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**EDITORIAL**

**"FREEDOM" OF THE PRESS**

There is a wide gulf between freedom and license, particularly in time of war. The Clarion was suppressed because it was an enemy of the State, weakening our war efforts and encouraging our enemies. The "right" of Free Press was not meant to include the right to defame, destroy and incite to violence. But this right is still being claimed by the Mid-West Clarion and a dozen more Communist organs which are disseminating propaganda from Red Russia in the name of "truth".

Recently a Communist pamphlet was issued for the purpose of increasing the circulation of the Mid-West Clarion not only in Manitoba but throughout Canada, on the ground that it is a "splendid medium" for combating the "enemy's propaganda". Condemning the "reactionaries" in Canada for following the footsteps of Hitler, the pamphlet urges Canadian people to fight for the freedom of the press. Here is a typical paragraph:

"You are aware of the attack made on our labor press. The Toronto Clarion, the French paper, Clarte, as well as a number of progressive and radical papers and magazines from England and the United

States have been suppressed....Conant, the Minister of Justice of Ontario, is clamouring to also have the Mid-West Clarion suppressed. The Capitalist newspapers are playing a most despicable role in the present situation. Deliberate lies are being manufactured against the Soviet Union. What a farce. The people are told to give their all for democracy, while right here, at home, democracy is being trampled. Every effort is made to rob the people of free speech and a free press. The only thing that will convince the Government that they cannot silence the people is for us to see that more and more people read the Mid-West Clarion."

The real status of the Mid-West Clarion is revealed in this Bulletin.[1]

### COMMUNISM

#### WHAT IS THE MID-WEST CLARION?

Originally intended to serve the three Prairie Provinces, the Mid-West Clarion, published at Winnipeg, has, since the banning of the Clarion by the Secretary of State, enlarged its circulation to include Eastern Canada as well and attempts have been made to introduce it to former Clarion readers in Southern Ontario and Quebec. The circulation is not known but it is considerably greater than hitherto.

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The circulation of the Mid-West Clarion is general; reaching all sections of the population, though the paper particularly stresses that it is the medium of the working class. The financial resources of this paper are Communist, and in this respect the publishing association holds periodical press drives to obtain funds.

With regard to the policy of the Mid-West Clarion, it will be seen that it advocates Soviet foreign policy. The majority of its international news is pro-Soviet and emanates from Moscow. It carries on a tirade against all things British and its main editorials are particularly vehement in this respect. Leading members of the Party throughout Canada, the United States, the Soviet Union, England and France are regular contributors. The majority of these articles are supposed to alleviate the ills of the working class movement, but with emphasis attached to Communist ideals as enunciated by the Soviet Union, and the paper actively agitates for a change in Government.

At the present time the paper is strongly urging a repeal of the Defence of Canada Regulations and especially a removal of the bann imposed on other Communist publications, asserting that the Government has destroyed all the rights of the Canadian people, and urging "The public of Canada to rise in thunderous protest against [2] this blackout of democratic liberties in our country. Unless action is taken immediately, unless the labour movement and all democratic-minded people compel the government to retreat, reaction equal to the blackout fascism will over-

whelm our people..... The powers taken by the government of Canada under the War Measures Act are a negation of all democratic rights. The actions of the censor department, the actions of the Minister of Justice, are a denial of civil liberties and of the freedom of the press."

The Mid-West Clarion is being used and will continue to be used by the Communist Party in their attempt to undermine the Canadian Government and institutions; to lessen the public's faith in the reasons for this war and to stop it at all costs and, at the same time, endeavour to institute Soviet policy into Canadian affairs.

This paper is being used as a medium for the election of Communists and "Progressives" in all municipal, provincial and federal elections.

That this paper is having a detrimental effect upon its readers, there can be little doubt. The continued libelous statements made through the medium of its various articles in an attempt to cloud the real aims and policy of the Government have a tendency to confuse the real issue and subvert the loyalty of many otherwise well meaning people.

#### DISRUPTION OF NOVA SCOTIA INDUSTRIES PLANNED

J. A. Pat Sullivan and Charlie Murray, [deletion: 2 lines], and leaders of the Canadian Seamens Union, are in Nova Scotia organizing locals of the Canadian Fishermens Union, an affiliate of the C.S.U. Their first endeavour in this respect was the organizing of the fishermen and fish handlers at Lockport, N.S.

