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EDITORIAL

A LESSON FROM DIES

The reports of the Dies Committee on un-American activities, together with Representative Martin Dies' series of articles now appearing in "Liberty" are of vital significance to Canada, whose social and political problems are for the most part accurate reflections of its neighbour's.

Dies has exposed "more snakes than I can kill," in the guise of Communists, Nazis and Fascists. He has shown that these traitors to democracy, over 1,000,000 strong, are striving by fair means and foul to destroy every right and privilege free peoples have fought for and won down through the ages. He has shown how these traitors penetrate wholesome progressive movements and corrupt their personnel into enemies of the State—how the leadership of many C.I.O. and Federation of Labour Unions, of youth, church and educational associations is Communist, drawing its pay and control from Russia. He has shown how all these subversive elements "borrowed the fundamentals of their cults from Karl Marx, the greatest expounder of the philosophy of materialism the world has yet produced."

What about Canada? Our investigators have found evidence of similar methods and conditions. The audacity and virulence of our traitors are in

no wise behind their's. Because, however, we are actually at war, Americans can afford to confine themselves to "investigations" and political controversies regarding their internal enemies, while we must act with decision and force, upon the evidence at hand, to defeat these enemies before they have defeated us.

Weakening the power of the Defence of Canada Regulations (at the indirect instigation of the enemy) is like boring holes in our boat while crossing a stream!

Clinging to our peacetime rights (as demanded by the enemy), while they are being used as weapons to destroy all freedom, is national suicide!

Leniency towards traitors is abject betrayal of our own people![1]

COMMUNISM

THE OLD "CLARTE" BECOMES "THE NEW" (MONTREAL)

"La Clarte Nouvelle", successor to the French Communist newspaper "La Clarte" which was banned by the Acting Secretary of State on October 5, 1939, appeared the latter part of December in Montreal. This publication is mimeographed and carries no indication by whom or where it is published. It flouts the Canadian Government's authority to initiate and enforce the Defence of Canada Regulations. The main article is a repetition of the one issued by the Central Executive of the Communist International on the occasion of the 22nd Anniversary of the October Revolution. Another stresses the position of French Canada among the other provinces and warns:

"Do not believe those who call you for war under the flag of national unity. What may there be in common between yourselves and those who make a commerce of cannons and of human blood? What unity can there be between exploiters and exploited?"

Other articles severely criticise the dictatorship powers bestowed upon the Canadian Government, "in the interests of the millionaire profiteers and the imperialists.....the regime of profits made on the blood of the people."

It is reported that the paper is to be published weekly. Seventeen hundred copies of the first issue were mimeographed—probably in Montreal.

POLISH PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION STILL ACTIVE (TORONTO)

Since its organization in Canada, the Polish People's Association has received financial aid from the Ukrainian Labour Farmers Temple Association. The former organization, like the latter, is [2] exclusively under Communist leadership and both organizations have similar ends and objects, namely to attract to and educate as many members as possible in the doctrines of communism. This fact directly contradicts the assertions fre-

quently made in public that the P.P.A. is not a Communist organization.

During the Spanish Civil War this organization recruited about forty of its members for service in Spain with the Mackenzie-Papineau Battalion. Upon arrival overseas, however, they were transferred to the Dombrowski Polish Battalion.

The P.P.A. is continually collecting money from its members and sympathizers for the purpose of furthering communist propaganda in Canada, Poland and other parts of the world. Financial aid was sent to political prisoners in Poland and also to Spain for the purpose of equipping Polish members of the Mackenzie-Papineau Battalion. This aid was in some instances sent abroad openly by the organization, but more often it was sent through a selected individual so that the organization should not be involved. Leaders of this association have stated publicly that thousands of dollars have been collected from the Poles in Canada and used as stated above.

Since the outbreak of war, the organizational personnel of the Polish People's Association have been divided into two sections. The less important organizers have remained in Toronto, but the leaders are reported to be now in Winnipeg. With the signing of the Russo-German pact a number of members severed their connections. Most of these have since returned and the incident has had no serious effect upon the organization.

Leaders are Arthur Morski, editor of "Glos Pracy", Wasyl Dutkewich, J. Maitchak and Tadeusz Lewandowski. The activities of the P.P.A are of similar nature to those of the U.L.F.T.A.—meetings, dances, socials, children's schools, etc.[3]

YOUNG COMMUNISTS' CHALLENGE TO GOVERNMENT

Twenty-five hundred copies of a mimeographed pamphlet, issued for Toronto and Eastern Ontario by the National Executive Committee of the Young Communist League of Canada, were distributed recently. Further copies of this leaflet are to be printed or mimeographed by the Young Communist League districts in Quebec, Western Canada and Northern and Western Ontario. Funds are not available for a central printing of this circular. The leaflet was written by Sam Walsh and Dave Kashtan. [deletion: 2 lines]

The leaflet is entitled "Youth Must Fight For Life, Not Die For Profits" and is contained in two sheets, written on both sides and appropriately decorated with rough drawings. There is a similarity in this and all other leaflets issued recently by the Party and their affiliate organizations which denounce the Canadian Government for their support of the "Imperialist War" and the "Blackout of Civil Liberties."

