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EDITORIAL

A WAR OF WORDS

Physical combat hangs fire, but the mental onslaughts continue with increasing fury. Barrage after barrage of "poison gas" is being loosed by the enemy in their attempts to stultify our war efforts, subvert our loyalty and beguile us into a convenient peace that would be more perilous for the democracies than open war.

This propaganda campaign cannot be ignored or belittled. Its insidious effect is spreading not only among the unemployed and the more ignorant elements but often finds fertile soil in "high places." No less a personage than [><deletion: 2 lines] He says, in a great American newspaper, "Russia's desire for peace is profound. It is so integral a part of its policy that it would, I feel personally convinced, throw its whole weight into the scales for peace and the construction of a new world order.....Russia's

every action shows that it loves peace.”

We have abundant evidence completely refuting such a belief and proving that Stalin's sole ambition is destruction of nationalism and individual rights in a world revolution of regimented workers. In this current issue leading Canadian Communists are quoted verbatim shouting for “a Socialist Canada”; “Work with Italy, Germany, and Russia” for “independence” (that is, the overthrow of democracy); “The peace slogans are clever designs for the purpose of spreading Communism.”

This is indeed a “war of words” and we must fight it as efficiently and courageously behind the lines as along the Maginot Line and in the North Sea.[1]

COMMUNISM

“VAPAUS” LAUDS INVASION OF FINLAND (SUDBURY)

Notwithstanding the various Press announcements by Finnish organizations throughout the country denouncing the Russian invasion of Finland, a certain element within this organization is extremely pro-Soviet and are celebrating what they term the “Russian victory over Finland.” This section have openly stated that as soon as Russia gains control of this Scandinavian country they intend to return and this general situation prevails amongst the Finnish Reds in Canada, especially at the more important Finnish centres, Sudbury, Port Arthur and Toronto.

The Canadian-Finnish Red newspaper “Vapaus”, published under the auspices of the Communist Party, Sudbury, applauds the U.S.S.R. in its various articles and is extremely anti-British. Loyal Finns have requested the Canadian Government to declare the activities of these Reds illegal and to ban their newspaper; also to seize all the property owned by them and restore it to the legitimate Canadian-Finnish organization.

The attitude adopted by the newspaper “Vapaus” has resulted in a raid being conducted recently by the Ontario Provincial Police, on orders of the Attorney General of Ontario, and all copies of the issue were seized.

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BETRAYING UKRAINE TO RUSSIA (WINNIPEG)

A leaflet issued at Winnipeg by the Association for the Defence of the Western Ukraine states that this organization sent \$25,000 and over 10,000 letters to political prisoners and their families in the Western Ukraine. In winding up its activities in Canada the association urged its mem-

bers to transfer their activities to the Ukrainian Labour Farmer Temple Association and the Association for the Defence of Bukowina and Bessarabia, and to continue to work for the people's happiness and the protection of democratic rights and freedom in this country. The leaflet also reminded its readers that some of the Ukrainian lands are still outside the Soviet Union and that it is essential that they be given aid to enter into one great Soviet-Ukrainian family.

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"THE HOUR HAS STRUCK"

"The long awaited hour of a struggle to revolutionize Europe has struck. The Comintern urges British and French workers to inaugurate their own war against the imperialist war, which must end, it states, in the Socialist peace. The aim of Stalin since 1924 has been centred in his government's efforts to rebuild the Soviet Union into a mighty power and then wait for the proper moment to use it for a world revolution. The peace slogans urging the working masses to [3] struggle against war and reaction, have been in fact clever designs for the purpose of spreading Communism and ideas of the world revolution."

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"YOUTH MUST FIGHT THE IMPERIALIST WAR" (TORONTO)

A recent edition of "The Beacon," a Young Communist League publication mimeographed in Toronto, contains the usual denunciations of Allied war aims. Its feature article, "Canada's Youth Must Fight the Imperialist War," demands:

"What kind of a war is this?"..... This is an imperialist war! This is a war in which Canadian youth is to be sacrificed by the Mackenzie King government in the interests of the millionaire bankers and profiteering capitalists, in the interests of the British and Canadian imperialists.

