MASTERS OF DECEIT

Dupes Aid Reds Rise To Power

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," he details the operations of a typical communist campaign in which a few fanatical Reds may influence thousands of persons to sign petitions, donate money to a "defense fund" and help break down law enforcement or protective measures against Soviet aggresion.

INSTALLMENT FIFTEEN

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We have a long record of how the Communist Party has searched out incidents it could magnify and exploit for agitation: the eviction of a family, the arrest of a Negro, the proposal of a rise in city transit fares, an impending increase in taxes, the dismissal of a teacher, a shooting by law-enforcement officers.

Some of the cases upon which it has fastened have, unfortunately, reflected mistakes in the administration of justice or blemishes on the face of American society.

The others were deliberately twisted by the Party into "victims of capitalist terror," "lynch justice," "academic witch hunts," "Gestapo brutality," and such.

As indicated in last week's chapter, the results obtained for the Party rather than for the "victim" or the family of the "martyr" are what determine the extent to which the Party will conduct its agitation.

Will the agitation help the Party smear one of its opponents? Will it help the Party gain recruits? Will it bring money into the Party's war chest, through a "defense fund" or some other device?

The answers to these questions guide the decision of the Party leaders regarding the agitation.

Committees Rope In Notables

Once the decision has been made, the probable first step is the formation of an XYZ Committee to Save John Doe: a communist front; born at 9:00 a.m., full grown by 10:30 a.m., mailing out letters by noon. This device gives the illusion of organized interest, focuses attention, and masks communist participation.

When starting a mass agitation campaign the Party knows that the success of the tactic depends on securing noncommunist support. Members contact community leaders, such as judges, members of the city council, doctors, lawyers, clergymen, educators, social workers, for statements or testimonials.

In such cases, the communist is no longer a shadowy figure deep underground or meeting secretly at night. He is knocking on doors, seeing prominent people, attending city council meetings.

"I feel that John Doe has been wrongly arrested (or convicted, as the case may be). I am compelled in the interests of justice to demand that he be released," is a typical testimonial sent to authorities and the press as a result of communist activity.

The technique of obtaining testimonials is to start with a fellow traveler, one who will authorize his name for any communist campaign. Some are so "controlled" that headquarters use their names without consultation, even preparing their statements. Others are contacted on each occasion.

THE SPECIALISTS in agitation next reach out for prominent persons known to be sympathizers with some special cause. These may be officers of communist "front" organizations. Their imposing official titles make them good signers for the Party's purpose. Finally, the specialist reaches down among unsuspecting non-communists, the contacts being made either in person or on the telephone.

The conversation would run something like this:

"Mr. X, I'm So-and-So from the XYZ Committee to Save John Doe. I was just over at Mr. Y's office. You know him, don't you?"

"Yes," will come the reply. That gets the interview off to a good start.

"This is a case I am sure will interest you. You are a lawyer and here is an individual who is the victim of injustice . . . Have you heard about it?"

"No."

That's good, the field is clear for the communist to present whatever lying statements he wants to use to rope in the prospect.

He goes on, "Dr. F, Rev. O, etc., have given statements . . ."

The man signs, another victim. Did he know the communist identity of the solicitor? No. Did he know that the XYZ Committee to Save John Doe was a communist front? No. Did he realize that by making the statement he was aiding the communist movement? No!

For sincere, honest reasons of their own, entirely unrelated to communism, many individuals may support John Doe. To call them communists is an injustice, but it is not unjust to point out that the Party always seeks to exploit such personal convictions for partisan propaganda.

The letterhead of the "XYZ Committee to Save John Doe" will probably have an impressive list of names. In an instance cited in a previous chapter, the Party's New York organ, "The Daily Worker," announced the formation of an "Emergency Civil Liberties Committee" with 150 founders from 30 States, including 50 who were educators, clergymen and members of other influential professions — law, science, medicine, the theater.

Communist strategy dictates that the cause of communism must be linked with as many elements in society as possible. "Our fight for John Doe is your fight," the communists say to labor unions, Negro, professional, cultural, and nationality groups. "Today it's John Doe who is being persecuted. Tomorrow it'll be your turn. Join with us and we'll fight together," their scheming argument runs.

The Party claims "We communists join with every other democratic-minded American, irrespective of views, in the common fight to preserve a common democratic heritage."

Lenin instructed: seize allies everywhere. Use them for the advantage of furthering communism.

By securing even the temporary allegiance of an individual, as in a testimonial, the Party gains. In this way communist propaganda enters the orbit of that individual's personal influence. "Why," a friend will say after reading the testimonial, "if So-and-So endorses that organization (or issue), it must be OK."

THE DUPE becomes a communist thought-control relay station. That's why communists are always eager to secure the support of doctors, clergymen, teachers, and other persons usually highly respected in their communities. The more widely known the person, the better for the communists' exploitation of him.

'Sign Here' Red Bait

CIRCULATING petitions is another favorite communist technique for capturing noncommunist support.

