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Reykjavik is divided into 28 districts. In each district, a person is designated who is responsible for knowing who owns each piece of property in the district, who occupies each property, the occupation of each occupant and the place where he or she works and who move in and out of the district. Other data collected are: the political leanings of each person and the manner in which they can be "reached" or affected. This information is conveyed to the district leader by "cell" leaders and is in turn passed on to the Russian Legation. The information is used for free deliveries of Thjodviljinn, and it is probable that some at least of the delivery boys are couriers for Communists. The Communists also sponsor dances and invite likely converts whose weaknesses have been determined and they are plied with booze and other inducements to put them in a receptive frame of mind.

The above procedures are typical, and it is probable that files are being collected on almost every person in Reykjavik. At present the campaign seems to be directed toward furthering Communist aims to obtain more voting strength but it is easy to see that other objectives as well are in the minds of the leaders. It is probable that these objectives are not known or perhaps even suspected by the vast majority of the Communist voters and "fellow travelers".

The above information should not be imparted to the Police force which is infiltrated with Communists. The extent of the infiltration, however, is not known.