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"BRITISH ISLES ONLY?"

It was essential that the country should appreciate the urgent grave situation facing Canada and that not an hour should be lost, declared Premier Mackenzie King in Parliament on June 18.

"We've been watching and saying after France, probably the British Isles will be attacked," he said. "Are you sure it will be the British Isles only?"

He did not wish to speak words of defeatism. He believed in ultimate victory but it would be "a very long and sorrowful time before that was reached."

The enemy was not likely to pick and choose between parts of the British commonwealth. The enemy knew the part Canada was playing, how dependent Britain was on Canada for food and munitions.

As certain as that day follows night, the enemy would do its utmost to see that aid was stopped from Canada and other parts of the Empire.

FOREIGN ELEMENTS**MINERS DEMAND EXPULSION OF ENEMY ALIENS**

(Minto, N.B.)

A "trouble spot" has occurred at Minto, N.B. due to the presence of Italians among the employees of the Miramichi Lumber Co.

On June 10 these employees, numbering about 300, held a mass meeting and passed the following resolution:

"That the Company be notified that unless action is taken regarding German and Italian born aliens, whether naturalized or not, who have up until now shown apparently more loyalty to the land of their birth than their adoption and whom we believe if they are not now engaged in subversive activities would be if given the opportunity; That unless each man's loyalty is proved beyond doubt, that we will refuse to go down in the pit with them Friday morning.

Sgd. Wm. Walker, Chairman
Arthur Ouellette, Secretary."

The resolution was forwarded to the Minister of Justice and Labour by [~~deletion: 2 lines~~] They employ about 11 Italians and 6 Germans.

It is reported that Horace Pettigrove, Fair Wage Officer, and the Deputy Attorney General are aware of the situation and have advised Mr. Taylor that everything necessary was being done and there was no cause for uneasiness.[2]

HOW INJUSTICE PLAYS INTO ENEMY'S HANDS

(Toronto)

Although there are pro-Nazis and pro-Fascists still at large the public should not lose sight of the fact that the majority of Canadian citizens of German and Italian origin are definitely pro-British and that unfounded suspicion and persecution of such must inevitably weaken their loyalty and further the cause of the enemy.

The enemy are perhaps more conscious of this than we are, as the following report from Toronto suggests:

Local Nazi sympathizers are displaying some satisfaction in the fact that, due to the general feeling of the public against all Germans, those Germans who were not in favour of Hitlerism are nevertheless being discriminated against just as much as the others.

The Nazis feel that this attitude of the public will cause those Germans who were previously against them to change their views. I have myself noticed that this is actually happening in a number of cases who were definitely anti-Nazi a short time ago; some of them are now saying that they would not assist in any way in the rounding up of Nazis and are even expressing sympathy for those who have been interned.

Many Germans feel that injustice is being done them by the general

anti-German drive which started recently. Not only Germans feel this way but also other nationalities such as Italians, Ukrainians, Hungarians, Jugo-Slavs and others. They fear that the resentment against Germans will spread to others not of British stock.

So much for the German element. A similar situation is forming among those of Italian origin, despite many proofs of loyalty from Italian-Canadian groups. Indeed, in their desire to destroy Fascism in Canada they sometimes show a tendency to go to the other extreme as shown by a recent report from Vancouver:

At the meeting at Hastings Auditorium on the evening of the 10th instant about 250 persons were present, and the meeting was under the chairmanship of Mr. Angelo Branca, assisted by Marino Culos as a secretary.[3]

A resolution was passed condemning Italy and Mussolini for entering the war on the German side; a copy of this resolution is to be sent to Prime Minister King; one to Prime Minister Pattullo, and one to Mayor Telford.

The aim of this organization (called the Italian Canadian War Vigilante) is to sponsor a registration of all Italians in Vancouver and probably British Columbia, whether Canadian citizens or not.

In a resolution of the Italian veterans of the last war, Mr. Charles Penway and Mr. Tony Rita also condemned the Italian Government for the declaration of war.

Most of the Italian business men, according to Mr. Branca, have agreed to contribute \$5.00 per month toward the war cause. A charge of one dollar is made for each one becoming a member of the above association. Their aim is to combat "Fifth Column" activities amongst the Italians. According to my viewpoint, it is on the same basis as the so-called Anti-Nazi "Sixth Column", and it will prove to be more of a menace than a help since three members will be elected at a later meeting to scout and report on "fifth columners", and that's where some trouble may develop. I personally think if things are left to the police we would have no trouble about sabotage of our industries by Fascist sympathisers, because now they are all scared stiff since hearing of those arrested, and have shut up like clams.[4]

LABOUR UNREST

"TROUBLE LOOMING AHEAD FOR AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY" (Windsor)

