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EDITORIAL

"FIFTH COLUMNS"

There are potential "Fifth Columns" in every country where there are Nazis or Communists. It is reliably reported that there are 100,000 Germans in the Netherlands and as many more in Belgium. The following Canadian Press dispatch from Paris throws light on the Yugoslavia situation:

Havas news agency in a dispatch from Ljubljana, Yugoslavia, said tonight that a "fifth column" of 9,000 Germans, including more than 2,500 Gestapo agents, is busy preparing the 500,000 members of the Yugoslav German minority for "der tag" of Hitler's coming.

According to information gathered by its correspondent, Havas said, the Gestapo—Nazi secret police—has 300 German-Yugoslav representatives in Slovenia, 800 in Croatia and 1,500 in Serbia. They are commanded by a Reichswehr officer.

In Yugoslavia, the dispatch said German "tourists" are charged with indoctrinating, organizing and finally recruiting the 500,000 Yugoslav Germans who, by virtue of Reich law, have simply to declare before a German consul that they consider themselves German citizens to be placed at the service of the greater Reich.

England has become so concerned over its peril from within that it is reviving the death penalty for those convicted of espionage and sabotage. We have read of Nazi "plantings" in Rumania, Turkey, Hungary, Norway, and even in South American republics. The Dies Committee has revealed the United States problem. What about Canada's?[1]

We have over 500,000 people of German birth or origin. Of these only a few hundred have been interned and a few thousand "investigated", despite the fact that a very large number are known to be in entire sympathy with Nazi aims and conquests. When we add to these the tens of thousands of Italians who secretly give allegiance to Mussolini and the Communists of every nationality who obey Stalin as a god, we must admit that we have all the human ingredients here for wholesale sabotage and even serious internal disturbances if and when the foreign dictators so desired. And despite these conditions a certain clamorous element is demanding repeal of the Defence of Canada Regulations.

We might well bear in mind these facts: Canada has been defined by Hitler as the last great "unpeopled" area of incalculable natural wealth only waiting to be developed by totalitarian efficiency; Germany is concentrating its attention first on the conquest of Europe as a necessary step to the invasion of Great Britain and the division of its Empire; the Russian Comintern is allied with Naziism in espionage and subversive activities here as elsewhere; the fanatical hatred of democracy and all that it represents has thrown every international law and every sense of decency into the discard and made any crime against us possible and even probable.

Very slowly but surely we are waking to the grim truth that we, in common with all other "free" nations, are fighting for our very existence—not only in Europe but within our own boundaries. Labour seems more alert than Capital to this. To quote from "The Labour Review" of the Canadian Federation of Labour:

It is not by the desire of Canadians that this is a "total" war: the decision to exterminate the British Commonwealth of Nations was made by Germany. We have no choice in the conditions of the conflict. If we are to meet the challenge we shall have to gird ourselves for the fight as France is doing. "France is engaged in a total war," said Premier Paul Reynaud the other day.

By definition the stake of this total war is a total stake. To vanquish is to save all. To fall is to lose all. That is the spirit of victory: we win all or we lose all. If Germany is not to triumph we must

smash the network of spies and saboteurs which has been spread throughout Canada in the shape of a syndicalist movement among the industrial workers.[2]

SABOTAGE

INSIDIOUS METHODS OF SABOTAGE AND ESPIONAGE

Enemy sabotage is not confined to munition factories, troop transportation, wheat, metals and other heavy war industries. There is a long list of so-called minor commodities that, because of their smaller output and more modest capitalization, can be sabotaged by enemy agents with little difficulty and yet with serious results to the allies.

To describe two such cases that have come to our attention:

Cheese, it seems, is an ideal food for soldiers in wartime; it has highly concentrated food values and keeps fresh in storage for long periods. For these reasons England placed large orders in Canada for cheese; a commodity as vital as armaments.

Early this year a cheese maker found it difficult to buy rennet. Without rennet cheese cannot be made, and rennet is taken from calves bellies. Out of his difficulty and subsequent inquiries grew the industry's concern over the unreasonable shortage of this essential, and investigation revealed the startling fact that two companies in the United States had for some months been quietly buying up every available calves belly in Canada. The Privy Council leaped to the breach with an Order prohibiting the export of calves bellies which was telegraphed to every Customs port in the country.

