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COMMUNIST "NEW LOOK"

A STUDY IN DUPLICITY

The sole purpose of the new Party line is to hoodwink you.

HOW CAN COMMUNISM AFFECT YOU?

As a decent American citizen you mind your own business, work hard at your job, discharge your civic duties, and when you come home after a busy day you desire nothing so much as to stretch out in your favorite chair with the evening paper. The sense of well-being you experience is enhanced if the news happens to reflect even the most nebulous indication that the nightmare world of communism may be willing—sometime—somewhere—to make some slight concession toward civilized standards of behavior. So, you relax, and communism seems a threat that is sinister but distant, and one which, given time, might eventually recede and leave you and your loved ones untouched.

Would it surprise you to know that you are experiencing the very feeling of relaxation which the proponents of the most monstrous tyranny ever conceived desire to evoke in you? Would you be startled to learn that you are included in the communist blueprint for the future and that as of now the communist manipulators are striving to develop in you a frame of mind which will enable them to carry that blueprint through to a successful conclusion?

On page 275 of his book, "Toward Soviet America," William Z. Foster, National Chairman of the Communist Party, USA, refers specifically to what will happen to you Elks if the Communist Party, USA, takes over the United States. He says:

"Under the dictatorship all the capitalist parties—Republican, Democratic, Progressive, Socialist, etc.—will be liquidated, the Communist Party func-

tioning alone as the Party of the toiling masses. Likewise, will be dissolved all other organizations that are political props of the bourgeois rule, including chambers of commerce, employers' associations, rotary clubs, American Legion, Y.M.C.A., and such fraternal orders as the Masons, Odd Fellows, Elks, Knights of Columbus, etc."

Foster's book was published in 1932, and no evidence has yet been uncovered which would indicate any deviation (except for tactical retreats) from the stated goal—the sovietization of America.

As recently as February, 1956, writing in "Political Affairs," the Party's theoretical monthly, in an article entitled "The Advance of Socialism to World Leadership," Foster jubilantly proclaimed:

"There are now 17 countries which are either actually building Socialism or are definitely orientating in that direction . . . Together these countries embrace 900,000,000 people, or about 40 per cent of the world's population. They constitute the beginning of the new Socialist world."

The objective is fixed; the tactics remain fluid. We are presently witnessing a change in tactics and you, the American citizen, are the reason for that change. The communist "new look" presently being put into effect was created for your benefit. Its purpose is to hoodwink you.

The new Communist Party line—the American phase of the international co-existence theme subsequent to the Geneva Four-Power Conference—began to form late in 1955. It was fairly well solidified at a large National Committee meeting held in New York City, April 28 to May

1, 1956. In the course of this conference the new tactic of dressing the wolf in sheep's clothing became fully apparent. The Communist Party has dismantled, to a large extent, its underground apparatus. This move has brought back into open party agitational work a large number of valuable party organizers whose time and talents were curtailed or wasted in manipulating the complicated underground apparatus.

Five members of the Communist Party's National Committee who have completed five-year prison sentences for conspiring to advocate the overthrow of the United States Government by force and violence have returned to their top leadership positions. Among these leaders is Eugene Dennis, General Secretary of the Communist Party, USA. Dennis has worked diligently at reorganizing the top Communist Party leadership into a group willing to forego, temporarily, dogmatic Party doctrine which tended to isolate them in order to picture the Communist Party, USA, as a bona fide political party.

In the course of the April 28 to May 1, 1956, meeting, Eugene Dennis, expressing the current propaganda line which hardly squares with Foster's liquidation theory, said:

"We desire and seek constitutional and democratic solutions to current and fundamental problems . . . Whatever may have been our attitude in the past, we American Communists, on the basis of our own experiences have come to realize that life is richer than theory and that certain developments in our country require a 'new look.'"

The discussions currently taking place among the Communist Party leaders

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Peaceful Coexistence



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"New Look"

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throughout the Party's various district organizations will be further debated and a finalized Communist Party program will be adopted at the National Convention of the Communist Party, USA, which is scheduled for late 1956 or early 1957.

The convention, the first to be held in six years, will elect national officers and establish a program—of course, in line with the then current international Communist Party line—for the months ahead.

Unless some significant change takes place on the international scene, we may expect that the program which will be adopted at the convention will be simply an extension and concentration of the currently operating program of infiltration and united front tactics.

