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The International Communist Conspiracy

THE FOLLOWING EXTRACT IS FROM *The Blue Book of the John Birch Society* BY ROBERT WELCH (WRITTEN IN 1958):

At the last get-together of International Communism, before World War II, the Communist Parties represented had a total membership figure of slightly more than four million members. But in November, 1957, at the triumphant meeting in Moscow to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the success of the Bolshevik Revolution, seventy-five Communist Parties could be officially counted, with a total membership of thirty-three million. This is approximately an *eight hundred per cent increase* in the twenty years; and that is just about the rate of growth of Communist power throughout the world in that time, no matter how you look at it.

Or let's study quickly still one more and final scoreboard, perhaps the most revealing and frightening of them all. Here it is.

Since August, 1946, the Communists have averaged taking over seven thousand newly enslaved subjects every hour. And please remember that these people, whether in Indonesia or Iraq or Korea, have the same love for their families, think of concentration camps with the same despairing horror, and feel the same pain under torture, as do you and I.

So let me repeat that. Seven thousand more human beings, just like you and me, have been brought under the incredibly brutal rule of a Communist police state, every hour, twenty-four hours of every day, 365 days of every year, for the past thirteen years. And not only is that process not being interrupted in any way. Today the rate of conquest and enslavement is actually increasing—as the eighty million people of Indonesia would gladly testify, for the darkness of police-state rule is closing over them very fast.

Now please note, gentlemen, that the Communists have never made any of this immense progress by the direct use of force. They have beguiled Chinese into fighting Chinese, Koreans into fighting Koreans, Vietnamese into fighting the French and each other, the Israelis, British and French into fighting Egyptians, and the Algerians into fighting the French. They have even manoeuvred Americans into fighting Chinese Communists in Korea, with the Americans' hands tied behind their backs. But not one Russian regiment has ever taken part in any of this imperialistic advance, except in the suppression of rebellion in already conquered territory, as in Hungary. The Communists have put over these tremendous gains by bluff and bluster, lies and deception, murder, and—above all—by treason within other governments; and by diplomatic pressures based on all of these other means. And that lamp of experience certainly should guide us as to what they are up to today.

There are three possible methods by which the Communists might take us over. One would be, through a sufficient amount of infiltration and propaganda, to disguise Communism as just another political party; and thus to get enough Communist agents and sympathisers into positions of power in our government to enable them to seize formal power by a peaceful *coup d'état*, as they did in Czechoslovakia in February, 1948. We do not anticipate that development.

The second method would be by fomenting internal civil war in this country, and aiding the Communist side in that war with all necessary military might. This is, of course, the method they used in China. But in the long struggle in China the Kremlin was handicapped by the need for keeping its own intervention from being accurately understood and appraised by other nations. By the time the Soviet rulers ever came to apply this plan to our country, there obviously would be no compelling reason for them to hold back in any way.

And it seems clear, from all of their past history, as well as from the nature of the beast, that—despite their vaunted missiles and bombs—the Soviets would not attempt military conquest of so powerful and so extensive a country as the United States without availing themselves of a sufficiently strong fifth column in our midst; a fifth column which could provide the sabotage, the false leadership, and the sudden seizures of power and of means of communication, needed to convert the struggle, from the very beginning, into a civil war rather than clear-cut war with an external enemy. The horror and cruelty which would be made possible by such planned confusion is something to contemplate. And, as we said in the first issue of our magazine, *American Opinion*, we can foresee a possibility of the Kremlin taking this gamble in time.

In fact, it is clear that the Communists long ago made plans to have this method available, in whole or in part, to whatever extent it might be useful.

