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EDITORIAL

"ENEMIES IN FACT"

Revolutionary minorities among our foreign nationality groups are meeting with increasing opposition from their own people. Evidence of this is strikingly shown in two articles in this issue in which Red Finns attack and loyal Finns defend their adopted country.

It appears obvious that the large majority of Germans, Ukrainians, Poles, Finns and other "groups" are being embarrassed by the traitors in their midst and would gladly welcome sterner Government measures for their elimination.

In the meantime public opinion throughout Canada continues to urge the outlawing of all subversive movements. The "Globe and Mail" says editorially:

"Inasmuch as they are well organized and are known to be inspired from Nazi and Communist sources, the simplest way to deal with them is by outlawing them during the period of the war by Federal legislation. It is not sufficient to have them banned in Ontario and neglected elsewhere. It is little use to have an organ of the Communist Party put out of business in this Province merely to appear in Manitoba and be circulated from there. There should be more rigid nation-wide legislation to show that Canada is not fooling about her single-mindedness in this war".....

"It will not be possible to ignore the Reds in this country as actual enemies. To pretend to separate them from this fountainhead is ridiculous at any time. Canada should not only list them with Nazis as potential enemies, but be prepared to deal with them as enemies in fact"

"At this critical time we cannot take chances even on an incipient revolution or a campaign to this end".[1]

COMMUNISM

LOYAL FINNS DENOUNCE RED TRAITORS (SUDBURY)

Despite the revolutionary actions of the Finn minority and their organ "Vapaus," the majority are loyal to their new "Fatherland." At a mass meeting of "the loyal Finnish people," held in Sudbury on December 7, a resolution exposing and denouncing "Communistic cutthroats" was unanimously adopted and afterwards mailed to the Minister of Justice by the Chairman and Secretary.

The resolution reads:

"We, the Finnish people of Sudbury District who do swear our allegiance to His Majesty the King and to the government of this, our Dominion of Canada, assembled in the Sampo Hall at Sudbury on December 7, 1939, do hereby resolve that the attention of the Hon. Gordon Conant, attorney-general of Ontario be called to the situation obtaining our midst, which could develop into very serious danger to Britain and her allies in their struggle against their atrocious and merciless enemies. By this we mean Communism which had crept into our midst and which hides under the name of the Finnish Organization of Canada. This same Communistic movement is also serious peril to our endeavour to raise funds to aid the land of our fathers, which endeavour has recently been started because our Fatherland has been invaded by Communistic cut-throats. For those, who have betrayed their old as well their new Fatherland, are

trying to poison the minds our fellow nationals against Great Britain as well as Finland.

Therefore, be it further resolved that we ask the attorney-general of Ontario to take immediate action to put an end to the Finnish Organization of Canada, which has halls and branches all over Canada, and also their newspaper 'Vapaus' published at Sudbury, Ontario."

The resolution was amended to cover confiscation of "all property owned by Vapaus Publishing Co. Ltd., the Finnish Organization of Canada, the Trustees of the Finnish Hall on Spruce Street or any individual who may hold property either real estate or chattels in trust for the Communistic movement or any organization with Communistic aims or leanings;" and further amended to include "pamphlets and publications in Yugoslav, Ukrainian, Russian and other foreign languages as well," several speakers charging that considerable subversive literature is being circulated in those languages. The meeting was attended by about 250 people.[2]

RUSSIA, THE SAVIOUR OF FINLAND!

A Communist bulletin entitled "The Significance of the Finnish-Soviet Developments" is being secretly circulated among dependable Communists throughout Manitoba. It is the usual flimsy fabric woven of falsehood and hate, but calculated to provide "copy" for the ignorant faithful. Starting with a tirade against this Second Imperialist War, instigated by world Capitalists under the leadership of British Imperialism ("The sinister figure behind the attack upon the Soviet Union"), it swings into a glorification of the Soviet Union, whose task since its inception was two-fold: "1. To preserve its security as a state, as the base of world socialism, and 2. to aid the workers and colonial people throughout the world to break the chains of Imperialist oppression and exploitation."

To this end:

"The Soviet Union, knowing the aims of the Imperialists, carried through its policy of guaranteeing peace for the people of the Soviet Union as the best guarantee to bringing this Imperialist War to an end, implements its call for peace with the guaranteeing of peace to its immediate neighbours. She signed mutual assistance pacts with the people of the Baltic States and offered a similar agreement with Finland. She was prepared to grant Finland concessions that would have been of great economic benefit to her in exchange for certain concessions that would have contributed greatly to the peace of the Soviet Union and the general peace of Europe."

The bulletin asserts that Finland was never an independent state, but soon will be, with Russia's help.

"The forces of Proletarian and National revolution are on the march. The question of the workers, peasants and soldiers in a number of European countries taking power and establishing their own government without Capitalists is on the agenda and is fast becoming a fact. This is the working class answer to Imperialist war and counter-revolution. It is with such perspectives that we must view the events in Finland. The success of the peace policy of the Soviet Union gives encouragement to the peoples of other countries. The day of final socialist victory is being brought nearer."

Ignoring the bitter hatred of the overwhelming majority of Finns for their "rescuer," the bulletin insists that the latter still wants to have peaceful relations with the people of Finland and [3] "both it and the people of Finland will fight for these peaceful and friendly relations."

