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SABOTAGE

“WE GERMANS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.”

The almost uncanny thoroughness of Germany's espionage system is continually coming to the attention of police authorities throughout the world. It would seem that there is scarcely a great munitions or chemical plant that has not been investigated and reported on by agents of the Gestapo with an eye to possible sabotage in time of war. [>blank][1][>blank]

This virtual enslavement by the Reich of all its “subjects” is continually being proclaimed by Nazi leaders. To quote Hermann Goering (Prussian Minister of the Interior):

“‘We Germans throughout the world,’ this is the text of our credo which expresses the unity of Germanism in its full magnitude. We, that is the racial comrades in the Homeland, the nearly one million German citizens living abroad and the many millions of persons of German blood living in Europe and overseas who must not be lost to German culture. The Third Reich is not required to prove the truth of this credo to anybody, for nationality is the cornerstone of the work and the power of the Reich. But I proclaim it here so that it may be heard and understood by the German people beyond our borders, not only by our German brethren abroad but by the whole

world. Protection of German culture and German nationality is the foremost duty of the Reich.”[2]

“We Germans throughout the world” is a term which expresses to Every German in the Reich the credo of unity with Germandom abroad. Everyone must do his share through unswerving devotion and sacrifice so that Germany may give to the Germans abroad what they are entitled to demand.

“WORDS THAT WON THE WAR”

The prolonged and bitter “War of Words” has finally culminated in “total war”. But it should not be forgotten that “History’s greatest battle” is only the effect of a cause which must persist, whatever the present outcome, until arbitrament by Force and the Gods of War is utterly destroyed from the face of the earth.

The first World War was a mere skirmish compared with the second, because it was largely military and economic. This second is a contest between two principles — Tyranny and Democracy, in both their political and spiritual sense — the former realizing that its ambitions are doomed to failure unless it can destroy its hereditary enemy. Thus nations divide not on the labels of “Haves” and “Have Nots” but on their beliefs in totalitarianism, vs. individualism, atheism vs. theocracy, nationalism vs. humanitarianism, and Stalin and Mussolini are potentially as much our enemy as is Hitler.

Canada’s part in the war is not only to supply fighting personnel and war material but to sabotage our mental saboteurs wherever they exist. We have had plenty of grim warnings from other countries, so that the sneering remark “It can’t happen here” simply smacks of enemy propaganda. We need to know that it can happen here and that in event of disasters in Europe it will happen here.

But arrest and punishment it not enough. We need to fight fire with fire by propaganda of the most effective kind. When the United States entered the war in 1917 George Creel headed a Committee on Public Information which “did its work so well that there was a burning eagerness to believe, to conform, to feel the exaltation of joining in a great and selfless enterprise” (“Words that Won the War” by James R. Mock and Cedric Larson). To quote from a review of this book in the Christian Science Monitor:[3]

A brief illustration of the technique of the Committee is sufficient to explain its wide influence. Through mimeographed press releases the Committee reached the smallest newspapers with authoritative reports that the poorer of these publishers had been unable to afford in pre-war days. All these reports were given the “right” twist somewhere between the sending and receiving points, in accordance with “voluntary” rules established by CPI. Patriotic advertising and patriotic themes even in regular commercial adver-

tising, likewise were results of CPI endeavours. Even at State fairs the farm boys who were to be doughboys viewed family war exhibits under CPI sponsorship. Patriotic films and the Four-Minute Men in movie houses were CPI products. It must be about as easy today to escape from a concentration camp as it was to escape from the CPI in 1917.

Such propaganda constitutes in a very real sense "Munitions of War", and in its widest use the Dominion is contributing not only to its own security but to that of civilization "for the next 1,000 years."

THE COMMUNIST PARTY OUTLAWED

Since Mr. Justice Chevrier sentenced three Ottawa Communists for printing and distributing subversive literature and declared the Communist Party of Canada an illegal organization, people have been requesting further information:

1. Does the Judge's ruling apply to the Communist Party as a whole throughout Canada?
2. If it applies only to Ontario will it be necessary for each province to determine the legality of the Communist Party?
3. Can Communists be proceeded against by means of internment or must prosecution be instituted under Defence of Canada Regulations.

Rulings in the above connection are being awaited.[4][Pages 5 and 6 are missing.][~~3~~blank]

MORE ANTI-WAR PAMPHLETS

It is understood that the Communist Party in Ontario and possibly throughout the Dominion intend to publish another pamphlet attacking participation in the war. In describing this leaflet, a prominent member of the Party has stated "If they (the authorities) think the first leaflet was bold they want to wait for a few days and there'll be one out that will blow them up. They'll want to shoot us then." [7][Page 8 is missing.]

