

## **EVER-OPEN EYES** ON FOE'S DOINGS

It is prudent and vital to keep an eye on storm clouds even if they are not at the moment—dumping barrels of rain on the outdoor grill. The Communists have, throughout LIFE's 24 years, been potent rainmakers and it has been our duty to figure out what they are up to and sound alarms.

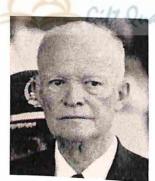


EX-COMMUNIST AUTHOR MONAT

Sometimes this has been unpopular, as in 1944 when Russia was our ostensible ally and people had high hopes for a peaceful postwar. A prophetic LIFE article by William C. Bullitt stated that Russia "has already made the Atlantic Charter a dead letter." Bullitt added that "the deepest moral issue of the modern world" was "the issue of man as a son of God with an immortal soul, against man as a chemical compound, the tool of an omnipotent state, an end in itself." The article brought a deluge of letters, mostly denunciatory. But 16 years later it still stands as an accurate appraisal.

The record of perfidy lengthened. It became violent 10 years ago when the Reds slashed into

South Korea. It is to be remembered as the picture essay (pp. 78-85) shows. But new evidence of Communist villainy has come up, and starting on page 76 we record that. The author is Pawel Monat, whom the Polish Communists have just sentenced to death (in absentia), an ex-Communist who served as mil-



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itary attaché in North Korea. What are the Communists up to now? Our grim lead story (pp. 22-31) reveals this. And our issue continues LIFE's great discussion of national purpose with an editorial (p. 32) which is as timely as it is timeless.

One American who has spent much of a professional lifetime covering Communist action from Finland to Korea is Staff Photographer Carl Mydans, who received an honorary doctorate of humanities at Boston University this month (below), then hurried back to his present post in Moscow. It is appropriate to point out the title of Mydans' widely praised current book—More than Meets the Eye.



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