

Washington Report:

# Our Security Agencies Infiltrated By Reds

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THE very agencies of our government — military and civilian intelligence units — that are charged with the duty of guarding U. S. security are being infiltrated today by Soviet agents, Communists and incompetents.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation is an exception—but the facts apply to the Security Units of the Defense Department — Army, Navy and Air Force—and the Counter-Intelligence departments of most of them.

This is a serious charge, particularly in the face of loyalty investigations, Congressional housecleaning of Reds in the government and the efforts of some officers in the Military's Counter-Intelligence Corps. Yet the facts are plain. The Communists did not quit when the jail doors slammed shut on Alger Hiss; they did not quit when Klaus Fuchs confessed, or when Harry Gold was caught in the FBI dragnet.

The scandals of today involving the Internal Revenue Bureau, the McCarran investigation of the Institute of Pacific Relations, and current exposures of Soviet agents in the United Nations and the diplomatic corps are important investigations. But they are mild in comparison to what a Congressional inquiry would unearth if an investigation of Red infiltration into intelligence units were undertaken.

IN one particular branch of the Army, one of the most sensitive intelligence units in the Pentagon, a man was put on the payroll who openly boasted that he was trying to join the Communist Party, that he thought all reactionary Congressmen should be killed.

He worked for eight months before it was determined that he lacked average mental balance and was fired. One of his closest buddies still works in the agency.

There are others. Some stories sound impossible or too ludicrous for belief; but, unfortunately, they happen to be true. They are factual enough to cause military officers to risk their careers to relate them in

private; factual enough for civil service employes with 20 years service to risk their jobs to produce documents and details to prove it. And I don't mean one or two disgruntled officers or employes. These are men of competence, with backgrounds of faithful service to their country. And they are scared.

COUNTER - INTELLIGENCE agents have been transferred out of Washington when their investigations led them too close to the truth.

A too persistent Army general is under orders for duty in California. He talked when higher authorities in the Pentagon refused to heed his warnings or fire suspect and incompetent aides. He remains in Washington only because an irate Senator demanded that the Secretary of the Army keep him there until Congress returns and the proper committee can investigate.

A colonel has been relieved of his intelligence duty in Washington and transferred to Alaska. He stepped on too many toes trying to clean Communist cells out of his intelligence unit.

Another colonel with native technical skill in electronics has been ordered out of the Pentagon. An intelligence officer of lesser rank and his assistant are momentarily expecting to be shanghaied to troop commands where their training in intelligence will be wasted.

A civilian employe in highly technical work, who is rated as a genius in certain secret developments, is in serious trouble because his superiors refuse to clean out Reds and incompetents.

Communists have two goals in infiltrating U. S. Intelligence agencies. The first is to learn what the various agencies are doing, what they know and what counter-intelligence efforts are used; the second, to hamper this activity by slowing down paper work, by endless conferences and by forcing incompetents into jobs where skill and competence is required.

The subject is a proper one for a Senatorial inquiry. The Senate Internal Security Subcommittee undoubtedly is the proper group to make the inquiry.

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