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GENERAL SURVEY

The situation along the European Front is reflected here in our hidden war "behind the lines." Our internal enemies are wary, alert, undismayed, but uncertain as to where and how best to strike. Evidence that their hatred of British laws and institutions is stronger than of opposing ideologies is seen in a growing sympathy, or at least toleration, between Nazis and Communists.

Just as Stalin and Hitler have formed an "unholy alliance" in Europe so in Canada all "antis" are merging their respective hates against Democracy with the declared aim of undermining morale, sabotaging war efforts and eventually destroying society in a bloody revolution.

That the general public, and indeed many of the enemy's milder followers, are blissfully ignorant of the real motives of the leaders does not refute the gravity of the situation, but rather heightens it. Officials who are responsible for our civil security know that from coast to coast

throughout Canada paid agents of Red Russia are tirelessly at work subverting individuals, organizing Communist groups, penetrating into Labour organizations and into many social, educational and church clubs and societies, inciting strikes in mines and factories and attempting to fan every small grievance into a major issue. These officials know that if it were not for municipal, provincial and federal police protection and the authority granted under the Defence of Canada Regulations Canada's war activities would be seriously crippled.

It seems clear, however, that our inner defences must be greatly strengthened, not only for the duration of the war but for the peace time that will follow. With armistice will come our real test of strength! The Communists, realizing this, are demanding peace at any price. They remember the social unrest that followed the last armistice and are preparing to take fuller advantage of the one to come. We too must prepare! [1]

COMMUNISM

FRENCH CANADIAN COMMUNISTS DENOUNCE THE WAR (MONTREAL)

On November 27 the Communist Party at Montreal undertook a further distribution of C.P. leaflets in conjunction with their policy of denouncing the war aims of the allied nations. This new leaflet, printed in French, is decidedly anti-British. Translated, it reads as follows:

IS THIS THE REASON FOR WHICH WE ARE AT WAR?

Seven men and two women have just been arrested under the War Measures Act for having distributed circulars demanding peace.

However, all the agents of the High Finance, all the leaders of Parliament connected with Trusts, agree in telling us that the present war is a war for the defence of our democratic liberties.

What an irony!

For those who dare favour peace, those who proclaim Chamberlain's fatal politics and that of the English Imperialists, those who proclaim the voracious profiteers who are enriching themselves in this war see themselves menaced by the most ferocious repression, by long years of imprisonment.

Is that the "Democracy" for which we have to let ourselves be slaughtered?

IS THAT THE REASON FOR WHICH WE ARE AT WAR?

Hardly the war had started when the 'liberal' imperialists of Ottawa ordered the suppression of the labour newspaper "Clarte" because it dared to place in doubt the sincerity of the war propaganda of the big interests of the King-Lapointe Government. The newspaper "Clarion" printed in the English language was also suppressed for the same reasons. And the distributors of the pamphlet

of the Communist Party on the war are arrested because they are pleading for peace.....[2]

IS THIS THE REASON FOR WHICH WE ARE AT WAR?

In Ontario, the great "democrat" who is the inveterate imperialist Hepburn, threatens to abolish the municipal elections for the length of the conflict. However, the municipal vote is the cornerstone of the democrat regime. In the federal field one wishes to eliminate the full liberty of expression for the members of the legislative assemblies in order to gag every expression of desire for peace or of opposition to the imperialists. The War Measures Act allows the federal authorities to do away completely with the rights of the provinces in order to establish at Ottawa a war dictatorship!

This dictatorship also extends over the industrial domain for the greatest safeguard of profits. The granting of the Industrial Disputes Act to war industries is a first step towards the abolition of the right to strike. It is the point of departure of a general offensive against the freedom of the working class.

The King-Lapointe War Budget was the first blow against the consumers, a present for the imperialist war profiteers. And these politics are only at the beginning. Do you know that for the past three months ending September 30, the International Nickel has pocketed \$15,000,000 of profits 5 million of dollars per month 60 million dollars per year and the slaughtering "for the democracy" is only starting!

It is for all this that we are at war

It is for this reason that the honest people who do not want this imperialist war and who dare express it loudly are sent to prison!

This attack led against our popular liberties strikes at all the working class people in Canada. But its menace is directed particularly against French Canada. Because it is here where the imperialist bloodsuckers fear to meet most resistance, it is here where the project for CONSCRIPTION, the BLOOD-TAX which is now prepared at Ottawa, meets with the strongest opposition!

We stand against the direct, immediate danger, the danger of a brutal attack on our French-Canadian liberties, against the rights of national survival of our people by imposing upon the Province of Quebec a regime of martial law, in order to allow them to smother every popular opposition and [3] to send to the criminal slaughter in Europe the best of our men, the best of our youth to pay with their blood and their lives for the criminal folly of the monopolist interests, the imperial profiteers.

Ask for the liberation of those who were arrested for defending peace.

Join in order to put in check the conscription which is prepared

by King — Lapointe!