The trouble in our southern states has been fomented almost entirely by the Communists for this purpose. It has been their plan, gradually carried out over a long period with meticulous cunning, to stir up such bitterness between whites and blacks in the South that small flames of civil disorder would inevitably result. They could then fan and coalesce these little flames into one great conflagration of civil war, in time, if the need arose. The whole slogan of "civil rights", as used to make trouble in the South today, is an exact parallel to the

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Political Morality

"When a man acquires a national reputation, he can use his office to make a fortune if he is politically immoral. I remember that I was requested to meet with a group of very prominent and wealthy Jews at the Waldorf-Astoria, to discuss with them the subject of Naziism in the United States. The meeting was not publicised and there were present some of the richest financiers in the United States. I told them that it was my determination to ferret out and expose every Nazi or Fascist group in our country and every anti-Semitic organisation which had any ties with Germany or Italy. I explained my background to them to reassure them. (I had been the campaign manager in South-east Texas for Al Smith's race for the Presidency. I was an outspoken foe of the Ku Klux Klan.)

"When I made it clear to these men that I intended to investigate Communism just as vigorously and extensively as I intended to uncover and publicise Naziism, their enthusiasm was not very great. It was not that any one of these men was a Communist or that they were sympathetic to Communism; but they were pre-occupied with Nazi tyranny and persecution. They believed that Russia was a leading foe of Nazi Germany and they could see no reason for any investigation of Communism.

"When the meeting adjourned, a man who had invited me to attend and to speak told me that if I would confine my investigation to Naziism and anti-Semitism I could be assured of unlimited financial backing. There was no doubt in my mind that I could make several million dollars by simply limiting the investigation. In fact, as I have often reported, Mr. H. B. Swope had me come to his office and wanted me to head an anti-Nazi organisation in the United States, which he assured me would be supplied with unlimited money and with the support of most of the newspapers and radios of our nation. He said that, if I did not agree, Roosevelt intended to destroy me. Naturally I could not make any such agreement and I told him so. It wasn't long before Roosevelt issued a blast against me and all of the power at FDR's disposal was used to undermine both me and the Committee on Un-American Activities."

—Congressman Martin Dies in "Morality and Texas Affairs"; *American Opinion*, Sept., 1964.

Reaction

The following letter was addressed to the Editor of *The Australian* but was not published:

"Sir,—Your Washington correspondent reports today that President Johnson believes the Gulf of Tonkin incident was a deliberate test set by the Communists to test his reaction under the cross-fire of election pressures.

"This carries the serious implication that the Communists regard it as possible that American opposition to their aggressions may be as half-hearted in the future as it has been in the past.

"There is the further implication that, for some politicians, opposing Communism is secondary in importance to winning elections.

"However, many puzzled observers have remarked that it must have been obvious that the North Vietnam provocation would produce the American reaction which in fact took place. It cannot be seriously doubted that the Communists, with their numerous agents in the U.S.A., are able to make an accurate assessment of the American political 'climate' without such expensive naval experiments.

"It is significant that the 'crisis' occurred so soon after Goldwater's nomination for President. A régime which opposes Communism sufficiently to delude American citizens, but not enough to prevent Communist victories, suits the Communists very well. Their great fear is that this régime may be replaced by a Conservative American government which really will be determined to fight Communism. For this would be the beginning of the end for them.

"Hence it was necessary to provide the opportunity for President Johnson to show that anything Goldwater can do, he can do, as well. If this influences American voters to keep the Democratic régime in power, the Communists will regard the sacrifice of their torpedo boats as a cheap price to pay.

"Yours faithfully,

"E. C. GELL.

"Toorak, Victoria

"August 22, 1964."

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CORRECTION, PLEASE!*

ITEM: From an Article by Edward Crankshaw in the *London Observer*, reprinted in the *Louisville Courier-Journal*, August 19, 1964:

. . . in 1956, Khrushchev renounced the Leninist doctrine of the inevitability of war.

CORRECTION: Not quite! In July, 1959, Khrushchev pointed out that war will be inevitable until there is nobody left to fight: "The best way to eliminate war is the gaining of power by Communists all over the world."

Khrushchev has caused it to be said that [Red] China cannot count on Soviet help in the event of war in South-east Asia.

