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EDITORIAL

WHY THE BULLETIN?

Its office is two-fold:

1. Liaison between R.C.M.P. Police Headquarters and Heads of Government Departments.
2. Liaison between R.C.M.P. Police Headquarters and Commanding Officers throughout the field.

Its purpose (in the first category) is to keep the Government advised of all conditions, movements and acts that in any way tend to menace our Civil Security either by direct action or by indirect influence, and thus permit the framing of corrective laws and regulations founded upon evidence gathered largely from secret sources.

Its purpose within the Force is to knit all Officer in a common knowledge of present working conditions and activities throughout the whole Dominion and so aid them in the carrying out of their respective duties relating to Civil Security.

It is not the intention of the Bulletin to provide profuse details on any particular "case" such as are embodied in reports from Divisions, but rather to reveal at a glance the significance and motives underlying the case.

The Editorial usually calls attention to some major problem at present

receiving or demanding action, or reviews unsocial and anti-Canadian trends of thought and frankly suggests ways and means of correcting them.

The "Style" of the Bulletin is dictated by one motive: to have the summary read. Therefore the articles are short and the contents to the point.

The need of protecting Bulletins from falling into "wrong" hands is obvious to all who read them.[1]

COMMUNISM

"SAVE CANADA FROM CATASTROPHE"

Under the above title the Communist Party of Canada have compiled a pre-election nine-page booklet that for violent invective and incitement to revolt against responsible government exceeds all previous outbursts. The Defence of Canada Regulations have never been openly and more defiantly challenged! This booklet is largely a compilation of the baldest accusations and denunciations contained in other pamphlets distributed recently from the Centre at Toronto and is being mimeographed in cities east and west for the widest possible distribution. We quote in part:

What lies behind the farce enacted in Ottawa on January 25th?
What is the purpose of the snap election called for March 26th?

Under the virtual military dictatorship established by the War Measures Act, the King Government and the main capitalist groups, in agreement with Chamberlain, desire to carry through a mock election before the Canadian people gather their forces sufficiently to fight back against their criminal war. They have wiped out your democratic rights and set up a ruthless, despotic regime....They make it illegal for any candidate in the election to speak or publish the truth. They intend to arrest any honest working class candidate. Their election is no better than one of Hitler's "plebiscites". Through it they aim to secure a fake "mandate" to rule over you for the next five years and carry through their criminal war policy.

They want the election over before the massacre starts on the Western Front. They plan conscription, to herd hundreds of thousands of Canada's finest sons to slaughter in Europe. A quick election and then conscription—that is their plan....[2]

They want to get the election over as quickly as possible, before the Canadian people begin to realize that the war is really directed against them. Before the war, the government held secret conferences with the leading employers on ways and means of keeping wages down in time of war....

The war offensive of the government and the capitalists is directed in the first place against you, the Canadian workers and farmers. These men of the capitalist class, who despoiled and laid waste our country before the war, jubilantly greet and support the vast human slaughter as an opportunity for greater robbery and

plunder of the Canadian people. Their chief class aim is to devise ways and means of coining millions from your war suffering and exploitation.

They are holding down to starvation levels the prices they pay for the farmers' products, while bleeding the consumers through war prices. They intend to take the farmers' sons away from the cultivation of their homeland to drench the soil of Europe with their blood....

There will be no prosperity for you. They will rob and plunder you during the war, and leave you destitute and starving in the after-war ruin.

To save Canada and to save themselves, the Canadian people must unite to beat back this war offensive of the government and the capitalists. That is the only way to use the election for your own interests and the interests of your country. Only disaster awaits you, unless a truly powerful fight is waged to stop the war plundering of the nation.....

In the elections, they will tell you they are fighting for the well-being of peoples in Europe. Do not believe such bare-faced lies! This class of capitalists who exploit you, who have condemned Canada to years of crisis for their profits, who condemn hundreds of thousands of Canadian children to misery and undernourishment, are not in war for the well-being of any peoples in Europe....

They will tell you they are waging war for "democracy". This is the most despicable lie of all. They are the [3] enemies of democracy.

For years they have conspired against Canadian democracy, stripping the Canadian people of the heritage of the revolutionary struggles of MacKenzie and Papineau...Now they have crushed all your democratic rights and have established their unbridled class dictatorship. In the face of all truth, they think the Canadian people are so gullible as to believe their brazen lies about "war for democracy"

What are their REAL aims in the war with German Imperialism? They are clear.

First, to preserve their imperialist markets, dependent on the hegemony of British Imperialism in Europe, and endangered by German imperialism.