These two Communists have also made a tour of the important industrial centres in N.S. with a view to obtaining information regarding the prospect of strikes in the spring. According to information, Sullivan recently stated that "he will organize every fisherman on the coast of N.S. for a big push this coming spring." He said further that one of their big time organizers will take part in the final drive. To this end he is going to Cape Breton at an early date, following which he will proceed to other parts of the province.[3]

It should be recalled that previous to the recent strike at Lockport, conditions there were most satisfactory, Lockport being one of the many prosperous small towns where tie-ups, unemployment and relief were unheard of. While the Red agitators succeeded in organizing a satisfactory union they have sown seeds of discontent and unrest with the ultimate object in view of reaping a revolutionary harvest. The C.S.U. organizers have no intention of letting the matter rest at this stage either at Lockport or at any other vulnerable point they subsequently attack, and their activities should be curtailed before there is further trouble, not only among fishermen but also in the coal mining and steel industries of Cape Breton.

**"SUBSCRIBE TO THE NEW ADVANCE"  
(MONTREAL)**

The Communist Party members at Montreal have been urged to sub-

scribe to the "New Advance", a magazine published by the Young Communist League, in view of the fact that it is one of the few remaining Canadian Communist periodicals available. Its circulation should be one of the main tasks of the members of the C.P.

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#### LABOR COUNCIL TORN BY POLITICS (VANCOUVER)

At a monthly meeting of the Trades and Labour Council at Vancouver there was considerable discussion over the merits of Russia's invasion of Finland. A resolution passed by the Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees Union condemning Russia's attack on Finland gave rise to dispute. A number of delegates objected to the resolution and requested that it be filed instead of endorsed. The vote on this matter was upheld by a considerable majority. [&deletion: 3 lines] Upon a delegate asserting that this was not a political meeting, the vice president suggested that the council attend to its own business and leave politics alone. The delegate of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union, however, continued the discussion, saying "This is not the first time Russia has invaded Finland. Last time she was supported by American, British and German capital. Let us understand the histories of these countries before we start adopting resolutions of this kind." There were angry protests from several parts of the hall to [5] which the president, [&deletion: 4 lines]

A lengthy resolution was submitted by the Street Railwaymen's Union Local, but on a vote only one section of it was endorsed. This section urged that a protest be sent to the B.C. Minister of Labour and the Premier against the arrest and conviction of the union leaders at the Pioneer Mine. The remainder of the resolution, not endorsed, dealt with the "reactionary forces" in Canada taking advantage of the war situation to profiteer at the expense of the "toiling population." The resolution also referred to the same reactionary forces taking advantage of war sentiment to curtail civil liberties as an aid to still more intensive exploitation of the Canadian workers.

This union further protested the banning of the two working class papers, "Clarion" and "Clarte", and the arrest of citizens whose only crime was to distribute a leaflet explaining the cost of the present war.

Charles Stewart and Peter Munro, [deletion: 2 lines] and delegates of the Street Railwaymen's Union, strongly protested the shelving of the latter part of this resolution. "If we allow these papers to be suppressed," said Munro, "the Government will go further and suppress our own Trade Union papers."

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Again the question of politics was brought before the meeting, being introduced by D. McPherson. He stated, "I hear nothing at these meetings that is constructive to the labour movement which I represent." He added that the working man's problems were infinitely more pertinent to the business of the council. "If this is going to become a political meeting, let us know in advance so that we can go somewhere else and form a labour movement." [6]

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#### COMMUNISTS REBUKED AT MEMORIAL MEETING (WINNIPEG)

In conformity with Communist Party policy to utilize every means at its disposal to elicit public attention, the Party at Winnipeg held a memorial meeting for Dr. Bethune on December 17 under the joint auspices of four organizations—Chinese Patriotic League, Friends of China, Winnipeg Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy and Friends of the Mackenzie-Papineau Battalion. Between four and five hundred people were present at the meeting, which was conducted under the joint chairmanship of L. St. George Stubbs, former Judge of the Winnipeg Congress and a prominent member of the Communist Party, and Dr. T. Quong. Brief addresses of tribute were made by the following speakers: R. C. McCutchan, Dr. A. Magid, E. J. McMurray, Charlie Foo, Wm. Kardash, Prof. W. F. Osborne and Marshall J. Gauvin.

