

MASTERS OF DECEIT

American Spies Serve Soviets

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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, he reveals how the Communists enroll Americans as agents to betray our nation.

INSTALLMENT TWENTY-FIVE

While professing peaceful intentions, the Soviets are concentrating on building up espionage networks in the United States and planting concealed agents such as Colonel Rudolf Ivanovich Abel.

Abel was the member of the Soviet intelligence service arrested by the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service in June, 1957, at the request of the FBI.

We had identified him as a concealed Russian agent. After his indictment in August, 1957, on espionage charges, information was made public concerning him which the FBI could not disclose previously. Abel was convicted in Federal Court, Eastern District of New York, in November, 1957, and he was sentenced to thirty years in prison and fined \$3000. Subsequently, an appeal was filed.

How Russians Enlist Americans

Ordinarily a network includes a principal (the boss), always a Russian national in a "legal" network, but in a network directed and controlled from an official Russian government agency. (Reference was made earlier to the Amtorg Trading Corp. as a Russian espionage cover.) Under him are group leaders, couriers, and individuals who serve as sources of information.

NON-RUSSIANS, such as Harry Gold—the American who aided Moscow to get atomic secrets, may serve in various capacities, but at all times they are under the firm control of Soviet superiors. In espionage, as in other phases of communism, native comrades exist only to serve the Russian master.

Strange as it may seem, it is difficult for an American to become a Russian espionage agent. The Soviets are highly selective. They will not accept just anybody. Does the prospect have access to confidential data? Will he accept discipline? What is his background?

The Russians want to know everything about him—literally everything. Sometimes elaborate verification checks are run through Soviet contacts around the world.

Why Americans Spy For Soviets

Moreover, the breaking-in period of a prospect may be very slow. At first he may be given minor assignments to test his faith for intelligence work and discernment of details, all without risk to any established espionage operation. If he "comes through," he'll be given more responsible work.

Why does an individual engage in espionage? Why do native Americans betray their country for a foreign (enemy)?

THE MOTIVES are many, and

his ideological motivation as a communist reversed his decision and he agreed. He was to do tremendous damage to America by furnishing the Russians, through Rosenberg, with valuable information about our then greatest weapon.

THEN THERE ARE other methods the Soviets have to induce Americans to betray their country. Such as:

1. Threat of exposure and blackmail. Americans seduced into becoming agents are given money (sometimes even against their will). Usually the amount is small, but a receipt is obtained, thus compromising the recipient. Or the victim is induced to sign papers, reports, or documents. If the initial ideological enthusiasm wears off, as it probably will, the agent is trapped. Even if he so desires, he cannot break away.

2. Use of hostages. Once they have control over relatives and loved ones the Soviets do not hesitate to let it be known that unless their victim complies with bidding a whole family will be liquidated.

I repeat a statement made in an earlier chapter of this account: The Communist Party, with its thousands of members, represents a vast reservoir of potential espionage agents. Moreover, its vast propaganda and ideological program is daily saturating their hearts, minds, and souls with a sympathetic acceptance of communism.

To be a Party member does not automatically mean being an espionage agent, but it makes the member potential spy material. If the request for aid to Russia ever comes, this is a tremendous and present danger to our security.

U. S., Target Number One

The United States is strategic spy target Number One for the Soviets. Every effort is being made to penetrate our defenses. The Soviets are interested in literally everything. Any person who believes that espionage means securing only military information is unacquainted with the nature of twentieth-century spying. An army manual, security regulations of a government building, the "political" views of a clerk in an industrial firm, incidents in the life of a prominent person who might be used for blackmail—these and many more are prize espionage objectives.

Soviet espionage is both exact (seeking information at random) and specific (trying to obtain a certain blueprint or military operational plan) open (gathered from public source items, such as newspapers, magazines, maps, navigational charts, patents, aerial photographs, technical journals) and undercover (use of illegal means to steal information).

HERE ARE SOME major "areas of interest" of Soviet espionage in the United States:

1. Scientific research and development, with particular attention to atomic energy, missiles, radar defense, electronics, and aeronautics.
2. The strength, deployment, training methods, strategy, and tactics of the armed forces of the United States, together with ordnance, weapons, and military equipment.
3. The intelligence and counter-intelligence agencies of the United States, possibilities for penetration.
4. International relations of the United States.
5. Weaknesses in American public and private life that can be exploited for intelligence and propaganda purposes.
6. Anti-Soviet political opposition groups, refugees from the



Nuns Vote In French Referendum

Paris — (RNS) — A group of nuns cast their ballots here in France's overwhelming approval of the new De Gaulle Constitution. The 4-1 landslide victory for the French Premier approved the establishment of a Fifth Republic and administered a severe beating to the Communist party in France.

Soviet Union and satellite countries, and nationality groups in the United States.

Soviet 'Rewards' For U. S. Spies

The world of Soviet espionage, like the communist underground, is filled with rewards. An industrial spy who works for years and knows his superior only as "Bill" or "Henry." His rewards: a small promise, or a token award.

Harry Gold was awarded the Order of the Red Star, which among other things, gave him the privilege of free travel rights in Moscow. To those hoping to get money, the promise is always big, but results are meager.