This modification of the strict revolutionary program of the Communist Party is designed to hoodwink you. Remember that it is a communist tactic, on occasion, to take one step backward in order to enable the Party to take two steps forward in the future—a temporary retreat which sets the stage for a greater advance. Lenin put it succinctly:

"The strictest loyalty to the ideas of Communism must be combined with the ability to make all the necessary practical compromises, to 'tack,' to make agreements, zigzags, retreats and so on . . ."

The fact that some Communist Party leaders have been convicted in American courts of conspiring to advocate the overthrow of the Government of the United States by force and violence has not deterred the Party. It is readying itself for an intense new effort in a new disguise. Behind the exploitation of the coexistence theme are underlying sinister objectives: chiefly, the relaxing of America's security measures. The specific goal is

Smith Act of 1940, the Internal Security Act of 1950, and other anti-communist legislation in order that the Communist Party can expand its operations without further fear of prosecution.

Is the Communist Party succeeding in its purpose? *It is if you can be persuaded that the communist menace is lessening.*

The truth is that the global tyranny of the Twentieth Century has never been more deadly because it has never before been camouflaged with such shrewd effectiveness. The communist press has openly criticized the "Crimes of Stalin" and the "Beria gang" relative to their pogroms and other vicious excesses. This is the first real criticism ever made by American communists of the "Motherland of Socialism" and it may tempt some people to conclude that the leopard is changing his spots.

These zigzag tactics and calculated camouflage create a perfect opportunity for the communist to build his deadly weapon—the united front.

And what, exactly, does that mean?

The united front is one of the most important of the current communist tactics for organizing and using the mass pressure of vast numbers of deceived non-communists to further communist objectives. It may be applied on any level—local, state, regional, national or international. Communists begin with popular, pressing and legitimate current issues relating to unemployment, wages, hours of labor, general working conditions or similar subjects. They build a variety of organizations around these issues. They then seek to sweep large numbers of laborers and the various segments of our population which can be misled into supporting veiled communist objectives into these organizations. The objectives are gradually broadened and related to foreign as well as to domestic policies. The

DAVID F. WALSH MOURNED



David F. Walsh, a P.E.R. of Framingham, Mass., Lodge, No. 1264, passed away May 19th at the age of 79. Surviving are his wife, son, daughter, brother, four sisters and two grandchildren.

Initiated as a Milford, Mass., Elk in October, 1903, Mr. Walsh transferred his affiliation in 1911 to become a Charter Member of Framingham Lodge, in which he was awarded an Honorary Life Membership in 1923. Thirty years later, No. 1264 presented to him the first 50-year jewel adopted by the Grand Lodge.

Mr. Walsh served on many committees for his lodge, his State Association and the Grand Lodge, and was appointed District Deputy in 1918.

Large delegations of Elk and civic dignitaries attended the funeral. Among his fellow Elks in attendance were Past Grand Exalted Rulers John F. Malley and E. Mark Sullivan, and many former and present Grand Lodge, State Association and lodge officials.

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procedure may even develop into what is known as a "united front government." It can become a powerful weapon of a small minority Communist Party—and that Party always preserves its independent role at the very time it is manipulating huge numbers of noncommunists this way and that way in behalf of communist designs. The united front is made to sound appealing to liberals, progressives and reformists as well as workers while at the same time it works to ultimately destroy the freedom of labor unions and all that true liberals, progressives and reformists hope to achieve.

How does the united front tactic aid communism?

It divides the leadership of the communist opposition. It confuses and weakens the great masses of people who would normally oppose communism. It splits them into differing groups, and isolates them from united leadership, thereby rendering their opposition to communism ineffectual. In the language of the professional communist revolutionary the united front is a deadly revolutionary weapon which, if properly used, divides, splits and shatters all noncommunist mass organizations and efforts.

Once opposition is destroyed, the next step is to win the people over to the Communist Party by advocating general collaboration with broad Communist Party objectives, and by subtle indoctrination.

These are the things I think of when people ask me, "Can the danger be great when the membership of the Communist Party, USA, is consistently falling? Is there an existing danger if Party membership numbers only about 20,000 persons?"

To that I can only say that numbers mean nothing and that those nations which have attempted to assess the threat of communism on the basis of numerical strength alone are eating the bitter bread of slavery for their shortsightedness.

The Communist Party in the United States presently numbers an estimated 20,000; however, this group is a fanatical, dedicated body of individuals operating under the strict discipline which the Communist Party imposes. The investigations we have conducted indicate beyond doubt that the Communist Party, USA, wears a foreign label which can be interpreted to mean: "Property of the U.S.S.R.—subject to orders from Moscow." Also, the members of that Party are located in strategic industrial areas. More than half of the communists in this country are concentrated in two states—New York and California. The majority of the remainder are concentrated in the urban industrial areas of Ohio, Illinois, New Jersey, Michigan, and Pennsylvania.

