

# MASTERS OF DECEIT

## Reds Operate 'Underground'

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI since 1934, emphasizes that the danger to the United States from master led plotters is as great as ever. In this week's installment of his book, "Masters of Deceit," Hoover explains that persons sent "underground," in accordance with Party strategy and tactics, naturally cease to be identified with its open above ground membership and operate as secretly as any espionage corps.

### INSTALLMENT TWENTY-TWO

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Above ground the Communist Party in the U.S. seeks to represent itself as a legitimate political organization working for the best interests of the nation.

When large segments of the population are hoodwinked into believing or accepting this fraudulent claim, it becomes easier for the Party to carry on its revolutionary propaganda through mass agitation, infiltration, and fronts. Without some degree of public acceptance, the Party is doomed to an isolated impotence.

COMMUNIST tactics require that the Party's activities be pushed as far as possible above ground. Where and when the government takes steps to protect itself from outright treason and subversion, more and more Party activities are shifted "underground," that is, to the illegal apparatus.

The Party is always prepared to do this, for Lenin taught that communists must always have two levels, above ground and "underground." Both must exist at the same

dustry; maintaining clandestine communication networks.

### Emergency Sends Reds 'Underground'

In event of an emergency, this underground quickly expands providing the Party with well-prepared and extensive undercover operators. Within days, hundreds of above ground comrades can be fitted into the underground operations.

As the Party always prefers surface operations with a supporting underground, it fights desperately all legislation curtailing its activities. Only to prevent annihilation will it go completely underground, for this action reduces contact with the masses, wastes energy on non-productive security measures, and decreases effectiveness.

The Communist Party, USA, has experienced two periods of intensified underground activities: (1) shortly after its founding, and (2) in the mid-1931 to mid-1933 period. Both were caused primarily by protective actions of state and federal governments.

The communist underground is a maze of undercover couriers, escape routes, hide-outs, and clandestine meetings. It's not the place for the beginner, the half-indoctrinated, or the doubtful, but for the experienced, drilled, dedicated communist.

These men and women must carry on the Party's deceitful work away from the watchful eye (so they hope) of the FBI and other protective agencies.

### FBI Observes Underground Action

The following describes two instances of the communist underground functioning, as observed by the FBI:

It was early in the morning. The taxi had been summoned to a corner on James Street. The driver found his passenger to be an attractive woman, dressed in a polka-dotted blouse and navy blue skirt. From her shoulder dangled a brown purse.

"Take me to Elm and Cherry Streets," she said.

When the taxi arrived there, the woman acted as if she had changed her mind. "Take me to the Stuphus Store," she instructed. "The driver complied, now almost doubling back to where he had started. The woman, however, still wasn't satisfied. She "changed her mind" again and asked to be taken to another location. There she alighted.

A few minutes later she hailed another cab and went straight to her destination, a railroad station on the east side of town. She had started out in this devious route only a short distance from a terminal where she could have caught the same train.

This wasn't a flighty woman who changed her mind, but the



### Gypsies At Lourdes

Lourdes — (RNS). — Some 5,000 European gypsies, attending an assembly nearby, made a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes here. As they marched from their camp to the famous Marian grotto, they were preceded by a group of 50 guitarists, violinists and other musicians.

### Shift of a Party Underground Leader to a New Hideout

Why the strange gyrations? She was endeavoring to make certain she wasn't being followed.

AT THE SAME time, in another city and state, a woman with black curly hair, dressed in a smart gray herringbone suit and wearing a large-brimmed hat, boarded a southbound train. She carefully surveyed the passengers, then took a seat near the rear.

She was carrying on her left arm a blue tweed suit and a book, and in her right hand she held a brown suitcase with light tan trimmings.

Her train journey was a long ride, all afternoon and night. At the end of it, she sped to an address in an older section of town. A knock, a door opened, and she disappeared inside. The woman was a high-ranking Party leader reporting for a new underground assignment.

