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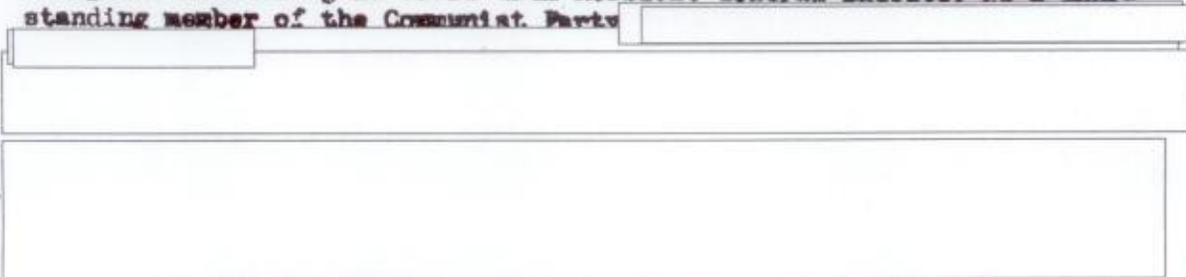


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Communist Penetration of National Movements in North Africa.

There has been recently some evidence of Communist penetration of nationalist movements in North Africa. Until recently the evidence was against such a penetration, but two facts may have changed the situation. In the first place, the infiltration of former prisoners of the Viet Minh, and, in the second place, the very efforts made by the French to prove that the nationalist movements in Tunisia and Morocco are infiltrated or dominated by Communists. As an illustration of the second factor, you may be interested in this item from the Current Intelligence Digest, dated June 11, 1954:

"Moroccan nationalist delegation to Paris reported to include a Communist: Hadj Ahmed Kiran, one of the five Moroccan nationalist delegates conferring in Paris with Resident General Lacoste. is a long-standing member of the Communist Party."



"Comment: Kiran's present connections with Communists are not known, but he is believed to have become "infected" with Communism during his student days in Paris in 1947 and 1948. He was expelled from the Istiqlal, the leading nationalist party, for this reason. His selection to go to Paris has led some nationalist leaders to speculate as to whether or not this is a move by the French to tar Istiqlal with the Communist brush, an allegation repeatedly suggested by the French, but as yet unconfirmed."

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