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"There's not much left for the worker," says Col. Feydor Maybohm as he indicates, with one hand, a stack of 20 silver dollars, and with the other what the worker in Communist Russia might expect to take home after the government had taken its "share" of his earnings.

By Alice E. Morgan
"Communists and Communism should be outlawed." This statement sums up the feelings of Col. Feydor Maybohm, former officer in the Imperial Russian Army. The colonel, a native of Russia, though of Swedish parentage, began his military training when he was enrolled in a military academy at the age of eight. He was graduated a full lieutenant in the Imperial Army in 1914, and saw service in World War I.

Following this he served with the White Army during the Russian revolution. "The conduct of the Red Army was inhuman," he recalls. "Their motto was 'take what you see that you want, and kill if necessary to get it.' Their killings, though, did not stop there. They killed for the sheer joy of killing, and to assure themselves of the power they wanted.

"They are continuing in the same manner today. In Russia, the people are being killed for no reason at all. There are millions in concentration camps, who know they will die. They will die from starvation, torture or senseless shooting. "When the German and Russian armies made contact, hundreds of thousands deserted the Red Army. They thought they were getting away from Communism. They were, but they soon found that Nazism was only its little brother. They found another brother, too, Fascism.

Worst Survives
"We fought the two little brothers and stopped them, but the big brother, the worst of the lot, we let survive. I feel sure that, someday, we, in the United States, will have to fight Soviet Russia. It will not be nice."

Col. Maybohm came to this country in 1923, and has devoted a great deal of his time and energy to fighting the insidious spread of Communism here. He knows of the schools which are maintained in the USSR, where men and women are trained in the ways of Communism, and then sent to foreign places to spread their propaganda. He knows that the lives of those working against it in this country are in constant danger. Several of his personal friends and acquaintances have been "liquidated" with unsuccessful attempts made to apprehend their slayers.

"They, the Communists, have three strong wedges," he said, "through which they pass their filthy poison. They work through teachers on the minds of our young people. Young men always like excitement, and this sounds exciting to them. Without stopping to really think what they are doing, they embrace Communism.

Labor and Government
"Their second stronghold is labor. They slip their men into top positions in labor unions and scatter them through the shops. They paint glowing pictures of what the USSR and Communism will do for these people, who, already dissatisfied and confused, accept it. If they would only stop and think! They are told there are no rich and no poor in Russia. Do they think that Stalin and others, in powerful places live in the same manner as the peasants in the fields? Such an idea is silly!"

"Communism uses our very government, itself, for its third means of entry. Young men are trained with that in mind. They are then sent to America where they are worked into government positions.

They spread their poison into every channel. Our government men who are touched by no longer work for the United States of America. They work for the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics."

Col. Maybohm stated he finds it hard to believe that the people in this country will accept the propaganda. He pointed out that here a man may marry, have a nice home costing thousands of dollars, educate his children, own cars, radios (to which he may listen without interference, and be free to go and come as he will. He is not told where to work. He may leave his employment whenever he wishes, and move to any part of the country he desires, without governmental opposition. He may not have a car, or, he may have an old one. There is nothing to stop him from working to get one as good as better than the one given by his employer. That is not true in Soviet Russia.

Human Tools
He cited the propaganda which is being spread among the Negroes.

"The USSR doesn't care about them, as people. They are using them because they are discontented, and if they can be aroused to rioting, Communism will gain that much more. They do not care how many men may die. All they want is the internal trouble which will be created in this country, and the deeply agitated suspicious each side will harbor towards the other."

Col. Maybohm also spoke of men he has known personally, who have embraced communism and returned to Russia. Many have come back to their homes here, saddened and almost unable to legiate the conditions they saw there. "I've been lucky, I got away," was the statement made by nearly every one of them. They are the ones who had relatives living there. They are the ones who were warned not to talk to the ones who endangered the lives of their families with every unguarded word. They are the ones who saw the acres and acres of concentration camps, filled to overflowing with "political prisoners." A person does not have to be guilty of a crime, as we know it, to be imprisoned in Russia today.

The colonel went on to mention one incident which has not become generally known in this country. He began by saying that the "common" people of Russia did not want battles and wars. He pointed out that many of them, nearly all of the nation's youth, have never known peace. Those who served during the war had no choice. To fight, they faced a chance of making a successful desertion, as well as death. To refuse, they faced certain death along with their persecutors of their families and sometimes, their friends. With that ultimatum, they fought.

Refuse to Go Home
As he pointed out, previously, many deserted to the German army. Many of these, along with prisoners of war, were put in prison camps. At the time of their liberation, American officers told them they were free to return to their homes.

"Horror-stricken, these young men protested," Col. Maybohm said. "They told their liberators they did not want to return to their homes, where they knew conditions would be as bad as those in the prisons. They knew they would draw added dangers to their families as well as themselves. They crept away to hide, and try to escape from their own country. The more emotional and depressed actually broke window panes and used the jagged glass to commit suicide. Does that sound as though Communism is so wonderful?"

Col. Maybohm said that there are several groups in this country, made up of people who, like himself, have lived under the Communist form of government and are doing everything that can be done to combat its spread here. One group, located in New York,



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