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EDITORIAL

Three Communists Arrested

The arrest in Ottawa on February 24 of three Communists caught red-handed in the act of printing and distributing subversive literature has had the effect of shocking the people of Canada into a clearer realization of the presence of a powerful traitorous organization in their midst. It has also made evident that the Communist Party is not composed only of human derelicts, morons and "screw-balls" (as popularly believed) but is drawing its converts from almost every "respectable" class of society. The three arrested, for example, represented the federal Civil Service, the Canadian Army Service Force and the newspaper fraternity. These, however, were only more unfortunate, not more culpable, than the hundreds, perhaps thousands of other men and women who are working with a fervour worthy of a better cause to destroy our constitution, our government and our whole social structure. They are particularly numerous in youth organizations, in universities, in labour unions, in foreign nationality groups and in the ranks of the unemployed. Many individuals are unaware, of course, of the real motives and often criminal character of their leaders.

They are befuddled and subverted by pernicious tales of corruption and autocracy at home and of brutal British and French aggrandizement abroad. They believe that "peace-loving" Russia is the sole protector of humanity and the first Model State. The mesmerism of lies is as effective with Communists as it is with Nazis in Germany, resulting in both cases in moral and political idiocy.

It is plain that the forces of Democracy and individual freedom must look to their existence. "Turning the other cheek" is only inviting disaster. Half the war is in Europe. The other half is behind our lines in Canada and must be waged with equal resourcefulness and decision.

In a recent pamphlet the Communist Party of Canada charges: "The King Government and the main capitalist groups.....have wiped out your democratic rights and set up a ruthless, despotic regime". Such an imaginary picture exactly describes the hideous reality of a Communist Dictatorship.[1]

COMMUNISM

SABOTAGING THROUGH YOUTH CONGRESSES

Already the Canadian Youth Congress in conjunction with the Consiel de Juenesse (committee representing a number of French-Canadian youth organizations) are making plans to sponsor a Congress of Canadian Youth Organizations in Montreal during the first week of July. The main theme of this congress will be anti-conscription and anti-war. Because of its joint sponsorship this congress will replace the annual Canadian Youth Congress although its composition, purpose and control will be essentially the same.

The Y.C.L. is very satisfied with the results of proceedings at the Youth Congress held recently in the United States, particularly regarding the attitude that the congress adopted towards the Russo-Finnish question. It will be recalled that the resolution presented to the congress condemning Russia was not passed. It is hoped that this will discourage any display of sympathy for Finland at the forthcoming Canadian gathering. Dave Kashan, National Secretary of the Y.C.L., remarked that it is well worth noting that the Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A. and the United Church Youth Group had so far done nothing for Finland.

The Y.C.L. intends to follow in a determined manner the controlling of election of delegates from mass youth organizations to the congress and to ensure that Y.C.L. members will be elected as delegates wherever possible to represent youth organizations. It is expected by the Y.C.L. that there will be a powerful C.P. block at the conference, that every precaution will be taken to make sure that it will be covered.

The majority of the delegates attending the congress from the Y.C.L. will represent the larger centres. The recent withdrawal of certain factions from participation in the Youth Congress has undoubtedly had a

demoralizing effect throughout the country yet, at the same time, has left the field open to the subversive influence of the Y.C.L. and C.P. (An infusion of a sufficient number of healthy-minded youth into the congress might have the effect of completely frustrating Communist aims)[2]

The Young Communist League is exerting intense efforts to conclude the questionnaire campaign being conducted by the Youth Congress, in order to commence work to ensure a large Canadian youth delegation to the Montreal Congress. The Y.C.L. is anxious to get the support of the French-Canadian youth against conscription and the war and will make every effort to bring this congress to a successful conclusion from the point of view of numbers, concentrating on trade unions, Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., student and United Church Groups (wherein the Y.C.L. exerts influence) in order to have French-English youth unanimity at the congress.