St. George Stubbs eulogized Dr. Bethune's work as physician and surgeon in Canada, Spain and China, and other speakers continued the praise. The meeting was in full accord until William Kardash spoke. He began by paying tribute to Dr. Bethune and all that he had done to help humanity, then stated that the doctor was a Communist and that "it takes a Communist to do what Bethune did." His concluding remarks were received with resentment by a great many of the Communists as well as others, and the applause after his speech was somewhat sporadic. [7]

Professor Osborne of the University of Manitoba followed and stated

that this gathering is not to glorify any Communist and that many present were taking part in this memorial meeting solely because of Bethune's splendid deeds. His further remarks were a denunciation of the Russian invasion of Finland, at which murmurs arose from the Communist section of the audience. The last speaker, Marshall J. Gauvin, condemned Stalin and warned the worshipping enthusiasts of diabolic diplomacy not to be quite so sure of themselves. As the Communist Party had been chiefly responsible for the meeting and most of the audience were Party sympathizers, the remarks of Prof. Osborne and Marshall Gauvin were received with bad grace.

A collection amounting to \$96 was taken at the door.

#### PARTY EXCUSES FOR CIVIC DEFEATS (WINNIPEG)

Regarding the recent civic elections held at Winnipeg, the Communist Party have published a bulletin to explain the reasons for their defeat at that time. According to this bulletin "the weaknesses revealed in the work of the Party during the elections indicate that they have not yet learned to react quickly and boldly to the attacks of the counter-revolutionary forces. The leading committees of the Party in Winnipeg accept their responsibility for the mistakes made in the elections and are taking the necessary measures to improve the work of the city committee and of the Party as a whole."

It is urged in this pamphlet that the Party membership must take stock of the present situation in order to have a clear understanding of the tremendous events that are now shaking the world and "be in a position to influence the workers and to clear their minds of confusion and from a bourgeoisie ideology. The Imperialist war is now rapidly changing into a counter-revolutionary war, a war against the Soviet Union, a war of bourgeoisie against the revolutionary forces of the working class in every capitalist country." It is stressed that the Party must realize the full reality of the war and "these facts must become the property of wide masses of working people in order that they may fully understand the blows that the Soviet Union is now directing against the counter-revolutionary forces that we may deal blows at these same forces in our own country, which we failed to do during the elections campaign." [8]

The bulletin further states that the Party membership was inefficiently organized for the election campaign, with an almost complete absence of initiative on the part of members. "The main weakness of the groups and membership is still the lack of initiative and the fact that a section of the Party is still taking a position of retreat, showing timidity, lack of confidence and confusion, which creates pacivity at a time when the most urgent need in the present period is a bold advance to the offensive."

The general opinion has existed that the Jewish element within the Communist Party ranks has withdrawn a great deal of its support. Insofar

as members of the Party are concerned, there was at first a great deal of dissension and several of the minor Jewish lights left in disgust. However, the majority of the more important Jewish leaders have remained, as is seen in this statement:

"A very encouraging exception to the general weakness of the campaign is the good election work carried on by an active group of our Jewish comrades and by a considerable number of our Jewish comrades and by a considerable number of our Jewish sympathizers and by the 'Veg.' The result of this good work was reflected in the vote our candidates received in the Jewish polls. It was on the Jewish field that the heaviest guns were directed against us, but when the ballots were counted it was revealed that our loss in the four Jewish polls compared with last year's vote, was much smaller than the loss of I.L.P. candidates sustained.

"This was a smashing defeat for Queen, Blumberg and their reactionary allies. The Communist Party candidates in Ward 3 came out at the top of the poll once more. The reactionary onslaught was successfully repulsed. A quick liquidation of the shortcomings and weaknesses of our work, as revealed during the election campaign, will lay the basis for a broad advance of the Party on all fields."[9]

### GENERAL

#### REGISTRATION OF ENEMY ALIENS

Number of Enemy Aliens registered up to and including December 15:

British Columbia	1315
Alberta	2680
Saskatchewan	1837
Manitoba	1636
Ontario	5478
Quebec	1858
New Brunswick	43
Nova Scotia	181
Prince Edward Island	3
Northwest Territories	10
Yukon Territory	14
Total.....	<u>15055</u>