

## ***Historical Roots of Indicators: “Degree of Communist Influence”***

According to the Birch Society paradigm, as explained by Robert Welch in his “*private letter*” entitled ***The Politician*** and elsewhere, the United States, Great Britain, France, and Germany and most NATO countries were already being led by Communist agents and sympathizers and the major institutions of western countries were dominated and controlled by equally disloyal individuals. [For example: Robert Welch explicitly described U.S. President Dwight Eisenhower and French President Charles DeGaulle as “Communist agents” – knowingly taking orders from their “Communist superiors”.]

The first edition of the “*Scoreboard*” issue of *American Opinion* magazine (edited by JBS founder Robert Welch), was designed to estimate “***the present degree of Communist influence or control over the economic and political affairs of almost all the nations of the world***”

The following are the pertinent “*scores*” of NATO countries:

Belgium (20-40%), Britain (20-40%), Canada (20-40%), Denmark (20-40%), France (40-60%), Greece (40-60%), Iceland (80-100%), Italy (40-60%), Luxembourg (20-40%), Netherlands (0-20%), Norway (40-60%), Portugal (0-20%), Turkey (0-20%), United States (20-40%), West Germany (0-20%). [***American Opinion***, July/August 1958, pages 22-23.]

Lest the reader think that a 20-40% score represents insignificant “***Communist influence and control***” --- please consider the following:

On page 279 of the original version of ***The Politician***, which was written and circulated during the period from 1954 thru 1960, Welch discussed the 3 stages by which Communists came to control the U.S. Presidency.

In stages 1 and 2, FDR and Truman were “used” by the Communists. In Truman's case, according to Welch, he was used “with his knowledge and acquiescence, as the price he consciously paid for their making him President.”

Then Welch discusses the “3rd stage”:

“In the third stage, in my own firm opinion, the Communists have one of their own actually in the Presidency. For this third man, Eisenhower, there is only one possible word to describe his purposes and his actions. That word is treason.” [***The Politician***, unpublished version, page 268.]