

# MASTERS OF DECEIT

## What You Can Do About Reds

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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 we can help the FBI in its war against the Communists.

### INSTALLMENT TWENTY-SIX

The responsible person who gains an understanding of communism knows that such understanding should lead to the question: "But what can I do about it?"

My answer is that the person in any free country can do a lot about it.

FIRST AND MOST IMPORTANT is to make sure that he does not permit the communists to fool him. He should know the answers to the false claims of communism.

Next, he should know how to recognize deceptive communist fronts.

Members of a trade union or any civic, fraternal, or social organization can help spot, expose, and oppose communist efforts to infiltrate and capture that organization.

In addition, there may be occasions when any one may have the opportunity to help expose and prevent attempts at espionage, sabotage, and other subversive activity.

"Yes," the person in the United States might say, "but I'm just a private citizen. Isn't spy-hunting a job for the FBI?"

Of course it is a job for the FBI in the United States, one given it by Presidential directives, acts of Congress, and rulings of the Attorney General. But the FBI can't do it all alone.

The FBI has jurisdiction over more than 140 violations of federal law, and in a country with over 170,000,000 inhabitants there are fewer than 62,000 agents

of the FBI. Hence all of these agents are not available for the investigation of subversive activities. The FBI needs the help of all loyal citizens.

In a country having a truly representative form of government, citizenship carries with it not only rights but obligations. One of these certainly is to do all the responsible individual can to preserve, protect, and defend his country against all enemies, whether domestic or foreign.

Those individuals who place information they have regarding the communist conspiracy into the proper hands are doing their duty and making a contribution of great value to the security of their country.

"But," one may say, "what can I do? I lead an ordinary life. I don't know any communists. So how can I be of any help?"

My answer to that is: You never know! Let me cite just one instance of a vital service per-

formed by an "average" man who thought he "didn't know any communists."

This man, whom I shall call Mr. J., telephoned one of our field offices. "I've been cleaning out my garage," he said, "and I've found some 'old rubbish' there."

"Yes," said the special agent. "I guess I'm crazy calling about this, but I thought you might be interested. The stuff doesn't belong to me. It was left here by some roomers who moved a month or two ago. There's a box with a lot of cards."

"What kind of cards?" "Don't know," the man answered. "I never saw any like them before. There are no names on them. Have words like 'club' and 'section' and some different colored tabs on them. Guess they should have burned them and not..."

"We're certainly glad you called," the agent said.

THAT TELEPHONE call enabled the FBI to secure the membership records of a complete section of the Communist Party. Marked for destruction by the section membership secretary, they had, by mistake, found their way into the rubbish left behind in a garage.

An alert, patriotic citizen had placed these records into the fight against communism, helping to identify many of the most dangerous subversives in his own community.

Many successes in exposing subversion start with single, small clues: a scrap of paper, a photograph, an abandoned passport. From these, bit by bit, the entire case is developed by investigation.

Here are a few suggestions of what persons can report to the FBI:

1. Any information about espionage, sabotage, and subversive activities. The FBI is as close to every person as the nearest telephone.

2. Don't worry if the information seems incomplete or trivial. Many times a small bit of information might furnish the data the FBI is seeking.

3. But stick to the facts. No rumor or idle gossip. Tale-bearing should always be avoided. It is not what a person thinks but what he does to undermine national security that is important.

4. Don't try to do any investigating yourself. Security investigations require great care and effort. The innocent must be protected as well as the guilty identified. That is the job for the pro-

essional investigator. Hysteria, witch hunts, and vigilantes weaken our internal security.

5. Be alert. A free country's best defense lies in the alertness of its patriotic citizens.

For reasons explained in previous chapters of this account, identifying communists is not easy. They are trained in deceit and trickery and use every form of camouflage and dishonesty to advance their cause.

Yet we must be absolutely certain that our fight is waged with full regard for the liberties of free peoples. This is the fundamental premise of any attack against communism.

Too often I have seen cases where loyal and patriotic misbegotten persons have thought they were "fighting communism" by slapping the label of "Red" or "communist" on anybody who happened to be different from them or to have ideas with which they did not agree. One should have the facts before accusing anyone of propagating the Party line.

Sneers, character assassination, and the scattering of irresponsible charges have no place in a free nation. They create division, suspicion, and distrust among loyal persons—just what the communists want—and hinder rather than aid the fight against communism.

OUR OBJECTIVE in the FBI in any investigation is to secure the facts which will establish the truth or falsity of a complaint or allegation. We do not evaluate nor do we make recommendations for a course of action as to whether a man should be prosecuted, hired, or removed from a job.

The FBI is strictly a fact-gathering agency, responsible, in turn, to the Attorney General, the President, the Congress, and in the last analysis, to United States citizens in general.

There are literally thousands of people in the United States who have been the target of accusation—and thousands whose loyalty could be established only by investigation. Most have been grateful. Some have been resentful that they were investigated at all; but the FBI had an assigned duty to do, and it was done with impartiality and a zealous regard for the rights and reputation of the individuals involved.

I can assure you that the FBI is happy when it can establish the innocence of a man wrongly accused.



FATHER HAMMERL



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## Catholic Teachers Set Two Day Meet

The 5th annual teacher's conference of the Diocese of Rochester will be held Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 13 and 14, at the Rochester War Memorial, according to Rt. Rev. Monsignor Charles V. Boyle, diocesan superintendent of schools.

