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**IS COMMUNISM DEFEATED?**

Judging by the contents of this issue the Communist Party of Canada has been suffering reverses comparable to those of their Russian "comrades" in Finland. The recent municipal elections throughout Ontario succeeded in eliminating a large proportion of the Reds from boards and councils, including the much-advertised Alderman Stewart Smith of Toronto. The great shrinkage in the number of votes cast for Communists in almost every ward denotes wholesale defections in the ranks of former sympathizers. Even the United Mine Workers and the C.I.O. are turning cold shoulders on these extremists.

The cause for this access of unpopularity is, of course, the war and Stalin's partnership with Hitler. For instance, since the signing of the Russo-German pact the Party membership among Toronto Jews, originally about 3500, has dropped off 70%. The invasion of Finland has widened the splits in the Red ranks.

It would be a serious mistake, however, to think that the Communist Party is out as well as down. Their leaders are as active as ever and even more virulent. Russian successes in Europe, backed by fresh propaganda

barrages from Moscow, might succeed in rallying the Party's ranks to former strength and even greater opportunity for mischief.

Partial eradication of this "tapeworm" in the body politic will only leave segments to develop again and perhaps make our last state worse than the first.

And in the meantime our enemies continue to hate and to threaten, promising to "leave no stone unturned to save the working class from being butchered for profits." [1]

## COMMUNISM

### COMMUNIST LOSSES IN ONTARIO MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Recent municipal elections throughout Ontario have resulted in grave loss of communist prestige. Communists, especially in Toronto, met such opposition from various civic bodies as to ensure their defeat from the start.

#### (a) [deletion: 1 line] Defeated at Toronto

Efforts of [deletion: 1 line] in Toronto centered largely around the task of electing Alderman Stewart Smith to the Board of Control. This year Tim Buck, General Secretary of the C.P. of Canada, was not a candidate.

[deletion: 1 line] in the field were ex-Alderman J. B. Salsberg, Fred Collins, Jean Laing, George Harris, Harry Bell. No communist was elected to public office. The Party has lost more than 50% of its following since the 1939 election.

It is presumed that Smith [deletion: 2 lines] and from this it would appear that their support has declined since last year by over 25000 votes. William Dennison was defeated as a C.C.F. candidate, [deletion: 2 lines] On the other hand, William T. Lawson, a [deletion: 1 line] was elected School Trustee in Ward 4. The Party also supported a number of progressive candidates in the various wards. The vigorous opposition encountered by the communists was largely due to the Soviet-German pact, the Russian invasion of Finland and the present war. With virtually no supporters in the Toronto City Council, a serious blow has been dealt the Communist Party of Canada. The vote in Toronto was lighter than previous years. [2]

Board of Control

|                                       | <u>1940</u> | <u>1939</u> | <u>1938</u> |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Stewart Smith<br>(Replacing Tim Buck) | 19,641      | 45,112      | 44,148      |

Aldermen

|                      | <u>1940</u> | <u>1939</u> | <u>1938</u> |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Ward 1 - Harry Bell  | 1,717       | 4,374       | 1,509       |
| " 2 - George Harris  | 933         | 6,563       | 1,735       |
| " 3 - Jean Laing     | 1,217       | 1,604       | 1,429       |
| " 4 - J. B. Salsberg | 2,154       | 5,859       | 4,725       |
| " 5 - Fred Collins   | 2,729       | 8,121       | 8,025       |

(b) Scarborough Voters Reject Communist Council

James Wilson, [~~deletion: 1 line~~] was defeated at the polls in Scarborough township. He came third and last in the voting in Ward 2, with a total of 878.

(c) [~~deletion: 1 line~~] Elected at Hamilton

Sam Lawrence was returned in the recent Civic elections as head of the Board of Control, receiving a total vote of 18,096, approximately 500 more votes than last year. To head the polls, Lawrence drew heavy support from the labour wards. Harry Hunter, seeking election as Alderman in Ward 7, was again successful and received a vote of 1613. Both these individuals are held in very high esteem by the Communist Party. Several other individuals were successful in receiving a small percentage of the Communist votes in the various wards.

(d) Reverses in the Mining Districts

In the mining districts in Northern Ontario the Communist Party conducted an extensive campaign to elect Party members and supporters in the various municipal elections. In the majority of cases they suffered reverses as against last year's figures.[3]

At Kirkland Lake Tommy Church, organizer for the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union and [~~deletion: 1 line~~], did not run openly as their candidate. However, he was elected to the Council, receiving 1,701 votes (second highest number of votes cast) as against 2,629 cast for him last year. He has the only known candidate in the running.