The Communist Party, USA, is not "just another political party" as its adherents and apologists would have you believe. It is a fifth column which no American who values his freedom can afford to ignore. Its most menacing qual-

ity is its ability to pursue inflexible objectives—fixed, unvarying goals—by means of flexible tactics. Falsehood, trickery, and cold-blooded deception are part and parcel of the communist plan of action. Today they may condemn a group or individual and tomorrow—if it is to their interest—praise and work with that same group or individual. The policy may be reversed, if it serves their purpose, as witness the recent "desanctification" of a bloody-handed dictator by the very men who kept him on his pedestal. We are now viewing the obscene spectacle of the purification of the living at the expense of the dead as the sins of more than three decades are being hastily shoveled into one grave. And the callous accomplices, shuffling all guilt onto a reluctant corpse, expect absolution, and after that, acceptance.

There is purpose in this waving of olive branches and this process of "re-appraisal." It is calculated to allay fear of communism in order to intensify "Operation Trojan Horse" and, through complacency, pave the way for a united front.

Free men and free governments would do well to reflect on the cannibalistic nature of communism. Whenever a united front includes communists, the front often disappears and the communists emerge, sleek and fat, seeking new fronts with which to "unite." In this game, the role of the smiling tiger seems always to be played by the communists.

And when the smiling tiger growls ever so slightly, reverberations echo world-wide. If anyone desires evidence of the international character of the communist conspiracy, he need only view the frantic gyrations of the communist press as the sleazy halo is stripped from the tomb of the head butcher. Why destroy that halo? To help prepare the way for further communist advances.

We Americans—one hundred eighty years after our declaration of independence—are face to face with a tyranny more monstrous, more devious, less un-

derstood and more deadly than any which has threatened civilization heretofore. The basic concept of Communist Party operations is infiltration into all strata of American life. The Party is especially interested in penetrating all types of legitimate organizations. It is particularly eager to get as many members as possible into basic and heavy industry. This is sometimes referred to as its "concentration" or "colonization" program. In this connection, labor unions are special targets.

In time of crisis, the concealed communist puppet in the steel, coal, or rubber industry, or the automobile, airplane, atomic or similar defense plant can be of far greater value to the communist masters who pull the strings than whole divisions of armed soldiers.

The current constitution of the Communist Party, USA, states that it "educates the working class, in the course of its day-to-day struggles, for its historic mission, the establishment of socialism." This is simply another way of saying that the Communist Party is daily working toward its goal of a "Soviet America."

If the goal is to be accomplished, the public must be lulled into believing it has been misled about communism—that communism is not an evil; that, on the contrary, it espouses a philosophy which can only result in the greatest good for the greatest number of Americans.

From 1948 until recently the Party has been operating from a retrenched position. It has had to lean heavily on front groups for the accomplishment of much of its propaganda work. This is particularly true in the attempt to "win the will and sympathy of the people." This "mass work" includes such things as petition drives, fund-raising campaigns, agitational activities, distribution of Party literature, and legal defense of communist leaders.

With the adoption of the "new look," a change in Party organization has become visible. The alleged relaxing of world tensions has had much the same

ELK HISTORY TO BARTLESVILLE, OKLA., READERS

On behalf of the local public library, Librarian Herbert Winn, left, accepts a copy of "A History of the Order of Elks" from Robert Riggs, Chairman of Bartlesville, Okla., Lodge's Community and Welfare Committee.



effect on the communists as does the warm spring sun shining on a den of dormant prairie rattlesnakes. The warming atmosphere tends to bring the inhabitants above ground and often into dangerous proximity to the unsuspecting public. The snake gives warning of his presence. The communist is less forthcoming. He spreads his poison quietly through front activities.

It is just not possible to give a complete picture of the huge numbers of persons who have been drawn to the rim of the communist orbit through such activity. The scope encompassed is apparent in the fact that during recent years more than six hundred groups and organizations have been designated as communist front organizations by official Federal, State, and municipal government agencies.

How many American citizens have, innocently or otherwise, been involved in work connected in some manner with advancement of the Communist Party? I do not know. Communist fronts have allegedly embraced millions of Americans since the united front tactic was firmly established in 1935.