There was a flare-up at the plant of the General Motors of Canada in Windsor last week which resulted in twenty-seven of the workers deliberately walking out of the plant at noon with the intention of not returning until the next morning. Reliable information is that this action resulted from an extra half hour's lunch period, necessitated by certain production problems over which the management had no control. To make it worse,

according to the best information available, there was not even a grievance submitted to the management. What it amounted to was a deliberate strike participated in by non-union as well as union members and appears as a thoroughly irresponsible action. Union Leaders, including Regional Director Burt, admit privately that the men are in the wrong, but unfortunately, Burt, as well as the other leaders obviously feel that they must inject the union into the picture and work for the individuals regardless of the individuals' membership or non-membership in the union and regardless of how heavily the responsibility should be placed upon the shoulders of the individuals involved.

Labour unions in the United States, particularly the C.I.O., already have indicated strongly that they are planning to take full advantage of the opportunity afforded by the re-armament and national defense program to agitate in order that the employers grant them additional concessions. According to the progress that the C.I.O. is making, there is evidence that trouble is looming ahead for employers in the automotive industry. They also have made open announcements of their intentions to completely unionize the aircraft industry, and will not co-operate in the defense program but instead will utilize all its resources and economic power to press for higher wages and reduced hours. It is reliably reported that the C.I.O. contemplates using every means at its command to prevent what it terms any encroachment on the gains organized labor has made.

Regardless of the public statements to lead the public to believe that the Canadian C.I.O. affiliates have been granted autonomy, this is only for official and public consumption in Canada and does not give a true state of affairs. There has been to a degree an infiltration of the ideas and methods used by the C.I.O. in the United States into the Canadian affiliates.[5]

ORGANIZING NEW TRADE UNION CENTRE (Regina)

Leaders of the Communist-controlled Committee for Industrial Organization in Canada continue their efforts to entice all dissatisfied trade unions and unorganized groups of workers into their fold. The latest step in this direction is the drafting of a constitution for a new trade union centre. Such draft constitution was prepared by the C.I.O. officials in the United States and will be used as a basis for discussion at a National Congress being called for this Autumn in some Eastern Canadian centre and expected to be attended by 100,000 people—including 65,000 from the C.I.O.; 30,000 from the All-Canadian Congress of Labour, and the remainder from Catholic syndicates in Quebec and other non-affiliated unions. The merger of these trade unions will be the all-important issue before the Congress. We are advised from Regina that:

The main objective of this trade union centre will be to organize the unorganized in the basic war industries, such as Trail, Flin Flon and

other metal mines. This, of course, is following a line as discussed by Leslie Morris, [~~deletion: 2 lines~~] in defeating the war aims of British Imperialism by fomenting strikes and labour trouble in the industrial field.

MANY UNIONS RETURNING TO A. F. OF L.
(Toronto)

The International Ladies Garment Workers Union in conference on June 5, by a vote of 640 to 12, decided to go back into the ranks of the American Federation of Labor. The action, opposed by a small amount of Communist delegates, caused a demonstration of approval throughout the assembly hall.

At the opening of the Convention David Dubinsky, President of the Union, indicated that he did not favour affiliation with the A. F. of L. The Convention, however, received assurance from William Green, President of the A.F. of L., that the Executive Council (A. F. of L.) would recommend abolishing of the assessment at the last Convention in September and instead would levy a tax for organizing activities. This promise paved the way for the Union's return.

The International Ladies Garment Workers Union was one of the leading unions instrumental in the formation of the Committee of Industrial Organizations and was suspended by the A. F. of L. in 1936.[6]

The Convention also went on record in favour of cleaning the Union's ranks of all notorious and active Communists, and instructions will be issued to the numerous workers in the U.S.A. and Canada accordingly.

Attempts to rejoin the A. F. of L. are being made by other Unions in Canada including the International Typographers Union, and certain Trades and Labour Councils have taken the initiative in a movement to rid the A. F. of L. of the Communist element.

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At this meeting of the Council a letter was read from the Street Railwaymen's Union endorsing the attitude taken by President Jamieson in regard to the suspension of certain unions. The Union also sent three new delegates to the Council, all of whom are known to be anti-Communists.

MRS. NEILSON, M.P. ADDRESSES
UNEMPLOYED ASSOCIATION
(Toronto)

A meeting was held by the Unemployed Single Men's Association in Toronto on June 11, attended by 500 people, including Mrs. Dorise W. Neilson, M.P., Ken Woodsworth, Secretary of the Canadian Youth Congress, J.K. Bell, Secretary of the Unemployed Single Men's Association, and other well known radicals.

Although it was noticed that few of the Red element were present, and

the meeting was opened by singing the National Anthem, the opinions expressed were distinctly subversive in tone.