THESE TWO WOMEN, who looked like ordinary travelers, were but two of many hundreds involved in Party underground work from 1931 to 1935. Many were away from home for months, even years, living under assumed names in obscure rooms; moving under cover of darkness from one city to another; scurrying along streets late at night; eating irregular meals.

### Loyalty Test Probes Private Life

In the Party, "loyalty" is judged by an elaborate "verification" system. A prospect for the underground is compelled to execute a questionnaire asking for detailed information about his family, former employment, education, Party history.

One questionnaire obtained by the FBI required the Party member to analyze the "political position" of relatives. It also asked, "Have you had any extramarital relations since you've been married? If so, with whom and how often?"

To enter the underground, usually means simply disappear

ing quickly, abruptly, without notice even to fellow communist club members.

If there's a whispered question in the club, "Where's Gordon?" The answer is "He's gone under" or merely the tell-tale sign, a clenched fist with the thumb pointed down.

One Monday morning in a certain city all employees in an office came to work except one woman who had been with the firm for many years. It was assumed at first she probably was sick. But eventually notice was taken of her absence, for there was no word from her and she had almost a hundred dollars in wages coming to her. She had quickly moved out of her apartment. None of her associates knew where she had gone.

She had entered the communist underground.

Sometimes departures into the underground have been so rapid, in obedience to orders from the Party, that hot meals have been left on the table.

Once underground, the Party member is given a new identity; that is, being made into "another person." As a general rule this involves the securing of a new name, date, and place of birth, even changing physical appearance. One Party functionary was put on a diet to lose between thirty-five and forty pounds, giving him a gaunt appearance. Others were told to gain weight. Still another grew a mustache, donned glasses, and dyed his hair black.

Identification marks of Party underground members, such as moles and warts, have been removed by surgery. One underground official boasted that he could walk down Main Street every day and even his wife could not recognize him!

The member is supplied with false identification papers, Social Security cards, drivers' licenses, library cards, bank deposit books to enable him to prove his "identity." He is expected to acquaint himself with the town supposed to have been his birthplace, to know about newspapers, streets, stores, baseball team.

Frequently the underground member, in his new pose, will attempt to secure employment at least on a temporary basis. His underground work will be conducted in the evenings and on week ends.

One underground communist became, in the words of her employer, an "efficient, affable, and able" secretary. He had no inkling she was a communist on an undercover assignment.

Party specialists have carefully studied the problems that may confront the underground member.

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her in his or her assumed identity and have endeavored to procure the member for any conspiracy.

### Hide-Outs Assure Total Secrecy

Communist "front" organizations often serve as vital pipelines through which necessary funds, supplies, and instructions are funneled to the communist underground. The deeper the Party goes underground, the greater the reliance on fronts.

GENERAL SPEAKING the underground uses three types of hideouts: (1) temporary, an abode for a courier or Party member on route to another destination. This will probably be a room in the home of a "politically reliable" individual; (2) emergency, a home or apartment where a member, perhaps feeling he is being watched or suddenly he is coming sick, can hide out on a "shorttime" basis. It is not to be used too frequently; (3) permanent, or "deep freeze," where one or more comrades can remain for extended periods, maybe a month, or even a year, with all necessities being provided there secretly. Farms or cabins in remote areas are regarded as excellent "deep freezes."

Here are some of the requirements demanded by Party specialists for a "safe" hide-out. The list illustrates the Party's attention to detail.

1. The owner must be absolutely loyal to the Party.
2. If an apartment there must be no doorman or elevator operator. A walk-up apartment of three or four stories is preferable.
3. If a family home, the members must be thoroughly reliable. There should be no children, relatives, or maids.
4. The owner of the hide-out should not be closely identified with the Party, either as a sympathizer or member.
5. The hide-out must be located where there are no curious or talkative neighbors.
6. The quarters must be sufficiently large to accommodate extra guests. Cluttering attracts attention.
7. The neighborhood should be one in which some trusted friends of the Party reside. In this way

any inquiries in the vicinity will immediately come to their attention.

It is insisted that elaborate security must surround all underground contacts, whether between just two people or groups.

In one instance six weeks allegedly were spent in bringing twenty people to a national underground conference.

