

MASTERS OF DECEIT

Reds Seek End Of All Religion

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J. Edgar Hoover, director of the FBI since 1934, 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 communism wages unending war against all religion.

INSTALLMENT TWENTY-SEVEN

Something utterly new has taken root in America and other nations during the past generation, a communist mentality representing a systematic, purposive, and conscious attempt to destroy a free civilization and roll history back to the age of barbaric cruelty and despotism, all in the name of "progress."

Evil is depicted as good, terror as justice, hate as love, and obedience to a foreign master as patriotism.

This mentality is limited to a minority, the disciplined corps of the Communist Party. However, communist thought control, in all its various capacities, has spread the infection, in varying degrees, to most phases of American life.

THIS MENTALITY, promoted in the United States for the purpose of eventually leading to a destruction of the American way of life, poses a crucial problem for every one of us.

In our tolerance for religious freedom, for separation of church and state, we sometimes lose sight of the historical fact: Western civilization has deep religious roots.

Our schools, courts, legislative bodies, social agencies, philanthropic organizations as well as our churches are witnesses to

follow man is rooted in a belief in a Divine Supreme Being.

The most basic of all communist comments about religion is the statement of Karl Marx that religion is the "opium of the people." This Marxian doctrine has been restated by William Z. Foster and applied to communist action in these words: "... God will be banished from the laboratories as well as from the schools."

Communists have always made it clear that communism is the mortal enemy of Christianity, Judaism, Mohammedanism, and any other religion that believes in a Divine Supreme Being.

Don't think that "the communists have changed their minds about religion," said Nikita Khrushchev. "We remain the atheists that we have always been; we are doing as much as we can to liberate those people who are still under the spell of this religious opiate."

As long as communism remains the assault on the religious faiths will continue.

To the communists Marxism-Leninism is the "perfect science." It accounts for everything; it has a plan for everything; it can be the source of everything man needs. Therefore, said Lenin, "We shall always preach a scientific philosophy; we must fight against the inconsistencies of the 'Christians'."

In making Marxism-Leninism the "perfect science," the communists characterize religion as a superstitious relic. "Religion, in its thousands of varieties," said William Z. Foster, "was first evolved by primitive man everywhere as the most logical explanation he could devise of the complex, mysterious and often terrifying natural phenomena with which he was surrounded, as well as to work out a plausible conception of his own and the world's existence."

Though "historically inevitable" for primitive man, Foster goes on to say, religion has now been made obsolete by science. Science, as it advanced, gave "irrefutable materialist explanations" of the phenomena which puzzled primitive man. Hence, "In the modern world... there

is therefore no longer... even the possibility of a religious interpretation of man and the world."

THIS COMMUNIST teaching glosses over the fact that science never has given an "irrefutable" explanation of ultimate reality, neither materialistic nor any other kind. The Communists ignore the further fact that the faith of religious people is a moral necessity and a sense of personal relationship, not a completion of laboratory science.

In addition to dismissing religion as primitive, the communists claim that it is a mere instrument of exploitation; another weapon in the hands of the capitalists. As Lenin said: "Religion is a kind of spiritual intoxicant, in which the slaves of capital drown their humanity, and blunt their desire for a decent human existence."

Again: "... it is quite natural for the exploiters to sympathize with a religion that teaches us to bear 'uncomplainingly' the woes of hell on earth, in the hope of an alleged paradise in the sky."

William Z. Foster, who in the United States emphasizes the same theme, and who has always emphasized the correct Communist Party line, declared: "... the Church... has identified itself with political reaction." And again, "... the Church is one of the basic forces now fighting to preserve obsolete capitalism and its reactionary ruling classes, in the face of advancing democracy and socialism."

The followers of Marx have a way of calling "scientific" any dogma to which they intend to cling, regardless of whether it can be supported by conclusive evidence. And communism has to cling to its antireligious dogma, not for scientific reasons, but for reasons of ideology and strategy.

It cannot permit man to give his allegiance to a Supreme Authority higher than Party authority, for such allegiance to a higher authority carries with it a sense of freedom, of immunity to Party edict and discipline. NEXT WEEK — Final chapter — the communist record is a story of 42 years of brutality and broken promises.



Temple Of Fraternity

Cella Di Varzi — (RNS) — Father Adamo Accosa stands before the altar in a church built of war rubble which the priest erected as a monument to the dead of World War II. Father Accosa was an army chaplain in Italy. He wrote to many parts of the world to secure war scraps for the structure, dedicated to those who died, while fighting on all fronts.

Reds Halt New Church Construction In Berlin

Berlin—(RNS)—Construction of the partially-completed Catholic Naumburg Cathedral was halted by the Communist East German government in an apparent reprisal for the rally of about 4,000 Catholics and Protestants who earlier had gathered at the site to protest the arrest of a priest charged with "sabotaging the socialist order."

According to the Berlin Catholic weekly newspaper "Petra," permission to build the church was withdrawn even though construction was already under way.

The crowd had met to voice disapproval over the arrest of Father Hugo Hermes of Bad Koesen, near Halle in the Soviet Zone. The priest was taken into custody by Communist police on July 1, 1953 following a propaganda campaign in the Communist press which accused him of agitating against Communist youth dedication ceremonies.

Bishop Gives Clergy New Assignments

Bishop Kearney has assigned four priests to the Rochester Diocese to new duties, the Chancery announced today.

Rev. Henry C. Manley requested and was granted by the Bishop, Webster, to pastor of St. Bernard's Church, Scipio Center, with missions of St. Hilary's and St. Ignace's Churches, Shortsville. Rev. William J. Amann, from the Chancery, Rochester, to assistant pastor of Holy Trinity Church, Webster.

Given new assignments by Bishop Kearney are the following: Rev. Leo E. Hastings, from pastor of St. Bernard's Church, Scipio Center, with missions of St. Hilary's and St. Ignace's Churches, Shortsville.

Rev. John V. Rosse, from temporary assignment as assistant pastor of St. Aloysius Church, St. Andrew's Church, Rochester.

The new appointments are effective Tuesday, October 21, at 6 p.m.

Refugee Program Marks 10th Year

By WILLIAM E. RING (N.C.W.C. News Service)

The 10th anniversary of the start of one of the most compassionate and successful missions of mercy ever undertaken by this nation will occur on October 30.

On that date in 1943 the military transport of World War II, the Gen. William D. Black, (it should have been Wilbur) docked in New York.

Down the gangplank on that eventful day came 113 unwanted, abused but ambitious men, women and children from Europe. With their arrival the start of the U.S. Displaced Persons Program was underway.

It was a program which continued until June 30, 1952 and subsequently was followed by the Refugee Relief and the Emergency Hungarian Refugee programs of the Eisenhower Administration. During the tenure of the DP program a total of 336,000 persons were admitted to this country. And of these 153,500 were assisted by Catholic Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference.

THE PROGRAM paid off handsomely in several ways. It is the justly proud boast of Mary, Edward E. Swannstrom, executive director, and Mrs. Aloysius J. Wyciolo, assistant executive director of CRS-NCWC, that never has the loyalty of this nation been questioned of one of the 153,500 DPs brought to this country by the worldwide relief and rehabilitation agency maintained by the U.S. Bishops.

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