J.K. Bell spoke on conditions prevalent amongst the single unemployed in Canada today how they were roaming the country looking for work and how after attempting to join the Army, and being turned down as unfit, were left to wander with no thought of their welfare. He commented upon the police picking up the men passing out the leaflets (cries of "shame") and contended that the unemployed today wanted jobs and not conscription. He suggested that the people petition the Government to start work programs for the unemployed youth of this country.[7]

Ken Woodsworth, following the same trend as Bell, condemned the members of Parliament for their lack of nerve in not speaking up for the youth, stating "Only one member of Parliament had the nerve to get up and speak for the youth".

Mrs. Neilson was very well received by the meeting. Our confidential report refers to her comments as follows:

"Mrs. Neilson opened by stating the East meets West and rapped the Government for conditions and suffering of the farmers and the poor of the East. She went on to say that the Government voted \$700,000,000 for war and \$750,000,000 for something else but could not find a cent to relieve suffering and gave statements of contracts given to Ford and General Motors for \$400,000,000 each. She stated that the rich will get richer and the poor poorer and that the war bonds were only something to make the bankers rich. She commented upon the mess the men had made in the running of Parliament and called upon the women to organize for better conditions. She quoted a Chinese proverb regarding buying a loaf of bread with a yen and a rose with the other and stated that the \$100,000 voted for flowers, etc. at Ottawa would have been better spent on starving people. She quoted Dr. Weir of B.C. regarding the health of young men joining the Army and she also stated that poverty was one of the worst subversive elements in Canada, that the people were 100% loyal but she could not say the same for the Government. She went on to say that the war taxes would affect the working class with regard to clothing, food, etc. and that men were being fattened up before going to war while new life at home was not getting a fair deal. In closing she called on women to organize and carry on the war that was at home." [8]

LEADERSHIP NOT WORRIED

The outlawing of the Communist Party has given its Toronto members and sympathizers a "good scare" for the time being. The leadership however are not worried, as they insist that the longer the War lasts the worse conditions will become for the small taxpayer and the proletariat and the better for the Red Revolution. It won't be long now, they promise,

before strikes and trouble can be expected from coast to coast.[9]

COMMUNISM

"ALL-RED" NATIONAL YOUTH CONGRESS (Montreal)

Another National Youth Congress will be held under auspices of Montreal Youth Council in Montreal the first week in July. This Congress promises to be largely comprised of delegates from subversive organizations, including the Young Communist League, Young Communists, United Workers, Anti-Conscription League, Canadian Civil Liberties Union (Communist controlled Montreal section) and Youth Councils.

At a Youth Parliament Session held in Montreal on June 1 and 2 a resolution of loyalty to the Government had been defeated by a majority vote, with the result that the Y. M. C. A., the Young Men's Hebrew Association, the Young Women's Hebrew Association and the Co-operative Commonwealth Youth Movement had withdrawn their delegates from the Session and the Montreal Junior Board of Trade had publicly announced in the press its denial of affiliation with the Montreal Youth Council and strongly condemned the Council for its past activities.

Despite public reaction and the severing of other Youth organizations from the Montreal Youth Council, this body is determined to hold the National Youth Congress next month, unless prevented by the Police. Therefore it can be presumed that this Congress will be wholly controlled by the left wing elements.[10]

DISORGANIZATION IN SASKATCHEWAN PARTY RANKS (Regina)

The Communist Party of Canada in the Province of Saskatchewan appears to be seriously disorganized as a result of the outlawing of the Party and other left wing organizations and the arrests of Clifford Peet and Gladys McDonald, leading Communists.

Organizers are contacting local leaders and members, instructing them that under no circumstances are they to correspond with the District Bureaus at Regina and Saskatoon. Owing to the seizure of mailing lists when Peet and McDonald were arrested, the Party leaders fear that the authorities will take steps to check all the mail from those named on the lists. Efforts are being made, but with little or no response from country points, to raise funds for the defence of those arrested.

A. C. Campbell, leader of the Saskatchewan Party, recently visited Winnipeg and stated that no one would attend meetings of any kind. It would appear that he was advised to return to Saskatchewan immediately and notify the Party leaders to stay under cover for at least six months, if necessary.

Some anxiety is noted in connection with the evidence which may be given at the trials of Peet and McDonald, and it is understood that if docu-

ments are produced or evidence forthcoming dealing with the ramifications of the C.P. of C. in Saskatchewan the whole leadership will be disowned by the Central Committee and an underground organization promoted from Toronto.

T. H. Newlove has been retained to conduct the defence of Peet and McDonald, and it is believed that he has some contact of a confidential nature in the Attorney General's Dept. in Regina.

It is of interest to add that the C.P. of C. are reported to have a complete list of the license number, names and body colors etc. of all R.C.M.P. cars operating in Saskatchewan.[11]