

MASTERS OF DECEIT

Reds Thrive On 'Confession'

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI since 1934, 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 explains how Communist Party members "confess" their own and others' "errors"—Red method of keeping them "in line."

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INSTALLMENT ELEVEN

The Communist Party demands as part of its ceaseless process of indoctrination and discipline that members criticize or inform on themselves and their comrades.

A well-inucleated Party admonition is: "Test your work against Marxist-Leninist principles, to determine what is wrong."

Why did the club membership registration fall short? Are all officers of the club doing their duties properly? Why weren't more pamphlets sold, more money raised? Everything must be subjected to this process of self-criticism.

The individual members are expected to bow to errors, and prostrate themselves. "We were wrong. Have mercy on us. We will do better."

If any fail to "confess" there are others to point out those offenders' errors. "You are a revisionist." "You are a chauvinist." The idea is to force the member to feel the depths of humiliation.

When Earl Browder was deposed in 1945 as head of the U.S. Communist movement, a fellow national officer suggested that Browder be given a job scrubbing floors at national headquarters. Browder later told the Yonkers, N.Y., Communist club, "If there had been any evidence that there existed a real need for my services in this capacity, I would have gladly given them."

MEMBERS OFTEN work themselves into a state of frenzy, tearing apart their best friends. Sometimes the self-criticism becomes contagious, with Party sections and committees confessing en masse.

Don't Criticize Commie Bosses!

But comrades soon learn whom not to criticize. To attack a fellow comrade below the leadership level, especially one you don't like, is the thing to do. In attacking the club chairman the comrade had better take things a little slowly. If he is a friend of the chairman's superior and thinks he can get the chairman's job, then it's proper. If not, he should be content with self-criticism.

Good Party manners would say "no" to disparaging a state or national leader, unless the disparager had been assigned as a "hatchet man" for another top official. Communist criticism flows more safely downward than upward.

Criticism must also be of the "right" kind. Perhaps it is felt an organizer isn't doing his job thoroughly. To criticize him is proper; that's "constructive criticism" designed to make the Party stronger. "But this criticism," one high official warned, "must never depart from the line of the Party."

That's the crux: Criticism must

express a dissenting opinion on any matter of Party policy with respect to which a decision has been made by majority vote of the appropriate Party committee or convention, provided that such dissenting officer or member does not engage in factional or other activity which hinders or impedes the execution of such policy."

In other words in practice any criticism that "hinders" the Party line is "factionalism" and is forbidden.

"Factionalism" has sometimes become so pronounced that entire groups of CPUSA members have been expelled. There are in the United States today a number of Marxist factions (called "splinters"), each small in number and with varying degrees of hostility to the Communist Party.

Red Lies Wreck Family Ties

NONCOMMUNISTS will have difficulty in understanding the utter inhumanity of communist discipline. It is a discipline that pervades every facet of life, drives wedges between husband and wife, and separates families. The best friends today may be the bitterest enemies tomorrow because of a Party action.

A woman member heard that her husband, a high-ranking functionary, had been expelled. He told her he was innocent of the charges, and he was right. The charges were completely false. But she double-checked with her Party leaders. They said her husband was guilty. Finally her decision was made.

"Get out of this house," she ordered. "I don't want you around. You're a traitor. Now, OUT!"

Party discipline had overruled every other consideration. The husband was driven away from his own home and his own child. Loyalty to the Party supersedes all emotions of love and mercy and justice. This must be understood in any consideration of the communist menace.

The parents of a young woman in California who came to FBI notice were Party members. Both had held high offices in their section. They objected to their daughter's staying out with an early Party member until early morning because of parental feelings that this conduct was injuring her health and affecting her progress in school.

The daughter's companion complained to a Party functionary that he was being discriminated against because he was a Negro. The girl's mother, a former section chairman, defend her action. The daughter then took the floor and charged her parents with chauvinism. The parents were expelled. The daughter then married the complainant.