The front group is not controlled by its members. It is controlled through occupancy of key positions in the organization by disciplined Party members. Every effort is made to conceal the communist character of the front group and to attract "big names" as a cover.

THE phenomenon which I call the pseudo liberal is something quite different. The individuals who belong to this cult are not members of the Communist Party. They even deny any sympathy with communism. But they live in a never-never land. Seemingly ignorant of the existing conspiracy, duped by communist contacts which they are apparently incapable of recognizing, the pseudo liberals constantly take off on intellectual flights that inevitably end on an enticing airstrip planned for them by the communists. Even when the concealed pitfalls on that strip bring each subsequent flight to a disastrous conclusion, the experience apparently holds no lesson. The pseudo liberals flit off eagerly again to a rarefied stratosphere, and, inevitably as before, return to the communist hangar.

These misinformed dupes are among the persons who offer blanket opposition to all security programs now in effect and to all that are suggested. They are among the ones who demand the removal of all measures designed to eliminate security risks from government. They add their voices to those that rant endlessly at patriotic committees of the Congress whose efforts are dedicated to exposing the conspiracy and to alerting citizens to the danger. These persons indulge in sabotage by semantics—they stigmatize patriotic Americans with the obnoxious term "informer," when such citizens fulfill their obligations of citizenship by reporting known facts of the evil conspiracy to

properly constituted authorities. It would require very little time for these critics to pick up a dictionary. Webster's unabridged volume specifically states that an "informant is one who gives information of whatever sort; an informer is one who informs against another by way of accusation or complaint. Informer is often, informant never, a term of opprobrium."

The persons who are so careless with the slur and smear in their use of the word informer maintain that communism is not a menace. It is, they say, simply a political party like the Republican and Democratic parties. These incredible people profess to find the tyranny of communism compatible with Christianity and synonymous with academic freedom! Our difficulties today, they proclaim, stem from a myth created out of fear and hysteria. These simple-minded souls would have you believe that this foreign-directed conspiracy which already has enslaved approximately one-third of the peoples of the earth, and is resolutely working night and day to bring us to our knees, is a myth!

The antics of these vociferous individuals create a smoke screen which helps to conceal the deadly menace of communism. The manipulators, working ceaselessly behind that screen, smile with satisfaction and characterize as "a growing understanding of communism" the failure to see their real objective. In the double-think, double-talk lexicon of communism, this "growing understanding" means simply that American citizens are failing to comprehend the deadly facts of the communist conspiracy.

Make no mistake about it. The strategy of the communist conspiracy has not changed. The tactics only have altered and they are presently designed to develop a climate more favorable to conspiratorial activities. Subversion, infiltration and espionage can best be carried out when the people of a nation have been lulled into a state of lethargy.

Many times I have thought that if this young Republic is to fall before the grinding onslaught of a slave-driven regime, it will not be solely because an enemy-directed fifth column has worked its way into the body politic. Rather, it will be because we who are citizens are indifferent.

It is to me appalling that so few among all the citizens who daily enjoy the God-given blessings of being free Americans are sufficiently interested in their future, and that of their children, to acquaint themselves fully with the facts of communism. Too many people condemn the word yet have not the vaguest notion of the evil which the word encompasses.

A handful of inspired men gave us our freedom. They cannot preserve it for us. That responsibility rests with the individual American. And we must now face the harsh truth that the objectives of communism are being steadily advanced because many of us do not readily recog-

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nize the means used to advance them. The communist, meanwhile, does not allow himself the luxury of inertia. He is intensely active. Because of him, the menace of communism in this country will remain a menace until the American people make themselves aware of the techniques of communism. No one who truly understands what it really is can be taken in by it. Yet the individual is handicapped by coming face to face with a conspiracy so monstrous he cannot believe it exists. The American mind simply has not come to a realization of the evil which has been introduced into our midst. It rejects even the assumption that human creatures could espouse a philosophy which must ultimately destroy all that is good and decent.

The straightforward American cannot conceive of another citizen enlisting in the espionage service of a foreign country, or deliberately propagating discontent, hatred and disunity at the orders of an alien group. He cannot believe that any American would serve a philosophy which moves inexorably toward the goal of reducing the status of the individual to that of slave.

Our frontier forefathers faced great dangers. They encountered heat and storm and starvation. Again and again

they joined in battle against a hostile foe. But our forefathers were very much aware of one thing. That was the nature of the enemy they faced. Insofar as possible, they prepared themselves for eventualities. When the campfires flickered low on the long trek west, a watch was set. Those men of the frontier knew that awareness of danger is the first requisite if one is to combat that danger with any degree of effectiveness. Until the American citizen learns for himself the nature of the present menace, communism will continue to be a deadly danger.

