

A Great Conspiracy is Unearthed by a Philadelphia Sleuth

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Tune up to ABC or XYZ or BVD or whatever else your radio connection may be and listen to this:

Because of complaints made by radio owners of Philadelphia that they have been receiving radical messages through the atmosphere, Brother Joseph McDevitt, agent of the Department of Justice and Brother James Cortelou, Director of the city's Police Department, have held a conference in the hopes that steps will be taken to suppress this radical propaganda.

According to Wm. F. Foster, chief of the D. of J. agents in Philadelphia, May 20 was the occasion for a most violent attack via radio against the government. (Does your hair stand on end?) Although this keen sleuth was obliged to admit that the mysterious station had been under investigation for some weeks, he would not reveal its exact location. He did say, however, that this new enterprise of the Reds was receiving financial backing from Russia. (Does your spine feel frozen with fear?) In fact, the federal agents believe, it is nothing more nor less than part of the Great Conspiracy, and is being paid for by the Russian Soviet government! (Is your blood curdling?)

But the old spinsters, who look under the bed each night, to see if by good luck a man is there, may calm themselves. Retired bankers and sash-weight manufacturers may rest easy. A conference is soon to be held with officials in Washington on the question as to whether legal methods can be found to close up such stations that broadcast this insidious propaganda, and it is piously to be hoped that this vile snake will be ruthlessly scotched. The delicate ear-drums of our radio fans must be protected at all costs; the Republic must be saved.

Glory be!