Under the sub-title "Lest We Forget", the article states, "In 1914-18 our fathers were led and conscripted into the terrible slaughter of imperialist war under the false slogans of 'save democracy', 'a war to end all wars', 'a land fit for heroes to live in.' Now again we are expected to

uphold an empire that holds 500,000,000 human beings in virtual slavery, to defend capitalism, which breeds imperialist war and poverty for the people.....It is a brutal, unjust robber war of rival imperialisms.”

Urging the “young people of Canada” to “rally with the Canadian working class in a united militant struggle against the imperialist war-makers”, the article calls for “a free social Canada”, and concludes:

**“END THE IMPERIALIST WAR!
JOIN THE YOUNG COMMUNIST LEAGUE!”[4]**

**WAR'S THREAT TO LABOUR
(VANCOUVER)**

The British Columbia Coast District of the International Woodworkers of America (C.I.O.) held their annual convention at Vancouver, commencing on January 3. Some fifty delegates attended from Vancouver Island and the interior, whilst about half a dozen were present from locals in Washington and Oregon, U.S.A. The meeting was opened by Mayor Lyle Telford who wished them “all the success in the world in their fight for humanity.”

Stressing the fact that although sawmills and camps were expanding operations under the stimulus of war orders and that employment was at a ten-year high, Hjalmer Bergren, president of District Council, said that in very few cases have wages risen correspondingly whereas the cost of living was going up. He pointed out that industrial safety in the woods and manufacturing centers was at a low ebb owing to speed-up systems, power saws and outworn machinery. Bergren submitted the following resolutions which were adopted by the meeting:

1. Definite steps for a wage increase.
2. Obviate speed-up systems and the power saw.
3. Work to establish the C.I.O. lumber locals as an organizing force throughout all B.C. Industries.
4. Eliminate war profiteering.
5. Increase safety precautions.

The District Council secretary and provincial representative on the international executive board of the C.I.O., Nigel Morgan, supported Bergren. He declared that a “war, as it always has done, threatens labour. We have failed in China, Spain, Austria and Czecho-Slovakia and now in England and France. Our greatest war is to prevent Canada’s fifty big-shots from destroying democracy at home. Since hostilities commenced we have embarked upon regulations we used to think characteristic of dictatorship. Public orders have been passed which can, and in some cases in eastern Canada have, destroyed trade unions, one of the corner stones of democracy.” He also criticized the Department of Labour in British Columbia, and emphasized the importance of amendments to the Defence of Canada Regulations.[5]

The second session developed into a discussion of the "Blackout of the fundamental rights of the Canadian People." A resolution in favour of civil liberties was adopted.

The resolution receiving the most enthusiastic endorsement was that calling for \$1.00 a day wage increase for woodworkers.

**"KANADSKY GUDOK" ATTACKS AGAIN
(WINNIPEG)**

The December 28 issue of "Kanadsky Gudok", published at Winnipeg in the Russian language and under the auspices of the Communist Party, scathingly attacks the so-called capitalist press, charging it with spreading abominable lies about the U.S.S.R.

The main article, entitled "Dimitroff About Stalin", is a eulogy of the latter by the General Secretary of the Communist International and apparently emanates from Moscow. The writer urges the workers in capitalist countries to follow the teachings of Stalin. He further says "the Communist Party learns and will learn from Stalin the art of successfully overthrowing the capitalist orders and introducing a workers' system." The article continues:

"There is no greater honour for the Revolutionary Workers than to closely follow Lenin and Stalin. The Bolsheviks know that victory will never come by itself, that it must be achieved, conquered and, therefore, the revolutionary Workers must prepare. They must, therefore, learn from Stalin how to fight, how to fight in a revolutionary realistic way and must learn to be fearless and ruthless in the class struggle with the enemy."

In conformity with other Communist publications in Canada, the various articles call for the defence of the rights of Canadian people. The efforts of the Canadian Labour Defence League are extolled.[6]

**"TRUTH ABOUT THE IMPERIALIST WAR"
(HAMILTON)**

Apparently each district of the Communist Party throughout Canada has been authorized to print and circulate its own pamphlet containing "facts" relative to the present war. In the main, these various documents differ very little in content, which, in recent weeks, has been almost exclusively the Soviet-Finnish war and the attitude Canadians should take toward it.