CORRECTION: Not quite! On August 8, 1964, Khrushchev said that the U.S.S.R. had a "sacred duty" to defend other Communist countries from "imperialistic attacks", and he denounced the "aggressive actions" of the U.S. against Communist North Vietnam.

ITEM: From an Article by Trevor Armbrister in the *Saturday Evening Post*, September 5, 1964:

An Allende victory [in this month's Chilean Presidential election] would be significant gain for the Khrushchev theory of peaceful revolution.

CORRECTION: The world's greatest activist, Nikita Khrushchev, must regard it as aid and comfort to be described as a theoretician, preaching "peaceful" revolution. There are those who hold to a different view of Khrushchev. For example:

. . . Khrushchev displays versatility and flexibility in selecting the device which he considers most effective and promising at the moment: nuclear blackmail, subversion, propaganda, interference in the domestic affairs of other states, driving a wedge between peoples and their governments, exploitation of anti-colonial and nationalist feelings in Asia and Africa, and direct revolutionary action. All these expedients serve the single-minded goal of Soviet aggrandisement and of accelerating the march of communism.

Source: *Who Are They?* (Part 1), Prepared by the Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress at the request of HCUA, July 12, 1957.

Then there is a description of Khrushchev by Joseph Kovago, former Mayor of Budapest, Hungary:

I think that Khrushchev is the best disciple of Machiavelli because if his own interest dictates it, he will kill; while he finds it useful, he will smile, will kiss children, will shake hands and show a good face.

And then there is Khrushchev's response to a question by a former U.S. Ambassador who asked Khrushchev about the slaughter of the Hungarian patriots in 1956:

We will put in more troops and more troops and more troops until we have finished them.

ITEM: from "TV News" by Ben Levine in *The Worker* (Communist), September 1, 1964:

[President Lyndon Baines] Johnson is an expert at squeezing votes out of every situation. . . .

CORRECTION: Mr. Levine fails to note that sometimes one squeeze is not enough. For example, in his first Senate race, in 1948, Mr. Johnson ran extremely well in one precinct in Jim Wells County, Texas. Out of 600 ballots issued, Johnson received 765 votes, his opponent 60. But Mr. Johnson was still behind in the overall tally. Fortunately, a "recount" revealed that Mr. Johnson *actually* received 967 votes from 600 ballots, his opponent 61.

ITEM: From an Editorial in the *Boston Herald*, August 27, 1964:

As it is, the best that can be said for them [the recently deceased Communist leaders of Italy and France, Palmiro Togliatti and Maurice Thorez, respectively] is that they were moderating influences in the lost cause of Marxist revolution.

CORRECTION: There have been no developments during the past seven years which would indicate that Togliatti and Thorez were "moderating influences". In 1957, the late Francis E. Walter, Chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, described these two men as follows:

Both Thorez and Togliatti have been in the service of the Kremlin from their earliest youth. They have survived the many shifts and turns of Communist policy and sacrificed friends, associates, and principle whenever necessary. Above all, they have willingly betrayed their own country when this was found necessary to carry out the Kremlin's foreign policy. For anyone who believes that communism can compound itself of genuine patriotism, the records of Thorez and Togliatti stand forth as agents of Soviet imperialism, not representatives of a true political movement dedicated to the interests of their countrymen. In the event of war, France and Italy, two of our allies, would find themselves sorely beset by the army of Communist agents and saboteurs commanded by these two men.

Source: *Who Are They?* (Part 7), Prepared by the Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress at the request of HCUA, November 22, 1957.

ITEM: From an Editorial in the *New York Times*, August 19, 1964:

The real route to peace, as President Johnson has just reminded President Makarios [of Cyprus], lies through the United Nations. . . .

CORRECTION: Mr. Johnson and the *Times* would have a difficult time convincing the Congolese that "the real route to peace lies through the United Nations". (See, G. Edward Griffin, *The Fearful Master*, Western Islands†, 1964, pp. 3-64.)