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SASKATCHEWAN UNION OF UNEMPLOYED

The seventh annual conference of the Saskatchewan Union of Unemployed commenced on February 20 with only seven locals represented and the delegates numbering 19. G. E. Davenport of Regina was appointed chairman of the first session and gave the opening address in which he stressed the need for unity of all unemployed in order to solve the various problems which arise from time to time. The organizer of the S.U.U., E. V. Mills, was the first person to submit his report, which dealt with standardization of relief, residential clauses regarding relief, amendment of the present Legislature governing the Province and the financial report.

It was decided at this first session that a delegation would meet members of the Provincial Government the following day to discuss the various issues raised at the conference.

It would appear that with 30 locals of the S.U.U. in existence and only seven sending representation this conference will not be very successful, and we are reliably informed that the Communist Party leadership in Regina are disgusted with the way the conference is turning out. Several of the more active participants in this conference are prominent in the Communist movement.

RISING COSTS AMONG UNEMPLOYED

The rising cost of living is being strongly felt by the unemployed on the West Coast and their discontent will be utilized to the utmost by the C.P. of C. For some three years the latter has shown little interest in either the single or married unemployed, but from now on fractions will be directed to concentrate on this phase of "agit-prop" and organization. Speakers will be sent out to conduct meetings along the lines of the old "block committees." [4]

COMMUNIST TACTICS AMONG THE MINERS

The Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers' International Union in the Timmins, Ontario area is comprised of three locals. For the past year or more there have scarcely been any Local Executive Board meetings, instead it has been customary to hold Joint Executive Board Meetings of all Local Executive Board members. One reason for this is that the poor attendance at Local Executive meetings made it necessary to combine all active members of all three boards into one in order to have a properly functioning body. As far as the C.P. of C. is concerned, however, the prime reason for the joint meetings lies in their early discovery that a loose directing body such as three distinct executives resulted in conflicting policy, as the members found it difficult to fashion a uniform policy as laid down by the Party.

However, in the Joint Executive Board their leader can hammer out the policy supported by the very talkative and active majority. They have a majority because every Party member turns out if at all possible, whilst the non-Communists attend in a sort of hit-and-miss fashion.

The Section meeting of the C.P. of C. Timmins Division always precedes any important Union meeting, so that plans can be made in advance.

All hope for building a strong Union at this point has resolved itself into the outcome of the present situation at Teck-Hughes Gold Mines, Kirkland Lake. Should any degree of success be achieved there, organizers will import a few highly trained C.P. of C. members as assistant organizers and endeavour to recruit the majority of foreign born miners and proceed to manufacture and create "incidents".

ILLEGAL TACTICS

The Communist Party will carry on its election campaign legally, if possible, but will not hesitate to use illegal methods and tactics where and when found necessary. They intend to justify their use of illegal tactics by pointing out that because of the Defence of Canada Regulations under the War Measures Act, civil liberties are so restricted as to render a democratic election impossible.[5]

SPLITTING THE C. C. F. VOTE

As a result of an uproar in the C.C.F. District Council over the nomination of Angus MacInnis in the Vancouver East Riding, Fergus McKean, [deletion: 1 line], grasped the opportunity to side-step his proposed Kootenay candidacy and inject himself into the Vancouver East contest. With no hope of winning the seat, the Communists will be very glad to contribute a split vote to the defeat of MacInnis who has so constantly fought the Party inside the outside the C.C.F.

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DEMANDS OF CANADIAN SEAMEN'S UNION (Halifax)

At a conference of the Canadian Seamen's Union held in Halifax a few days ago, it was decided that the Local of this organization send the following suggestions to its National President, Pat Sullivan [~~2 lines~~] at Montreal.

- (1) That demands be made for a higher standard of wages for seamen employed by the Canadian National Steamships, the increase to be not less than 50%, with a flexible margin to meet the rise and fall of the cost of living.
- (2) A special grant for seamen to meet the extra cost of insurance.[6]
- (3) Enforce the eight-hour day adopted by the International Convention.
- (4) A flat war risk monthly grant of \$25.00.
- (5) A special insurance policy for losing life owing to the war.