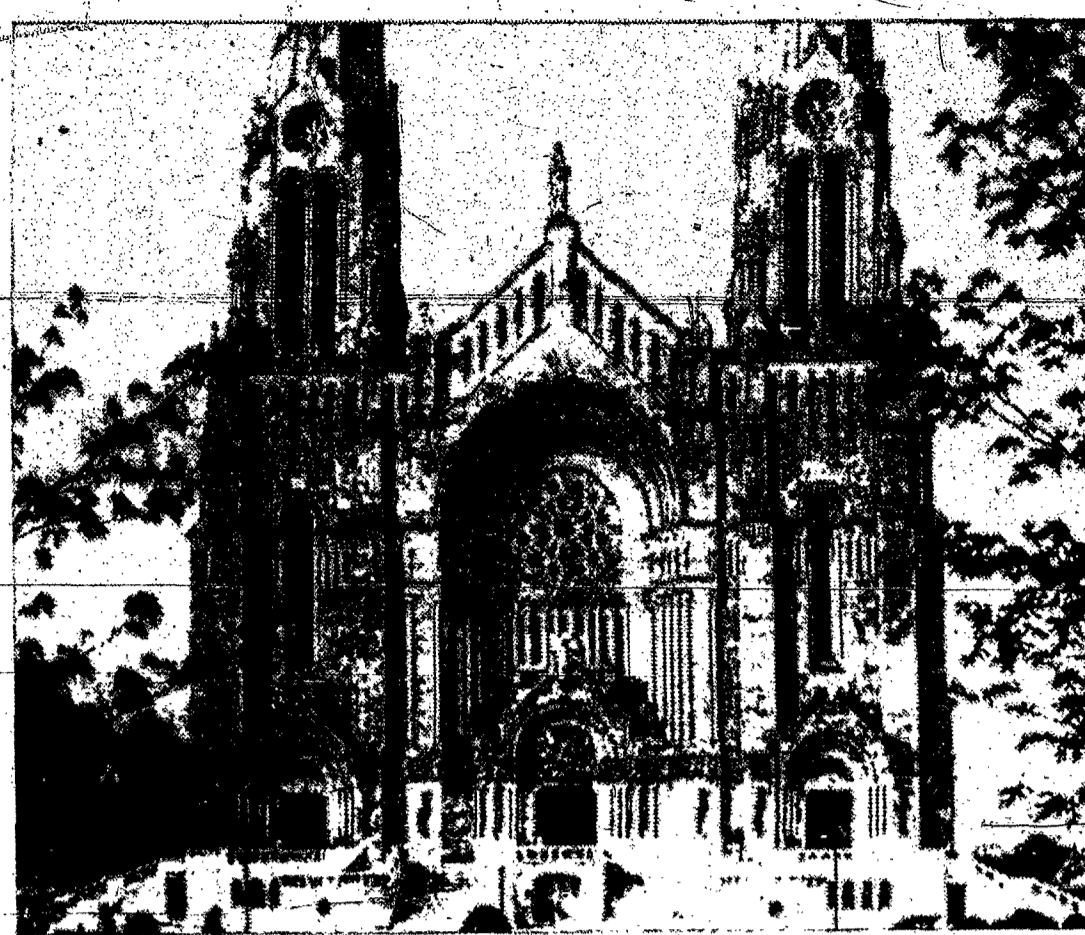
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The most severe penalty, next to expulsion, is "removal from office." In such instances the comrade may be stripped of all Party assignments and demoted to being a mere rank-and-file. This naturally is a hard job to a dedicated member who has risen in the Party ranks.

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The most drastic penalty administered in the Party disciplinary scheme is of course "expulsion." Thousands of case histories amply evidence the effect. It can be wrought through it.

Next WEEK—How U.S. Reds have disciplined "out-of-line" members.



New Look For St. Anne Shrine

On the occasion of its tercentenary year, a great effort has been made to bring Quebec's famed Basilica of St. Anne de Beauce to its completion. The present edifice was started immediately after the calamitous fire of March, 1922. The new facade ornamentation (above) has 124 stone columns, and 12 monumental statues portraying the Apostles on both sides of the magnificent rose window. (CNC Photos)

Red Held Dominicans To Return To Vietnam

Hong Kong — (RNS) — After four years' exile in Hong Kong, 50 Catholic seminarians and six Dominican priests from Vietnam will return to their native land at the end of the month.