ITEM: From a Dispatch in the *Boston Sunday Advertiser* (Hearst), August 9, 1964:

A disastrous grain harvest last year forced the Soviet Union to import approximately one billion dollars worth of wheat from the United States, Canada and other countries.

CORRECTION: The "disastrous grain harvest" excuse has now been conveniently forgotten by the Soviet Union and the United States:

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Large amounts of the U.S. wheat sold to Russia, presumably to ease a critical grain shortage, are being used to bolster the Kremlin's grip on disaffected satellites—with the official sanction of the United States.

The Commerce department has authorised the Soviet's "re-export" of 160,000 metric tons of U.S. wheat to Rumania. Value of this grain is more than \$12.5 million. It is about one-tenth of the total sold to Russia last year.

Explanation for this unpublicised transaction is that the 160,000 tons of U.S. grain were in repayment for a Rumanian "loan" of 400,000 tons to the Soviet.

That's what Rep. Glenard Lipscomb, R-Calif., member of the powerful Appropriations Committee, was informed when he uncovered this affair and began asking questions.

Source: The Allen-Scott Report in the *White Plains Reporter Dispatch*, August 6, 1964.

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slogan of "agrarian reform" which they used in China. And the Communists, who are pulling innocent and idealistic Americans into promoting this agitation for them, have no more real interest in the welfare of the Negroes and no more concern about the damage they actually do to our coloured population, than the Chinese Communists had with regard to the welfare of the Chinese peasants.

But there is a third method which is far more in accordance with Lenin's long-range strategy. It is one which they are clearly relying on most heavily. And this is taking us over by a process so gradual and insidious that Soviet rule is slipped over so far on the American people, before they ever realise it is happening, that they can no longer resist the Communist conspiracy as free citizens, but can resist the Communist tyranny only by themselves becoming conspirators against established government. The process in that direction is going on right now, gradually but surely and with ever-increasing spread and speed.

A part of that plan, of course, is to induce the gradual surrender of American sovereignty, piece by piece and step by step, to various international organisations—of which the United Nations is the outstanding but far from the only example—while the Communists are simultaneously and equally gradually getting complete working control of such organisations. Both sets of steps, which were short and insidious at first, are now being steadily increased in both length and brazenness. Until one day we shall gradually realise that we are already just a part of a world-wide government ruled by the Kremlin, with the police-state features of that government rapidly closing in on ourselves.

But another part of that plan is the conversion of the United States into a socialist nation, quite similar to Russia itself in its economy and political outlook, before police-state enforcement is ever introduced. The best way to explain the aim here is simply to quote the directive under which some of the very largest American foundations have been secretly but visibly working for years. This directive is "so to change the economic and political structure of the United States that it can be comfortably merged with Soviet Russia".

These foundations, influential as they are, nevertheless are comparatively just a very small part of the tremendous forces at work in America today to accomplish this aim. And these total forces, marvellously organised and brilliantly directed, use a hundred to a thousand completely misguided Americans who are not Communists, for every actual Communist who is pulling strings behind the scenes, to help them to put over their innocent—and even "progressive"—sounding plans.

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For the West, gentlemen, is suffering under many delusions. One is that our enemy is an ideology. It is not. Communism is not a political party, nor a military organisation, nor an ideological crusade, nor a rebirth of Russian imperialist ambition, though it comprises and uses all of these parts and pretenses. Communism, in its unmistakable present, is wholly a conspiracy, a gigantic conspiracy to enslave mankind; an increasingly successful conspiracy, controlled by determined, cunning, and utterly ruthless gangsters, willing to use any means to achieve its end.

One means, of course, is to make socialism sound appealing; and above all to make it seem *inevitable*. This operation, of giving an appearance of spontaneity to a movement to the left which is conspiratorially plotted and promoted, is so large that we could not possibly outline it here.

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