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EDITORIAL

"PREPARING FOR A LAST CRUSADE"

Lies and rumors of lies increase in intensity and ingenuity. Bulletins printed and mimeographed, issue from hide-outs in every town from Halifax to Vancouver in a desperate attempt to "politicize" unwary Canadians into becoming adherents of Communism and vassals of Stalin.

But Canada is only one small section of the world-wide battlefield in this relentless (perhaps "final") war that is challenging all the best in humanity. And humanity is gradually awakening to this ominous truth.

A semi-official report on world conditions, emanating from London, contains the following warning and admonition:

"The truth is that we are face to face with evil forces which are bending all their considerable energies and exercising all their wits in order to destroy that which is best in our highest conception of life and its meaning. Such a struggle cannot be abandoned, even if we wished it so, nor indeed can it easily be resolved.

"History seems to teach that sometimes a man or a family is evidently destined to perform one single task in preparation for which there seem to be almost endless, even meaningless, years of vicis-

situde and trial which must be faithfully endured until the appointed time if the task is to be accomplished. The clearest minds see in this present strife the consummation of a great conflict which has been raging for countless centuries. It is a struggle between evil and chivalry. The course of the struggle can be traced through history in the deeds of men and nations. Almost it would seem as if certain peoples, driven by some terrible force to which they had given hostages, had been [1] preparing themselves to become the supreme instruments of that evil, while other nations, as if following a fiery cross at times bright and clear and at others dim and almost lost to sight, had been preparing for a last crusade.

"If indeed the conflict is of such a nature, and few doubt it, it may yet be that we shall be stripped of our confidence in political theories and much of our hope in material forces and because of this, after passing through a cleansing, we shall fulfil our appointed task, for which all that has gone before, the best and the finest deeds in our history like the hardest and the most difficult, has been a preparation." [2] [Page 3 is missing.]

LENIN MEMORIAL MEETING AT TORONTO

A public meeting was held on January 21, in the Labour Temple, Toronto, under the auspices of the Communist Party, to commemorate the 16th anniversary of the death of Lenin. Fred Collins, recently defeated [deletion: 1 line] for alderman in Toronto, acted as chairman; the other speakers being Walter Dent and William Lawson, [deletion: 2 lines] the latter school trustee in Toronto.

Collins gave a brief biographical outline of the life of Lenin and stated that "if the Canadian people applied the teachings of Lenin they would be able to do in Canada what the Russian people had done in Russia."

Walter Dent, who ostensibly spoke on behalf of the progressive youth of Toronto, dealt mostly with the "growing opposition to the war", claiming that "the French-Canadian people had provided an object lesson by their struggle which had prevented conscription as far as Quebec was concerned." He said that "millions of people had been killed during the last Great War, all for the lust of war profiteers and financiers." Answering his own question, "What was the heritage of youth following the last war?" he told his audience that unemployment and miserable economic conditions had been the outcome, and extolled the great heritage that Lenin had left to the youth of the Soviet Union in educational facilities, etc.

The main speaker, William Lawson, eulogized Lenin as a profound thinker whose ideas had found expression and realization in the creation of the Soviet Union. He said it was important at this time, when the capitalist nations were passing from secret diplomacy to open armed intervention against the Soviet Union, to study the truth and to realize that

under capitalism we are living in the Dark Ages as compared with the Soviet system.

Engels and Marx had shown the way out from capitalism by means of the dictatorship of the proletariat. Lawson asserted that Lenin had followed a policy of revolutionary opposition to the last Great War, and that "the workers and soldiers had stopped the war themselves." [4]

He lauded the Soviet constitution as being the most democratic in the world and explained that the dictatorship of the proletariat was only a temporary measure. Mentioning the Padlock Law and the War Measures Act, Lawson said that in view of these laws, some people still had the nerve to call Stalin a dictator.

The working class, he continued, needs a party which will follow Lenin's teachings. "The Communist Party still lives and will never give up the struggle until Socialism has been achieved....The Canadian capitalist will not give up without a struggle and when the time comes that they use force, the Canadian people will know how to deal with it." In this connection, he read a quotation urging Communists to be leaders of the Lenin type, "merciless to the enemy."

From recent reports relating to the Communist Party and their activities, it appears that the Party are making very strenuous efforts to develop an "agit prop" department, and the word "revolutionary" has been making its appearance in a great many other recent statements attributed to Communist Party leaders.

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PREPARATIONS FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION

(VANCOUVER)

The Communist Party of Canada is already preparing to take part in the forthcoming Federal election campaign. The Vancouver branch has been given preliminary instructions as follows:

With a Federal election in the offing the main tasks of C. P. members will be to expose the Imperialist war aims and Canada's part in it, and link this up with the economic difficulties of the workers. Discussions should include how the role of the Mackenzie King Government has changed, and that by carrying out Canada's war aims, they are slowly but surely taking away our democratic rights. All members must arouse public opinion against profiteering by agitating against high prices. This should be continually brought up with acquaintances and fellow-workers. Our new slogan will be

"Make the Rich pay for their own war." Stickers and leaflets bearing this slogan will soon be printed. These are to be stuck on store windows, placed in street-cars, in magazines and books, and any other place that can be thought of where they can come to the attention of the workers.

