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EDITORIAL

THE PRESS ON ENEMIES WITHIN

Back in March, 1939 the Minister of Justice was quoted as saying in Parliament, "We are keeping a pretty careful watch over their (Communist) activities and we are prepared to protect Canadian laws and institutions." Since then Canada has become involved in war and the Press speaks in no uncertain terms on the subject of subversive activities "behind the lines".

To quote from a few editorials:

(1) **Brazen**

Canada is at war with Nazism and it without sympathy for any country, party or element that aids and abets Nazism. This is what Russia is doing today. It is joined hand in glove with Germany in promoting aggression and browbeating weak, defenceless nations.

Do we want men in public office in Regina whose sympathies are not with Canada and the British Empire and our allies in this war but are with a country—Russia—that is regarded today as a jackal among the nations?

Public office is a public trust, and notably so in this hour of Canada's and the Empire's need. Is it not an insult to our Canadian and British sentiment where persons of the type indicated should ask for consideration at the hands of our citizens?

(Regina Leader-Post)

(2)

The Reds in Canada

In view of all the circumstances the right of free speech insisted upon by the communists in Canada, even to the extent of condemning the government's war activities, is a peculiar demand. Communism in Russia presents no such privilege to the people either in time of peace or war. Which means that these people who are demanding free speech in this country in time of war, in order to bring about communism here, really seek to institute a system of government which would effectively abolish not only free speech but individual opinion.

Russia and Germany are virtual allies at the present time. This strange development furnishes the Canadian communists with a situation which is difficult to explain. However, furnished with specious arguments from propaganda headquarters in Moscow, they do their best.

(Calgary Herald)

(3)

Forestall the Reds

The time is long past for action by the Dominion government. Manifestly the Federal Administration is the authority whose duty it is to restrain the enemies within the gate from preaching the vicious doctrine and practising the slimy arts of Stalin.

Ottawa has ample evidence of the subversive activities of Canadian Reds, and Ottawa should outlaw them. If Section 98 cannot be revived the sedition sections of the Criminal Code should be invoked. The vast majority of the Canadian people who are heart and soul in the struggle against paganism are in no mood to tolerate the machinations of "Reds" who would scuttle Canada as their masters in Moscow scuttled Poland.

(Toronto Globe and Mail)

(4)

"Reds" Must Be Stopped

Abundant evidence has been forthcoming from Europe of the treachery and intrigues of the Nazis and the Communists to convince Canada this is no time to trifle with the hirelings of Hitler and Stalin. The struggle against the lustful dictators of the Third Reich

and the Soviet Republic is not going to be such a walkover for the Allies that we can afford to ignore [2] the conspirators in our midst. To give free rein to the subversive and treacherous elements who so brazenly carry on their propaganda is suicidal. In the light of events in Norway, Denmark, Poland and Czecho-Slovakia, we wonder what the authorities are thinking of when they tolerate the disruptive forces which seek to undermine Canadian industry.

(Globe and Mail)

(5) Britain To Outlaw Reds?

Whether the British Government takes the step foreshadowed by the Daily Herald or prefers to follow some more moderate course, the Canadian Government and Parliament would do well to consider some action of their own for the restriction of Communistic activities in this country. Communist candidates fared badly in last month's general election but the fact that there were such candidates offering themselves for election to a war Parliament was sufficiently indicative of official indifference toward a political movement whose objective is the destruction of all the institutions and the repudiation of all the ideals which Canada is fighting to safeguard. Canadians want no "fifth column" in this country, whether it be Red or Nazi, and the Canadian Government has a responsibility in this regard at least equal to that which the British Government seems likely to recognize and exercise.

(Montreal Gazette)

(6) No Trojan Horse For Canada!

In Canada we may well take the lesson of Norway to heart. The King Government was returned to power by the largest majority ever recorded in this country, and therefore it lies within the power of the Department of Justice to put an end to all subversive activities in the Dominion. It must not be forgotten too that while the strength of the Government forces was made apparent, the comparative weakness of those who are opposed to Canada's war effort was also in evidence. The conclusion therefore must be that it is the desire of the people of this country that the war be prosecuted to the limit, and that any obstacles to this objective must be removed.

(Saint John Telegraph-Journal)[3]

SABOTAGE

CANADA'S PECULIAR VULNERABILITY TO SABOTAGE

An alleged plot to sabotage the Boulder Dam in Colorado by floating timed high explosive mines down stream has been discussed in American newspapers. It serves as one of many warnings for Canada to take precautionary measures toward safeguarding its own strategic dams and power

houses from enemy sabotage.

Canadian industry is dependent largely on some 20 hydro-electric power houses and is, therefore, peculiarly vulnerable to such forms of attack. Two such plants are responsible for the manufacture of 75 per cent of Britain's aluminum supply for aeroplanes. A similar situation exists in the manufacture of nickel, so that Canada's war efforts would be crippled and Britain's seriously hampered for possibly two years if many of these power houses were put out of action.

