MASTERS OF DECEIT

Unwary Swallow Red Baited Lines

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 explains the workings of a network of communist apparatus in bringing pressure on noncommunists and legislators in the United States.

INSTALLMENT NINETEEN

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The "fronts" they have organized give communists a ready and quick means of staging demonstrations against any investigation or legislation they oppose. The results of their efforts can be detected repeatedly in national and state capitals.

An anticommunist bill is passed by a state legislature. The Party, having been unable to block it there, resorts to another tactic. Suddenly the governor of the state is bombarded with telegrams, letters, and petitions in the names of groups identified as women's clubs and veterans', labor, youth, teacher, civil rights, farm and other organizations.

To an uncritical eye it would seem that a wide stratum of population was demanding that the governor veto the anticommunist bill. But an analysis of the "protests" would show the heavy hand of communist manipulators of "fronts."

MANY NONCOMMUNISTS may oppose the legislation for a variety of reasons and express their opinions by letter, telegram, and petition.

That, very emphatically, does not make them communist. They are only exercising their democratic privileges. But it should be understood, too, that the Communist Party, through its "front" system, can stimulate a vast and often effective propaganda barrage of "public opinion."

Reds At Work Behind The Scenes

AT THE CENTER is always the Party, organizing, manipulating, seeing that the right persons are in charge. Noncommunists might well ponder this comment by a Party organizer: "Experience has shown that most sponsors are unwilling to give themselves sufficiently to stop the secretary from directing policy."

So true! The communist realize that if the secretary (or other key officer) is a communist (almost always a concealed member), the Party can dominate the organization.

Let the letterhead glitter with noncommunist names: president, vice president, members of the executive board. They serve as lightning rods, camouflaging the communist interest. To the sponsors, the prestige; to the communists, the power.

Great emphasis is given by the Red "front" tacticians to attracting noncommunists, the more prominent the better. These noncommunists by allowing their names to be used as sponsors, giving testimonials, or appearing at front rallies, aid the Party. It cannot be emphasized too often how the communists attempt to exploit for strictly partisan purposes the legitimate interests of noncommunists in social and economic problems, world peace, civil rights, and so forth.

Most important to the effective working of communist "fronts" are mailing lists containing the names of persons to whom literature can be sent. Perhaps you have received such propaganda in the mail and wondered whence it came. Party-front mailing lists are compiled in many ways—from telephone books, directories, membership rolls of infiltrated organizations ("loaned" by concealed members).

PARTY FRONTS are aggressive. "Don't wait for the communist" the organizer tells his comrades.

Seek him out.

"We must get into the neighborhoods more and into the home." Through rallies, parades, picket lines, forums, debates, circulation of literature, "fronts" are constantly seeking public support. They operate on the main streets of America.

Another thing dinned into the comrade: The agitation is always practical. Talk about peace, jobs, and the price of milk, not Marx's ideas of revolution. Link the struggle with "the fight for pork chops."

"Peace is an everyday issue and . . . should involve the housewife, the woman who has to wrestle with budgets in the hopeless struggle with taxes, high prices and a shrinking pay check," the communist is taught.

In one instance, a cookbook was issued by a "front," a "dollar stretcher" containing low-priced menus. The point the book strove to make was this: These recipes will help, somewhat. But, Mrs. Housewife, you can never hope for a stable economy (where prices are always low) until "peace" (Soviet style) is achieved.

'Come-Ons' Bait Unwary Victims

Such trick "come-ons" are common. Consider communist-sponsored "forums," for instance. Here are some Party-suggested topics for such forums:

—Are American marriages a failure?

—How to find an apartment.

—Should the voting age be reduced to eighteen years?

—Future of youth what is it?

—Can heart disease be cured?

—Can cancer be cured or prevented?

—How to be a cultured person.

What have these to do with communism? Nothing. But they bring listeners within talking distance. If one thing won't work, maybe another will.

Communist Parties around the world collaborate in setting up and using "fronts." An example is the Women's International Democratic Federation, which grew out of a conference in Paris.

Long before the Paris gathering the Communist Party, USA, went to work promoting the attendance of delegations of American women. One hundred telegrams were sent out from Communist Party headquarters in New York City to leaders of various women's organizations, announcing that they had been chosen as delegates and inviting them to attend a meeting at the home of the chairman of the U.S. committee.

A temporary "Committee on Cooperation with the International Women's Conference" was organized to push arrangements. An expediter was appointed to get passports and a special rate of $405 for a round trip by plane was secured.

And so a number of U.S. women attended the WIDF organization in Paris, many without the slightest idea that the affair had been promoted by the Communist Party.

Out of the Women's International Democratic Federation grew its American affiliate, the Congress of American Women. Shortly after the Congress had its first meeting, the National Committee of the Communist Party met in New York City. At this meeting one of its members discussed how important the Women's International Democratic Federation was to the Communist Party.

This high Party official then stated that the Party did not then control the newly created Congress of American Women, and that the communists needed to "infiltrate it more." The Congress has since been designated as a subversive organization by the Attorney General of the United States, the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, and the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

Tearful Appeal Charges U.S. Cruelty

Here is another example of how international "fronts" function for the Communist Party:

An envelope postmarked at Prague, Czechoslovakia, was sent to an American college. Inside was a printed letter signed by the Prorector and Secretary of Charles University, Prague, formerly renowned as a great European educational institution, now a communist propaganda front. The letter began: "We send you the Proclamation of the Charles University against the use (by the United States) of the bacteriological warfare in Korea and urge you to secure s your views on the named Proclamation."