NEW PRESS CORRESPONDENT

The death of Pat Forkin, Canadian Communist press correspondent, was reported several weeks ago from the Soviet Union. In his place, Shachno Epstein, formerly one of the editors of the "Freiheit", Jewish Communist daily at New York, has been appointed correspondent at Moscow. Articles reported emanating from Epstein have been appearing in recent issues of "Der Veg" (The Road), Canadian Yiddish language paper, published at Toronto.[6]

NAZI ATTITUDE TOWARDS COMMUNISM

A close watch has been maintained on the relationship existing between Nazi followers in Canada and the Communist Party. Whereas before the commencement of hostilities there was hardly a Nazi who would have associated with a Communist, now reliable information discloses that these "isms" are more or less fraternizing, that their views about causes and aims in the present war are on a common ground and directed against Great Britain. They agree that the present war is a war between working classes and international capitalism and between Socialism and Capitalistic Democracy. The capitalist countries, especially Great Britain, must be defeated.

It is interesting to note that prior to the last municipal election in Toronto, several adherents to the Nazi policy were reported to have stated that "if they were entitled to a vote they would vote only for communist candidates."

DIES' OBJECTIVES ENDORSED

Canadians note with interest that the work of the Dies Committee has been endorsed in the House of Representatives by a vote of 345 to 21. The Committee's part in exposing and jailing Earl Browder (Communist leader) and Fritz Kuhn (American Bund leader) was widely acclaimed.[7]

ANNIVERSARY DRIVE FOR CONVERTS (WINNIPEG)

A bulletin emanating from Winnipeg, but similar to one published in other parts of Canada, has been mimeographed and circulated amongst members of the Communist Party and sympathizers.

It urges all Party members to commemorate the anniversary of the three great working-class leaders, Lenin, Liebknecht and Luxemburg, and to impart to youth the great Leninist teachings on "Imperialist War" as "powerful weapons in the hands of the revolutionary movement of today".

Declaring that the history of the Young Communist League is closely bound up with the struggle of the revolutionary socialist youth against the Imperialist war, the bulletin urges the League "to fight against the treacherous social democratic leaders of the 'Socialist' youth leaders".

It also stresses the necessity of an intensive anniversary drive to distribute the "history of the communist party and the communist union" (Bolshevik), as their fundamental textbook.

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ORGANIZING FOR MORE LABOUR TROUBLE (SYDNEY)

At a meeting held recently at the Steel Union Hall, Sydney, Nova Scotia, delegates from the coal mining locals unanimously decided that a branch of the Trades and Labour Council should set up at Sydney. George McEachern, [<deletion: 2 lines] was elected Provisional President. Other provisional officers included Clarence MacInnis, Secretary, and Rankin McDonald, Treasurer.

It was suggested by a delegate from Glace Bay that a Provincial Federation of Labour should be organized in preference to a county Trades and Labour Council, in accordance with the Ottawa Conference of the C.I.O. In this connection, McEachern explained that similar councils will be organized in the Province and from this will emerge a Provincial Federation. Application for a charter will be forwarded to the C.I.O.

A resolution emanating from the Glace Bay Branch of the Army and Navy War Veterans Association, demanding an investigation into the high cost of living and low wages, was approved by the meeting. A similar resolution will be dealt with by the council at its next meeting and submitting to the proper authorities.

The formation of the above Trades and Labour Council is in conjunction with expressed Communist Party policy at this time. It is of especial interest to note that prominent Communist organizers intend to agitate in the mining districts and in the steel industry this spring, and are building their plans accordingly.[9][<blank]

UKRAINIAN COMMUNISTS HAVE SUCCESSFUL YEAR (WINNIPEG)

The annual meeting of the Winnipeg Branch of the Ukrainian Labour Farmer Temple Association was held on January 21 with approximately [10] 200 persons in attendance. From the report, it is indicated that a very successful year has ended for the Ukrainian Labour Farmer Temple Association and that very close to \$20,000 was received by the Winnipeg Branch, giving a credit balance of over \$850.00. According to the report, most of the receipts had been spent on educational work.

If the figures quoted are correct, it would appear that the Association

has lost little prestige over the Russo-German pact and its later ramifications, despite the fact that it is dominated and controlled by the Communist Party. As suggested, the majority of money collected by the U.L.F.T.A. is spent on "educational work" amongst the Ukrainians practically all propaganda in some form or another.

**MORE PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGNS
(MONTREAL)**

In an effort to disseminate as much propaganda as possible, the Communist Party throughout Canada are publishing a wide variety of pamphlets and newspapers. The majority of these publications are in mimeograph form and are circularized by local districts of the Party. In Quebec Province and particularly Montreal, the French-Canadian membership of the Communist Party are undertaking one of the most intensive drives in the country in order to propagate dissension and disclaim the "Imperialist War".

One of the more recent publications in the French language, "L'Eclaircur" (The Scout), published by the Young Communist League of Quebec, carries the manifesto of the executive committee of the Communist international which appeared last November and contains a vicious onslaught upon the Allied nations and their war efforts. One paragraph of this manifesto discloses the trend:

"If the youth fights in revolutionary unity it will be in a position to rally the whole working class in the struggle against the war. Therefore, working youth, raise high the banner of combat for unity. Follow the example of the heroic youth of Spain which cemented its unity in the revolutionary war of liberation." [11]