

# MORE SNAKES Than I Can Kill

Communists, Fascists, Nazis . . . those who are working subversively in this country to undermine American democracy!—The head of the Dies Committee tells his own story

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### PART FIVE— THE MARXIAN MENACE

THE disclosures before our committee, the Soviet-Nazi pact, and the invasion of Finland have temporarily checked Stalin's organization of Communists and fellow travelers in the United States. Some of them have quit in disgust. Others have become discreetly silent. But let no one imagine that either organized Communism or Marxism has ceased to be a serious menace to this country.

Even those Communists and fellow travelers who have permanently broken with Stalin still hold stubbornly to the principles of Marxism. They will never understand that the principles of Marxism, if applied in any country or under any conditions, will inevitably produce dictatorship, either through the success of the Communists in seizing the government, as in the case of Russia, or through the success of the anti-Communists in gaining power for the professed purpose of saving the country from Communism, as in the case of Germany.

But while this truth has been demonstrated in Russia, Italy, and Germany, there is no hope of ever enlightening the irrational minds of Marxists. Our protection against the insidious poison of Marxism must come from exposure of it, from education, and from the inculcation of Christian ideals in our people.

We must also recognize that Communism and Fascism thrive on economic distress. However, poverty and unemployment are not the sole causes of Communism. The evidence before our committee established the fact that many people have embraced Com-

munist who have good jobs, and in some instances rich people contribute to Communism. The leaders of Communism are by no means poor. They find it quite profitable to serve the interests of Moscow.

Some so-called liberals argue that until we solve the problems of unemployment and poverty, there is nothing that we can do about the growth of Communism. Of course all of us will agree that everything practicable should be done to abolish poverty and unemployment. On the other hand, we must admit that since the world began, poverty and unemployment have existed, the same as cancer and tuberculosis. The medical profession has done everything within its power to find cures for cancer and tuberculosis. While some progress has been made, we are still afflicted with these dreaded maladies. The medical profession will continue a diligent search, but in the meantime the people are certainly justified in prohibiting the noxious operations of quacks who prey upon the afflicted patient.

So it is with poverty and unemployment. We must continue our search for a solution of these social diseases, but in the meantime we have a right to expose the agents of foreign governments who seek to exploit poverty in order to aggravate the condition not only of the afflicted patient but of every one else. It cannot be truthfully said that employment and good jobs will completely remove the threat of Marxism. According to the testimony of Earl Browder, the majority of the members of the Communist Party are employed and hold fairly good jobs. Some of them are professors in colleges and universities, and

many of them hold government positions, where their salaries range from \$4,000 to \$10,000 a year. Neither can it be said that education will prevent the spread of Marxism, because many professors are Marxists and they are sowing the seeds of Marxism disguised as liberalism in the minds of our youth.

The real answer lies in the restoration of Christian influence in America. The teachings of Karl Marx and those of Christ stand at opposite poles. Marx represents the lowest forms of materialism; Christ symbolizes the highest and noblest conceptions of the spiritual. To Marx, man at his best was merely an intelligent animal of no more importance than the beasts of the field. To Christ, man is the noblest handiwork of God. This irreconcilable conflict between the teachings of Christ and Marx is the issue upon which the future of Western civilization is staked.