However, "the reactionaries are opening up the floodgates of hate. The Canadian Capitalists who have millions invested in Finland will fight to safeguard these investments. It is our task as Communists to increase the struggle against these war plans a thousand fold, by explaining to the masses the real meaning of the present situation and furthering the revolutionary struggle for peace, a peace that will bring socialism." [*blank] [4][*blank]

DOUKHOBORS BEING TAINTED WITH COMMUNISM

Doukhobors are rallying to the support of "Kanadsky Gudok", Russian language newspaper published at Winnipeg, which covered the recent Progressive Doukhobor Convention. A speaker at this convention urged his comrades, "as class conscious members of our Progressive Organizations," to make every effort to provide financial assistance to the 'Kanadsky Gudok'. He outlined the object of the Doukhobor page ("The Doukhobor Life"), declaring that there is a very close co-operation between their section and the rest of the paper.

"It is the newspaper of the working masses and it fulfils its task fully and honestly with regard to all the toilers," as compared with what he called the bourgeois press, which misinterprets and falsifies the news in favor of the capitalist class. He said the "Kanadsky Gudok," being a newspaper of the labouring masses, throws light on all the events according to reality.[5]

"Look how the bourgeois press gives the news and comments on the Soviet Union, and then look how the workers' press does it," he continued. He charged the bourgeois press with falsifying the international situation and the capitalist governments for the failure of negotiations between the Allies and the Soviet Union. "What would happen to the world if the Soviet Union had not acted the way it did?" he demanded, and asserted that every agreement between the Soviet and small countries guarantees and safeguards the independence of the latter from the enslaving capitalist nations.

Resolutions were passed by the Progressive Doukhobor Association with the purpose of uniting all members and groups into one Doukhobor family.

Note: ("Kanadsky Gudok" is published by the New World Publishing Co., Winnipeg, Man. [≈deletion: 3 lines][6][Page 7 is missing] [≯blank]

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The [≯deletion: 1 line] candidates were defeated in the Windsor elections held on December 12, 1939. Alderman Reg. Morris, [≯deletion: 1 line] was ousted from office in Ward I. His defeat, which was a great loss to [≯deletion: 1 line], and that of other Leftist Labour council members, wiped out the labour front majority and a sizable share of support for Mayor Croll and the city council. From all reports the election results will probably mean a general realignment in the council faction and considerably more opposition to the Croll command.

Insofar as [➤deletion: 2 lines] is concerned, he ran for alderman in Ward 4, but spent election day in the local jail, having been arrested for alleged violations of the Defence of Canada Regulations. Whether his sojourn in a public institution had anything to do with his election defeat is not known. Nevertheless, he was hopelessly defeated, having polled only 200 votes.[8]

PENETRATING PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM (TORONTO)

A new high school student organization is being formed in Toronto under the name of the High School Student's Council. There are two more of these organizations in Canada one in Montreal and one in Winnipeg. Their purpose is student administration of the high school and they work on the same system as the city council. Each collegiate elects an alderman and they all vote for a mayor.

On the surface this organization appears harmless and even Mayor Day of Toronto has endorsed the move. It is, however, being [≍deletion: 5 lines]

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"SLOBODNA MISAO" JOINS THE RED CHORUS

A recent publication of the Croatian language newspaper "Slobodna Misao" (The Free Thought) in conformity with other communist controlled publications in Canada, declares itself against Canada's war aims in no uncertain terms. One article denounces the bourgeois and Canadian authorities as follows:

"We have been slandered by the bourgeois and discriminated against by Canadian authorities. We have been put in prisons and deported. Spies have been placed against us and we were constantly attacked by the reactionary press. But it was to no avail... We have continued and still continue the struggle. We know that we have to suffer in the struggle for an ideal....

This is the time when the colonial and semi-colonial countries expect to regain their freedom and when the workers and farmers boldly put forth the demands for their rights, and hundreds of millions of people yearn for peace and are against bloodshed."

ALBERTA BEET WORKERS TO JOIN C.LO.

The Picture Butte local of the Alberta Beet Workers Union is seeking affiliation with the C.I.O. With this end in view, John Beluch, addressing a meeting, spoke on the negotiations now under way between the union and the C.I.O. He explained that the C.I.O. has a branch in the [10] U.S.A., known as the "United Cannery, Agricultural and Packing House Workers Association," with a membership of 60,000. He read a number of C.I.O. pamphlets in respect to the constitution of this Association. The members discussed the matter and agreed to apply for a charter of affiliation.

Similar meetings are to be held by other union locals in this area for the same purpose.

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GENERAL

COST OF GUARD DUTY

As mentioned in our issue of October 30, 1939, the R.C.M. Police are employing over 1500 returned veterans as Special Constable Guards on 88 vulnerable points throughout the Dominion, at a cost to this Department of over \$2,000,000 per annum. These veterans are paid and clothed on a scale considerably exceeding that of regular Special Constables employed elsewhere throughout the Force, and this scale of pay and clothing has the approval of the President and officials of the Canadian Legion.

It was known from the commencement of hostilities that certain of the duties of these veteran guards were seasonable, in that on the close of navigation the number of guards of harbours and canals would be reduced, as an economic measure, and this policy is now being put in effect with the co-operation of other Government Departments. These guards are now being reduced after four months' employment, having been given the usual advance notice. This action is meeting with some opposition in the Press and elsewhere.

No acts of sabotage have been committed since the outbreak of hostilities.[12]