

MASTERS OF DECEIT

Infiltrated Group Does Red Bidding

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 describes a typical case of communist infiltration into an American organization called, for the sake of example, "The 123 Group."

INSTALLMENT SEVENTEEN

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In the beginning of the communist penetration of "The 123 Group," as explained in last week's installment which is representative of organizations to be found in any large city, all of the officers of the Group except one were bitterly anticommunist.

The exception was the holder of the post communists knew from experience to be a key position in any organization, namely, secretary.

He, "Mr. A," was not a Party member, but he had maintained cordial contacts with Party members. He was popular with the rank and file of the Group membership. Therefore, he was the weak spot in "The 123 Group" to the communists.

The Party organizer set his infiltration campaign going by drawing up a complete slate of candidates for officerships in the Group, including the "Reform Ticket." A few reactionaries were included, to help conceal the communist interest.

Naturally, the secretary who had kept an "open mind" about communists was induced to run for reelection to that position on the "Reform Ticket."

The chief problem to the communist strategists and tacticians was who to run for president. A known pro-commu-

nist could not win. To support and build up an avowed anti-communist was out of the question. The answer: put up a vain and pliable opportunist.

'Pliable' Candidate Runs For Reds

The right choice was at hand, an ambitious man who disliked the current president. Lacking a dynamic personality, a "little backward," as one Party official called him, he could be "guided." He was just the man to head the ticket.

He was contacted by sponsors of the "Reform Ticket" and told: Run for president and you'll receive "our" support. The communists, of course, didn't openly identify themselves. The opportunist, if he suspected, probably didn't care. That is the character of an opportunist: his per-

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nal ambition is so great that overrides every other consideration.

Now, the other noncommunist candidates on the "Reform ticket" had to be chosen.

TO COMMUNISTS there are different degrees of "foes." A 50 per cent "foe" is better working material than a "100 per cent" foe. Another may be appraised as a 40 or even a 10 per center. The procedure in drawing up such a slate is to find as many "low percenters" as possible. Also there is the practical factor, always to be remembered, of selecting candidates who can "pull" votes to the ticket.

After selection of the slate (which contained concealed communists along with noncommunist), there was the task of getting it elected.

This meant more carefully planned strategy, manipulation, and deals.

The communists could count on only a small minority of the vote—their own members and a few sympathizers.

Their tactic lay in exploiting jealousies, conflicts, and dissatisfactions among the majority noncommunists. That's how the Party is able to wield an influence far out of proportion to its members.

One kind of communist deal involves giving support to a non-communist member of the group who is running for office in another organization in which the communists also have members. "Support our candidates here," the deal goes, "and we'll help you over there."

The communist who is a union official or company foreman may say to a noncommunist member of the group, "There could be a promotion for you at the plant, if..."

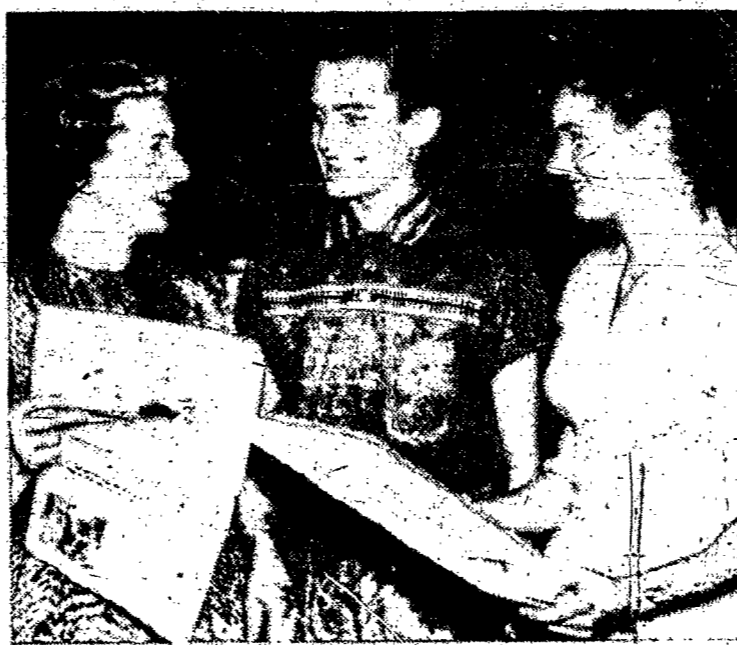
Another communist tactic is to urge "benevolent neutrality" upon those noncommunists who are wavering and might vote for the current officers; that's a good day for them to stay home or go fishing!

Result of communist application of its know-how: The "Reform Ticket" won a complete victory. So one-third of the officers, five Party members, of "The 123 Group" were controlled by Party headquarters. The rest of the membership were virtual prisoners without being aware of it for some time.