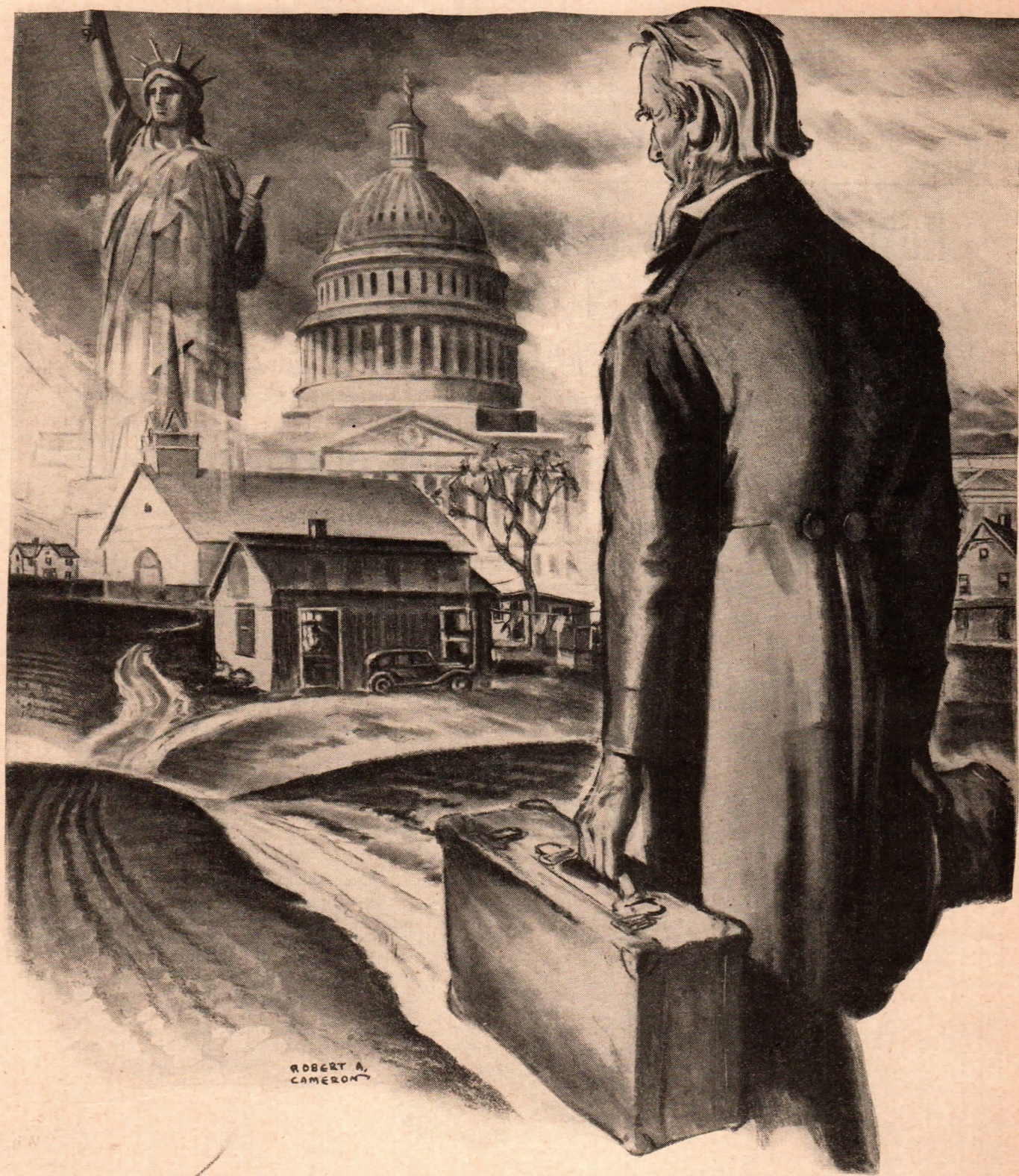
The church is confronted with an inescapable challenge to prosecute a victorious war against the forces of materialism and totalitarianism. As the influence of Christianity declines, the influence of Marxism increases. Worship of the state becomes the pagan religion of the nation.

The real aim of Marxism is the destruction of the Christian religion and the establishing of a godless state. When the state abolishes the inherent and fundamental right of the people to enjoy the fruits of their labor, it invariably deprives the people of their right to worship God according to the dictates of their conscience. The destruction of one fundamental right is always followed by the destruction of all others. It is for this reason that the dictatorships of Stalin and Hitler are certain enslavement for the laborer and the complete abrogation of all rights to collective bargaining.

