

The Underground Tactics of the **COMMUNISTS**

Our Federal Operatives Know Every Detail of the Red's Blueprint for Treason

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“**J**OE, YOUR COUSIN is sick, awful sick.” The beady eyes of the little man slithered to one side. “The doctor said the crisis might come soon, within 24 hours. You better go see him.”

The little man turned abruptly and disappeared into the crowd. Joe, his companion, continued walking down the sidewalk. Then he, too, his topcoat whipping in the November wind, was lost among the afternoon shoppers.

The courier's message had been delivered; the alert had been sounded. Communist functionaries, with frantic haste, were going underground. “Sick” messages of “aunts,” “uncles,” and “cousins” rolled across the nation. What did these mean? The party family was in danger; the top leaders must go into hiding immediately.

No time was to be lost. Arrests, they feared, were imminent. Vital records must be concealed or destroyed. The Communist party, U.S.A., in November, 1947, was scared and jittery. And, in face of this “crisis,” what did the members do? With typical stealth and intrigue, they executed a Marxist-Leninist jackknife, and dived straight underground!

The “crisis” was pure imagination—it didn't exist. False rumors, swelling to hurricane proportions, had unnerved party leaders. Their actions were precipitate. Within a few days the sheepish Comrades began to reappear at party headquarters; canceled meetings were re-scheduled; hidden records were dug out. But the scare had been disruptive. Records once hidden could not be found; others that had been destroyed were irreplaceable. Time after time, the Comrades had been too eager in fleeing and in breaking communications.

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This alarm spotlighted the underhanded, secret character of communism. At this writing, the party is rapidly going underground. The 1947 scare, though it was bungled by the high command, taught the party many things. Weak spots were revealed, errors of judgment identified. Soon after November, 1947, the Communists began to seep deeper and deeper underground. This time the design was well-planned, long-range. The party exists, but in name only.

That the Reds are going deeper underground is understandable. Laws to restrict communist activities, the mounting international tension, and severe electoral defeats of communist-sponsored political candidates have contributed to their stealth. But the growing awareness of the American people to the dangers of communism is a most important reason.

Ideological "dupes and suckers" are becoming more and more difficult to find. Americans have become deeply conscious that communism is a vicious evil. The crowning blow was the conviction, in New York City, of the 11 top communists—a trial which saw, to the utter confusion of the Comrades, seven F.B.I. informants, who have lived inside the party, testify for the Government!

Party leaders were dumfounded. Just whom could the party trust? This shock is still rattling the ribs of the Trojan horse.

THE PARTY, in shifting its apparatus underground, is drawing upon long experience in deception and deceit. The basic unit of the party, the club, is getting smaller and smaller. Some years ago, clubs often contained up to 100 members. Now they have been divided and subdivided into small groups of three to five each. These are coordinated by group captains, who alone know the identities of group members. In this way, individual members, unless by mere chance or

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from previous knowledge, cannot possess this information.

Membership cards have not been issued for nearly two years. All records bearing individual names were ordered destroyed. Other records were removed to hiding places—or so the Reds think! One unit, for example, conceived the idea of burying its literature. The Comrades went to work—obtaining three five-gallon cans, lining them with care, packing literature inside. The containers were buried near a country road, under boulders. A safe resting place—for a while!

In another instance, a party official in the East instructed a subordinate to destroy records. The order was “carried out.” But if by chance the party should change its mind and like to have the records back—well, to return them would be contrary to F.B.I. policy!

A courier system, to protect confidential communications, has been instituted. Elaborate precautions are taken to conceal communist meetings, party officials often deciding who is to attend, admittance being by invitation only. These meetings masquerade behind the label of “social,” “civic,” or “business” groups. Sometimes they are called “bridge parties” and card tables are set up—just in case.

Transfers of party members from one district to another are most elaborately protected. A letter often is directed to another district, perhaps to a secret “mail drop,” saying that Mr. X will arrive on such a date, and have in his possession a dollar bill containing a certain serial number. When the new member arrives, he will be accepted into membership—if he can produce the bill with the correct number!

All security measures are given validity through a “loyalty” program instituted by the Party, in their words, to weed out F.B.I. spies, stool pigeons, Trotskyites, and other factional elements. Party officials, stunned by the amazing suc-

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cess of F.B.I. informants, and presuming—quite rightly—that many others are still operating in their ranks, turned with frenzy to investigating their own membership. Thus the very people who had denounced the loyalty program of the U.S. Government as “thought control” now have their own loyalty program!

Every member is instructed to “tattle” on his fellow member: Is he a “stool pigeon”? Has he said something anti-party? Is he harboring “peculiar” thoughts? Party “exterminators” rush to and fro, handing out penalties, expelling members, often with little or no investigation of the charges.

Recently, a member of the New York State Review Commission was expelled from the party as a traitor. *The Daily Worker*, under headlines, told how he had helped prevent the expulsion of a “spy” who had worked for the F.B.I., and how he had recommended a number of untrustworthy individuals for communist work. Now, in all fairness to the party functionary, I must say that the party got the wrong man.