"CLARION" INCREASES ITS STOP-THE-WAR EFFORTS (Toronto)

Since "The Clarion" of Toronto was outlawed it has become more fanatic and more desperate in its efforts to withdraw Canada from the war before the Allies have succeeded "in directing it against the Soviet Union".

The issue of May 10 courts renewed co-operation with the C.C.F., reminding the Federation of its pacifist policy prior to the war, and asserting that only its leaders are barring the road to Socialism and unity with the Communist Party at the present time. It urges the C.C.F. members and supporters, despite their leaders, "to join the Communists in united action against the imperialist war, for peace and socialism."

In another article, headed "Fascist Strike-Breaker Heads Second Canadian Division", "The Clarion" rails at the appointment of Brigadier-General Odlum, charging that "the man who is appointed to command and order the slaughter and maiming of Canadians is a reactionary, Fascist, scab-herder, union-baiter, whose only desire is to safeguard the interest of the rich, and the welfare and, indeed, the very lives of the Canadian people are no concern of his."

Constituting another serious breach of the Defence of Canada Regulations is an article entitled "With the Troops", which enlarges upon rumours of discontent in the Canadian Forces. To quote:

"Although certain concessions have been wrung from the Government, responsible officers at the Exhibition Park admit that morale is not high among the men and that it is getting lower.

"The list of grievances has been partially rectified by sweeping changes emanating from Ottawa. Discontent was sufficiently rife during the winter and something just had to be done. Food is now much better. The question of family allowances is now being attended to also. The Department of National Defence was forced to break through its own bureaucracy and attend to this matter which was becoming a national scandal.[9]

"Further to thoroughly ingratiate themselves with the men the authorities are being very generous with leaves. It all adds up to the fact that the government is very anxious that nothing untoward should happen at the present time.

"Strangely, though, these methods are not working. There is a sullen, ominous discontent in the army, and the reflection of this feeling shows itself in the new petty crime wave which has been rising. Drunkenness is more pronounced; discipline is lax.

"There is a general desire to get out of the army, and this accounts for the fact that many devious ways are being used to achieve this. A great impetus was given this feeling by the extension of the war to Scandinavia. The men now fear that they will really be going to fight, and the long and short of it is that our boys just damn well don't want to get killed. They think that if they can get a crime record chalked up against them they will be kicked out of the army. If this method doesn't work they bank on others proving successful.

"The troops now in Toronto are mainly Black Watch of Montreal, the Royal Regiment and Engineers and Auxiliary Units. The general plan is that they will go to Camp Borden around May 24 for more intensive training. From there they will go to Petawawa for divisional exercises preparatory to leaving for overseas. It is planned to evacuate Exhibition Park completely.

"There is an urgent need for leadership among the soldiers. The

problems of the soldiers must receive appreciative attention. Our party can do yeoman work in ending Canada's participation in the imperialist war if we give encouragement and leadership to the men who are being driven to fight for more profits for the millionaires."

"The Clarion", previously published in Toronto, is now being printed by the various districts of the Communist Party throughout the country. Editorials and news are prepared in Toronto and submitted to the various districts for printing and distribution. The Party have been taking every care in order to cover up this work and mail contacts are being closed guarded.[10]

"REFORMERS" SPLIT OVER BY-ELECTION CANDIDATE (Saskatoon)

A definite split has occurred in the United Reform Movement of Saskatchewan as a result of a dispute which arose over the nomination of a candidate for the coming by-election in the Saskatoon constituency left vacant by the death of the Rev. W. G. Brown.

The Social Creditors and Conservatives are supporting the nomination of Rev. C. P. Bradley while the Communists who until now have been able to freely control the organization, are resolved to have [deletion: 1 line], nominated for this candidacy. In addition to this the C.C.F. members indicated just as strong a determination to have Agnes Macphail, former M.P., fill the vacancy.

At present the Communist element have the support of the majority of the Zone Committees, with only four to take the stand against them.

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COMMUNIST ETHICS

Following up the resolution to expel all Communists from the ranks, the Toronto Trades and Labour Council is calling upon its members to state under oath whether or not they are members of the Communist Party of Canada. The Toronto District Bureau of the Party has instructed its member delegates to the Council to swear when challenged that they have no connection with the Party.

Justification of such procedure was suggested by a Bureau member in the question, "Could we not look upon our political ideas as our religious beliefs?"[11]