LOCKPORT NOTES

Attempts will be made in the near future to call a meeting at Lockport, Nova Scotia, for the purpose of pressing upon the Cold Storage Companies the necessity of recognizing the Fish-handlers Union.

Receiving his proposed nomination as an Independent Labor Candidate at Lockport, N.S., J.A. (Pat) Sullivan [~~2 lines~~] and President of the Canadian Seamen's Union, is encountering difficulties in this direction and apparently is making little headway.

R. Charles Murray, Secretary of the Canadian Seamen's Union of Nova Scotia and a [~~1 line~~] is contemplating contesting a seat in the forthcoming Federal election in the Constituency of Shelbourne, N.S., as an Independent. He made a trip to Lockport this week before giving his decision to run as a candidate. At the present time he has no funds to sponsor his campaign and it is quite likely that resources will be provided by the Canadian Seamen's Union or the [~~1 line~~][7]

UKRAINIANS STRUGGLE FOR NEW SOCIAL ORDER (Toronto)

Toronto reports that the Ukrainian Labour Farmer Temple Association is excited over the prospect of other Ukrainian organizations holding a Congress, fearing this will be directed against the U.L.F.T.A.

A big meeting held by the Association the latter part of January was addressed by Alexander Melnychenko and Michael Dushnicky, [~~1 line~~] The first spoke on the forthcoming Ukrainian National Congress in the U.S.A. to be held in the near future, asserting that the Ukrainian Nationals were planning to use this Congress for their own ends. He suggested that work for the liberation of the working class be continued, and said "As the Western Ukraine had been liberated, the time was not far off when other parts of the world would throw off the capitalist

yoke and set up a better social system; Canada and the United States would be included." Michael Dushnicky gave a history of the progressive movement among the Ukrainians in Canada since its start in 1910, declaring that the movement in Canada was one with the Soviet Union. The U.L.F.T.A. has 86 halls and 165 units in the Dominions, he said.

Referring to the coming Congress, Dushnicky stated "Ukrainian reaction was attempting to consolidate its forces at the present time. Should this become a fact it would be a serious matter, because Ukrainian reaction would aim its first blow at the U.L.F.T.A."

He Promised that Bukowina and Bessarabia would be liberated in the same way as Western Ukraine. Although some of the Ukrainian population, after the war, would want to return to their homeland, for those who remained in Canada "it was necessary to continue the struggle for a new social order, not only in Canada, but in the whole world."

Questions were invited after the lecture. Several Nationalists in the audience took advantage of the opportunity and asked embarrassing questions, which however were answered satisfactorily as far as the general audience was concerned. To a question on the Russo-German pact, Melnychenko replied that he did not know why the pact had been concluded, but that their attitude towards Nazi-ism had not changed.[8]

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"AVOID A STRIKE"

Regarding the recent strike at the Coke Oven Department of the Dominion Steel and Coal Corporation, Sydney, N.S., information has been received to the effect that the International Union of the C.I.O. at Toronto has instructed the Leadership of the S.W.O.C. at Sydney to "lay off" in the interest of the C.I.O. in Canada and avoid a strike at the present time. The leadership have been further advised to forget their politics and fill the C.I.O. mill. It appears that John L. Lewis, International President of the C.I.O., is behind this move.

UNITED REFORM MOVEMENT

It has been decided that the main work of the Communist Party in Saskatchewan until after the election would be participation in the interests of the United Reform Movement. It is felt that this, coupled with a drive for subscriptions to the "Mid-West Clarion", Communist newspaper published at Winnipeg, is all that the general party membership can handle. Leaflets denouncing the war and attempting to cause disruption throughout the country will continue to make their appearance.[9]

GENERAL
TECHNOCRACY INCORPORATED—AN ENEMY OF
DEMOCRACY

(Another revolutionary organization, calling itself Technocracy Inc., is forcing itself upon the attention of Canada and the United States. As yet few people are aware of the insidious doctrines and blatantly militant technique of Technocracy. The following explanation seems to be in order).

On the surface Technocracy Incorporated appears to be a cold-blooded efficiency robot which reduces human and spiritual equations to a mechanical science wherein individuals become either regimented cogs in a soulless machine or else are consigned to the scrap heap.