The conscientious citizen asks, "How can one be sure what the truth is? How can it be winnowed out of the welter of propaganda which the communists and their apologists spew forth?"

All that I can say is—and I repeat what I have said many times—the American citizen must hew to a line comprised of a little skepticism, a lot of knowledge, monumental faith, and an everlasting desire to get the facts. He must ascertain for himself what the facts are. He must accept nothing less than the facts—neither the majority version nor the minority version. He must view all the evidence until the face of truth is plain.

Where shall he begin the search for facts? Much basic knowledge can be

gained from the lives of those who have experienced the gulf between the promise of communism and the evil reality.

Faith can come only from spiritual sources. We need to drink again at the wells from which the Founding Fathers drank. We need to return to the fundamentals which our fathers knew. We need to steep ourselves in the idealism from whence sprang the seeds of our constitutional form of government—to read again the immortal documents, the books and memoirs of the men whose faith in God and in posterity gave us our heritage of freedom. Our youth must understand that faith is essential to the continuance of freedom.

The battle we are presently engaged in is a struggle between the spiritual and the material. The proponents of atheistic materialism are determined to wipe the Judaic-Christian principles of morality, on which Western civilization is founded, from the face of the earth. The strength we bring to this struggle is dependent upon one thing: our individual understanding of the enemy we face.

If we fail—if we allow ourselves to be duped by communist cunning and the "new look"—we shall, with a casualness that is indecent, toss into discard our immortal heritage of freedom.

The Pitchers' Pitcher

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keep them "loose" at the plate. He steadfastly refuses to do so. Roberts throws the inside or "tight" pitch as frequently as any pitcher in baseball, but he will not deliberately knock down batters. Not even Whitlow Wyatt, who coaches the Phillies' pitchers, can change his mind.

"I'd knock down my own brother if he were the batter," said Wyatt, star pitcher with Brooklyn's 1941 flag winner. "When you're pitching it's you or the batter. Knocking down batters sure helped me."

Catcher Seminick was asked if Roberts was sensitive about his home run record. "Well, he certainly isn't proud of it. Sometimes he tried to kid about it. Murry Dickson, you know, held the old record. He was with us last season. Robbie kept telling Murry he was going to break the record; nevertheless, it was a record he didn't want. When you get to know him and know how he fights to win every game you know it rankles. Sometimes I go out to talk to him. I can see he is angry. He'll say, 'I got a little careless with that guy,' then grit his teeth and go back to work."

Roberts' value to the 1956 Phillies cannot be measured. Manager Mayo Smith—the fifth pilot in Roberts' time—would hesitate to expound on this point for obvious reasons, but many observers figure the Phils are hopelessly outclassed when Roberts isn't on the mound.

"You can imagine what it means to a manager," said Smith, "to have a fellow like Roberts. He is always ready, always

in condition, and gives you a real pro job every time he takes the mound. You know that every fourth day you're going to see a good ball game. That's an inspiration to every man on the club."

Over his eight-year big league career Roberts has manifested none of the nonsense of the baseball prima donna. He doesn't cry, doesn't alibi, manages to keep on amiable terms with the fans and ducks off-the-field episodes. Manager Smith says Roberts never asks for "preferred" treatment, not even in the spring when many stars take elaborate steps to miss a few exhibition games.

"When I go out to the mound during a game I'm liable to ask, 'Are you okay?'"

He always says he is. I think he'd say he was if his arm was dropping off. He's that kind of a competitor. But if you take the ball, that's it; it's my decision and he goes along with it, never says a word."

Does a team of modest talent like the Phils play better when a star workman is on the mound?

"Sitting in the dugout I can't say the team hustles more, or plays sharper, but you would assume that it does. They are bound to know that when Robin pitches two or three runs probably will win the game. Certainly the men play position better. If the play is for a low outside curve they know it will be a low outside

George T. Hickey, Chairman of the Chicago Convention Committee, looks on as J. Lear Grimmer (right) Assistant Director of the Lincoln Park Zoo and Joseph McKale, bear keeper, uncrate polar bear cub that arrived in Chicago in advance of the Alaska delegation. "Mike's" naturally unruly disposition apparently was in no way improved by the trip, although it was made short through courtesy of Northwest Airlines. Hessel Ragins, Exalted Ruler of Fairbanks Lodge donated "Mike", and he has now taken permanent residence at the Zoo.

