

Looking Ahead

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The Communist Smear

A natural inclination of the American people towards the peaceful and quiet life has been one of the chief reasons why Communists have been able to gain such a strategically important foothold in various

quarters in our country. Who wants to start a fight? Who wants to get involved in a noisy, unpleasant controversy? Very few Americans do. You cannot fight Communism anywhere, and especially not here in America where the stakes are so high, without becoming the smear target of the Communists' entire propaganda apparatus. And almost invariably when an aggressive anti-Communist sticks his neck out, the noisy Communist barrage against him is powerfully assisted by carefully cultivated dupes—often well-meaning and unquestionably loyal Americans. Many intellectuals in highly influ-

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90 YEARS OLD — G. E. Alphin, Sr., Mount Olive's oldest citizen, is shown above with the birthday cake which highlighted the family party held at the old home place near Summerlin's Cross Roads Sunday, May 28. Mr. Alphin, who is remarkably well preserved considering his years, was 90 on May 25 and enjoys better health than many a person only half as old. He is the father of Gilbert Alphin, Duplin County Tax Collector. (Photo by Charles Kraft).

ential positions, who could not possibly be sold the full Marxian line, have fallen for and are constantly using some of the Communists' best tools. Labels such as "Red-baiter" and "Witch-hunter," "anti-labor," "anti-Negro," "anti-Jew," are Communist tools. They are the best tools Communists in America have devised to take the heat off themselves.

Insidious Tactics
The label "Red-baiter" has about worn out its effectiveness. But "Witch-hunter," "anti-labor," "anti-Jew," "anti-Negro" all have an ugly connotation. Few Americans want to be lambasted thus and with the other accompanying vituperation. So must people keep their mouths shut, publicly, which is precisely the Communists' design. A friend of mine has sent me a

little book on Communist tactics in labor unions which has the ring of authenticity. It was written by Karl Baarslag, an A. F. of L. member since 1920. Unlike many current authors in this particular field, Baarslag was never a Communist.

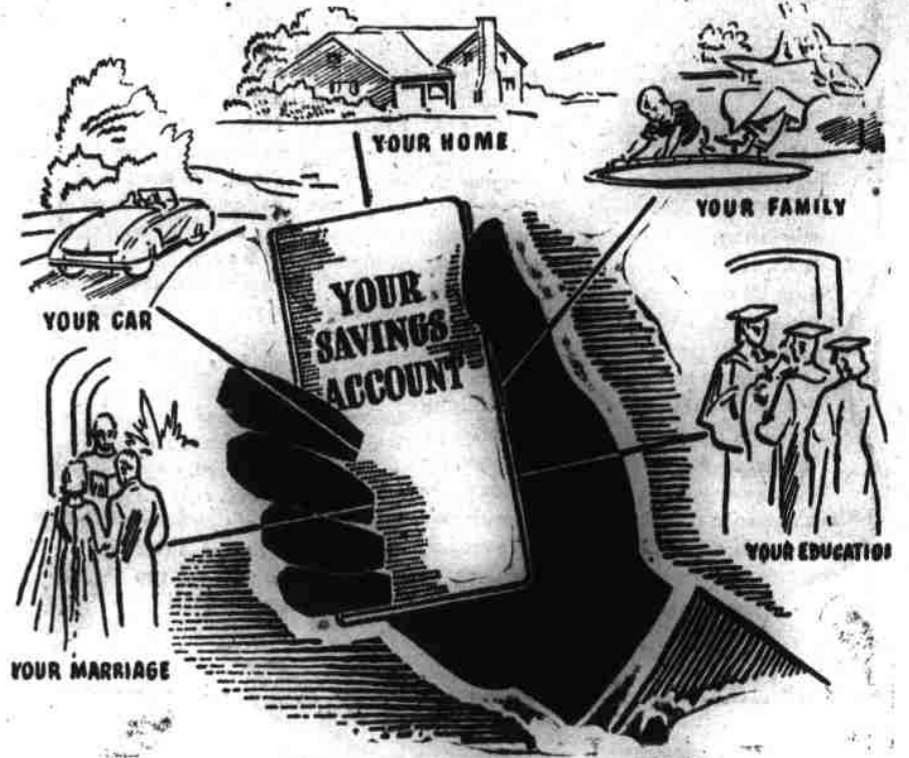
He was one of the founders, in 1931, of a sea-going radio operators union. Within a few years it had 1,500 members and was rigidly controlled by a handful of Communists. "There were less than 60 identifiable Communists and possibly 150 to 200 fellow travelers and dupes," Baarslag writes. "Among the loyal members, the puzzling question arose, 'How can so few dominate and outwit so many?'"

There are many answers. This union labor man who is warning America against Communists and their dupes fills his book with

answers. Here's one: "Communists have a very low opinion of the courage of union members in the mass because they know through long experience that the average American worker dislikes controversy and 'trouble' and will stay away from union meetings that are constantly rent by bitter dissension. "Lacking a machine, a gang, or clique to back him up and defend him, the average peace-loving and quiet union member decides that silence and discretion are the better part of valor. That means that about 90 per cent of the membership of most unions either stay away from meetings or take no active part in those they do attend." Thus do the conspirators, whose constant goal is the destruction of

our nation, gain control of highly strategic unions in which they have only a small number of members. **Their Threat Silences**
The A. F. of L. veteran says further: "All outstanding anti-Communists are made the victims of a well organized but cleverly disguised campaign of vilification and slander... The average American believing in 'live and let live' and eager to be known as a 'good fellow without an enemy in the world' is particularly vulnerable to (the threat of) the smear. The list of labor and liberal figures who have been dissuaded from making anti-Communists statements or engaging in activities inimical to the Communist Party by the simple

threat of a good smearing is lamentably long." In recent months I've met and talked to two of America's foremost authorities of Communism in America. One is a former high-placed FBI agent. They told me that when Communists get control of a union they try—sometimes successfully—to close the door of employment to aggressive anti-Communists. They told me of specific cases. It all adds up to the fact that you can't fight Communism today and have peace and quiet. But even so, the American forces arrayed against the conspiracy are growing in voice and strength and are determined to win even if it requires some martyrs.



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