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Russia will spread her Errors throughout the World

As events continue to unfold, especially in politics in the USA, People continue to ask, “What is happening?” “Why is this happening?” Others say, “We never saw anything like this before.” “You can’t make this stuff up!”

During the Cold War era The Senate Internal Security Subcommittee of the United States Senate in 1956 published a report “The Communist Party, USA-What It Is-How It Works” as a convenient handbook for Americans to counteract misinformation regarding the Communist movement. The Senate Subcommittee concluded that the Communist Party was a mass conspiratorial organization controlled by a foreign power and hoped that Americans would not fall victim to its wiles. Some excerpts follow.

Founded in 1919, the Communist Party of the USA is not a true political party and differs fundamentally from all political parties in the US. It is a Russian-inspired, Moscow-dominated anti-American conspiracy against American Government, American ideals, and recognized freedoms.

CPUSA follows faithfully the conspiratorial pattern laid down by its parent body. Lenin, its originator, envisaged an organization adapted to the specific purpose of violent overthrow of its own Russian government. Today CPUSA is not fighting against czarism, but is an international movement seeking world conquest and the destruction of the American Government.

By way of contrast, American political parties, despite criticisms they may make of public policy, are fundamentally loyal to our form of government and conform to its laws. They rely upon the duly constituted agencies of our Government and the operation of our democratic processes for the correction of grievances.

Our traditional political parties are loose organizations operating under a very fluid and flexible discipline. Members and leaders will differ sharply with each other and still remain within the same organization.

Lenin, however, conceived his organization as able to fulfill its duty only if it will be governed by an iron discipline, bordering on military discipline. Without discipline there is no unity of will, no unity of action. The class war is bitter. The army of the proletariat must have a highly skilled, trained CP, which is united in action and has one will.

Can an Army fight if every soldier in the Army is allowed to question and even disobey orders of its superior officers? CPUSA has not hesitated to expel officials for actual or suspected deviation from the official line of Moscow. In Russia and other Communist countries such deviationists have been shot.

Political parties as we know them are highly responsive to the sentiment of their constituents and of the American people as a whole. They encourage independence and initiative. They are essentially democratic in their approach to the rank and file of party membership. Initiative and pressure come from below.

CPUSA is organized from the top down and is essentially undemocratic. All lower Party organizations are subordinated to the higher bodies. Party questions may be discussed by the members and by Party organizations until a decision is taken by competent Party committees. These decisions must be unreservedly carried out, even if some members are in disagreement with it.

Contrary to the American political party, where members have many interests, Communists are expected to be revolutionists, who shall devote to the revolution the whole of their lives.

The Party may sacrifice and use maneuvers, illegal methods, to evasion and subterfuge. Its leaders do not hesitate to deceive their own members as to the party's real nature and purpose.

The Communist Party member is never a free agent, is held responsible for his actions, and is anxious at all times in an atmosphere of distrust. The organization punishes every abuse by a comrade. Extensive files, especially on deviation from the party line, open one up to blackmail. Penalties include censure, expulsion or even murder.

Political parties as we know them in American life may differ sharply with each other. The party not in office may criticize the current administration unsparingly. But fundamentally both the Democratic and Republican Parties are loyal to our form of Government as presently constituted. Yet there is a certain code of ethics, of loyalty that is generally recognized and adhered to. Not so with the Communist Party. They have no such scruples. Totally hostile to our form of government, they believe in the confiscation of capitalists' property. "Moral" is only that which facilitates the destruction of the old world. Lenin said, "Our morality is entirely subordinated to the interests of the class struggle."

They can violate any and every ethical code in the interest of a "higher" cause. Having been defeated by a legitimate majority vote, they will refuse to recognize it and press their original contention. CPUSA is a revolutionary minority seeking to overthrow the sensitive and strategic strongholds of our Government. Lenin and Stalin emphasized, "Accumulate a *preponderance of forces* at the decisive place, at the decisive moment. Try to take the enemy by surprise."

Communist faith often invokes the fervor of a new religion. The party member feels he is a member of an elite group, who are privileged to live in a circle, which is the germ of the new world of tomorrow. The nonparty infidels, he thinks, are living in outer darkness in a world which is decadent and doomed. For the apostles and prophets of religion he substitutes Marx, Lenin, and Stalin. Its superficial logic makes an appeal to the intellectual.

From 1956 on Americans witnessed bipartisan support for legislation in Congress with members' votes changing, depending on the issues. Today many bill pass or fail along party lines, often with each party voting in lock step. Anti-government demonstrations often arise out of nowhere with well-disciplined and vocal protestors. Fear of punishment and ostracism prevents a member from becoming a dissident. Many of today's anti-government dissenters act like communists, but do not call themselves communists. Perhaps this is another example of what Our Lady predicted at Fatima: "Russia will spread her errors throughout the world."

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