

Communists Must Register

For the average American, Tuesday marks 20 days to Christmas; for Communists it means they have only 15 days to register with the federal government.

If avowed members of the Communist party have not registered in Washington, D.C., by midnight Dec. 20, they become subject to a \$10,000 fine or up to five years in prison or both for every day they fail to register beyond the deadline.

Sources said Monday that there are no "officially known" Communists in The Courier area, but, as one source remarked, "You never know when one will turn up."

According to U. S. assistant district attorney John O'Rourke, of Danville, party members must register with the attorney general in Washington.

Two forms are available, one for organizations, the other for members.

They can be obtained by writing the Internal Security Division, Department of Justice, Washington 25, D. C., or by applying in person.

"I've never seen a list of local Communists, or even heard that one exists," O'Rourke said.

"But if it comes to that, it will be up to my office to secure indictments," he added.