Enclosed was the "Proclamation of the Academic Community of the Charles University. . ."

Note the propaganda techniques employed in the "proclamation":

1. The appeal prostitutes the reputation of a well-known university for propaganda purposes: "We, professors, lecturers and the other scientific workers of the Charles University in Prague, one of the oldest universities of the world . . ."

2. The appeal allegedly is based on humanitarian and scientific grounds: "With full responsibility to our human and scientific conscences we have considered the danger which threatens all of humanity through crimes that are being committed by the American imperialist army."

3. The appeal is directed to scientific teachers in universities. The idea is that an appeal from a member of one profession or occupation to another is more effective than random appeals. This device is often used, with Russian writers, artists, musicians addressing their "counterparts" in America: "We address ourselves to you, scientific workers of universities of all countries . . ."

4. The weight of scholarly backing is designed to influence opinion. It is stated: "These facts prove that the armies of the American interventionists have repeatedly used bacteriological weapons." "From the American airplanes bombs were dropped containing different kinds of insects rats etc. which were infected with plague, cholera and other epidemic diseases, and infected foodstuffs as well." . . . we are ashamed to think of those American members of medical science who have committed themselves to the preparation of these repulsive crimes."

5. Action is recommended: "We urge you to refuse to place your scientific knowledge at the service of mass extermination of mankind. . . . Protest not only in your activity as teachers and in your work in the scientific press, but with your governments as well!"

The proclamation is designed to make a lie believable, to paint the United States as a murderer and the Soviet Union as a protector of peace.

COMMUNIST propaganda is live ammunition designed to capture, maim, and kill. To regard communist fronts and their propaganda as foolishness is to risk our freedom.

A favorite field for communist fronts is the election campaign for public office. Running communist candidates for city council, mayor, governor, even for the Presidency of the United States, is a well established practice. Never has the Party, running under its own name, been able to secure many votes.

The Party candidates who ran five times (1924 through 1940) for the Presidency of the United States achieved their highest percentage of the total vote cast in 1932 a mere 0.3 per cent, or 102,991 out of almost 40,000,000 votes cast.

Communist Election Tricks

In instances where the Party has maneuvered political alliances, it has achieved more success, as shown by the election of Benjamin J. Davis Jr., and Peter Cacchione, both well known Communists, to the City Council of New York City in the 1940's.

But the real purpose is to give the communist training in mass agitation and enable the Party to smear rivals, scream its propaganda, and cause unrest.

Concealed members of the Communist Party frequently run under other colors. Board of education campaigns are well suited to communist exploitation. In such campaigns the Party sees to it that its candidate are invited to parent-teacher meetings, community centers, public forums, to participate in radio debates (when the time is donated), and to speak in the homes of private citizens. Also behind the scenes, the Party works overtime stuffing propaganda into envelopes, passing out cards, drumming up enthusiasm.

THE RESULTS are often amazing.

William Z. Foster in one of his books boasts that in Cleveland, Ohio, "A. Krchmarek, Communist candidate for the school board, received 64,213 votes," while in California, "the well-known Communist, Bernadette Doyle, polled the big total of 613,670 votes on a nonpartisan ticket as candidate for Superintendent of Public Schools."

Krchmarek and Doyle both ran on independent, nonpartisan tickets and were not identified on the ballot as communists.

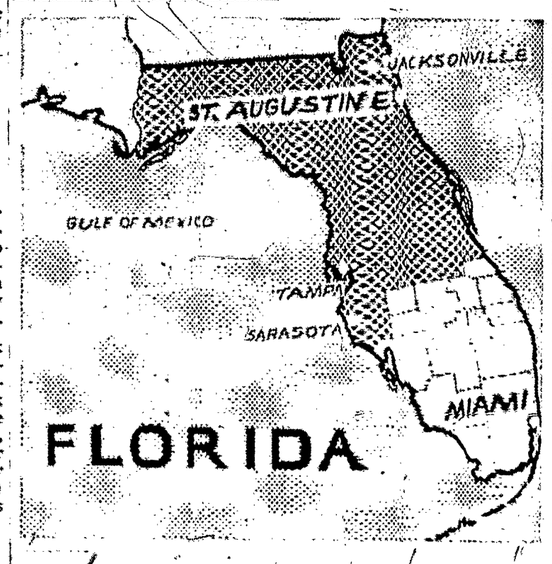
The communist front's strength as an arm of the Party rests on deceit and its ability to attract the support of noncommunists.

"Fronts" are means through which the Communist Party works above ground against the peace and security of the country. They are only one arm of a gigantic pincer. The other is underground.

NEXT WEEK—Pawns of the Communists

Bishop Carroll and His Diocese

Most Rev. Coleman F. Carroll, (left) Auxiliary Bishop of Pittsburgh since 1953, has been named first Bishop of Miami, a newly created diocese, comprising 16 counties in the southern part of the State of Florida as shown on map. Born in Pittsburgh in 1905, he was ordained in 1930. One brother, Most Rev. Howard J. Carroll is Bishop of Altoona-Johnstown, Pa. Another, Msgr. Walter S. Carroll, who served in the Vatican Secretariate of State died in 1950. Their parents lived in Rochester.



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