In the Name of Freedom

A barrage of propaganda and lies drenches Canada. Taking advantage of the people's hate of fascism, Premier King exhorts the youth to fight Hitlerism. George McCullagh,[4] the publisher of the reactionary paper, the Globe and Mail, demands the extermination of the German people. Colonel Drew demands the setting up of militarised labor camps to regiment the Canadian youth.

The War Measures Act which gives full dictatorial powers as in any fascist country has destroyed Canadian democracy. It abolishes

freedom of speech, press, assembly and freedom of conscience. It grants arbitrary powers to any official to arrest and imprison without warrant or trial by jury. People have been jailed for opposing the imperialist war. The Clarion and the Clarte, independent labor-progressive newspapers, have been banned. One hundred and fifty Royal Canadian Mounted Police terrorise striking coal-miners in Estevan, Sask. As in the last war Quebec youth opposing conscription and the war have been threatened by repressive measures.....

The ruling class of Canada, those in control of the great industries, the banks, the railroads, forests, and fields of our young and bounteous country made a sorry mess of internal affairs. And now they hurl the nation into imperialist war abroad.....

After comparing this "imperialist" war with the last, "The Beacon" cries upon youth of all lands to

"Rally with the rest of the Canadian people in a united militant struggle against the imperialist warmakers," and to

"Join with us to organize the working youth, young students, farmers, middle class youth against the warmakers, for a free Socialist Canada."

It concludes with the ringing exhortation:

"Defend your civil liberties and democratic rights, freedom of speech, freedom of the press and association, freedom of conscience! Organize against the fascist-militarism of the Drews. Fight for higher wages, for jobs, education and security! Organize into Trade Unions to defend your interests. Fight for a Socialist Canada. Join the Young Communist League." [5]

ESTEVAN COAL MINES' STRIKE ENDS

On December 7, after a seven weeks' shut-down of coal mines in the Estevan-Bienfait area, union officials and mine owners agreed to recognize the presence of one all-embracing union in the field and the strike terminated.

Six members of the R.C.M. Police will remain on the scene in case of further dissension, as requested by the Attorney General for Saskatchewan.

B.C. LABOUR REBUFFS THE REDS (VANCOUVER)

The Vancouver and New Westminster District Trades and Labour Council recently tendered the Communist Party a considerable shock by opposing Communist inroads into the organization. Party leaders at Vancouver had planned to give T.L.C. endorsement to the Consumers Research Council, a [deletion: 1 line] and were greatly upset when the opposition in the Council managed to obtain a majority vote.

The Boycott Committee set up by the T.L.C. under the chairmanship

of Sam Shearer, [~~1 line~~] was practically liquidated over the attempt to circulate their "Save our Union" leaflet which was written by members of the Communist Party and contained the same material as the Trade Union leaflet which was confiscated in Edmonton recently. The leaflet purported to show that the executive of the T.L.C. subscribed to the view that the present European conflict was an "imperialist" war and that the trade unions of Vancouver and New Westminster demanded the cessation of hostilities. Members of the Council took the floor and exposed the Communist inspiration of the leaflets and left the question of "If Hitler should have been stopped a few months ago, why shouldn't he be stopped now?" with the delegates to think over.

Members of the Party rose and commenced a long tirade about the murder of civilians in China, with materials supplied by Canada, and furthermore protested the sale of Japanese and German goods in Vancouver. They, however, made no reference to Russia as an aggressor nation. The delegates were unmoved and the executive confiscated the leaflet as misrepresenting the views of the Trades and Labour Council. The activities of the Boycott Committee have been suspended indefinitely.[6]

DISCOURAGE YOUTH FROM ENLISTING (VANCOUVER)

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The Communist Party expects Germany and the Allies to agree to a truce and combine their forces to fight the Soviet Union. We must, therefore, stop or discourage our young men from joining the army as we do not want to see the Soviet defeated.

Referring to the Canadian Labour Defence League and the Civil Liberties Union, [~~2 lines~~]

The work of the Communist Party at the present time must be to organize, so that when the capitalist countries attack the U.S.S.R. we can organize revolts in our own country and refuse to fight against the Soviet Union. This is the reason we want our comrades in industry, so that they can organize their work-mates and when the class war between capitalist and socialist arises, they will come out on strike and refuse to manufacture arms and other materials to use against the Soviet.

This is yet another reason why some of our party members should be in the army and air force. They should enlist in order to organize within the armed forces and explain to these poor fools who have joined to fight Naziism, the true nature of the war and have them refuse to fight the Red Army.