Most people fail to appreciate the Communist menace to America because they are under the erroneous impression that a country can only be communized by violent revolution, and they argue that we are in no danger of revolution. As a matter of

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## BEHIND THE SCENES IN THE PROBE OF UN-AMERICANISM



fact, the revolutionary method is employed only in countries where the conditions are favorable for revolution. In others a more subtle method is employed. The Communists and Marxists in the United States are seeking to sabotage by degrees the political and economic system of America in favor of bureaucratic state capitalism. It is their scheme to communize this country by degrees. All such proposals as the attempts to socialize medicine, law, etc., constitute steps in this program to accomplish

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gradually what they are unable to do by violent revolution.

This is the strategy of all Marxists in America. It came from the following advice given to their disciples by Marx and Engels:

"The proletariat will use its political supremacy to wrest, by degrees, all capital from the bourgeoisie, to centralize all instruments of produc-

tion in the hands of the state. . . . Of course, in the beginning this cannot be effected except by means of despotic inroads on the rights of property and on the conditions of bourgeois production; by means of measures, therefore, which appear economically insufficient and untenable but which in the course of the movement outstrip themselves and necessitate further inroads upon the old social order."

All shades of Marxism in America from the deepest red to the palest

pink—the Communists, the Socialists, the crackpots, the so-called liberals—have united in support of this Marxist strategy. This united front of Marxists is, therefore, engaged in a campaign of sabotage of our political and economic system. The preparation of this campaign is to condition the thinking of our people along

and untenable. Their purpose is to paralyze our economic system, which rests upon private initiative and the profit motive. They know that it is impossible to superimpose socialistic laws upon a capitalistic society without destroying the economic system.

After the economic system is completely paralyzed by these measures

of America. They likewise favor every measure which tends to centralize political and economic power in Washington. This is in accordance with the advice of Marx and Engels to “centralize all instruments of production in the hands of the state.”

I believe that, as chairman of the

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What of the comment of certain labor leaders that the Dies Committee “has no evidence” of Communism in West Coast labor organizations and that “there is none”?

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socialistic lines and to stimulate a feeling of self-pity in a large segment of our population. It is a vital part of this mental conditioning of the people to convince them that the government has a duty to support them, that poverty and insecurity can be abolished by the state, that property rights are in conflict with human rights, and that our economic system is outmoded and should be abolished in favor of bureaucratic state capitalism. The Marxists do not tell the people that if the government is to be charged with the responsibility of supporting the people, it must exercise the corresponding right to discipline them.

The next stage in the Communization of the country consists of various proposals to regiment agriculture, industry, the professions, and labor under cleverly devised schemes of planned economy which make it impossible for the economic system to function. A vital part of these Marxian proposals is the bankruptcy of the country through the expenditure of borrowed capital or a resort to wild inflation. It must be borne in mind that the educated Marxists realize, as stated by Marx and Engels, that these measures are economically insufficient

and by public bankruptcy, the next stage in this process of gradual Communization is the destruction of private property in favor of public ownership. Since this is no more nor less than monopoly raised to its highest power, dictatorship is the final and inevitable stage. Indeed, bureaucratic state capitalism is so unwieldy and inefficient that it can only be held together by force.

The influence of the Marxists and their teachings has been steadily gaining ground in this country. Many people have been convinced that the government ought to support them. This has been demonstrated by the popularity of such schemes as the Townsend pension plan, the Ham-and-Eggs scheme, and the like.

The Marxists favor private monopoly as a means of preparing the economic system for quick transition to Communism. They do not believe in the enforcement of antitrust laws or in the restoration and maintenance of competitive conditions. They know that a wider diffusion of private property, which can come about only as a result of the restoration and maintenance of competitive conditions, will render impossible the Communization

committee, it is my duty to call attention to the fact that not all of the adherents of Marxism in this country are card-holding members of the Communist Party. Some of them are distributed among scores of numerically inconsequential organizations, but the great majority of Marxists do not belong, as such, to any organization. They masquerade under the name of liberals, and they deny that they are Communists. Most of them are milk-and-water Marxists. Nevertheless, by their contempt for the American economic system and their unflagging efforts to discredit it, they serve the ends of the revolutionary Marxists. They also furnish a pretext, but not a justification, for the activities of that other brand of Marxists, the Fascists who masquerade as patriots and pose as the saviors of the country from the threat of Communism.