Second, to profit from the war tortures of Europe's peoples and to make fortunes by the barter of Canadian lives for European arms orders.

Third, to strengthen their own imperialist position in the world, seize new super-profit markets from Germany and Britain in South America, Africa and in British dominions and colonies, and acquire

a creditor position in world finance by vast war exports of capital.

In this war the Canadian capitalists plan to revel in luxury at home, raking in the mounting piles of profits, while sending our best sons to rot and die in the trenches of someone else's war on a far-off continent. Greedily they count the millions that they will make from the life of every Canadian boy sacrificed on their barbarous altar of profits. A degenerate, begotten, parasitical class, they are carrying on a traffic in death. In exchange for war orders, they are bartering Canadian lives. What despicable pay-triots! Relying upon this vicious trade, the imperialists of Europe are refusing to make peace and are planning a long and ghastly slaughter, which will pile the battlefields with mountains of dead.

People of Canada! Do not permit this parasitical ruling class to make a mockery of your love of democracy, justice and truth by cloaking their bloody criminal war with these sacred words! In the name of all that we hold [4] dear, in the name of the rights bequeathed to us as a North American people by the struggles of our pioneer forefathers, determine to fight against this war, this ghastly crime against humanity.

Fight for Canada Against the War!

As a people, we, the Canadians, now face the greatest test of our national history. In the interests of our country, in the interests of world peace, in the interests of all humanity, we must wage a fight to the end against the criminal war aims of our parasitical ruling class. We must break their war alliance with British imperialism, which prolongs and extends the slaughter with the resources of Canada and the lives of her sons. We must extricate Canada from the war, and thus speed the termination of the slaughter, and save our country and ourselves from catastrophe and ruin.

This, and only this, position in the federal election represents the true interests of Canada and the Canadian people.....

Manion, Hepburn and Drew would "improve" upon the ruthless suppression of democracy, the heartless exploitation and robbery of the Canadian people, and push the nation more deeply into the morass of war.....

The ruling class relies upon these lackeys in the C.C.F., in the Social Credit Party and in the trade union movement to help lead the masses to the slaughter under the fraudulent slogan that this is a "just" war. Their role is the most despicable one.....

Your problem is to build unity of the Canadian people in uncompromising struggle against the criminal war-makers and their hangers-on.[5]

COMMUNIST PARTY ELECTION PLATFORM

(As Quoted From Booklet "SAVE CANADA
FROM CATASTROPHE")

The Communist Party Holds High the People's Banner

The Communist Party, alone among the political parties, refuses to submit to the war dictatorship of big capital, disdains to conceal its principled adherence to the true interests of the working class and raises high the banner of struggle for the people's interests, for democratic rights, and against the criminal imperialist war.....

Now, in the face of the unbridled dictatorship of the capitalist war-makers, the Communist party calls upon you to unite and fight in the federal election for the platform that truly represents your interests:

1. No Conscription! Bring the Canadian boys back to Canada! Not a man must leave Canada's shores to die in imperialist war!
2. Repeal the War Measures Act! The real fight for democracy is here in Canada against the war dictatorship of reaction! Freedom for the honest working class press! Release Douglas Stewart of the Clarion!
3. Higher wages, union conditions, the 8-hour day. Fight back the bosses' war on living standards! Make the war profiteers pay living wages!
4. Parity prices for the farmers! Jail the war profiteers!
5. Repeal the Sales Tax. Tax the incomes and fortunes of the rich. They grow fat on war. Let them pay for it!
6. Non-contributory unemployment and health insurance; increased relief pending such insurance. Our children come first—not war profits!
7. A national works program of slum clearance and rehousing for the people, to provide jobs so that our youth can work to build Canada, not die for profits![6]

The Communist candidates, fearlessly taking their stand upon this platform of your interests, appeal for your support. Capitalism and the capitalist class, breeding crises, poverty and the horrible slaughter of war, are your enemies, are the enemies of humanity. Their fury is directed in the first place against the Communist Party because it is the vanguard of the working class and of the people in the fight for a new world, a world of Socialism, prosperity and human happiness, without profit-seeking, war-making imperialists. The Communists declare that the workers must not slaughter each other for the profits of their imperialist masters, but must unite to defeat the imperialists on both sides of the imperialist war....In the federal election, the Communist Party raises high the banner of Proletarian Internationalism, true to the end to the cause of the brotherly alliance of the working people of all countries....

The Canadian people have common cause with the Finnish and Soviet people against the Mannerheim war-instigators, whose careers will be ter-

minated to stop the spread of the flames of war.