A young woman stands on the sidewalk. A housewife, carrying a package, comes out of the grocery store.

"Pardon me," the young woman says, approaching her. "Wouldn't you like to help a young man win his freedom?"

The appeal is attractive. The housewife stops. "We have a petition to the governor asking for the release of John Doe. He's sentenced to die. . ."

The housewife looks at the petition. It contains nothing communist. There is no hammer or sickle or mention of Russia. It is just a statement that we the undersigned believe that John Doe should be released. "You can help a lot by signing . . ." she is told. She signs. So do thousands of others.

Party teams with petitions operate everywhere, on street corners, at factory gates, in bus terminals.

"Sign here, please."

"Won't you send a telegram or write a letter? Here's a sample all fixed up. Just sign it."

"Would you like a leaflet?" "Won't you call the governor's office?"

"Come to our rally tonight." "Write a letter to the newspaper."

"Is your club meeting soon? Have it pass a resolution."

"Your pastor can help. Have him call a protest meeting."

Simultaneously a "woman's group" in Oregon, a "farmers' meeting" in Oklahoma, a "consumers conference" in West Virginia pass resolutions: "Save John Doe!"

The pressure exerted by the Party gets results in the form of thousands of letters, resolutions, and telegrams, perhaps a hundred times the number of all Party members in the United States.

The cases of Sacco and Vanzetti, the Scottsboro boys, the "Martinsville Seven," and "the Trenton Six," are examples of communist agitation. To the Party's purposeful agitators, the conviction of the Rosenbergs for treason was simply another capitalistic "frame-up."

Red Pressure Hits Courts

CAMPAIGNS involving court cases as a general rule provide the most sustained agitation. These can be divided into various exploitation stages:

The arrest stage: the "victim" has been illegally arrested. The charges are "trumped up."

The trial stage: "false evidence" is being used, the jury is "packed," a fair trial is "impossible."

The appeal stage (assuming the defendant is found guilty): In most instances a guilty verdict serves the communist purpose best. Otherwise, little propaganda opportunity is left, except for a few self-congratulatory articles. The communists use every device, inside and outside the courtroom, to break down the American judicial system.

The clemency stage is often best suited to communist agitation. The Party has a whole series of tested tactics for such occasions. Here are a few:

Mass meetings. Rallies. Demonstrations. Picket lines. These, also used in other exploitation stages, now become imbued with "gravity."

"John Doe Will Die in 2 Weeks." Wire the Governor. Demand His Release." "Save My Boy. Please He's Innocent." "Where's America's Conscience? This Man Has Been Framed."

Organized treks. Pilgrimages. Motorcades. Encampments. The convergence on a selected spot, the state capital or Washington, D.C., of members and sympathizers from all over the country.

They arrive in trucks, rented buses, by train. "Get your tickets, meet at the station, don't miss the Clemency Train."

An operational headquarters is set up in the target city, usually under a Party Aesopian name such as "Liberty House" or "Inspiration Center."

Teams visit offices of legislators, officials of the government and demand to see the governor or President. To build up an impression that "millions" are demanding clemency, a cascade of telegrams, letters, petitions, resolutions pours in, promoted by comrades back home.

"The city was stirred today by the nation's demand for John Doe." "Mr. Governor, Don't the Party's press agent. Possibly 250 communists and their sympathizers were in town.

The hour of judicial decision or execution nears. The drama is heightened. "Prayer meetings" are held by communists, who do not believe in prayer.

Then the super climax: a "vigil." The comrades start a marching line, twenty-four hours around the clock, demanding "mercy," "clemency." One day, two days, five days, twelve days, the line moves back and forth in front of the governor's mansion, or more dramatic, the White House.

Obviously these campaigns are also designed to dramatize communists and their fronts as "champions" of the masses. They foster the illusion that these individuals are progressive, enlightened, and humanitarian, acting in the best interests of free people.

That, of course, is an allusion. The real motive is to prepare both the Party and noncommunist society for revolutionary action. Members gain experience in mass work: propaganda and agitation, organizing social discontent, guiding large numbers. Leadership, discipline, and organizational structure can be tested.

Moreover, communists want to make workers and the masses class-conscious, accepting the Party as their leader (in Party terms called "radicalizing" the masses). Sow seeds of discontent; weaken, divide, and neutralize anticommunist opposition; above all, undermine the American judicial process; that is the ticket.

'Champions' Of The Under Dog

Law enforcement has long been a target of communist attack. As legal opposition crystallized, these Party attacks, especially on the FBI, prosecutive officials, and police, have mounted in intensity.

LENIN TAUGHT that it was essential for every "real people's revolution" to destroy the existing "state machinery." Wherever communists have won any measure of control, their first step was to hamstring and incapacitate law enforcement.

The communist performance in the Indian state of Kerala is a good illustration. Within a few months after a procommunist government came into control, "peoples' action committees" were formed which began to usurp the functions of the law courts. Then the state police were handcuffed by orders to stand on the sidelines except when crimes such as murder, rape, arson, and assault occurred.