The members of the Communist Party are less dangerous to this country than the Marxists who masquerade under the name of liberals.

For almost a year and a half our committee has taken testimony from scores of witnesses, most of whom have had firsthand knowledge of un-American activities. This testimony

fills some seven thousand printed pages. Among the witnesses were the present heads of Communist, Nazi, and Fascist groups and organizations, as well as many who were formerly prominent in these subversive movements. These witnesses came from almost every walk of life. Their testimony has convinced me that there is a well organized and highly developed campaign to Communize this country by degrees, and that unless these conspirators are exposed and checked, America will in the course of time become a dictatorship.

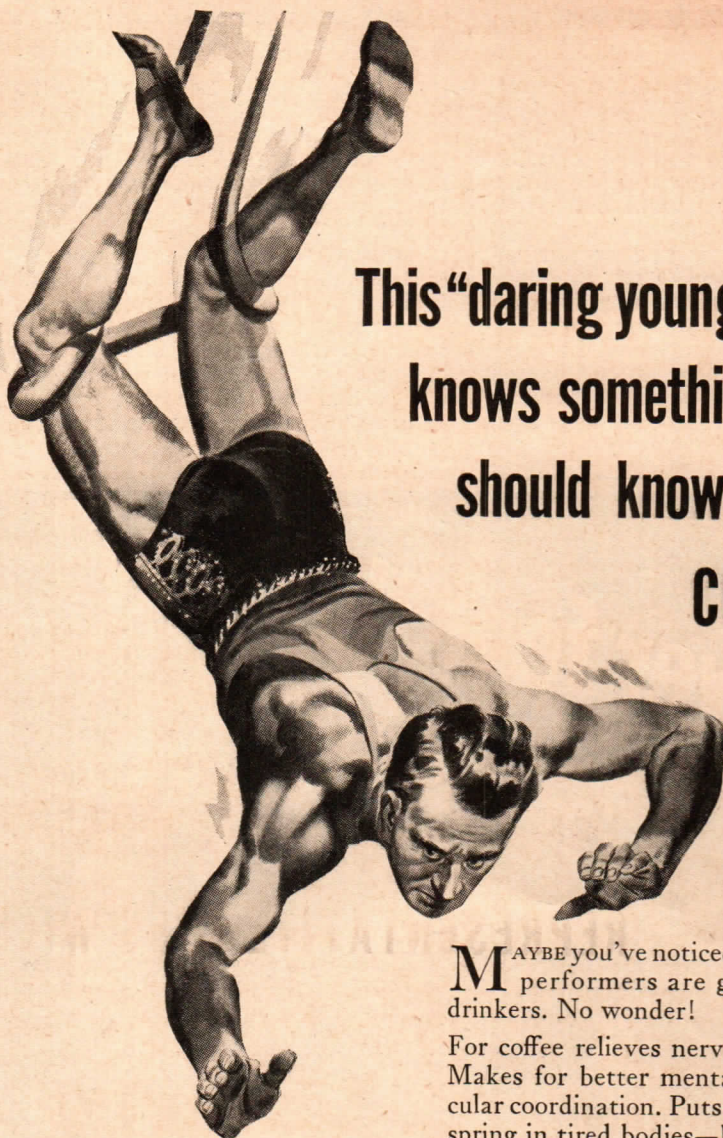
There is no question in my mind that there are many government officials, charged with responsibility of administering our laws, who are not in sympathy with our political or economic system, and who are doing everything they can to build up a bureaucratic state capitalism. Some of these officials are disgruntled failures in the business world who are seeking to vent their spleen upon the American economic system. Many of them do not want it to function successfully because it will deprive them of their prestige and power; but all of them, regardless of motive, are contributing to the gradual Communization of America.

