

American Communists Said Still a Threatening Menace

Editor's note: This is the second of three dispatches on the Communist party in the United States.

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New York—(U.P.)—Is the Communist party in the United States still a menace?

Many people ask this question in seriousness today. The subject of Communism in America, once in banterlines every hour, has ceased to be a big story, election issues or source of fear. The "scare" is over.

Blows Erase Threat

There are those who say that the pulverizing blows taken by the party on de-Stalinization and Hungary and the effective counteraction of the FBI have erased any threat to security.

But others, including FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover, fear the danger is still there in a new form.

In the late 1940s and early 50s, spurred by the sensational trials of Alger Hiss, the Rosenbergs and top Communists, a "crash" program turned up Reds in the government, in unions, in Hollywood, in the armed forces and in some places where there were none. A few men seized on the cold-war time rush to "clean out the Reds" to frighten the daylight of the American public. Some innocent victims were caught up.

Partly Outlawed

The entire country now is taking a sober second glance at the conscience-wrenching problem of providing liberty yet security, of guaranteeing constitutionally rights without risking the safety of the republic.

President Eisenhower's Department of Justice emphasizes that despite the long delays in board and court actions affecting Communists, it prefers this to any hasty infringement of civil liberties which would violate the Constitution.

While it did not make membership in the party a crime, the Communist Control Act of August 1954, in effect outlawed the Communist party. The Subversive Activities Control Board ruled in 1953 that the Communists are "puppets" of the Soviet

Optimism Told in Airline Strike Threat

Washington—(U.P.)—A federal mediator said today he was optimistic that a contract settlement between Pan American Airways and 1,500 of its pilots would be reached within several days.

The Airline Pilots Association Tuesday night called off a threatened strike and agreed to negotiate further at the request of federal mediators.

Officials of both sides met Wednesday with the mediators. The talks were scheduled to continue today.

Leverette Edwards, a member of the Federal Mediation Board who met with both sides, said he thought a settlement could be agreed upon. But he indicated several days of hard bargaining still lay ahead.

The Airline Pilots Association has threatened it can immediately call a strike if negotiations stall again.

Union. The control act required the Reds, as "agents of a foreign power," to register their membership and sources of funds. It denied them passports and cut off government labor negotiation machinery to Red-led unions.

Yet it is 1957, and the party still has not complied with the law to register. Chiefly because of delays caused by repudiation of testimony by "turnabout" witnesses, the issue is still in the courts.

Still Doing Business

Five top Communists released from jail terms which they served for advocating a conspiracy were rearrested immediately on charges of being members of a

Bulletin Explains Various Elements In Rural Residence

Corvallis—City dwellers eyeing a spot in the country—rural residence, part-time or full-time farm—can check points to consider in a new bulletin just published by the Oregon State college extension service.

Country living, transportation, services and utilities, the land, and ways to finance the venture are among points examined in the bulletin, "Do You Want to Live in the Country?" Copies are available to Oregon residents through local county extension offices or the OSC bulletin clerk, Corvallis.

Notes Various Aspects

The bulletin points out the importance of studying all aspects of rural living and then making a "family decision." For example, the extra living space may require extra work by the entire family.

Often overlooked items include flow of water from a domestic system. The bulletin gives requirements for house use and the added need for lawn and garden. Yearly round-trip costs to jobs and schools are charted for various distances. Other handy reference charts include a list of labor requirements and estimated production costs per acre for various crops suited to small acreages.

Tips Offered

Tips for evaluating the land—soil, irrigation source, drainage, and serious weed problems—are offered along with suggestions for appraised building and equipment needs.

Opportunities to gain added income from farm forestry, fruit and vegetable crops, specialty crops, and animals are reviewed briefly. A handy section of the bulletin is a buyer's checklist for judging country properties and homesites to help think through the proposed move.

One Out of Three Workers is Woman

Washington—(U.P.)—The Labor Department reported today that nearly one out of every three American workers is a woman. The department said a record average of nearly 21 million women held jobs last year out of total average 65 million employed persons.

group dedicated to the overthrow of the government. But they are free on bail and doing business as before.

The administration opposed the control act, objected to outlawing the party and won't telegraph its next punches.

In this calmer atmosphere, many Americans have forgotten that there are still Communists among them.

There aren't as many as before. Membership down two-thirds in 10 years, has fallen from 80,000 to a mere 20,000. Sympathizers have diminished from 600,000 to under 200,000. The Daily Worker has suffered a "catastrophic" loss of ads and a dip in circulation from 38,000 to 10,000.

Treasury in the Red

The party's treasury is as red as its emblem. It spent \$1.5 million on ball and legal fees in the trials. It says it is running at a \$200,000 annual loss. The government raided its key offices last year, charging the party with owing back taxes.

The party's grip on trade unions, once a source of funds, is slipping. The Reds say they led one-fifth of the unions in the United States in 1942. Today, they say, it is only three per cent.

What danger is there from this? Says Hoover:

As Deadly as Before

"The Communist conspiracy is as deadly now as it was before . . . We relax our vigil at our peril . . . The American public must not be lulled into complacency by the new Communist propaganda line . . . The current Communist tactics do not change the basic goals of Communist conquest."

Hoover noted that 10,000 Communists in China grew to six million and conquered a nation of half a billion. Italy's Communists dwindled to 20,000 to increase again to two million.

Observing the cataclysms caused by the Nazi-Soviet pact, a New York newspaper ran a series called "The Collapse of American Communism." That was in 1939.

In tomorrow's article, last in the series, Jackson says that American Communists are looking to American Negroes, inflation and a sharp shift in tactics to spark a comeback.

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