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Expect Vibors Fall

REDS 'SMEAR' FBI

'Get Hoover' Campaign Revealed

Communist Chiefs' Drive Mapped at Washington Parley

By KENT HUNTER.

"The Attorney-General last Spring saw fit to direct that the F. B. I. make an extensive survey of conditions in that (Florida) area and find out why it was that some of the most vicious hoodlums in the country could proceed there and operate with such complete immunity and without interference from the authorities."—Statement of J. Edgar Hoover before House Committee on Appropriations Jan. 5, 1940.

Almost simultaneously, from at least half a dozen sources, a "smear Hoover" movement has sprung up. It is aimed at J. Edgar Hoover, head of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Indications plainly are that this "smear" movement is Communist, in part, at least, if not actually of Communist origin.

In the past week Mr. Hoover has been subjected to vicious attack, to ridicule, and to political opposition from:

THE DAILY WORKER, official daily paper of the Communist party of the United States.

THE NEW MASSES, Communist weekly magazine.

THE NEW REPUBLIC, radical weekly magazine.

THE NATION, "Liberal" weekly magazine.

SENATOR GEORGE W. NORRIS, of Nebraska.

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Red Role Bared in Drive to Sm

G-Men Sent To Florida by Justice Head

Attacks on Their Activities Likened to Effort to Discredit Dies Probe

By KENT HUNTER.

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MARCANTONIO, of New York. HARRY BRIDGES, radical labor agitator from San Francisco. A newspaperman, in addition, stepped in with a series of articles lampooning J. Edgar Hoover, with "his presence in Florida, enjoying the sea breezes in Miami Beach" while "hundreds of bank robbery and treason cases are unassigned."

Likened to Attacks On Dies Committee

The "smear Hoover" campaign is significantly like that effort to discredit Representative Dies and his committee, when a radical columnist (now dead) misinterpreted a statement by Dies, that Shirley Temple had "been used by the Communists" through contributions in her name to one of their "peace" drives, to read that Dies accused Shirley Temple of being a Communist.

From that Shirley Temple beginning the "Smear Dies" movement within the past month came to a climax that proved a boomerang, when letters intended to link the Texas Representative with a Fascist movement turned out to be forgeries.]

William K. Hutchinson, International News Service correspondent, writing from Washington

NEW

A CRIME-HUNTER AT WORK



Danger is J. Edgar Hoover's business. As chief G-Man of the nation's far-flung law-enforcement agency, he takes personal

command in tracking down criminals. He is seen here during a recent visit to New York, on a fugitive's trail.

Hoover of FBI

yesterday, said of the "Smear Hoover" movement:

"The goal of the 'smear Hoover' movement is to obtain control of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and turn it into a political Gestapo prior to the Presidential election, International News Service was told today by a high New Dealer who sides with the G-Man."

Hoover and G-Men Assigned to Florida

Whatever the cause of the movement, these facts stand out from the records:

J. Edgar Hoover and his agents are in Florida because they were ordered there by Frank Murphy when he was Attorney General, before his elevation to the Supreme Court of the United States.

In spite of the fact that the articles attacking Hoover make much of the fact that he is staying at the swanky Nautilus Hotel where quarters may cost "as much as \$200 a week, without meals," government regulations allow a maximum of \$5 daily for subsistence and no federal employe can be reimbursed for expenses greater than that rate.

The F. B. I., whatever type of investigation may be its objective, takes its orders from the Attorney General.

Federal Grand Jury investigation of subversive activities in Washington, Federal Grand Jury investigation of passport frauds (principally involving Communists so far) in New York, and the Spanish Communist recruiting indictments in Detroit, are all moves directed by the Attorney General of the United States or his assistants.

The F. B. I., under assignment orders from the Attorney General, merely gathers the evidence for the Grand Jury to hear.

Best Informed Man On Subversive Moves

But the Communists know, or can read in official records, that J. Edgar Hoover, as F. B. I. head, is the best informed individual in the United States when it comes to subversive and radical revolutionary movements.

During the World War, in 1917, as a special assistant Attorney-General, he was in charge of special war time radical activities.

In 1919, when Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer created the General Intelligence Division in the Department of Justice, and

Anarchists Emma Goldman, Alexander Berkman, Adolph Schnabel, Peter Bianki and some 400 others were convicted and deported under the Alien Enemy laws, it was J. Edgar Hoover, as Assistant Attorney General, who won those cases in court.

In 1924, appointed by Attorney General Harlan Stone as Director of the Bureau of Investigation, it was Hoover, solely responsible to the Attorney General, who sent Gaston B. Means to jail and who later got the evidence to convict Gerald Chapman. He also instituted the national crime file and brought the conviction percentage up to 95 per cent or more of all cases tried in which the Bureau of Investigation had a part.

From July 1, 1931, when the Bureau of Investigation became the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Urschel, Weyerhauser,

Lindbergh and Bremer kidnapings have been milestones.

Police Get Training In Modern Methods

The Karpis gang has been rounded up.

Police from departments all over the country have been brought to Washington for training periods under the most modern methods. The Crime Laboratory has been set up and kept up to the latest methods.

