

MASTERS OF DECEIT

Reds Exploit Minority Groups

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 reveals how U.S. Communists thought-control their party members, fellow travelers, sympathizers and dupes.

INSTALLMENT FOURTEEN

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The Communist Party's approach and attack is adjusted to the fact that there is a variety of conflicting interests in a nation.

It endeavors to "sell" something to each of these interests. Through its mass agitation techniques it seeks to exploit any and all of the grievances, hopes, aspirations, prejudices, fears and ideals in the various social, religious, economic, racial and political groups that make up the nation.

Its tactic is, "Stir them up. Set one group against another. That's the way to soften up a democracy. Divide and conquer."

The following sums up the instruction given by a top leader of the Party in the United States on how to spread the Party's influence:

"Study your friends. See what they spontaneously talk about. What problem is of most immediate concern to each?"

"Is he a worker skilled in his craft but without a job?"

"A storekeeper? Maybe business isn't so good."

"A trade-union man, a dairy farmer, a young man just out of school, a member of a minority group, a young mother worrying about sending her child to school? Each has a problem through which he can be approached."

"Unless each one of us grasps the significance of this individual approach to every one of our friends and acquaintances, we are in danger of being ineffective."

THE COMMUNIST Party realizes that specialized agitation must be carried on in each field: among women, among youth, among veterans, among racial and nationality groups, farmers, trade unions. As we indicated in a previous chapter, each is the responsibility of Party commissions.

U. S. Youth

Prime Red Target

Take, for example, youth, naturally a prime target of communist attack. Communists start their attack with this major premise: Imperialism aims to create a corrupt, completely militarized youth—a "gangster," "sneered" generation. This theme is expounded by word of mouth, in forums, in literature, in cartoons.

The approach is considered from two viewpoints: (1) the deceptive line designed for public consumption and thought-control and (2) the real Party line designed to advance communism. This deceptive line for youth takes such forms as these appeals:

1. Increase trade with all countries, including the communist bloc, to provide "hundreds of

that could be used by the communist nations for armaments.

"Restore academic freedom" means in communist language, removing any ban on teaching of communist doctrine in all schools and allowing communists to infiltrate teaching staffs freely. Notice the communist use of the word—"restore," indicating that freedom is already gone and that the Party stands for its return.

The aim of the Communist Party in exploiting these and similar slogans is to render the country incapable of protecting itself from its enemy.

The Party, through its specialized appeals, is able to gain entry into various groups and create favorable conditions for future revolutionary action.

Thus very quickly, for example:

—a veterans' meeting endorses "peace."

—a nationally festival passes a resolution for "peace."

—a youth affair favors "peace."

—a neighborhood group comes out for "peace."

—a women's rally fights for "peace."

As stated above, "peace" to communists means making the country unable to resist Soviet aggression.

Whatever its aims or composition, a group once infiltrated, and under communist control, is switched to the Party line. The alleged interest of the communists in legitimate demands in merely a trap.

Holidays are exploited to enhance the Party's aims. For example, the Party's blatant mouthpiece in New York, "The Daily Worker," headlined a story "Mother's Day to Be Marked by Peace Tables." Postcards distributed on Mother's Day informed Party members and fellow travelers, "the dearest need of all American mothers is a ban on A-and-H bombs."

Also planned, the story said, were special Mother's Day leaflets and placards as well as balloons for the children reading "World-Wide Ban of A-and-H Bombs."

Many people believe sincerely, for many reasons, that these bombs should be banned. However, to communists, the objective to be gained by agitating for "peace" and bans on the A-and-H bombs is weakening the United States and advancing Russian aggressive aims.

In whatever group the communists infiltrate, discussion may start with better working conditions on the second shift or equal pay for women, but it probably will end with the endorsement of "peace," amnesty for the Smith Act violators, repeal of the Internal Security Act of 1950 and the McCarran-Walter Immigration and Nationality Act, or some other communist objective.

Scattered, variegated, and intricate interests, under the guiding hands of infiltrators, are brought into a common denominator: support for the Party line.

The Party line is the sum total of all things Party workers are backing at any given time. The line must not be judged by its parts, which may include objectives that are legitimate on the surface. It is important to realize that the records of communists everywhere they have seized control show communists don't really care about genuine social reforms or freedoms. Their professed demands for these are strictly for agitational purposes.

William Z. Foster, long-time communist leader, states candidly: "Our Party is a revolutionary Party. It aims not simply to ease conditions a bit under capitalism for the workers but to abolish capitalism altogether." By that he means, of course, to establish a Soviet dictatorship.



U. S. Navymen Cheer Pope

Vatican City — (NC) — Pope Pius XII acknowledges the applause and cheers of the sailors of the United States Sixth Fleet during their visit to Vatican City, following maneuvers in the Mediterranean.

'Stir Up Trouble' Favorite Technique

The attack is primarily directed against the intellectual level by the educational department of the Party; agitation is immediate, inflammatory, conducive to acute discontent — work for a specialist in the field.

Lenin's distinction between propaganda and agitation is decisive.

A PROPAGANDIST will, in "explaining" unemployment, talk about the capitalist nature of the crisis, the need for building a socialist society, etc. "Many ideas" must be expounded, "so many indeed that there will be understood as a whole only by a (comparatively) few persons."

THE AGITATOR, on the other hand, selects one well-known aspect of the problem, such as the death from starvation of the family of an unemployed worker. He will concentrate on imparting a single idea to the masses: capitalism was why this family died. The rule for agitators is, "Evolve discontent and revolt now. Leave a more complete explanation . . . to the propagandist."