A closer scrutiny, however, reveals Howard Scott, its director and leader, with headquarters at "Continental Headquarters, Technocracy Inc., 155 East 44th St., New York, N.Y.," obsessed by an entirely human (or rather, inhuman) ambition to emulate the "mad dogs" of Europe—ruthless usurpation of political power on this continent.

Technocracy makes its appeal to the classes rather than the masses—people with a smattering of learning and a craving for domination. However, it is prepared to enlist recruits from any and every subversive element, confident that, once under its influence, it can mold them into an inexorable juggernaut.

Scott recently made a tour of Canada, explaining his system and educating leaders to the methods of this new movement. In his wake there sprang up many small study groups whose propaganda has been so treasonable as to arouse strong protests from many loyal Canadians.

In outward form Technocracy Inc. suggests Arcand's "National Unity Party". Its adherents attend meetings dressed in uniforms of steel grey suits with grey shirts, dark blue ties and conspicuous red and white buttons in their lapels. They have their own peculiar salute and a military bearing.[10]

Politically, T.I. appears closely akin to Fascism. It condemns all political parties as working only for their respective interests, whereas it claims to represent the North American continent as a whole; it advocates the removal of international boundaries, the overthrow of the Price System, the abolition of money, and government by a selected group of scientists, or rather statisticians. "Adopt or perish" is one of their mottoes, unaccompanied by details as to how it is to be enforced. However, they appear to be ardent exponents of sterilization and the firing squad for all those who would oppose them. Their official literature (sold at all meetings) contains such passages as the following.

"The political governments of the United States and Canada are part and parcel of the Price System of this continent. They are the purveyors of scarcity, the merchandisers of national debt and the

sowers of national dissolution. They are the ballyhoosers of public confidence and the salesmen of sucker bait to their citizens. The political governments of the United States and Canada are the institutional blockades to social progress. They are the strong-arm squads of the merchant of debt and death."

"Technocracy Inc. charges the political administrations, the corporate enterprises, and the debt merchants of the United States and Canada with being in possession of the data and physical facts of the technological progression of this Continental Area. Technocracy Inc. charges these dominant interests with wilful suppression and distortion of the facts."

"It, in its greater patriotism of a New America, will present a clean, hard, bright design for living that will be the glory of all ages. And when the youth of America presents its ultimatum, let no minority, racial, religious, or economic, attempt to bar the highway to the New America; for if one does, the youth of this Continent will concede nothing short of that minority's annihilation."

A report on Technocracy from the Headquarters of the Mounted Police at Toronto says:

"At this present stage they are alleged to have cells in all the major cities in Canada and the U.S.A. and contact between the Canadian and U.S.A. groups is steadily maintained. The objective is to have their members placed in key positions [11] in industry and they claim to have achieved a certain success in this line already. They are reported to be working on government officials and to have contacts in the Army, Navy, Air Force and R.C.M.P. One of their successes is alleged to be in that they have their men on several Medical Boards."

Up to the present time, T. Inc. has confined itself to condemnation of the present system of government and economics and to the uttering of more or less veiled threats to possible enemies. It condemns war (circumspectly since September) but not on humanitarian grounds.

To sum up, Technocracy may be anything that any cold-blooded unprincipled leader wishes to make it. That it is evil, from a social and political point of view, there is no shadow of doubt. It is being promulgated as an instrument of autocracy for the regimentation of its followers and the enslavement of its opponents; it is the very antithesis of democracy, christianity and individual freedom; demands a complete break with the British Empire and, in short, is as potentially subversive as could well be imagined.

Reports from many centres intimate that large audiences attend Technocrat meetings (largely out of curiosity, it seems), and that small groups of ardent supporters continue the promulgation of its leader's doctrines among the receptive. At present it would seem that the longer established

and numerically superior subversive elements will make it difficult for this comparative upstart to travel very far, but its presence should not be ignored nor its leaders permitted to overstep the legal mark with impunity.[12]