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The Dead Don't Bleed.

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It's April 1945, in Washington, D.C. The cherry trees are in bloom, and the Nazis are near surrender.

Lieutenant Ellis Voigt of the Office of Naval Intelligence is investigating the murder of another ONI lieutenant. But the investigation quickly leads to a newspaper clipping service that might be a front for communist spies. Voigt is assigned to go undercover and seek a job there impersonating the ne'er-do-well son of a labor leader with communist ties. He succeeds in getting a job making deliveries for the company and picks up bits of information relating to a defecting German physicist, a secret laboratory in Los Alamos, and uranium 235. But he also runs afoul of the FBI, which has just begun watching the clipping service. Voigt is an engaging character. He's no James Bond, but he perseveres in his tense, dangerous assignment. Krugler's portrait of wartime Washington, particularly the rivalries within ONI and the enmity between the FBI and ONI, is thoroughly absorbing.

— *Thomas Gaughan*