Communist procedure in a case in which a man we'll call John Doe was arrested for murder, is an example of Party agitation at work.

Crime always brings sorrow. It reflects maladjustment in society and points up abuses that genuinely need correction. But the communists aren't interested in John Doe. They do not try to discover the true facts in his case, study his background, or improve his condition. To them, his case is simply one that can be exploited for propaganda purposes.

The Party machinery springs into action. The communist press publicizes the case with pictures, an interview with the jailed man, stories about his family. There is no regard for the truth or the suffering of the victim-of-the-crime or the sorrow of the victim's loved ones.

If the arrested person is a

member of a minority group or a military service veteran, or the father of ten children, or a union member, or unemployed, the agitation appeal is based on that circumstance.

"Union Member Framed on Murder Charge," "Unemployed Veteran Harassed to Jail," "Father of 10 Arrested on False Charges." Almost always the charge of "police brutality" is thrown in too.

Such campaigns are sometimes carried on for months or years, with varying degrees of intensity. The Party is a self-appointed collector of "victims," of "framed evidence," "lynch justice," "Gestapo brutality," "academic witch hunts."

The Communist Party's gallery of "martyrs of justice" include Sacco and Vanzetti and the Scottsboro Case, now remembered only in "memorials"; and more recent ones, such as the "Martinsville Seven," the "Trenton Six," or the Rosenbergs.

The results obtained for the Party determine the extent and the length of the agitation of such a case.

Does it arouse the interest of large numbers of persons? Is a prominent public official involved—one who can be undermined and smeared? Does agitation of the case aid other communist ventures directly or indirectly? Can it help the Party gain recruits? (Mass agitation is always linked with Party building.) Can it be profitable to the Party?

NEXT WEEK — How U. S. Reds get American names and money to aid their cause.

Clergy Urge Presidential Farm Study

Washington — (RNS) — Spokesmen for Protestant and Catholic groups joined representatives of national farm organizations here in urging Congress to approve legislation to set up a Presidential Country Life Commission.

The Rev. James L. Vizzard, S.J., of Washington, D.C., vice president of the National Catholic Rural Life Conference, and the Dr. E. W. Mueller of Chicago, secretary of Town and Country Church of the National Lutheran Council, who spoke on behalf of the National Council of Churches, were among witnesses who urged passage of legislation introduced by Rep. Brooks Hays (D-Ark.). Mr. Hays is president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Sen. Ralph Flanders (R-Vt.) has co-sponsored a similar measure in the Senate.

THE COUNTRY Life Commission would be established on the 50th anniversary of a similar group that was appointed by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1908.

Father Vizzard, speaking at a public hearing conducted by the Family Farms Subcommittee of the House Agriculture Committee, said that rapid changes are occurring in the rural life of America.

Syracuse Auxiliary Bishop Offers Mother's Requiem

Syracuse—Auxiliary Bishop David F. Cunningham of Syracuse offered the funeral Mass for his mother, Mrs. Mary Ann Cunningham, in St. John the Baptist Church, Monday morning, July 14.

Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery, Syracuse.

Bishop Walter A. Foery of Syracuse imparted the final absolution. He also spoke following the funeral Mass.

He cited Mrs. Cunningham's humble character and her wish to remain obscure despite the high ecclesiastical rank of her son. Bishop Foery said her prayers and her devout life obviously influenced her son to enter the priesthood, paving the way for his ultimate elevation to the Church's hierarchy.

MRS. CUNNINGHAM'S funeral marked the first time a bishop of the Syracuse diocese offered the funeral Mass for his mother. Previous prelates of the see had lost their mothers before being named bishops.

Assisting Bishop Cunningham at the Mass were Rt. Rev. Msgr. David C. Gildea, assistant priest and the Rev. Fathers James Fallon and Philip Meany, deacon and subdeacon.

Bishop James J. Navagh of Ogdensburg, Auxiliary Bishop Leo R. Smith of Buffalo, and Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey of Rochester attended the Mass.

Rochester priests at the funeral were the Rt. Rev. Monsignors Wilfred T. Craugh, John E. Manly, Maynard A. Connel, Gerald C. Lambert, and Arthur A. Florack, and Father Leo Smith.

Bishop Cunningham is a member of the class of 1926 of St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester.

Twenty-One Students, Six Languages

Pevensey, Natal—(NC)—Imagine, if you can, a Catholic seminary whose 21 students speak six different native languages. That's the problem that faces Dominican Father Oswin McGrath, the rector of St. Peter's Regional Seminary here.

THE SEMINARY trains African diocesan clergy for an area which uses seven African and two European languages. And in his work a priest may encounter up to 35 African languages from neighboring territories.

None of the students is a native of an English-speaking country. However, English is spoken daily at the school. Another standard language is Latin—the students using it for scholastic disputations.

Here's how the roster of languages reads: Ten speak Zulu, three Sotho, three Xhosa and one each speaking Pedi, Ronga and Afrikaans.

Each week one student leads the other student in reciting the Rosary and he uses his native language. In this way, says Father McGrath, "it is hoped to develop a workable and profitable multilingualism among these students which will be of great service in their pastoral work."

St. Peter's Seminary was founded in 1925 by Bishop A. Fleisher, C.M.M., Vicar Apostolic of Marikanihills. Pioneer work of founding and establishing the seminary was done by the Marikanihills Fathers.

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