At Timmins A. B. McCabe and H. R. Anderson, running on a labour representation platform, [~~deletion: 2 lines~~] and the mass organizations. Anderson [~~deletion: 2 lines~~] and union organizer for Northern Ontario for the I.M.S.W.U., whilst McCabe, [~~deletion: 2 lines~~] controlled Workers Co-operative Society of New Ontario. The latter was a Councillor in 1939 when he polled 1,802 votes. In this election he received only 1,538 votes and was defeated. Anderson, not previously a member of the Council, was also defeated, receiving only 1,380 votes.

At Sudbury, Joe Billings, J. M. Thompson and Dr. G. Davidson, polling respectively 149, 228 and 406 votes, were defeated in the election for the City Council. [deletion: 2 lines] J. M. Thompson was the only member who ran for a seat in the Council last year, receiving 265 votes.

In the above three elections, it will be noted that, though a few Communists were elected, there was a considerable drop in their support.

#### C.P. IN CIVIC ELECTIONS, NOVA SCOTIA (SYDNEY)

In conformity with Communist Party policy throughout the Dominion at the present time, prominent Party functionaries at Sydney, Nova Scotia have approached a leading labour member with the purpose of having him run in the coming municipal elections.

Norman MacKenzie, president of Lodge 1064, Steel Workers' Organizing Committee [deletion: 1 line] has been asked to run under the auspices of [deletion: 1 line] in Ward 5 in the next Civic elections. Whether MacKenzie will be boosted as a [deletion: 2 lines] is not known. It is anticipated that he will run as a Steel Workers' candidate, in order to insure his election.[4]

The seriousness of communists gaining control in civic bodies, especially in important industrial centres such as Sydney, because of the international situation, need hardly be emphasized. In view of recent reports to the effect that prominent members of the Party will endeavour early this year to organize steel workers and miners in Cape Breton, the position of one communist member on a civic board (especially if he ostensibly represents the interests of the steel workers) may be viewed with apprehension. Nearly all their recent efforts have caused strikes of serious proportions. At the present time, with the steel works in Sydney running at full capacity on "war orders," a strike would be costly.

#### C.I.O. ORGANIZING IN THE BORDER CITIES

The C.I.O., under the instigation of regional director Burt and organizer Napier are contemplating advancing grievances in all industrial plants where there is union representation in the Border Cities. This will be a preliminary step in developing agitation against employers and subsequent appeals to the labour department. This method is being used by the C.I.O. in an endeavour to apply the Industrial Disputes Act in such a manner that it will be of assistance to them in organizing. So far it has had no success.

Burt claims to have been authorized to spend more money on organizational efforts at the international executive board meeting of the U.A.W. held at Pittsburg recently. He has not divulged any definite plans in this respect.

#### "THE CLARION, BY ANY OTHER NAME—"

A new newspaper, the "Canada Tribune," will be published in Toron-

to in the course of the next week or so. This publication will take the place of the newspaper "Clarion," chief organ of the Communist Party, which was recently banned by the Secretary of State. A. A. MacLeod, [deletion: 1 line] and former national chairman of the Canadian League for Peace and Democracy, will be managing editor; J. G. King, [deletion: 2 lines], is business manager. The editorial board of this paper is composed of two well-known Montreal individuals, R. L. Calder, K.C., member of the C.C.F. [deletion: 1 line][5][deletion: 1 line], and vice-president of the Montreal branch of the Canadian Civil Liberties Union; and R. A. C. Ballantyne, [deletion: 2 lines] and secretary of the Montreal branch of the Canadian Civil Liberties Union.

It is not known as yet what the policy of this paper will be. It will, however, be subsidized by the C.P. of Canada and will carry on to a great extent the work of the late "Clarion."

#### MORE ENGLISH-SPEAKING MEMBERS WANTED (MONTREAL)

It has been decided that the English-speaking section of the Communist Party at Montreal must start recruiting immediately. Consequently a sympathizers' meeting will be organized on a large scale. This information shows a change in policy of the Communist Party at Montreal, who a few weeks ago issued instructions that recruiting into English-speaking sections of the Party would be discontinued until further notice.

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#### A BLAST FROM OUR RED FURNACE

Leaflets dealing with the peace-front adopted by the Communist Party of Canada have been published and distributed in Nova Scotia by the Maritime Committee during the latter part of December. These leaflets represent the latest attempt of the Party to oppose the war aims of the Canadian Government, and it will be seen from the following excerpt that the views expressed are as corruptive and disruptive as anything previously issued:[7]

"The present situation in Northern Europe is the result of the intrigues and schemes of the reactionary Finnish government, who agreed to serve as a tool for British imperialism, and who were in agreement with the British ruling class for allowing Finland to be used as a base in Northern Europe for an attack on the land of Socialism.... They hide the fact that it was the Russian Workers' revolution and its Party of Lenin & Stalin who gave independence to Finland, and it was Baron Mannerheim, friend of the Tsar's court, decorated with the iron cross by Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany supported by German and British imperialist bayonets, who drowned

in blood the newly born Workers' and Farmers' government of Finland.....