We knew of him as a party organizer in West Virginia and later followed his activities in New York. But never has he been on the F.B.I. payroll or rendered us any assistance. Justice has a peculiar ring when spoken in communist double-talk!

This expelled Comrade’s story, moreover, had an ironic twist. The Review Commission is the party’s highest “loyalty board” in the state, scrutinizing all members. Here, with brutal injustice, one of their own members was expelled—a case of the hunter becoming the hunted!

And wouldn’t the Communist party like to unearth F.B.I. informants! To do so, I am quite sure, is one of their greatest ambitions, for they are ceaselessly working to concoct plans which will catch a “spy.” Not long ago, one party unit formulated a complicated system of tracing tickets—if an F.B.I. Agent

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(that is, an individual who they thought was an Agent) attended a public communist function, find out who sold him the ticket! That person, assuredly, must be a spy.

Of course, it just doesn't work that way, though the Comrades would like to believe it does. But as we all know, the best defense against a trap is knowledge—beforehand.

The "loyalty" program, however, plays a vital role in the party's underground apparatus. Every member going underground—for special assignment as a "sleeper" agent—must be "spotless." The party's hopes of a future revolution rest upon having available, at the necessary moment, fanatically loyal members, ready, without hesitation, to follow the party's dictates. Even a special "loyalty board" has been set up to investigate the National Committee—the top elite of American communism.

Admittedly, the "loyalty" program will make more difficult the obtaining of knowledge about party activities. But the F.B.I. has also gone underground. The deeper the party goes, the greater becomes our responsibility to know at all times what these agents of Soviet imperialism are doing and plan to do.

The party's current security measures are *general*, designed to affect its *present* functions. Of still greater importance, however, are the *specific* acts, now being carried out by the select inner circle, designed to prepare for *future* contingencies.

Basic, in this connection, are the training and assignment of substitute leaders—men who, in the event that present leaders are arrested, leave the country, or receive different assignments, can rise fully prepared from the underground and assume active direction of party activities.

An important leader not long ago was instructed, within 30 days, to bury himself in trade-union

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work, to repudiate the party, and to take charge of underground activities. A substitute leader also was named, to take over in event the original nominee became incapacitated. In another instance, a ranking communist official employed in a highly strategic industry was instructed to go underground. These men are of great potential danger to the internal security of America.

In recent months, many individuals have broken away from Red activities. The prosecution of communists by the Department of Justice, and investigations by Congressional, state, and municipal bodies, have spurred the exodus. These individuals no longer attend meetings, take part in pressure campaigns, or contribute money. On the surface, at least, they now claim to be good, loyal Americans.

But deeds and actions must testify to their change of heart. Communism is stealthy; the breaking away of members to live *outwardly* as good citizens is an all-too-familiar method of establishing a communist underground. The individual who has renounced communism proves his sincerity by showing inwardly as well as outwardly how far he has broken with the party.

Today, the party's security measures have reached a new high. Some top officials have just disappeared. No questions are asked; no reasons given. The membership just accepts these occurrences as matters of party policy.

A former Legislative Director, National Communist party, U.S.A., a resident of Baltimore, disappeared early in 1949. Formerly a university instructor and a Ph.D. who has studied abroad, he exercised great influence within the party. A man of that stature just doesn't disappear for the fun of it!

Shortly thereafter his wife, an official of District No. 4, Communist party (Maryland and Dis-

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trict of Columbia), also disappeared. She reappeared in Baltimore early in 1950, and then she again dropped out of sight.

In another instance, a high official on special assignment vanished—to another city where he changed his name. He moves frequently, giving the F.B.I. a little exercise to keep up.

Proof of the party's intensive preparations for underground action exists in many other quarters. For example, the Reds have cached vast supplies of stationery, paper, ink, and stencils, to be utilized clandestinely for propaganda purposes if the party must operate completely underground and normal supplies are curtailed. In one city, officials spent considerable time in selecting a large machine, capable of quickly turning out folders, envelopes, leaflets, even small newspapers. The machine, though large and bulky, was hidden in the home of a member. If the communists lose the machine's serial number, they should call the nearest F.B.I. field office.

Blueprint of treason—that is the communist underground apparatus. Recently, at a meeting, a party functionary announced policy regarding the U.S. armed forces: (1) discourage the entry of non-communist youths; (2) party members, if called, should enter willingly for the purpose of creating confusion and dissension; (3) members not in service should attempt to obtain jobs in defense plants to promote strikes, dissension, and, if necessary, sabotage.

Communism today continues to be a vital danger to America. The party is deep underground, and going deeper every day. To it, morality, justice, and truth are meaningless concepts, to be sacrificed without the least hesitance on the altar of expediency.

The American people must meet this bitter 20th-century challenge—which was once termed “20th-cen-

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tury democracy” by the “innocents.” Communism can be defeated if every individual understands the hypocritical character of Marxism-Leninism, and realizes that the voices of the communist leaders are echoes of a vast conspiracy dedicated to creating revolution and chaos around the world.



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