100,000 ITALIANS TO BE WATCHED

The increasing tension in Italy demands that precautionary measures be taken throughout Canada to forestall any possible acts of sabotage which might be committed by Fascists, of which there are many in the country, in the event of war between Italy and Canada. According to official figures there are nearly 100,000 people here of Italian origin. Many of these are active members of Fascist organizations whose loyalty is pledged to Rome. Significant is the fact that many of these members are naturalized British Subjects of long standing, it having come to our attention that some of them despite their 40 years in Canada and the fact that they have been naturalized upwards of a period of 30 years, are ardent supporters of Il Duce, and in addition to their moral support have subscribed financially to the support of the Fascist Party.

The Italian has a volatile nature and can be expected to go to any extreme on behalf of the Party to which he owes allegiance.[4]

SABOTAGING INDUSTRY THROUGH STRIKES

Several major industries, including iron and steel and Lake shipping, were brought last month to the verge of impotence through the influence of Communist agitators in their respective unions. At present the strikes are simply hanging fire (as compelled by law embodied in the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act) until the arbitrators have delivered their reports. Where the decision is unfavourable to the employees the latter will presumably abandon machines or ships, tying up industry and commerce for prolonged periods and in utter disregard of, or more probably on account of, Canada's pressing war needs.

In most cases we know long in advance of Red plots for instituting strikes. For instance, "The Bulletin" of February 12 reported that leading Communists, including Pat Sullivan were making arrangements for a Seamen's strike on the Great Lakes this Spring!

The question in many minds is, are such strikes permissible either within or without the present range of law? The following editorial in the Montreal "Gazette" of April 26, discusses the matter:

Strike in Wartime

Although the threatened strike of automobile workers in Ontario appears to have been averted, the possibility of a serious disturbance

provided the Premier of Ontario with an opportunity of reaffirming his position in regard to foreign interference in Canadian labour problems, the automobile workers being affiliated with the C.I.O. in the United States. Mr. Hepburn acquired some prestige on the occasion of a previous labour crisis in Oshawa, a prestige which he capitalized in a subsequent provincial election. The prospect of a peaceful settlement in the present instance precludes intervention by the provincial government but the fact that a strike was threatened raises a question which is the concern of all governments in Canada and upon which there ought to be a declaration of policy, by the federal government particularly. There is a great deal to be said for the Toronto Globe and Mail's contention that strikes and lockouts should be prohibited in Canada for the duration of the war,[5] as they are in Great Britain, and that differences between employers and employees should be submitted promptly to conciliation and arbitration. Most certainly, the Dominion Government should outlaw strikes and lockouts in war industries but, in order to make the prohibition effective, the scope of the ban must be broad enough to include a great many related industries and practically all the so-called heavy industries. The more general the field covered by such a federal decree the better the results will be. Either of two methods may be adopted: the government may exercise its authority under the War Measures Act, or, if this procedure is considered objectionable, it can easily persuade Parliament to put the necessary teeth in the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act. At present the act provides no means whereby the decisions of a conciliation board can be enforced. The act itself, which covers disputes in the mining industry and certain others that are classed as public utilities, can be broadened in its application to any extent that is deemed necessary. Prohibition of strikes and lockouts will impose no hardships upon either labour or capital. There is nothing harsh or unjust in a system of arbitration even where acceptance of the findings is made obligatory.

THE HIGH COST OF "DEFENCE"

(Fort William)

[~~deletion: 2 lines~~] has voiced the opinion of some of the members of this association in the following statement:

"I know who makes trouble in Canada. The Communist Party scatter leaflets around and the police arrest the ones who scatter them, and then the Canadian Labour Defence League come to the Ukrainian Labour Farmer Temple Association to get help in their financial campaign."

It appears that the U.L.F.T.A. membership is not entirely pleased with the idea of subscribing funds to the Canadian Labour Defence League.[6]

COMMUNISMCOUNTRY-WIDE STRIKES TO SLOW WAR EFFORTS
(Winnipeg)

The value of an "independent free newspaper", such as the "Mid-West Clarion", in

"Assisting and supporting the wage and strike struggles as experienced in the recent strike of the Canadian Seamen's Union on the Great Lakes, never losing sight of the possibility of instigating country-wide strikes leading up to a situation similar to that in 1919 (the Winnipeg general strike)"

was stressed recently by James Litterick, [deletion: 1 line] of Winnipeg.

In keeping with the policy of the Communist Party as regards the instigation of the country-wide strikes, the Party leaders in the Province of Saskatchewan are bringing pressure to bear on the C.I.O. Regional Director to hasten organization of the workers in the General Motors plant at Regina. These men are to be organized so that in the event of a strike in the Motors Plants in Eastern Canada, the Regina plant could be tied up as well. A Party faction of five men is already actively engaged within the plant laying the groundwork toward this end.