"This Imperialist war is being fought to decide who will dominate Europe for colonies, natural resources, work markets to enrich the exploiters and to prevent the workers from gaining their freedom.... The main consideration above all others is capitalism's efforts to crush Socialism and to prolong their own greedy exploiting system.....

"The Hitlers, the Chamberlains, the Daladiers are all to blame for this Imperialist War. They shamelessly conduct the war under the disguise of fighting Fascism, aggression and defending democracy. They who strangled democratic Spain, who betrayed Ethiopia, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Albania and Memel; they who filled the concentration camps of Europe with hundreds of thousands of the best working class fighters. They who hold the responsibility for the murder of tens of thousands of the flower of the working class.....

"The War Measures Act at one blow wipes out Magna Charta and every vestige of Canadian democratic rights and liberties that took centuries of working class struggle to gain. It is designed to crush all opposition, all protest, against the scandalous profits that are being piled up by the rich exploiters the dealers in blood. The Clarte and the Clarion working class papers are suppressed and the management arrested, dragged into court for daring to criticize the government and the munition kings. Trade Union leaders are arrested, ministers of the church are persecuted for voicing the sentiments of the "prince of peace." The blood thirsty war mongers bare their fangs and snarl and snap at any who mention peace.[8]

"Sixty thousand of the best sons of the Canadian working class were killed in the 'war to end wars' 1914-1918. Sixty new millionaires were created. The war mongers are out to improve on this. They are trying to place the whole burden of the war onto the backs of the working class, by increasing their profits. Your dollar today is worth no more than 70 cents at the corner store. To put this over they must weaken working class resistance by attempting to smash trade unions as evidenced by Premier MacDonald and his police terror against the Lockport Fishermen's Union, and by Dosco's offensive assisted by the government against the steel workers and coal miners.

"With honourable exceptions practically the whole leadership of the C.C.F. have climbed onto the Imperialist war chariot. They outdo the capitalist's venal press in slanderous attacks against the Soviet Union. They execute all forms of gymnastics in trying to fool the people that this Imperialist war is a war for democracy. They speak of reconstruction after the war is over, ignoring the fact that

millions of workers are condemned to be slaughtered in the meantime. They are playing a more treacherous role than their colleagues of the 2nd International did in the 1914-18 blood bath....

"The Communist Party is opposed to Imperialistic war and will leave no stone unturned to save the working class from being butchered for profits.....

"Workers—Build your trade union and a struggle for higher wages to meet the increased cost of living. FIGHT the War Measures Act and every infringement on your democratic rights and liberties."

"FOR FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND PRESS  
DOWN WITH THE IMPERIALIST WAR"[9]

### GENERAL

#### ILLEGAL STRIKES BANNED BY UNITED MINE WORKERS

As a result of the numerous unofficial strikes and petty disturbances of recent occurrence in the Nova Scotia mining district the United Mine Workers (District 26) have issued a circular declaring they would no longer countenance petty strikes or any other breaches of contract entered into between United Mine Workers and operating companies.

"For the past two years," reads the circular, "irrespective of the fact that there exists a joint signed agreement by and between the United Mine Workers of America, District 26, and the International Union, and the Dominion Coal Corporation, Limited, there have been many stoppages of work by tie-ups and strikes. These stoppages are open and defiant violations of the 3rd clause of our joint agreement....

"Illegal tie-ups, strikes, or stoppages of work will no longer be tolerated on the part of our membership. If one more member of the United Mine Workers of America feels that he is unjustly dealt with by the company, he must take up his grievance as provided by the joint agreement, remaining at work until same is adjusted as provided by the terms of our joint agreement.

"The executive board of District 26 and your International Union will no longer countenance or condone violation of its joint contract. Any failure to subscribe to its provisions by our membership whose economic welfare is protected and preserved under its provisions and the provisions of our district and International Constitution will be dealt with forthwith in harmony with the laws of our union."

The above official action of the U.M.W. should have a healthy effect throughout the Nova Scotia mining industry and do much to offset the disruptive work of such [deletion: 1 line] as Pat Sullivan and Charlie Murphy, who, (as explained in our last Bulletin) are planning "a big push this

spring” on Cape Breton steel and coal industries.[10]