Under the guise of legitimate commerce our war effort had been menaced as effectively as by a corps of saboteurs. And the menace was only discovered when it already worked havoc. What influence was operating behind the United States companies?[3]

Another incident which draws our suspicion is that regarding one of the world's authorities on steel casting, a consulting engineer operating his own company at Salem, Ohio, with branches in Ontario, London and Paris. This engineer formerly worked for the German Herman Goering Works but now claims to have no German connections. He is consulted by armament manufacturers in Canada, England and France. In the course of his operations he learns details of the greatest importance regarding the possibilities of our plants.

Very recently his Ohio office instructed the Canadian office to submit copies of plant inspection reports in order that they might be transmitted to England and Germany!—Why Germany?—his excuse is that the instructions were a mistake in correspondence. Which may or may not be true.

These two samples are indicative of a wide and as yet unexplored

realm for the operation of Intelligence. The war is being fought as well in the cheese factory as in the armament factory. A saboteur does not necessarily work with dynamite—it is more than likely his tools will be dollars purchasing rare and utterly essential products. Nor is it necessary that enemy spies will confine their efforts to convoys and purely military objectives; quite likely he will sit with his finger on the pulse of business and production in the office of an import and export agency perhaps having a direct wire to New York.

Arrangements are now being made for the co-ordination of officers of all Government Departments in defining every field and channel of probable enemy intrusion into our industrial and financial activities, so that effective steps can be taken to prevent such intrusion in future.[4]

FASCISM

ITALIAN COMMUNITY AT MONTREAL LOYAL TO IL DUCE

Addressing a meeting of the "Fronte Unico Morale Delle Istituzioni ed Associazioni Italiane di Montreal" (The United Moral Front of the Italia Institutions and Associations in Montreal) on April 17 at the Casa d'Italia, the Royal Italian Consul, Signor Paolo de Simone, under whose chairmanship the meeting was held, praised the Italian community of Montreal for the understanding and the sentiments they were showing in the "present political situation", adding "With their fundamental good sense the Italians (at Montreal) knew how to adhere strictly to orders given by Il Duce to the whole of his people".

The Consul also announced the names of the latest recipients of the "Stella del Merito al Lavoro" (Star of Merit for work done), praising them for their devotion to Fascism. He said that soon other Italians are to receive this honour from Rome and cited a number of individuals for their loyalty to Italy and the good patriotic work they had accomplished.

"Fronte Unico Morale Delle Istituzioni ed Associazioni Italiane di Montreal" is a federation of various Italian organizations in the city of Montreal organized by and under the positive control of the Fascio. It is significant to note that on most occasions the meetings of this "Front" organization are presided over by the Italian Consul who, as a rule, calls upon the various representatives or delegates to speak on behalf of their respective organizations. The sole purpose of this institution is to bring the Italian people within Fascist influence and domination. It is truly a Fascist instrument—an instrument of Rome—and because of the preponderance of trusted Fascio members on its Council it is able to control the vast majority of Italian nationals and people of Italian origin living in the city of Montreal.[5]

COMMUNISM**RED PARASITE ATTACHES TO ALL-CANADIAN CONGRESS
(Vancouver)**

Communism, like a pernicious bush fire, is no sooner stamped out in one section than it blazes up with renewed strength in another. Having been smothered out of the A.F. of L. Trades and Labour Councils throughout Canada it is now boring underground from the international trade union front into the purely Canadian Trade Union front the All-Canadian Congress of Labour.

It seems that the executive of this Congress are providing the expelled Red Unions, with their international ramifications, with a respectable Canadian "front" behind which they can safely carry on their Fifth Column revolutionary activities.

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ONLY COMMUNISTS MARCHED ON MAY DAY

Celebration of May Day throughout the Dominion was limited this year to the Communist Party of Canada and its subsidiary organizations. The right wing Trades and Labour Unions refused to take part owing to the fact that Canada is at war.

No customary parades were held in any of the larger cities with the exception of Vancouver, where approximately 1100 persons marched under the banners of 16 organizations which were of strong Communist affiliation. There was a lack of enthusiasm displayed in this parade compared with post parades.

At mass meetings in all the larger centres of Canada speakers assailed conscription, Canada's participation in the war, the War Measures' Act, etc. Many leaflets were distributed both before and during the May Day celebrations by members of the Young Communist League and the C.P. of C. In every instance these meetings were poorly attended and little enthusiasm was shown.