[~~1 line~~] states that most of the Party members were unfortunately too well known for this work and therefore must endeavour to work more closely with trade unions and mass organizations, pick out sympathizers and train them without actually making them members of the

Party. She said that "the Party did not want to sacrifice any of its members when we can get outsiders to do our work in the trade unions and in cultural organizations." Referring to the possibility of arrests for carrying out Party work, she thought that those receiving jail sentences "will become more bitter against capitalism and long for the day when it will be overthrown by the U.S.S.R. who will free them and all other workers from the bonds of slavery." [7]

[>-deletion: 1 line] concluded her educational talk with "The Party will not lose any prestige by adopting the above methods; instead they will rally the friends and families of these prisoners and thus gain many new members."

MALICIOUS WHISPERING CAMPAIGN (VANCOUVER)

A "whispering campaign" is in progress at Vancouver. A report indicates that this singular system of agitation is being employed to undermine Canadian war efforts. It is noted further that this campaign is not only prevalent amongst those active in subversive movements and the unemployed but is also being used by individuals employed in stores, mills and factories. It is definitely not being spread by the communists of the British Columbia district, neither does the whisper emanate from the so-called Trotskyists. As a typical example:

"Why should the unemployed join the army to fight for something they have never had, food, etc?"

"The unemployed of the dictatorships are fed and put to work and the unemployed of Canada would be no worse off under a Nazi government than they are under the present government."

The campaign seems to emanate from one source up to the present untraceable.

POLICE PROTECTION AT FISHERMEN'S STRIKE (LOCKPORT, N.S.)

With the exception of union meetings and continued picketing by members of the Canadian Fishermen's Union, the strike situation continued during the past week with little change and no further shipments of fish have been made. However, on December 9 a request was received from the Attorney General of Nova Scotia by the Officer Commanding Royal Canadian Mounted Police at Halifax to afford protection to the fish companies when they attempted to move their products, and 40 men were despatched to Lockport on December 10.[8]

In an endeavour to shift a crowd of more than 600 blocking efforts of the companies to move loaded railway cars of fish a clash occurred during which no one was seriously injured. After a half hour struggle police were forced to interfere in order to protect women and children in the crowd. No weapons were used by the police in this instance.

For nearly two months Swimm Brothers and Lockport Co. Ltd. have been closed as a result of their refusal to recognize union demands. [~~3 lines~~] stated that if more police arrived "the union's answer will be the call in more men," and that 800 union men were available for picket duty. However, as there was an insufficient number of police on hand, 50 additional men have been despatched from various centres in Eastern Canada to Lockport for temporary duty and will remain there as long as the necessity exists. (Police protection, now totalling 150 men, was given at the request of the Attorney General of Nova Scotia.)

(Note: Wire received December 15 advising dispute has been settled and police withdrawn.)

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WORKING WITH ITALY, GERMANY, RUSSIA (WINDSOR)

At a meeting of the Macedonian Political Organization held at Windsor recently, [~~2 lines~~]

"I am very glad to see so many members of our organization together tonight. I know that we have different beliefs and different political opinions in our organization, like Anarchists, Communists and Nationalists. Everyone is able to be a member of our party irrespective of his political opinion or to what political party he may belong. We are the Macedonian Revolutionary Organization. Everyone is welcome. We have to work all together for our independence, for our beliefs, and the only way to get our independence is to work with Italy, Germany and Russia. These three countries will help us to get our independence."

Other speakers adopted similar lines, "stressing the fact that Italy and Germany are our friends." [10]

NAZIISM**REGISTRATION OF ENEMY ALIENS**

From reports received to date, the following registrations by provinces have been recorded up to and including November 30, Several registrars have yet to be heard from.

British Columbia	1259
Alberta	2495
Saskatchewan	1705
Manitoba	1605
Ontario	5409
Quebec	1580
New Brunswick	43
Nova Scotia	178
Prince Edward Island	3
Northwest Territories	10
Yukon Territories	14
Total	14301

Number interned (the majority under Section 21) is 394. Since outbreak of war 46 of the interned have been released. Of these 32 were successful in their appeals and the rest were released as not coming under the Act.

All interned aliens are now concentrated in the camps at Kananaskis and Petawawa.[11]