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Youth Still Is Red Target, CIA Aid Tells Conference

CHICAGO. — Teachers and students in high schools and colleges have been prime targets for Communist propaganda for more than 25 years, a meeting was told here Wednesday, according to a Chicago Daily Tribune news story.

Lynnan B. Kirkpatrick, jr., inspector general of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in Washington made the statement in addressing the national military, industrial and educational conference.

The newspaper story went on to say:

Communists have been adept in twisting naturally liberal leanings of teachers to their own ends, Kirkpatrick said. He called the attack upon American colleges part of a world conspiracy to shackle young minds and use the normal "radicalism of youth" as a Communist weapon.

Youth First Target

"Let there be no illusion that the Communist efforts in the schools will be confined to the areas of the Red bloc," he continued. "Throughout the world there is ample evidence that the Communists are determined to win the youth as the first step in winning the world."

Kirkpatrick said that Communist work in schools has been watched closely by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and quoted J. Edgar Hoover, FBI director, as saying: "Successful Communist exploitation and manipulation of youth and student groups throughout the world represent a major challenge which must be met and defeated."

Gus Hall, general secretary of the Communist party in the United States, was quoted as saying on Jan. 20: "There is a mushrooming of Marxist and socialist-oriented groups on the campuses in all parts of the country. . . . The party must give much higher priority for the work among youth in all fields of endeavor."

Stems From Teachers

Kirkpatrick indicated that mushrooming of Communist sentiment stems from teacher guidance, even when this is uncon-

scious or, as in some instances, not maliciously carried out.

Kirkpatrick said, "Teachers are the principal targets of Communist pressures and manipulations."

"Every kind of study—political, historical, economic and social—is used to direct Communist propaganda against the United States," Kirkpatrick said. "These studies are presented in Soviet controlled countries and by many teachers in the United States almost wholly from the viewpoint of the so-called class war."

He said many so-called international unions of teachers and unions of students, world federations of "democratic youth" and world youth festivals are Communist front organizations. Among these he listed is Friendship university, which is seeking to attract American students for five-year, fully paid courses.

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