This country-wide strike movement is looked upon by some of the members of the Central Bureau of the Communist Party of Canada as the most effective means of opposing the present war.[7]

"VANCOUVER CLARION" MAKES SECRET APPEARANCE

A new monthly magazine called the "Vancouver Clarion" is being published in mimeograph form by the British Columbia District Bureau of the Communist Party of Canada. The introduction of this new monthly was undertaken by the leaders of the Party in anticipation of a ban being placed, in the near future, on the official organ, "The Advocate". If, and when, that occurs the new magazine will take its place and be published more frequently, probably every week.

This "Clarion", like its Toronto namesake, will disseminate forbidden propaganda designed to strike at conscription, the war effort and at the legislation calling for arbitration in industrial disputes. Issues will not appear on the street and only trusted Party members will receive copies. The cost of the magazine has been fixed at five cents to cover the expense of production.

It is believed that approximately 1,000 copies of the first "Vancouver Clarion" were printed but not all circulated, as some of the Party members who received their bundle of magazines for distribution destroyed them rather than run the risk of prosecution.

FALSE PROPAGANDA

The recent press announcement that Moscow had issued instructions to the Third International to support the country in which they reside in

their anti-Nazi campaign is not being taken seriously by the Canadian Communists. They have issued a statement to the rank and file that this press announcement is nothing but false propaganda emanating from Great Britain.[9]

LABOUR'S "HOUSE-CLEANING" DIFFICULTIES

(Montreal)

The expulsion of C.I.O. locals from the Montreal Trades and Labour Council has struck a snag. On definite instructions of the American Federation of Labour the Typographical Unions must also be expelled because of their refusal to pay a special assessment levied by the A.F. of L. for the purpose of accumulating a fund with which to fight the C.I.O.

The delegates of the Typographical Union form one of the largest groups in the Council and their expulsion would cause the resignation of two of the executive officers who are Raoul Trepanier's supporters. As President of the Council, he is, therefore, unwilling to comply with the order and has so far refrained from taking action against both the C.I.O. delegates and the "Typos".

WORLD REVOLUTION WILL START IN EUROPE

(Montreal)

Evariste Dube [~~deletion: 1 line~~] warned the unemployed of Montreal that we are still far from revolution in Canada. This statement was made on the occasion of an address in criticism of the proposed Bouchard plan of unemployed relief.

Enlarging on this, he informed his listeners that the working class was not yet sufficiently educated on the actual problems involved in a revolution, and that it would be silly to even suppose that the world revolution will start in Canada. Rather would the revolution start in Europe, later extending to the U.S.A. and finally entering Canada. The Communists of Canada, however, should prepare for the big day in order that they may be capable of handling the situation when the time arrives. He added that the Party seriously lacked imposing numbers and every member must lend full support to a concerted effort to recruit new members.[10]

WHY SHOULD RELIEF RECIPIENTS WORK!

(Montreal)

The relief plan as proposed by Paul Bouchard in the Province of Quebec, whereby relief recipients will be compelled to work for their allotment, has created quite a stir in Communist Party circles. They are determined to do everything possible to thwart Bouchard's efforts in this respect.

Communist Party representatives are very active in house to house canvassing for new members for the United Workers of Montreal. Thousands of propaganda leaflets are now in the making and will be spread among the labour clubs and mass organizations within the near future. Mass meet-

ings to condemn the plan are scheduled for every Sunday. Advertisement of these meetings is undertaken solely by the Communist Party of Canada.

There is considerable talk of staging a march on the City of Quebec to prevent the relief plan being applied.

ANTI-CONSCRIPTION LEAGUE GROWS (Montreal)

The "Anti-Conscription League" (previously reported in this bulletin as having been organized by Henry Gagnon, [~~2 lines~~] is growing rapidly. It will be remembered that committees were to be formed in all the Wards of the City of Montreal, after which the movement would be extended throughout the Province.

Having engaged the support of numerous outside organizations in their stand against conscription, the Communist Party have now instructed Gagnon to interview Fascist organizations with a view to inviting their support in the movement.[11]

GENERAL

"HINDUSTAN GADAR" FOR INDIAN REVOLUTION (Vancouver)

This bitterly anti-British paper, published in San Francisco, is being received regularly through the mails in Vancouver and Victoria and distributed throughout Hindu districts. A recent issue contains the following excerpts:-

If you want freedom, make yourself fit for freedom.

If you want to be fit for freedom, become united and work together.

If you want to work together, give up partiality and envy, and learn to be one body as one person and act together.

The person who understands this understands that death is better than slavery.

The person who is afraid to die is a slave.

The English Government is now entangled in fighting with Germany, and subject nations must get up and obtain their freedom as our leaders planned.

England broke her promise in the last Great War, so do not let this precious time fly from hand.

Surely success in obtaining freedom should be at this time.

Act with unity.

The British Government deceives the Hindus many times with its promises, but do not be deceived this time.

A life of slavery is a life of shame.

A brave man does not live a life of shame.[12]