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The Kremlin's Strategy of  
Parliamentary Conquest

As we have pointed out so often that doubtless it has become boring, the Communists have made nearly all of their considerable gains since World War II by trickery, not by force.

They obtained control over Czechoslovakia in this manner. The threat of force was used in the conquest of nearby states, including Hungary, Poland, Romania and Bulgaria.

In all, the Soviet Union has brought into its domain 22 free states.

Now the Central Intelligence Agency and other lesser agencies have taken official note of the Communist's use of infiltration, trickery and other devious means to get free peoples within their grasp.

Allen W. Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, and other prominent Americans have taken official notice of Communist means of accomplishing their objectives in statements made in a symposium compiled by the House committee on un-American activities.

Mr. Dulles statement in particular is a valuable contribution to the already large volume of material on Communist methods. Mr. Dulles chides Americans for failing to take notice of what the Communists have been doing and what they aim to do. He points out that the late Adolf Hitler enjoyed a similar complacency. Hitler had it all written out in his book, *Mein Kampf*, what he was going to do.

The American people didn't pay any attention to the book until after World War II had started. It was too late.

Mr. Dulles is afraid we are going to similarly let the present day Communist leaders' mouthings go unnoticed. It will be to our own peril.

He says very plainly that the Communists mean to infiltrate our free legislative systems, to take over our parliamentary governments, and to use the freedom which our system of government gives to destroy all vestiges of that system.

Italy, France and Indonesia are listed as the principal targets of the Kremlin's new strategy of "parliamentary" conquest.

We might wonder, parenthetically, why the Middle and Near East are omitted from consideration. It may be that Mr. Dulles regards these areas as having fallen already into the clutches of the Commies.

Mr. Dulles says that when the Communists obtain an effective minority position in any parliamentary body, it is a sign of danger.

They have such positions in both France and Italy. In Indonesia they have penetrated to cabinet rank.

Mr. Dulles gives the United States credit for blunting the element of force in the Communist program. But he admits that this has only channeled Soviet activities into the struggle for power by other means. Hence operation "take-over," or "parliamentary" conquest.

Mr. Dulles points out how we have been warned of the Kremlin's intentions in the series of speeches which characterized the 20th Soviet Congress.

Says Mr. Dulles: "We cannot say . . . we have not been warned. The free world is confronted with the plain fact that a great foreign power with vast resources to back a program of subversion and cajolery, proposes to do everything it can to see to it that free governments shall perish and that dictatorships of the proletariat, allied with Moscow, shall be established throughout the length and breadth of the lands.

"It is well to recognize the danger."  
Our own experiences with Communist infiltration of our government should now stand us in good stead, if we will only use them.