Here are Gold's own words of what he underwent: "The difficulty in raising money for... trips; the weary hours of waiting on street corners; all strange towns where I had no business to be and the killing of time in cheap motels; and the lies I had to tell at home and to my friends to explain my supposed whereabouts. (Mom was certain that I was carrying on a series of clandestine love affairs). It was drudgery... anyone who had an idea this work was glamorous and exciting was very wrong indeed—nothing could have been more dreary."

Never must we forget, however, that even though acts of sabotage are not now part of the Party's program, they may become so in the future. The communist underground provides a cover to commit sabotage when

Once the American is enlisted as a Soviet agent, the pressure is terrific, with the Soviet principal always wanting more and more.

"If you were in Russia," one Soviet superior barked at a sub-agent who had done something unsatisfactory, "you would suffer the same fate as the traitors in the Moscow trials." reference to the purges of the 1930's. Everything is geared to promote Russian interests. If the agent fails, there are threats of dire consequences.

Espionage's twin partner is sabotage. In 1917 and after.

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Episcopal Prelate Hits Schools Tax

San Francisco (RNS) — Episcopal Bishop James A. Pike of California assailed a November ballot proposition to end tax exemption for private and parochial schools in the state as a "smoke-screened threat to religious freedom congenial to Iron Curtain philosophy."

At a news conference in Grace Episcopal Cathedral here, Bishop Pike said proponents of Proposition 16 wanted a "monolithic education similar to the Hitler schools, all State-controlled." He declared they were motivated by "religious prejudice."

Bishop Pike was supported in his opposition to the measure at the conference by the Rev. Gilbert S. Zimmerman, pastor of St. Mark's Methodist Church, Los Angeles, and the Rev. W. A. Thiele, pastor of Calvary Lutheran church, San Lorenzo, Calif.

PROPOSITION 16 would end tax exemption for all private and church-operated elementary and high schools unless they are exclusively for the handicapped. It was placed on the ballot after 250,000 signatures, qualifying the issue as an initiative measure, were collected by a group called Californians for Public Schools. It has been opposed by Catholic and Protestant clergymen alike.

Mr. Zimmerman pointed out that advocates of the tax measure "don't propose to penalize seminaries and there's nothing more sectarian than a seminary." He said this showed that the "separation of Church and State" argument used by the measure's proponents was "illogical."

BISHOP PIKE said the proposal "particularly hits at the Church running most of the private schools in California, namely, the Catholics." Its "anti-Catholic nature," he said, was "pretty much given away" by the fact that it would not affect college level schools.

Referring to Non-Catholic religious groups that operate schools that would be affected, Bishop Pike said, "We don't see why we should be penalized in running our own schools because of someone's prejudice against Roman Catholics."

"The idea that the public school system is the American Way—and the private and parochial schools are exotic intrusions that should be discouraged—comes from failure to read U. S. history. Actually our first schools were Church-founded," he said.

Cassock Clad Scientist Stirs Moscow Meeting

Berlin (RNS) — A well-known Catholic priest caused something of a stir at the recently concluded Geophysical Congress at Moscow.

Father John Koster, S.V.D., an astrophysicist and university professor, attended both scientific sessions and social affairs at the Soviet capital in his cassock.

At the congress Father Koster said he lectured on his special theme: Stellar Radiation and Magnetic Disturbances over the Equator. He reported that he is well satisfied, as far as his scientific field is concerned, with the results of the congress. However, he said he got the impression both Russians and western scientists were holding back with information on rockets and missiles.

will serve the communist cause.

As part of the Party's underpinned the communists are pursuing a program called "colonization," designed to place concealed members in strategic positions in basic industries and defense facilities. Colonization is part of the Party's industrial concentration program, which aims at increasing communist influence in industry and labor. This always has a high Party priority. Basic industry is a commonly used Party term which one communist manual has defined as those industries "upon which the whole economic system depends." Hence to have a Party member in a steel plant would be more advantageous to the communists than one in a concrete pipe factory.

IN EVENT OF an emergency these colonizers, because of their key positions and concealed quarters, would be able to commit sabotage. A trained communist, by a flip of a switch, the pull of a lever, or the release of death-generating germs, could disrupt the work of thousands.

Moreover, the location of communist members in key industrial facilities places the Party in a position, if it desires, to promote strikes and slowdowns which can be used as forms of sabotage. These tactics are vital in communist thinking to create "revolutionary situations" preparatory to the seizure of power.

How can loyal Americans resist this attack? I turn to the subject in the concluding chapters.

NEXT WEEK — How you can stop communism in this country.

Reporter Slashed For Smut Expose

Chicago (RNS) — A Chicago Daily News reporter who has written exposes of the pornography racket was attacked and slashed with a razor by two assailants.

The reporter, Miller Davis, 37, said he was lured into the trap by a phone caller who identified himself as a park district policeman and invited him to accompany a police raid on a local pornography ring.

Mr. Davis was told he would be picked up on a specified street corner. As he waited there, a car pulled up and two men asked him who he was. When he identified himself, they slashed his face four times with a straight razor.

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