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Our Security Weakness

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THE LONG-DELAYED and faltering admission by the Pentagon that an Army sergeant had sold vital U.S. secrets to Soviet Russia before he committed suicide last Summer points up one of the great security weaknesses of our time—the obdurate refusal of some key personnel in government to acknowledge the existence of Communist subversion in this country.

As a result, countless contacts by Federal security workers with suspect persons and activities, which anywhere else in the world would be thoroughly investigated, go unchecked.

The sergeant, Jack E. Dunlap, of Bogalusa, Louisiana, had been on assignment with the top secret National Security Agency and was found dead of carbon monoxide asphyxiation in his automobile near his home in Ferndale, Md., last July.

At the time, the Defense Department denied that security matters were involved in the suicide. Early in October, however, Washington Evening Star writer Earl Voss reported Dunlap had sold vital U.S. code information, photographs and other secret data to Russian agents for \$80,000.

Dunlap ended his life because he feared his activities had been discovered, Voss wrote. Not until confronted with the Voss article did Defense and White House spokesmen admit the security leak had occurred.

Although no reason was given for the long blather on the case, it has been speculated that the pending action



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on the Moscow test-ban pact was the cause. Realization that Administration spokesmen were painting a glowing picture of Russia's good intentions at the same time Soviet agents actually were buying our top secrets well could have caused the Senate to reject the treaty.

But even more important is the possibility that there may be others in government equally as dangerous as Dunlap to American security who may not be discovered until too late.

The far left consistently has fought attempts to question the loyalty of Federal employees.

Walter Reuther, boss of the United Auto Workers Union, for many years a leader in left-wing causes, sent a long letter to Attorney General Robert Kennedy early in 1961 asking that Communist subversion in this country be played down because it provides the "radical right" with "ammunition."

Other leftist spokesmen and groups, including Americans for Democratic Action, of which Reuther is a board member, continuously echo this fear. More than 50 former or present members of ADA now occupy high positions in the New Frontier and speak for it in Congress. Their influence on the Administration is seen by many as responsible for this laxity in protecting our security.

The Dunlap case is but one of the results of this head-in-sand policy.

The State Department has its chief of security evaluation on the carpet for telling a Senate subcommittee about persons of doubtful background in Federal employment, thus contradicting testimony of his superiors. How long can we expect to be endangered by such laxity?

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