Denounce everywhere the criminal character of this imperialist war.

FOR THE DEFENCE OF OUR LIBERTIES MORTALLY MENACED.

FOR THE DEFENCE OF THE RIGHTS OF FRENCH CANADA.

FORWARD!

Provincial Committee of the Communist Party
of Canada.

NOTE

According to reliable information emanating from Quebec the Communist Party are recruiting new members into the French sections, while recruiting into the English sections has almost stopped. French Canadian members are becoming increasingly anti-British when addressing small Party meetings.

**STRONG COMMUNIST SUPPORT IN C.I.O.
(WINNIPEG)**

At a recent meeting of the C.I.O. in the Fort Garry Hotel at Winnipeg, [deletion: 2 lines] It was pointed out that through the help of the steel workers and miners in the United States, and also of the Communist Party, "the C.I.O. are now going to give the Canadian Federation of Labour a ride in this Province."

Stating that the C.I.O. have been interested in the way that the C.F. of L. have been playing with the companies and the workers [deletion: 1 line] said that it is the intention of the C.I.O. to organize the unorganized [4] in Manitoba. Referring to the part played by the Communist Party within the C.I.O. he said: "We are sure getting a good deal of help from the Communist Party as to workers working in different plants in Manitoba and we have the sympathy of the trade unions after they see what they are up against."

In regard to manner of organizing [deletion: 1 line] explained:

"The plan will be for us to work in pairs and to pick up loose talk around the plants or halls, then get into the conversation and get him to come to our office and tell us the inside story; from this we can call a meeting by printing some of the facts that this man has told us; I am going to get the committee to prepare a leaflet for a campaign when this Estevan strike is over; we have now \$4,000 to fight with, stated P. Conroy and we intend to follow Mr. Meikle and Russell (C.F. of L. organisers) around and upset their 'scabbery' plans with these companies. We are going to set up the Steel Workers Organizing Committee in this city and start where Russell left off or was bought off."

The question was brought up concerning the action recently taken by the American Federation of Labour against Communism within the C.I.O. [deletion: 1 line] stated in this respect that "we do not intend to use the Communists in the front, they will work their old game of under pressure."

ANOTHER STRIKE IN PREPARATION (TORONTO)

The Communist Party are making renewed efforts to organize the workers in the General Steel Wares plant at Toronto. They are not satisfied with the results of the recent strike at the Toronto plant, and [deletion: 3 lines]

Thus the C.P. are anticipating another strike at the General Steel Wares plant within the near future.[5]

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This decline in faith in C.P. ideals can be traced directly to A. C. Campbell, Party secretary at Saskatoon, for his apparent disinterestedness and (according to reliable information) for becoming an inveterate "drunkard." His exact whereabouts are unknown.

FISH SHIPMENTS STILL HELD UP (LOCKPORT, N.S.)

The strike of fishermen and fish handlers at Lockport, N.S., has changed little since its inception last October. Probably because the strike is sponsored by the Canadian Fishermen's Union (an affiliate of the communist controlled Canadian Seamen's Union) and is led by [deletion: 2 lines] all attempts of the government to mediate the dispute have proved futile.

Picketing continues with few disturbances, but with effective blocking of shipments, only one truckload of fish having broken through the picket lines in recent weeks.

From Halifax Herald:

"Fishing out of Lockport in recent years, Nova Scotia fishermen have put an annual catch of nearly 30 million pounds through the plants of the Lockport Company and Swim Brothers. During the five weeks of Lockport's industrial dispute, the fish have been having an easier time, but nobody else has been enjoying it. The fishermen are earning nothing. The fish-handlers at the wharves are unemployed. Valuable plant is lying idle. Markets are being lost. Serious loss is threatened to the whole community.

"Normally a thriving town, Lockport's purchasing power has been woefully reduced. Sturdily avoiding relief during the long years of depression, the families of many workers in the [6] fishing

industry face a bleak prospect, with Christmas approaching, unless an early settlement is reached.”

**WORKERS EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION
(TORONTO)**

Recently reorganized for the purpose of instructing the workers along “progressive” lines, the Workers Educational Association at Toronto, an affiliate of the Communist Party of Canada, is appealing to the public to attend its weekly meetings for a better “understanding of the best means by which we can get security for all against want in the midst of plenty.” This organization has been able, according to reports, to procure several prominent individuals in Toronto as speakers at these meetings. This movement is appealing openly through the medium of letters to the press for the support of the public.

**“IS IT WAR ON THE PEOPLE?”
(EDMONTON)**

A pamphlet with the above caption was recently distributed in Alberta by the Communist Party. [deletion: 2 lines] Sections of the pamphlet are considered to contravene the Defence of Canada Regulations, and MacPherson’s apprehension is being sought. The pamphlet reads, in part:

The Camp of reaction howls and the cringing subsidized Press whines against the forthright and truthful exposure of the present War by the Communist Party of Canada. But hundreds of citizens and soldiers welcome the sentiments of the Communist leaflet, because it merely expresses what 90% of the Canadian people say in private today.