Infiltrated Group Serves Red Cause

To infiltrate an organization is only a first step. It must be made to serve Party interests. There are many ways:

A concealed communist was running for public office. Mo-



Teen-Age Journalists

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It was made that his candidacy be endorsed by "The 123 Group." There was a protest from the opponents, but the motion passed.

A communist "123 Group" member proposed: "John Doe is a victim of injustice. We should pass a resolution to be sent to the governor demanding his freedom." An anticommunist protested, "It's not our business to be passing resolutions about such matters."

"A reactionary!" the spokesman for the communist line counter-attacked. "Aren't you interested in justice?" This is a standard communist tactic: label your opponents as "Fascists," "reactionaries," "hard-hearted." The vote was taken: motion passed.

THE COMMUNISTS had established a Party front school under a deceptive name. As pointed out in a previous chapter, the communists exploit deceptively the names of Jefferson, Lincoln, Thomas Paine, Walt Whitman in the names of their schools, clubs, and fronts.

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Party and asked for copies of the "Daily Worker" and other communist background material.

A WELL-PLANNED floor strategy for all club meetings is one secret of many Party successes. First, as one Party leader expressed it, "we want our mob present." No absences are allowed. Every Party vote is needed. If a motion is to be made, who will present it? When? Early in the evening while the crowd is large? Or much later when many of the delegates, but not the communists, have gone home? How should objections be handled? If concessions must be made, which ones?

If a concealed communist is chairman of the meeting, the task is easier. He can use many parliamentary devices, such as not recognizing an opposition speaker, rushing votes, ruling opponents out of order. The communists, one member remarked, always had the meetings "so well in hand" in his organization that an "outsider" had no chance of even voicing opposition.

NUMEROUS TRICKS can be used; for example the diamond formation, seating members in a diamond pattern. This gives the impression, during debate, that Party supporters are more numerous than they actually are.

Another is the false opposition. Selected members make foolish, silly, and stupid objections to communist proposals. The purpose: to make the communists look even better. Communist infighting is vicious and utterly devoid of moral principle.

For several years, thanks to the tactics detailed above, the Communist Party controlled "The 123 Group." Time after time, an organization predominantly noncommunist in membership was subverted for Party purposes.

How To Overthrow Communist Control

It took six years of determination for "The 123 group" to eliminate its Red infiltrators' influence. Here were some of the basic points the noncommunist opposition had to keep everlastingly in mind:

Rally the majority noncommunist strength. The communists, usually a minority, capitalize on the lack of interest of noncommunist. One communist member was elected to office with only 3 per cent of the total eligible vote.

Remember that communism is always an evil; never a temporary good. Often communists give the impression of working for the best interests of the group. One Party leader said: "Politics don't matter. It's the issues that count." That's wrong. Any conciliation, friendship, or trust placed in communism will sooner or later be exploited against democratic society.

Don't underestimate communist tactics. Learn how they, though numerically few, are able to exert a maximum influence. Deceit is one of their strongest weapons.

Stand up and be counted. Many noncommunists hesitate to speak up in meetings. They fear to be attacked by an acid-tongued Party spokesman. They may remember Mr. So-and-So. He opposed a communist proposal several weeks ago. Now look at him. He hasn't slept a full night for weeks. Somebody is constantly calling him on the telephone. His relatives are pestering. It's best, they think, just to stay away from meetings or, if there remain silent. Others, irritated, bored, or simply "fed up" with communist tactics, walk out. Just what the communists want. Speak your mind. Stand your ground. Don't be afraid to defend American liberty.

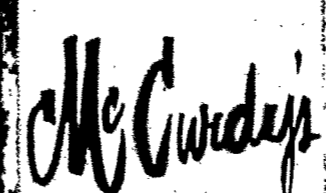
Daily Mass Calendar

Sunday, August 10—St. Lawrence, martyr (red), Gloria, 2nd prayer of 14th Sunday after Pentecost. Creed, common preface.
Monday, August 11—Mass of 11th Sunday after Pentecost (green), no Gloria, 2nd prayer* of St. Tiburtius and Susanna, no Creed, common preface; or Mass of St. Tiburtius and Susanna, martyrs (red), Gloria, 2nd prayer of 14th Sunday; VR.
Tuesday, August 12—St. Clare, (white), Gloria.
Wednesday, August 13—Mass as Monday except 2nd prayer* of St. Hippolyte and Cassian; or Mass of St. Hippolyte and Cassian, martyrs (red), Gloria; VR.
Thursday, August 14—Vigil of the Assumption (purple), 2nd prayer* of St. Eusebius, No fast or abstinence.
Friday, August 15—Our Lady's Assumption into Heaven (white), Gloria, Creed, Preface of Our Lady. Holyday. Meat permitted.
Saturday, August 16—St. John, husband of St. Anne, father of the Blessed Virgin (white), Gloria, no Creed, common preface.

The answer is a simple one. The communists, once in control, crush every opponent. In gaining power, they promise anything and everything to soften the opposition.

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