A summary, covering 15 years, shows that the F. B. I., under its various names, has cost the Government \$52,370,222.08, and in that same period, in fines, recoveries of stolen property and so on, has returned \$251,855,353.35. The 1939 fiscal year percentage of convictions on cases taken to court has been 96.

Seeking some way to interfere with the F. B. I. and keep it from becoming the prime mover in a drive against radicalism in the United States, the Communists have sought to hamstring the F. B. I.'s competent leader.

That their efforts have not been permitted to make progress unheeded is obvious. For instance:

Last Feb. 6, a group of Communist top men from the entire nation met in Washington. One of that group was a New York City

Communist who has frequently been a candidate for office on the Communist ticket.

"How to Stop the F. B. I." was the principal discussion topic. "Aid from Congressmen" was one suggestion and "pressure in high places" was another.

Resort to Network Of Red Publications

The abortive backfiring of the forged letters in the "Smear Dies" effort was still fresh in their minds. They wanted no repetition of that. So the safer, more generally accepted Red tactic of attacking through the vast network of the Communist publications setup was restarted to.

In New York, Detroit and Milwaukee the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade (veterans of the brigade from the United States which fought for the Communist side in the Spanish revolution) have offices.

The Dies Committee, at a number of hearings, has heard testimony listing this organization as a definite part of the Communist party, and as such subject to dictation from Moscow.

Attorney General Murphy, before he became Supreme Court Justice, had ordered the F. B. I. into action to get to the bottom of the Communist and other subversive activities in the United States.

The Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade was just a phase. But when the F. B. I. men raided the Milwaukee and Detroit branches, and investigated the New York branches, the Communists immediately began to invoke "civil liberties" and plead "free speech."

And the Feb. 19 issue of the

New Republic carried a three-column editorial about the "American OGPU."

Attacked as 'Threat To American Liberty'

Representative Coffee of Washington and Representative Marcantonio of New York (who incidentally is head of the International Labor Defense, frequently called a Communist front organization in Dies Committee testimony), began to call Hoover "a Stork Club detective" and a "threat to American liberty"—all dutifully recorded in the Nation's editorial.

The Nation repeated its Hoover attacks in the March 2 issue under the caption "Our Lawless G-Men."

Senator Norris, of Nebraska, used the "OGPU" editorial in an attack on Hoover and the F. B. I. on the Senate floor.

The New Masses, since its officials were called before the Washington Federal Grand Jury early in February, have been repeating in every issue a tear-jerking series on "coming persecution."

New Masses Seeks \$25,000 to End Deficit

Last Monday night, in Webster Hall here, a mass meeting, held to "help defend the New Masses against financial and physical persecution," pleaded for a \$25,000 cash fund to meet its deficit. A long string of admitted Communists and "pinks" spoke stirring in appeals for funds.

The Daily Worker, almost daily since the Washington Federal Grand Jury began to sit, has been attacking President Roosevelt,

former Attorney General Murphy, the Dies Committee and the F. B. I.

It has been carrying out the cry that the Communists (pledged by party oath for overthrow of all capitalistic forms of government) are being robbed of their "American constitutional rights," or are about to be robbed of those rights.

Dismissal of the indictments against the Spanish Communist veterans in Detroit, reportedly on orders from Attorney General Robert Jackson, has been hailed with delight by the Worker and the other Communist publications.

FBI's 5-Year Fight on Crime

Since the old Bureau of Investigation became the Federal Bureau of Investigation by act of Congress in 1935, outstanding accomplishments, year by year, have been:

1935

Cleanup of the Dillinger gang.

Cleanup of the Mais-Le-genza gang.

Solution of the Charles F. Urschel, George Weyerhauser, Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr., and Edward G. Bremer kidnaping cases.

1936

Cleanup of the Karpis gang. Police Training Schools opened.

Bank robber gang of Edw. Wm. Bentz caught.

Bank robbery insurance reduced in 35 states.

94.35 per cent convictions obtained in court on F. B. I. cases.

1937

F. B. I. cost for year, \$5,815,598.

Recoveries, fines, etc., \$41,438,370.

94.6 per cent convictions on F. B. I. cases in court.

1938

Cost of F. B. I. for year, \$6,222,976.

Recoveries, fines, etc., \$47,568,419.

95.93 per cent convictions on F. B. I. cases in court.

Criminal fingerprint file reaches 8,927,721 cards.

General

24,029 laboratory examinations in five years.

12,026,576 cards in criminal index files.

27,466 fugitives located in five years.

Uniform crime reports show 1,484,554 serious crimes (1939).

"Plant protection," or counter-sabotage defense, built up.

175 of 177 kidnaping cases solved since June 22, 1932.

346 kidnaping convictions since June 22, 1932.

Charles Fletcher Mattson and Peter David Levine kidnaping cases the only ones unsolved since 1932.

57,189 White Slave convictions since 1922.

Bank robberies reduced from \$2,199,213 in 1929 to \$872,500 in 1939.

22,828 convictions in five years.

\$179,513,481.74 in fines and recoveries in five years.

6.33 returned to taxpayers for every \$1 of F. B. I. cost.

95 per cent convictions in F. B. I. cases over five-year period.