In this connection the Hamilton executive of the Communist Party of Canada has issued a small four-page circular headed "Truth About The Imperialist War" which has been distributed in the Hamilton area. The pamphlet discusses the "miraculously resurrected League of Nations" and "the campaign of hate, lies and incitement against the Soviet Union." Questioning the reasons for the sudden interest being taken in the League of Nations by "Imperialist powers", the pamphlet declares that "collec-

tive security and the League of Nations were scuttled by the ruling class of England and France." This policy of the Allied nations means "a war in which the mass of people are the sufferers in terms of death, privation and loss of liberty; a war for the glory of munition kings, bankers and bosses." Declaring that England is directly responsible for the war in Finland, the pamphlet states that "the British government which sold Czechoslovakia down the river at Munich and starved a genuine democratic Republic into submission (Republic of Spain) overreaches itself in its zeal to use the capitalist class of Finland to lead the Finnish people to destruction in war upon the Soviet Union."

The pamphlet ends with the following appeal to the working men and women of Hamilton:

"Smash the plans of the Canadian reactionaries to involve the Canadian people in an anti-Soviet war! Fight against the imperialist war-makers! Demand the repeal of the War Measures Act, which has taken away the democratic rights of the people, suppresses the press and is intended as a weapon to keep the truth from the light of day! Fight against profiteering and the high cost of living! Demand wage increases![7]

"Greetings to the Finnish people, who together with the Red Army of Liberation and Freedom will rid Finland once and for all of its exploiters and ensure a friendly co-existence between the people of Finland and the U.S.S.R."

"CANADIAN TRIBUNE"

Subscribers to the new publication, the "Canadian Tribune", which is being issued under the auspices of the Communist Party at Toronto, have been notified that this paper would not appear until January 20, two weeks later than expected. The "Tribune" is the proposed resurrection of the defunct "Clarion."

COMING CONVENTION

The 1940 Communist convention is to be held in New York city this coming Spring. In the meantime arrangements are being made to discuss the election of delegates and other business in this connection.[8]

AFTER-EFFECTS OF TORONTO ELECTIONS

[>deletion: 2 lines] In all instances they had anticipated a higher vote and even believed that J.B. Salsberg might be elected in Ward 4. [>deletion: 1 line] had estimated that Stewart Smith would poll at least 25,000 votes. The 19,000 odd votes which he did poll has been a depressing shock to the Party. Deflection of the Jewish support also was a blow.

The election of William Thomas Lawson, [>deletion: 1 line] Board of Education, came as a great surprise to members of the Party. Prior to the election little was known of Lawson's connections with the Communist Party and his election in Ward 4 is considered a real victory. In all

probability the Party will endeavour to use his influence to offset the Communist defeat in the aldermanic field and the Board of Control.

The result of the polling at Toronto this year may more than ever represent the true support of the Communists at that point. In view of the intensive campaign conducted to oust Communists from the municipal board, it is hardly probable that many others than Party members and sympathizers voted for their own candidates. [deletion: 2 lines] Stewart Smith's vote may be looked upon as a fair indication of [deletion: 1 line] support among the electorate at Toronto.

The Communist Party plans to issue a post election leaflet, outlining the reasons for its reduced vote, but at the same time terming it a victory. The leaflet will deal with the need for "progressive labour action" to release the program outlined and advocated by Stewart Smith [deletion: 1 line] It will also attack the recently elected civil administration as a return to "Family Compact" administration and the issues and methods used by anti-Communist Party candidates in the elections.[9]

LABOUR REBUKES COMMUNIST TACTICS (VANCOUVER)

The Trades and Labour Council at Vancouver held their first meeting of 1940 on January 2. Members were addressed by a former president of the Council, Arthur Crawford, who is now stationed in the east. In his address, Crawford roundly condemned the Communist Party, with special reference to those members representing the various local trade unions. He charged that the C.P. is the only political party in Canada that has not offered to co-operate with the Government in the prosecution of the war. He stated that Communists sitting as delegates on trades councils throughout the Dominion have been able to advance themselves through their association with trade union movements. He declared that these individuals have taken this opportunity to expound through the press that the trade union movement in Canada is "Red" and that it is not adherent to the policies it has laid down.

"The time has come", Mr. Crawford continued, "for the trade union movement to take a stand on its policy. Trades and labour councils throughout the Dominion should decide to carry out the policy of labour as laid down by the constitution of the movement and deal only with business relative to labour instead of discussing matters that may prove detrimental."

The president of the Council, E.A. Jamieson, rebuked a reporter from the "Advocate", Communist Party organ in British Columbia which had prophesied that the policy presently enunciated by the council would be "out of line" in a few months.

Recent meetings of the Vancouver and New Westminster Council have strongly opposed the Communist Party faction and influence therein and this opposition to the C.P. is steadily gathering strength.[10]