

Communist Party Officials Aiding U.S. as Spies, Senator Declares

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WASHINGTON (AP)—Some Communist Party officials are valuable spies for this country, Sen. Milton R. Young (R-N.D.) said Wednesday.

The senator, who serves on a Senate appropriations subcommittee handling funds for the Central Intelligence Agency, put it this way:

"Many of our most valuable CIA operatives in various countries throughout the world are actually high-ranking Communist Party officials."

Young was not available for elaboration and his office

reported he would have no further comment to make on the statement made in his newsletter to North Dakota.

He did say in that report that Communist Party members in this country usually hide out among extreme left or right wing groups, adding:

"These operatives are experts in their line of work and they find little difficulty in adapting themselves to any kind of political environment."

Young said that every Communist is an espionage agent "to a greater or lesser degree." He added that they are fewer in number in this

country now than at any time in the past 20 years and "most of them are known to the FBI."

"The agents and operatives of the Russian KGB (similar to our CIA) and their GRU (military espionage) are much more difficult to cope with," he added.

"One of their major missions is to seek out top-secret military and scientific information. The FBI, which has the assignment of uncovering any subversive activities within the United States, has been able to apprehend most of these agents but undoubtedly some are still operating, and at very high levels."