

Lenin stated that the Soviet Union was "a million times more democratic" than the most advanced capitalist democracies of the West. William Z. Foster the longtime Communist Party, USA,



WILLIAM Z. FOSTER  
Red Party Chief

leader in an official statement commented, "The Communist Party is a democratic movement," and added: "In the Soviet Union... there exists a higher type of democracy than in any other country in the world."

This is a communist deceptive device to fool noncommunists, encouraging them to believe that communism stands for something desirable.

The word "democracy" is one of the communists' favorite terms. They say they favor democracy, that communism will bring the fullest democracy in the history of mankind.

To the communists, democracy does not mean free speech, free elections, or the right of minorities to exist. Democracy means the domination of the communist state, the complete supremacy of the Party.

### Red Goal Seen Domination of U. S.

5. It is claimed that communists are American.

The Communist Party, USA, endeavors, in every possible way, to convince noncommunists in the United States that it is American. "The Communist Party is American," one of its top leaders recently proclaimed. "... We take second place to nobody in our devotion to the United States and its people."

This is a typical communist tactic.

Communism stands for everything Americans and other free peoples abhor: slave camps, rigged elections, purges, dictatorship. The communist movement was born in Europe, was imported into the United States, and grew up under the personal direction of Russian leaders in Moscow.

How can communism be American when it employs every form of treason and trickery to bring about ultimate domination of the United States by a foreign power?

The hostile attitude of Soviet Russia in international affairs, the Cardinal spy revelations, Soviet intervention in Hungary, the aggression in Korea—all these events, and many more, have taught Americans that the communist is not an angel of mercy, ministering to the weak, oppressed, and wounded, but a menacing demon spattered with blood and wielding a hammer and sickle of iron.

Nevertheless, great damage has been done, and it is still being done, in miscalculating and failing to understand the true nature of communism. In the 1930's, and especially during World War II when Russia was a military ally of the United States and Great Britain, this foreign ideology gained tremendous strength.

The Party in 1944 claimed a membership in the United States of 80,000. Communist fronts welcomed overflow crowds; distinguished citizens flocked to do their work. A great backlog of influence was built up upon which the Party is still drawing.

Thought-control nets touched, in one way or another, literally thousands of sympathizers and victims. Many individuals, people who should have known better, went completely overboard, halting or accepting communism as "twentieth century Americanism," a term widely publicized by the communists themselves.

Henry A. Wallace, in a frank article published in 1952, graphically pictured the communist power of deception, how he incorrectly interpreted communism and its counterpart, Russian imperialism.

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While Vice-President of the United States, and even later, Wallace thought Russia "wanted and needed peace." He visited the Soviet Union in 1944 and was favorably impressed. But, as the article related, he did not realize during his tour the feverish efforts being made by the Soviets to hoodwink him.

For example, he visited Magadan, a city in Siberia, which was one of the Soviets' most notorious slave labor camps. "Nothing I saw at Magadan or anywhere else in Soviet Asia suggested slave labor." Later he learned of the Soviet actions "... to pull the wool over our eyes and make Magadan into a Potemkin village (an ideal show city, especially built for visitors) for my inspection. Watch towers were torn down. Prisoners were herded away out of sight. On this basis, what we saw produced a false impression."

Mr. Wallace then added "... what I did not see was the Soviet determination to enslave the common man morally, mentally and physically for its own imperial purposes."

The communists' claim to be many things they are not. All over the world and in every field of human life they have created false fronts, Potemkin villages, to fool and enslave mankind.

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## Red 'Brainwash' Confuses Americans

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The communists, the witness said, "don't say this in so many words, except to those who are already indoctrinated in communism."

"What they say to the rest of us is to be objective; and then they twist the word 'objective' into meaning what, they mean by dialectical materialism."

"The United States is the main battlefield in this Red war," Mr. Hunter declared. "I mean specifically the people and the soil and the resources of the United States."

ASSESSING THAT "the first battles in this total war have already been won by the forces of international communism in the United States," the journalist said "these victories are identical to those they have won in every country which they have ultimately taken over."

Mr. Hunter said the Reds "have succeeded in softening up a large element of the American population, particularly among those to whom we look for guidance, our so-called intellectuals and our so-called liberal circles."

"They have succeeded in making the United States think and talk of a coexistence period," he

said, "as if that were an end in itself; while in other parts of the world, as in India, the Reds frankly explain that this coexistence is merely intended to give the Americans an easy way to choose their road to communism."

"This is the strategy," the consultant continued. "The Kremlin is merely giving the United States a choice of surrendering by voluntary change of attitude, to avoid more destructive ways of surrender."

"Unfortunately," Mr. Hunter warned, "in the United States large elements, mainly among our non-communist population, have been softened up into believing that if we can just stall on this situation, it will take care of itself."

MR. HUNTER CALLED this the communist "brainwashing program in the United States," and said it is being abetted by "the collapse of traditional American ideals of self-reliance and individual integrity."

The Reds have been operating for a full generation, he said, "taking advantage of the American principles, exploiting the best sides in our character as vulnerabilities, and succeeding for a generation in changing the characteristics of Americans."

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