In the sharpening conflict between the old world of dying capitalism and the new world of growing Socialism in the Soviet Union, the Canadian people's interests lie with the Socialist world. Through all the sudden lies of the capitalist press, the beacon of Socialism in the Soviet Union lights the way of all humanity to peace and happiness!

People of Canada! Workers and Farmers, men, women and youth!

Unite your ranks, build up your popular united front to defeat the war offensive upon your living standards and democratic rights! Never submit to the virtual military dictatorship that has been established by capital! Not all their lies, nor all their persecution and suppression can defeat you!.....

Determine to fight and live in Canada for peace and social progress; not suffer and die for profits! Extricate Canada from the imperialist war!.....

Organize and fight, strike and demonstrate for higher wages, democratic rights, progress and peace!.....[7]

Go to the polls and cast your votes for the Communist candidates, for those who fight for your interests against the imperialist war camp!

In constituencies where all candidates support the war, go the polls and use your ballot for the fight by writing on it the word "Peace"!

Prepare to fight with all means against conscription! Wives, mothers, sisters, wipe the tears from your eyes and demand—for all to hear—that your husbands, sons and brothers be returned to you from the carnage in Europe!

Join in one common front against this most criminal war of human history. Strike a blow in this federal election to save Canada, to end the war, for Peace!

Political Committee
Communist Party of Canada.

SMITH'S TOUR ITINERARY

The "Mid-West Clarion" publishes the itinerary of the National Secretary of the Canadian Labour Defence League (A.E. Smith) Western tour as follows:-

Brandon—Feb. 15; Regina—Feb. 15-24; Calgary—Feb. 24-26; Lethbridge—Feb. 26-27; Blairmore—Feb. 27-29; Vancouver—March 1-12.

Although the schedule of his return trip is not as yet published, it is stated that he will be back in Calgary on March 13.[8]

VOTE FOR PEACE OR SPOIL BALLOTS

The Communist Party is contemplating the organization of an intense campaign of agitation against war, war dictatorship, war economy and

conscription. It is their intention to run candidates wherever possible in the coming election, and in constituencies in which they are not represented they will support those opposed to war, or, where such are not in evidence, will ask voters to go to the polls and void their ballots by writing on them "No Conscription", or "Peace".

The Party is planning to co-operate with the Nationalists on the basis of their opposition to war and will, if necessary, carry on an illegal campaign regardless of the risks involved.

Considering the C.C.F. conditional support of the war as highly unsatisfactory, the Party has resolved to oppose them.

According to reports received from Montreal, the Communist Party are undertaking another "somersault", with instructions being issued by the Quebec Provincial Secretary, E. Dube, that wherever the Communist Party are unable to place their own candidate in the coming Federal Election, members are to support candidates of the Nationalist Party. It is apparent that this is the outcome of Party belief that other political bodies in the field are pro-conscription.

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DISBANDING CANADIAN C.I.O. LOCALS

The Communist Party of Canada has set out in a guarded manner to disband Canadian C.I.O. Locals in favour of affiliation with the All-Canadian Congress of Labour. This move was undoubtedly promoted by the realization that the C.I.O. Locals, being international and particularly American, are decidedly unpopular during this present war period and do not afford an outlet for the energies of their membership; and also, as previously reported in this Bulletin, the C.I.O. is not officially recognized by the Government, having been expelled from the Trades and Labour Congress of Canada. Furthermore, organizers feel that they will be afforded a greater degree of safety under the colours of the A.C.C.L.

Tommy Church [<deletion: 1 line] and C.I.O. Trade Union organizer, is said to have been in the United States, working up the details with the American C.I.O. heads.

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COMMUNIST TICKET IN SASKATCHEWAN

Tentative arrangements have been made in Saskatchewan for several members of the Communist Party to run on a straight Communist ticket. This matter is being taken up with the Centre at Toronto for confirmation.

T.G. McManus, Provincial Secretary of the Communist Party [<dele-

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Walter Wiggins, Provincial President of the Party [3<deletion: 2 lines]

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Niles Buchanan is to run in Wood Mountain on a C.C.F. ticket. C.H. Williams Provincial Leader of the C.C.F. [3<deletion: 2 lines]

STUDENT REDS IN MANITOBA

The Canadian Student Assembly at the University of Manitoba have recently shown that they are wholly in favour of voluntary enlistment but are against conscription. The Assembly at this point is largely composed of Young Communist League members who are very militant. This faction is endeavouring to arouse in the C.S.A. a sentiment in favour of the Soviet Union and, in particular, opposed to the attitude of the Allies towards Finland, and are trying to create an impression that eventually those who enlist with the Allied Forces will find themselves fighting against Socialism, which means Soviet Russia. [11]