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BUREAU OF NAVIGATION CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 100-41

From: The Chief of the Bureau of Navigation.
To: All Ships and Stations.

Subject: Subversive activities - Combatting of.

1. Information has been received shedding light on Communist tactics; having a bearing on military training. Members of the Young Communists League are instructed to volunteer for military training, and then "infiltrate" the armed forces. They are instructed (when drafted, for instance) to behave as well as possible for the first three months; make friends and establish an outside postoffice address. They then begin the distribution of Communist literature and start "units of education," each consisting of not more than three men.
2. There is no reason to believe that similar activities will not be attempted in the Navy.
3. Professors of Naval Science and Tactics are urged to be on the lookout for such activities, particularly in the selection of candidates for admission to training courses.
4. Officers of V-7 and V-5 training programs are urged to maintain utmost vigilance in the endeavor to detect such infiltration.
5. Commandants of training stations and all others having new recruits under their command will do well to exercise vigilance with the above outlined policy in mind.

/s/ C. J. Nimitz.

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