Catholic school students will have a two-day holiday while their teachers attend the conference.

Bishop Kearney will address the conference at 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

Very Rev. Charles J. Lavery, C.S.B., new president of St. John Fisher College, will be the keynote speaker at the two-day

### Chicago Prelate Sets Enthronement

Chicago—(RNS)—Three cardinals and more than 100 archbishops and bishops are expected to attend the solemn enthronement here of Archbishop Albert Gregory Meyer of Chicago on Nov. 16.

The former Archbishop of Milwaukee was named to the Chicago See, the largest in the country by Pope Pius XII, in succession to Samuel Cardinal Stritch, who died in Rome last May.

### Church Building Hits 80 Million

Washington—(RNS)—Church construction amounted to \$80,000,000 during September, only \$1,000,000 less than the all-time record for a single month set in September, 1957, the Department of Commerce and Labor reported here.



FATHER LAVERY

meeting. His talk, "Challenge of Today: The Mastery of Inner Space," will be given at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 13.

OTHER SPEAKERS at the conference will be Rev. John P. Breheny, associate superintendent of schools in the New York archdiocese. He will speak on "Our Schools and God's Kingdom," on Monday at 1 p.m.

At 2:30 p.m. Monday, Rev. Leo K. Hammerl, associate superintendent of schools in the Buffalo diocese will speak on "That All May Be One."

Sister Mary Nona, O.P., president of Edgewood College, Madison, Wis., will talk on Tuesday at 10 a.m. Her topic will be "How to Make a Curriculum Catholic."

Rev. Patrick C. Callaghan, O.F.M., of Siena College, Loudonville, N.Y., will speak at 1 p.m. Tuesday on "The Catholic Teacher and the Holy Spirit."

THE CONFERENCE is held for all teachers in the Catholic schools of the diocese. All other interested parties are invited to attend.

There will be 130 exhibits at the conference this year, according to Rev. William M. Roche, associate superintendent of schools for the Rochester Diocese. Father Roche is in charge of exhibits and arrangements at the War Memorial.

Exhibits represent text book publishers, makers of school furniture, products of leading audio-visual equipment and other school needs. Teachers and parents are urged to examine the exhibits which will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

The Rochester diocese school system embraces 94 elementary schools, 16 secondary schools and nine colleges and seminaries in the 12 county area.

Staffing these institutions are 13,000 teachers, 10,000 paraprofessionals, 10,000 religious communities of Sisters, and 10,000 nuns. In the elementary schools there are about 500,000 pupils. In the secondary schools, there are about 250,000 pupils. There are over 100 high schools. There are over 100 colleges and seminaries.

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## "I HARDLY HAD TIME TO TAKE OFF MY HAT . . ."

writes an excited missionary, "When 100 Catholics appeared at the door of the little house where I was staying. They knew I had just arrived, but they had waited so long to enter the one true Church, they felt I should go to work, instructing them without delay." This man's conversion had an electric effect on the town of Tiruvalla in South India and the parish priest has not had the time to "put his hat back on!" He has been here for 18 months and for a few more the number of converts will be 100. There are many problems involved. He needs more help. He would like to have students to help him, but most of all he needs a church for his converts to offer the Holy Sacrifice along with him. People will supply the labor, one convert has donated the land and others will help with the materials, but even after all this he still needs \$2,500. Can you possibly help him?

GIVE TO WIN THE WAR AGAINST COMMUNISM

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD TO SAINT MARGARET MARY SCOT (October 16) inspired her to work for greater souls of cotton to the Sacred Heart. Our Lord has also spoken to JOSEPH and THOMAS in the quiet of their prayers and in the secrecy of their souls. He has invited them to share in the priesthood. These generous boys have left home, family and the world. They wish to enter St. Joseph's seminaries in India. There is but one thing lacking—each boy must have \$100 a year for the six year course. Perhaps YOU will be the answer to their prayers! You may pay the money in any manner convenient while your adopted son prays to follow the words of Christ which will lead him to the altar.

WHY NOT MAKE YOUR LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT IN THE WILL OF GOD? REMEMBER THE HOLY NEAR EAST MISSIONS OF THE NEAR EAST IN YOUR WILL!

TO CARE FOR THE POOR IN BODY AND SOUL, the high goal of Sister MARIETTA and Sister LUDOVICA, the young girls wish to enter the Missionary Sisters of St. Joseph (Oblates of the Holy Spirit). All that is lacking now is the \$100 a year which each novice must pay for the necessary expenses of the two-year period of novitiate training. Would you care to begin in their work by "adopting" one of these girls. You may pay the money in any manner convenient while "your own" novices persevere for this high and difficult work.

THE NEED FOR FOOD IS UNENDING AMONG THE POOR AND THE SUFFERING. REFUGEES' TEN DOLLAR BILLS FEED AN UNFORTUNATE FAMILY FOR A WEEK!

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER is sacred to year-braved ones who now are waiting to enter eternal glory. They are completely dependent on your prayers. Your good work and your blessing. If you wish to have the Sacrifice of the Mass offered for your deceased relatives and friends during the month of November, it will be necessary to send us your intentions during the month of October so we may inform your missionaries during November.

You may also remember and help your beloved dead by donating an article for a mission chapel in memory of them.

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