ALL BELONGED to the Pontifical Seminary of St. Albert the Great, which was founded in what is now Communist-controlled North Vietnam, but is being re-established in Saigon, capital of South Vietnam.

The seminary was established in Nam Dinh in 1924. During the war the Communist arrested 100 seminarians and priests and kept them in custody for nearly a year.

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BOOK SHELF

Angels

By Sister Margaret Teresa, Nazareth College

"The Angels, by Rev. Pascal Parente. Grall Publications '58, St. Meinrad, Louisiana, 158 pp. \$3.00."

Here is a truly readable book about "the others," those companions of ours so little thought of and so seldom recognized in the Valley of Tears—the Angels. We take them to our hearts when we are children.

After childhood, we snub our angels (sometimes). Father Parente does not say this of course. He is far too busy presenting the facts of Scripture and history concerning these holy creatures of God, and telling us what doctors and theologians—like Thomas Aquinas have said of them.

EVERY CHAPTER is clear, fresh, easy—from the first one on the "morning Stars" who sang at creation, to the last that tells through delightful familiar stories how the book began, and just who inspired the "Angel Man," as Father Parente is often called.

The Angels are everywhere in Scripture, of course. They were not at all unfamiliar with earth before Christ's coming; they transmitted to us the Old Law, and performed many missions. How could it have been otherwise, since one whole Choir, the Ninth, had us as their special concern, acted as Guardians for every sinner, every saint, every Israelite, every pagan, from the moment of our birth until death.

The Ninth Choir was God's gift to men. Saint Thomas says they do not abandon their charges completely, even when souls have turned against God. They are our pedagogues, our shepherds, the instruments to us of Divine Providence, all day long.

WITH CHILDREN they are especially busy. It is true, because children's minds cannot be reached, warnings cannot be imparted. Their angels must act directly. Adults are different; they experience those frequent promptings about their personal safety and their children's safety, and usually, thank God, act upon them. If suppose, they call them "nunches"!

Our angels pray for us and with us and take our prayers to God. They go on errands for us. If asked, The famous Padre Pio complained that people's angels kept him awake at night, so many of them came (after the poor man, no doubt, had told his clients to ask such favors). Our angels have as their mission to give us "I.C." tender loving care, all through our life.

At death, they do it still. To a few, they give forecasts of Heaven. I am recalling the angel who played just one violin note for Saint Francis of Assisi.

THE ACCENTS of our great Archangels are especially fascinating. "Strength of God," for instance, the messenger to Our Blessed Mother, was also the first intoner of the Gloria, the one who came several times to Saint Joseph, the comforter of Our Lord in His Agony, the warder of His empty tomb. It is he who will be, in all probability, the voice, the "trumpet of God," at Christ's second coming.

Father Parente does not prophesy recklessly; all the evidence is given. There is a good bibliography as well.

Father McDonald Blesses Rings

Auburn—Rev. Vincent McDonald, O. Carm. blessed the rings of the Class of 1959 of Mt. Carmel High School at a ceremony before the close of school. The rings, which have a blue stone, have the coat of arms of Bishop Kearney on one side and the crest of Mt. Carmel on the other.

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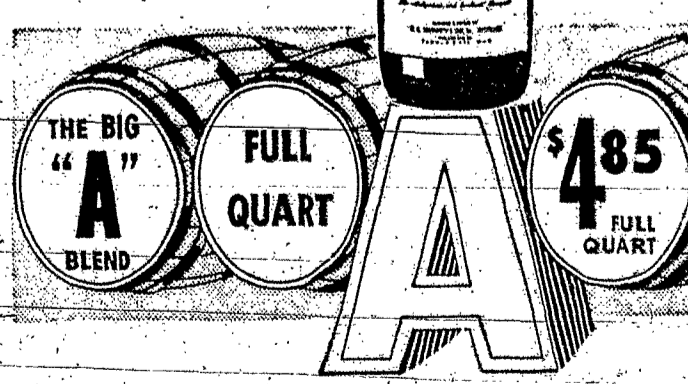
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