Never was there so much suspicion of the war aims of the British and Canadian Capitalist class, as today. The man in the street asks, “Can the men who destroyed collective security and turned deaf ears to the needs of their own people be trusted to conduct a ‘war against Hitlerism’?”.....

While the power and advantages of munition and industrial kings is strengthened, steps are being taken to strip the people of every semblance of political liberty. UNDER THE MASK OF FIGHTING FOR “DEMOCRACY” MONOPOLY CAPITAL INTENDS TO INTRODUCE HITLERISM INTO CANADA.[7]

.....Truly the actions of the Chamberlain and MacKenzie King Governments are dictated by the interests of greedy Capitalistic monopolies. This is the trend of Hitlerism. It is out of such a brood of munition kings and Profiteers that Hitlerism was nourished and grew to its present stature.

AGAINST THESE GROUPINGS, THE ENEMY OF DEMOCRACY AT HOME, MUST THE FIGHT BE DIRECTED. TO SAVE OUR PEOPLE, OUR HOMES, OUR DEAR CHILDREN

FROM DISASTER, WE MUST FIGHT THE TERRORS OF DECAYING CAPITALISM!

FIGHT HITLERISM AND THE PROFITEERS IN CANADA!
PEOPLE OF EDMONTON! FIGHT THE PROFITEERING BY THE BIG MONOPOLIES WHO WANT THIS WAR FOR THEIR OWN GREEDY ENDS!

TRADE UNIONISTS! USE YOUR ORGANIZED POWER TO DEMAND GOVERNMENT ACTION AT ONCE AGAINST THE BIG CORPORATIONS! TAX THEM HEAVILY TO PROVIDE SOCIAL SERVICES FOR OUR PEOPLE!

WORKERS! ORGANIZE AND FIGHT TO GET THE WAGE INCREASES NECESSARY TO CARE FOR INCREASED LIVING COSTS!

UNEMPLOYED WORKERS! ORGANIZE AND FIGHT FOR INCREASED RELIEF — MAKE THE PROFITEERS BEAR THE COST!

MOTHERS OF EDMONTON! BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE... BEFORE YOU MUST SHED TEARS OF BITTERNESS.... DO NOT LET YOUR SONS BE MADE CANNON FODDER FOR PROFITEERS!

WE PLEDGE OURSELVES TO FIGHT HITLERISM AND STAND ON GUARD FOR THE CANADA THAT IS TO BE — FREE AND STRONG — A SOCIALIST CANADA THAT WILL BANISH POVERTY AND WAR.

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COMMUNISTS IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS (WINNIPEG)

Although taking an active part in the various municipal elections throughout the country, the Communist Party were unable to return their full quota of candidates.

An extensive campaign conducted by non-communist candidates to unseat three members of the Winnipeg City Council resulted in only two members of the Party being returned for the 1939-40 Council in the elections held on November 25. The Party was successful in re-electing both their candidates in Ward 3 — Alderman J. Penner and Andrew Bilecki, school trustee. In Ward 2 the communists were not so fortunate, Jock McNeil, aldermanic candidate, receiving only 1,454 votes—less than half of his last year's vote of 3,030. His defeat, however, is more significant than the victory of those elected inasmuch as Ward 2 is an English-speaking district. McNeil ran as an Independent Labour candidate, although his connection with the C.P. was well-known in the district.[9]

Reviewing the election campaign, indifference in voting proved evident in every party group and faction. The total vote including communist had dropped from 61,125 in 1938 to 46,121. One could not ascribe the decrease in the communist vote to indifference in the communist ranks, as they all zealously strove in the campaign. Therefore it must be considered as due to serious losses in membership. Despite that they are elated over their success, and reports indicate that they are giving a great deal of credit for it to the speech delivered by Mayor Queen in which he severely condemned the C.P. machinery, as they believe that this verbal assault only rallied votes to the Party's aid.

(REGINA)

Public fear that the late Labour Party of Regina was controlled by the Communist Party defeated the communist-supported Labour candidates on every count in the municipal elections on November 27. With the exception of J.M. Toothill, who has still one year to run as alderman, all members of the Regina City Council are detached from C.P. influence.

(MELVILLE)

The election by acclamation of I.S. Hillworth, [~~2 lines~~], to the school board at Melville, Sask., is being referred to in the Communist Party press as a great achievement for progressive forces in Saskatchewan.

(CALGARY)

In Calgary, Tom Roberts, [~~1 line~~] in the civil elections held on November 22, received only a little more than 1,000 votes for the position of alderman. The failure of the Party to elect their candidate is apparently due to Roberts himself, who is very little known to the general public and who has not the personality or ability to put himself over; and also to the rivalry at present existing between [~~1 line~~] This rivalry, noticeable in the past, has of late been increasing to the point of open friction.[10]