The veterans of the Great War, in more than one centre, urged the municipal authorities to refuse to grant permits for a May Day parade, intimating that should one take place they would feel inclined to take the law into their own hands and disperse the marchers.

An amusing highlight of May Day, 1940 was provided in Vancouver when James Litterick, Communist M.L.A. of Manitoba Legislature and guest speaker at the parade, excelled himself in berating the Capitalist Powers, Canadian Government, Oil Combine and War Measures' Act, concluding with the charge that there was a complete "Blackout" of democracy and free speech in this country! There were no interruptions.

LACK OF SUPPORT FOR "CANADIAN TRIBUNE"

The Communist Party is having considerable difficulty in raising

money for the sustaining fund of their legal Party organ, the "Canadian Tribune". The main obstacles to the campaign established to build up this fund appear to be disruption of Party organization through recent arrests, resulting in poor contact between sections and District Committee and factional disagreements in some of the sections. Added to this is a general lack of enthusiasm on the part of members on behalf of this undertaking.[9]

QUARRELS IN TRADES AND LABOUR COUNCIL (Winnipeg)

There is considerable discord among the membership of the Winnipeg Trades and Labour Council over the Executive's action in bringing before the general membership a resolution protesting the arrest of the three Communists connected with the "Mid-West Clarion"—the Winnipeg organ of the Communist Party of Canada. This, however, is only one of many quarrels which have occurred within this Council. The Executive are under the severe censorship of the rank and file because, during the last session of the Provincial Legislature, "they received nothing from the Government." This situation calls for a change in the political set-up of the Council.

INDISCRETION OF COMRADE GERVAIS (Montreal)

Napoleon St. Andre, President of United Workers of Montreal, halted the speech made by E. Gervais before a mass meeting of this organization on May 1 in Montreal. Gervais, one of the Communist faction within the United Workers, was interrupted by his Party colleague after giving a vivid glimpse of the hidden Red hand within the organization.

The offending statement reads:

"This summer will see things our class never believed possible. The unemployed will come down the streets and avenge their honour in blood. Our emblem is the red star (most of you here know what I mean) and we must follow it, because it will lead us to success." [10]

GENERAL

DENMARK ANOTHER NAZI WORK-PRISON CAMP (Kentville, N.S.)

How Canadian Danes view the invasion of their Fatherland is simply and graphically reflected in a recent article appearing in the "Danish Herald of Canada", published in Kentville, Nova Scotia.

THE FLAG DOWN

"With deep sorrow learned the Danes all over the world that our fatherland in the night between the 8th and 9th had taken down the flag which for more than 900 years was the sign for a free indepen-

dent and ambitious nation, now living under the Pirate's Swastika sign,—the emblem for lies and Brutality.

"From a free and independent country, the eldest in Europe, Denmark changed in one night to a Nazi work-prison camp. 'How could it be helped'—Denmark came under 'Protection' of the pirate. What 'Protection' means have been shown in Czechoslovakia. The government decided this accompanied by the noise of German bombers over Copenhagen, with fantastic reason that by doing so it would save the country from the horrors of war. But as soon as Denmark was under German 'Protection' the Allies stated that Denmark could no longer be considered neutral or independent, but must be considered as the pirate's helper and would be dealt with as such.

"This is not the time to condemn the men who decided for our country. They apparently had no other choice, or at least they thought so. We must believe they did the best under the circumstances. We feel sorry for our people in Denmark who now must bear the burden." [11]

"In months, perhaps in years, will we be without any means of connection with our fatherland and unable to get in touch with our dear people there, and it will be unknown to us, the hardships and sufferings they will go through.

"As we suffer from not knowing, we must hope, that the present conditions soon must end, and that 'the robber' will get his well deserved punishment".

ENEMY ALIENS

REGISTRATIONS, INTERNMENTS, RELEASES

Registrations:

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| Total registrations to April 30, 1940..... | 16581 |
| Exemption certificates issued..... | 4295 |
| Exeats granted to date | 222. |

Internments:

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| Total interned or detained since Sept. 4..... | 405 |
| Released at once | 3 |
| Released after appeal..... | 136 |
| At present interned or detained | 266. |

(The last figure includes one woman interned at Kingston Penitentiary and two men serving two years' sentences in Saskatchewan Penitentiary for escape from Kananaskis.) [12]