

men on the one hand and their ideological infection on the other. One ecclesiastic may have a score of Communist-front affiliations without having become the carrier of ideological infection in the slightest degree. Another may be in an advanced stage of Marxist malignancy without ever having allowed his name to appear on the letterheads, petitions, and manifestoes of the Communist-front apparatus. Many clergymen, of course, act as frontiers for the Communist conspiracy and also accept the postulates of the conspiracy.

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I spoke earlier of the manner in which some clergymen deal with Joe McCarthy. Let me give you an example. The *National Baptist Voice* is a monthly religious journal that professes to speak in the name of 27,000 preachers and 4,526,847 members of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A. In its issue of November, 1953, the *National Baptist Voice* had the following to say in an editorial: "Take the current hysteria over spies. McCarthy and his gang have so debauched our minds that any man who does not agree that General Motors should take over the country is branded as a spy. Hence they have pushed nearly half of the country into the place where they sympathize with the Communists." The editor-clergyman who wrote that was the Rev. Dr. J. Pius Barbour. The language, the lies, and the line of that statement could have been lifted right out of the Communist Party's *Daily Worker*. The Rev. Dr. J. Pius Barbour was the highest editorial representative of the third largest Protestant denomination in the United States. What difference does it make whether a man is a member or not a member of the Communist Party, whether he is a witting dupe or an unwitting dupe, as long as he propagates the views of the Communist conspiracy? It makes a lot of difference. If the Rev. Dr. J. Pius Barbour had dropped his ecclesiastical title, taken off his priestly robes, and openly joined the Communist Party, his purpose would have been clear and his influence for evil negligible. Nobody would be deceived. He would be subject to prosecution by the federal government under the Smith Act. But, operating as a prominent clergymen of the third largest Protestant denomination in the United States and, so far as I know, as an unwitting dupe, he is immune from prosecution. He is even immune from exposure by any

congressional committee. We do not have, and should not have, statutes for the prosecution of unwitting dupes. God and government must suffer fools to go their way unmolested, even though they imperil freedom more surely than do the professional agents of the Kremlin's world-wide conspiracy.

Let us take another look at the Rev. Dr. J. Pius Barbour. I quote from his editorial in the February, 1955, issue of the *National Baptist Voice*, as follows: "The Church is changing the social order. . . . It is making war and unrelenting war on the profit motive as the best dynamic of society and showing that society can use other motivation." The statement as it stands, with its sweeping and unqualified assertion, is, of course, false.

Before I take leave of the Rev. Dr. J. Pius Barbour, allow me to quote from his editorial in his journal's issue of August, 1951, on the subject of Ben Davis, member of the Communist Party's politburo, who was sentenced to five years imprisonment for advocating and conspiring to advocate the overthrow of the United States government by force and violence. The Rev. Dr. Barbour hailed Ben Davis as "a burning and shining light in this day of 'Cadillac leadership.'" The editorial continued: "Ben turned his back on what could have been a life of leisure to fight for a dangerous and to him a just cause. And for his conviction, he is now serving five years in prison. But he is not surprised. He has been told this by his friends for years. Every seduction has been offered him to 'take it easy' and avoid what his friends knew was a certain road to prison. But with his face set like flint he chose to 'suffer with his people rather than be called Pharaoh's son.' What shall we say about him? . . . If you are really called to preach and know something about the prophets, you must say: OUT OF SUCH MATERIAL COME SAINTS!"

Incidentally, the Rev. Dr. J. Pius Barbour has been affiliated with only one Communist-front organization, namely the Committee for Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact. Out of 1,068 individuals who were affiliated with this Communist front, 609 were Protestant clergymen and thirteen were rabbis. The fact that the Rev. Dr. Barbour has had only one Communist-front affiliation suggests a most important observation. The full signif-