Many communists were freed from jail, and public statements were issued that many penal institutions would be closed and their grounds turned into flower gardens. A noncommunist official of the Indian government reported a "complete breakdown of law and order."

Experience over the years has demonstrated that every time communists are able to avert justice through technicalities, there is not only jubilation in Party circles but also increased urgings for more brazen Party action.

Day-to-day agitations and other activities of the Party are battle-hardening dress rehearsals for revolution. William Z. Foster boasted, ". . . capitalism will die sword in hand, fighting in vain to beat back the oncoming revolutionary proletariat."

NEXT WEEK: Mr. Hoover tells how communists have infiltered some of our oldest and most respected institutions and organizations.

Better Housing For Back-Of-Yards

Chicago — (NC) — Discussing problems of new housing construction for people in the area back of the stock yards in Chicago, are Congressman Hugh J. Addonizio of New Jersey, acting chairman of the Sub-Committee of the House Banking and Currency Committee and two witnesses who testified at a hearing on Capitol Hill in Washington. They are Joseph Meegan, executive secretary of the Back of the Yards Social Action Club and Monsignor Thomas A. Meehan, former editor of the New World, Chicago archdiocesan weekly and now pastor of St. Basil's parish in Back of the Yards.

Church Run Industries Tax Exempt

Washington — (RNS) — The U.S. Internal Revenue Service has issued a regulation exempting business activities conducted by religious Orders "with sacerdotal functions" from federal taxation.

"In determining whether a religious order or organization is an integral part of a church," the ruling specifies, "consideration will be given to the degree to which it is connected with and controlled by such church."

"A religious order will be considered to be engaged in carrying out the functions of a church if its duties include the administration of sacerdotal functions and the conduct of religious worship," the ruling declares.

If a religious order is not "an integral part" of a church or "if it is not authorized to carry out the ministration of sacerdotal functions," any business enterprise it operates shall be subject to federal tax, the Treasury ruled.

A MAJOR beneficiary of the ruling will be the Jesuit Novitiate of Los Gatos, Calif., which produces sacramental wine, and also table and dessert wines which it sells commercially.

The Brothers of the Christian Schools of Napa, Calif., have pending in Federal Court a suit for the recovery of $490,000 which the order contends was wrongfully assessed on its distillery profits.

Church bakeries, canneries, radio and television stations, and motion picture theaters are other enterprises which will be benefitted by the ruling.

Russian Mass For Peace

New York — (NC) — The eighth annual Russian Mass for world peace, sponsored by the Institute of Contemporary Russian studies and the Russian Center of Fordham University, was offered yesterday in the Slavo-Byzantine Rite on the university's Rose Hill campus.

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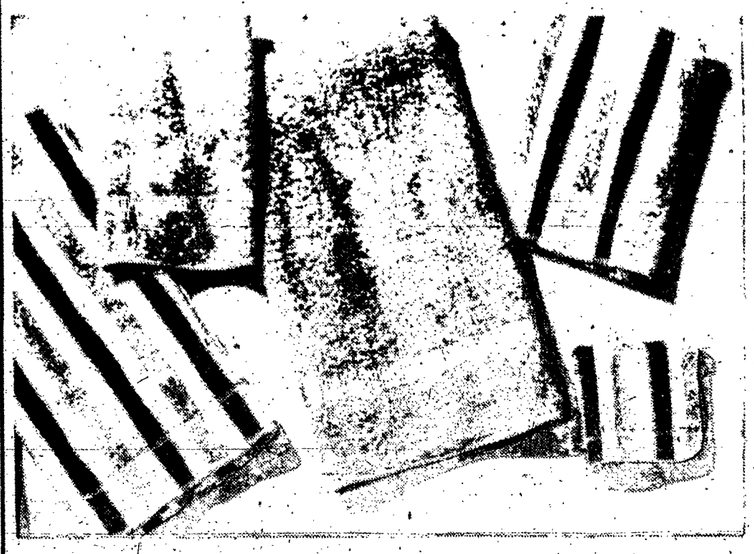

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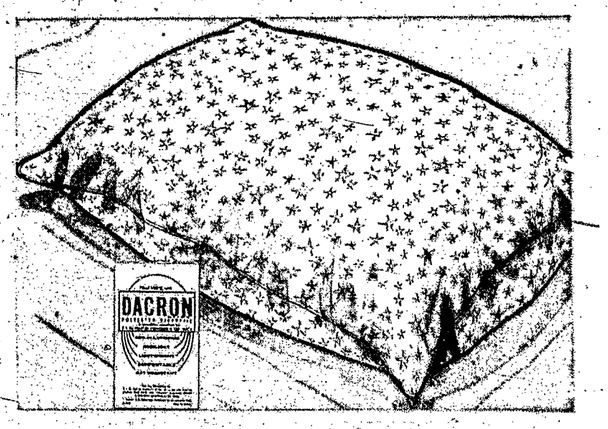

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