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Soviets Donning Sheep's Clothing, CIA Chief Says

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 1 (AP)—Allen W. Dulles, chief of the Central Intelligence Agency, said today communism is putting on a respectable front to penetrate the governments of countries it can no longer overawe with force.

In a study prepared for the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Dulles said Communists now must "see their greatest opportunities" in countries such as Italy, France and Indonesia.

These are among the countries, he wrote, where Communists "have the strongest penetrations into the parliamentary machinery of free governments."

Boasting Speeches

The CIA director quoted from what he said were boasting speeches of Russian and satellite leaders to show that Communists were prepared to take over a country when they achieved, not a majority, but a substantial minority in its legislature. In every case "with the qualified exceptions of Czechoslovakia and Guatemala," he said, they were helped in the takeover by the presence or immediate threat of armed force.

Dulles said that, thanks to the free world alliances the United States has helped build, "there are few places in the world where a free country is so at the mercy of Soviet or Communist Chinese force as the satellites stood in 1945-47."

Power in Parliament

He said that in Italy there are 143 Communist and 75 left-wing Socialist members in a parliament of 590, in France about 150 Communist members in a chamber of about 600 and in Indonesia 39 Communist parliament members representing 16 per cent of the total.

Dulles said it is a "sign of danger" whenever Communists "obtain an effective minority position in any parliamentary body" and that if in addition "they have important places in the government and in particular control the ministries of defense and interior, then the danger is greatly augmented and the country in question is ripe for a Communist takeover."

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