In my contact with these Marxists, I have discovered one interesting fact, namely, that without exception they are atheists or agnostics. This has convinced me that a revival of Christianity and the restoration of competitive conditions constitute the only effective defense which we can build against the invasion of Marxian ideas.

**W**HETHER we have succeeded in arousing this country to the danger of Marxism is a debatable question. All polls have shown that the overwhelming majority of our people favor this committee and its work. This, however, does not mean that the people understand and appreciate the subtle campaign that is being carried on to subvert their political and economic system and institutions. It is easy and popular to denounce Stalin and Hitler, but it is quite another thing to denounce the philosophy of government for which they stand.

Another advantage the Marxists have is their ability to organize. It has been demonstrated time and time again that an organized minority can outmaneuver an unorganized majority. The organized minority in this country are carrying on an incessant attack upon our committee. They shift their strategy to meet changing conditions. In the beginning of the investigation, their argument was that the Communist Party was a legal party and that people had a right to belong to it. While denying that they were Communists, they defended the right of the Communists to carry on organized Communism in America.

After our committee had succeeded in showing conclusively that the Communist Party and its members are merely agents of Stalin, and after the Soviet-Nazi pact and the invasion of



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Finland seriously damaged the prestige of Soviet Russia in America, the Marxists changed their policy. While joining with others in the condemnation of the Soviet Union, they began a concentrated attack upon a majority of the members of the committee. I am reliably informed that in the near future an organized campaign will get under way to smear certain members of it and certain of our employees, and that Marxists are seeking to cripple the investigation either by advocating a joint Congressional committee or by removing certain members of our committee. I do know it to be a fact that no effort will be spared to sabotage this in-

vestigation or to discredit it. The pressure upon Congress will be tremendous.

But, in spite of these advantages which the Marxists hold, I am convinced that this country is on the verge of a great revival of Americanism. I have made many speeches in every section of the country, and I have been amazed to observe the enthusiasm of the people. Our people are fundamentally sound, and unless I am mistaken they are going to insist that the American way, not the European, must be followed in the administration of our government.

I likewise believe that politicians have underestimated the intelligence

of the people, and that a day of reckoning is at hand. It has been the fashion of politicians in recent years to lie to the people about the duties, functions, and responsibilities of the government. The politicians are trying to tell the people what the politicians think the people want to hear rather than to tell them the truth. One of the illustrious founders of the Republic observed with prophetic insight the technique of the demagogues, which is the same technique now employed by the Marxists, when he wrote:

"Of those men who have overturned the liberties of republics, the greatest number have begun their career by paying an obsequious court to the people, commencing demagogues and ending tyrants."

As for me, I have an abiding faith in the soundness and the workability of our institutions if allowed to function in the American way. But I am convinced that our political and economic system cannot function under monopolistic conditions of either the state or the private variety. I am equally convinced that the only hope for our country lies in return to the American way, and that most of our avoidable calamities have befallen us as a result of aping the political and economic ways of Europe.

OUR investigation has shown beyond any doubt that foreign influences have been at work to shape both domestic and foreign policies of the United States. Blessed as no other people on earth, with all the conditions necessary for economic and intellectual independence, we hold stubbornly and stupidly to foreign ties which a sound Americanism should have dissolved in all of us. Some of our people still hold a fatal attachment to European thought and institutions. Every crisis in Europe is reflected in the attitude and conduct of some of our people.

That our leaders have been duped by foreign Powers cannot be successfully denied by any one who will take the pains to read the testimony and documentary evidence received by our committee. In the horse-and-buggy days of Washington, our leaders could detect and resist the insidious wiles of foreign influence. It remained for this streamlined generation of sophisticated leadership to fill the role of proverbial sucker. The real reason for the opposition to our investigation by the officialdom of Washington lies in the fact that their egotism could not stand the shock of the exposure that they had been duped.

I do not know, at this writing, whether or not this investigation will be continued. I know that if certain concessions were made it would be an easy matter to continue the committee for another year; but unless I can be assured that we can continue to prosecute this investigation without fear, favor, or partisanship, I shall do my best to oppose a renewal of the life of the committee.

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