If two couriers don't know each other, advance arrangements must be made, usually by notes, to effect identification for a meeting. Here is one example, a note reading: "On Friday, April 6, 8 p.m. at NE corner, Oak and 9th St. — my courier will be standing with a Field and Stream magazine. Bill's courier will approach her and ask, 'Mrs. Polk, what time is it?' She will reply, 'I'm sorry, my watch is stopped.'"

Note the use of a magazine and code words for identification. In case the first contact didn't work out, there were alternative instructions. The note continued: "In case no one shows, she will go to the SW corner, Walnut and 10th, same magazine, Friday, 13, 8 p.m. same question and answer. She will wait around only ten minutes each time."

These are a few of the security tactics that the communist underground uses to carry out its deceitful operations. As we shall see next, the furtive and fanatical members of this diabolical apparatus will go to any lengths to conceal their illegal activities.

### NEXT WEEK — Underground handshakes.

### Church Shares In War Claims

Washington — (RNS) — President Eisenhower has signed into law a bill that makes available to the U.S. Attorney General \$3,750,000 for the additional payment of war claims to religious groups in the Philippine Islands.

Claims of \$1,171 for property damage and \$94,898 for relief have already been approved for Catholic religious orders and institutions and are awaiting payment.

### AND THE WALLS CAME TUMBLING DOWN . . .

When the people of God hid close to the city of Jericho. This was an imperial victory in the progress of God's plan for men. Today, the people of God are on the march again, and they are making their walls to crumble as the Kingdom of God comes forward. The only problem is, that now these walls belong to the parish church of Sebea (Kiklopis). The present church was built by the Lazarist Fathers in 1937. At this moment the swelling host of the missionaries and the abundant grace of God have brought great strength to the parish through numerous conversions; and meanwhile the rage of the wind and the rain continues to lash against the simple House of God. The pressure of increasing numbers of the faithful from within, and the violence of the forces of nature from without, have finally rendered this humble church dangerous to use. The Kingdom of God marches on . . . will you help us to rebuild . . . the total cost will be \$1,000.

HUNGER HAS BROUGHT CONSTANT SUFFERING TO THE POOR OF THE NEAR EAST . . . NOW FEAR HAS BEEN ADDED TO THEIR MISERY . . . \$10 WILL FEED A REFUGEE FAMILY FOR A WEEK . . . ANYTHING LEFT OVER FROM VACATION?

THROUGHOUT THE WORLD Catholics will recall on September 15th, the many shrines of the life of the Mother of God. As we count them again to the GLORY OF MARY, we may wish to recall some of the "sorrows of the moment" which are known to the Mother of God. No doubt, chief among them is the lack of native vocations in the missions of the Near East! Two young girls, SISTER VERONIQUE and SISTER BERNARDETTE, wish to enter the Little Sisters of Jesus. They wish to serve in the City of Jerusalem — so well known to the blessed Mother. Will you help them? Each will require \$150 a year for two years of seminary training. You may pay the money in any manner convenient while your "daughter in Mary" prepares for her vocation.

YOUR MISSIONARIES NEED MASS OFFERINGS . . . WILL YOU HELP THEM TODAY?

MATTHEW AND PAUL were apostles of Christ and devoted their lives to the spread of the Kingdom and preaching the word of God. This week, two young men of India, namesakes of these great souls of Gospel days, wish to enter the seminary at Poona. They have sought to give but their lives. They are praying for a benefactor who will make the altar possible to them by the donation of \$600 for each. This money will be used to defray the necessary expenses of seminary training and study. Would you care to have an apostle as a Son in Christ? You may send the money in any manner convenient while your "boy" completes his six year course of study.

THE LITTLE ONES ARE SUFFERING . . . WILL YOU COME TO THEIR AID?

SCHOOL BELLS RING AND CHILDREN SING, at least so goes an old song. The opening of school is an exciting time for children and parents everywhere. EXCEPT in the poverty and fear-ridden lands of the Near East. \$5 will buy a Galaby (school suit) for a refugee child. Will you make one child happy?

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