

ating in the circles of the Communist apparatus.

Boris Morros, a most effective FBI agent, testified that the Communists are concentrating on the field of religion.

Herbert A. Philbrick, nine years an undercover FBI agent, has written, "It is no accident that your church is the number-one target of the Communist conspiracy in America today." He adds, "As a disguise, the church offers Communists decided advantages. It is the stronghold of idealism, it is the place where one expects to find a social conscience. It is above reproach — the perfect cover for Communist agents, the perfect place for the recruiting of unsuspecting puppets. Never is an angel of darkness more secure than when he poses as an angel of light!"

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SECOND, FORMER COMMUNISTS WHO HAVE COME OUT FROM UNDER COVER AND HAVE TESTIFIED UNDER OATH BEFORE THE SECURITY COMMITTEES OF THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES, PARTICULARLY THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES. These include such former high-ranking Communist Party leaders as Benjamin Gitlow and Manning Johnson.

Manning Johnson appeared before the House Committee on July 13 and 14, 1953. In summarizing his testimony, he said:

"Once the tactic of infiltrating religious organizations was set by the Kremlin, the actual mechanics of implementing the 'new line' was a question of following the general experiences of the living church movement in Russia where the Communists discovered that the destruction of religion could proceed much faster through infiltration of the church by Communist agents operating within the church itself.

"The Communist leadership in the United States realized that the infiltration tactic in this country would have to adapt itself to American conditions and the religious makeup peculiar to this country. In the earliest stages it was determined that with only small forces available it would be necessary to concentrate Communist agents in the seminaries and divinity schools. . . . The plan was to make the seminaries the neck of a funnel through which thousands of potential clergymen would issue forth, carrying with them, in varying degrees, an ideology and slant which would aid in neutralizing the anti-Communist character of the church and also to use the clergy to spearhead important Communist projects. This policy was successful beyond even Communist expectations. The combination of Communist clergymen, clergymen with a pro-Communist ideology, plus thousands of clergymen who were sold the principle of considering Communist causes as progressive, within 20 years, furnished the Soviet apparatus with a machine which was used as a religious cover for the over-all Communist operation ranging from immediate demands to actually furnishing aid in espionage and outright treason."

When one reads sworn testimony of this nature, he can understand why leaders in the National Council of Churches in the United States are so determined to destroy the House Committee on Un-American Activities which has dared to bring such reports as these to the attention of the American people.

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THE THIRD SOURCE OF INFORMATION WHICH HAS BEEN INVALUABLE IS DEFECTORS FROM THE COMMUNIST WORLD BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN. These include such men as Yuri Rastvorov, whom we just quoted, whose testimony has been invaluable, and also Peter Deriabin, a major general, the highest ranking Communist agent ever to desert the Communist world.

Deriabin testified under oath before both the House

Un-American Activities Committee and the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, and he identified Metropolitan Nicolai, the second top ranking churchman of the Russian Orthodox Church in Moscow, as being an agent in the Soviet secret police of long standing. He told of his own personal, intimate relationships with the Metropolitan in carrying out the orders of the secret police.

In view of the nature of the undercover conspiracy, the deception, and its sinister purposes, it is absolutely impossible for Christians or for churches to know the exact situation as it concerns the individual Communist agents themselves. This makes it all the more important and intensely dangerous. For this reason the investigative agencies of the Government which have the power of subpoena should be used to investigate such Communist activity. Moreover, as we have been dealing with this particular field, the American Council of Christian Churches has been calling for a full investigation and the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America has been opposing and denouncing any such investigation. In fact, every church body in the United States should not only desire to know all that the Communists would seek to do within their midst, but should co-operate in the fullest degree in any such investigation.

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So far as the ordinary Christian is concerned, he is in a position to observe the Communist line as it is promulgated by the Kremlin and then to watch the church organizations and agencies as they proceed to promote that very same line. Here the points mentioned above — peaceful coexistence, cessation of atomic testings, total disarmament, recognition of Red China, and the abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities — all of these find their parallel in the actions of church bodies and especially in the leadership of the National Council of Churches.

When the Fifth World Order Study Conference, made up of some 600 church leaders of the United States, meet in a conference under the auspices of the National Council, in response to the National Council's call, and call for the recognition of Red China and for her admission to the United Nations, a contribution has been made to the Red cause that an assembly of 10,000 Communist Party members could not make. When these church leaders specifically say that they do not approve of Red China, but that she should be admitted in order that her 650,000,000 people may be represented, adopting the very arguments which the Communists themselves have used, we are confronted with a spectacle which delivers to the Communists an effective instrument for the molding of the Christians in the United States. What the Fifth World Order Study Conference did for the Communists is far more effective than anything that a convention of the Communists themselves could have done. Here is an area where the Christian public can put two and two together. There is something radically wrong with the kind of Christianity that teaches peaceful coexistence with a godless system such as Communism. In fact, it is not Christianity. Something has happened. It is this whole area which is now disturbing Christians in the United States as they are becoming better informed.

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The other tactic, however, of working in broad daylight, involves the entire international setting. It is in this broader picture that the most damaging and the most effective work for the Communists is being done by the National Council and its leaders in the United States. These leaders are not only accepting a condition in which the Communists have great advantage, but they are defending it in the name of Christian unity and are actually