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Allen W. Dulles, director of the U. S. Central Intelligence Agency, is concerned by a new Kremlin strategy of "parliamentary conquest", the principal targets of which are Italy, France and Indonesia.

Warning against Soviet "peace smiles", Mr. Dulles took occasion to deplore publicly an apparent indifference of the free world to the fact that the Russians could attain control even with minority conquests in parliamentary bodies.

He cited situations indicating important Soviet gains in these fields. For example, in the Italian Parliament of 590 members, there now are 143 Communist members. To these must be added 75 Nenni fellow-traveling, Left-Wing Socialists, or a total of 218, who consistently vote and act with the Communists. Together, in the last elections in 1953, their total popular vote was 9,500,000 or 35.6 percent of the total.

In the French Chamber of Deputies, there are now approximately 150 Communist members out of a total of about 600. In Indonesia, the Communist Party received 6,000,000 votes, or 17 percent of the total electorate in the elections of September 1955, and they have a representation of 39 members, or 15 percent of the total of the Indonesian Assembly.

Mr. Dulles declared that despite these official minority representatives, the Communists have "moved in." Referring to recent smile-and-peace pronouncements of the Soviet leaders, he warned, "Translated into a little less flamboyant language, this means that the Communists propose to infiltrate our free legislative systems, to take over our parliamentary governments, and to use freedom which our system of government gives to destroy all vestiges of that system.

"A few years ago, I would have thought that Communist parties in Europe would have great difficulty in ever again obtaining allies among any non-Communist parties. Today, however, the danger of parliamentary compromises with the Communists, even in Europe, is not to be ignored."

The Soviet "parliamentary" approach to conquest follows a pattern laid down by Lenin in the 1920s; Communist penetrations into free parliaments to date are far more serious than the statistics imply.

It is worth noting that in no country have Communists attained a majority in a parliamentary body; this fact tends to create a complaisance that is highly dangerous.

As Mr. Dulles has warned, the Kremlin leaders have indicated what they propose to do. It now is up to the leaders of the free world to help uncover and frustrate this Communist design, which otherwise "could wreck the free institutions of many countries and even endanger our own."