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"FIRST LINE OF DEFENCE"

"Those who regard the British Isles as the last outpost of the Continent are wrong. It is, of course, nothing of the sort. These islands do not represent the geographical and political extremity of Europe; they are not the last corner of a continent in which the remnants of a well-nigh shattered European civilization now repose. They are rather the first line of defence of a great world system, made up of an Imperial Commonwealth, and the freedom-loving countries of the new world. He who attempts to invade these shores dare not, and must not, regard his expedition as one rounding off a series of European conquests, but rather as the beginning of a great and terrible adventure which offers not the slightest prospect of final success, against an Imperial system, and great continents possessed of illimitable man-power and resources. They command the oceans and

spirited peoples who do not know defeat, and if necessary will blockade the whole continent of Europe so that Germany and her allies would perish in their very triumphs. Military success on the Continent is one thing; sometimes in the past we have failed to prevent it. Conquest of the world is another; no one has yet achieved it."

From "Memorandum of Information
on Foreign Affairs."

QUEEN VICTORIA WAS NOT INTERESTED

Notice recently placed in the vestibule of Greenwich Police Court, London:-

"By listening to or reporting rumours of calamity you help the enemy. Follow the example of Queen Victoria who, at the age of 80, in the black days of the Boer War, said, 'There is no depression in this house, and we are not interested in the possibility of defeat—it does not exist'." [1]

NAZIISM

SYMPATHY FOR INTERNED TRAITORS!

(The following letter should be an object lesson to thousands of enemy dupes who oppose the law to their own destruction.)

Ste. Rose du Lac, Man.,
June 24, 1940.

"Hon. Ernest Lapointe
Minister of Justice
Ottawa.

(Or to whom it may concern)

Shortly after the war broke out, a Mr. Leo Shebbler of Ste. Rose, was interned for reasons no one here knew at the time. A few months later his wife came around with a petition to have him released, thinking as we did that he was a good citizen and being moved by the tears and pleadings of his wife to have him come home, and provide for his family as he was previously doing, a number of people and I signed the petition. Whether the petition had anything to do with his release or not I don't know, but I do know that I and everyone else who signed the petition would like to see him interned again.

Since his return he treats everyone with contempt, even the police, he refuses to work, is showing a very mean disposition, and is a member of some Nazi Organization, and in the opinion of the police, is a dangerous man to have at large. I hope you will issue orders to have him sent back to the internment camp for the duration of the war.

Yours truly,

(Note: Ordered re-interned by Minister of Justice)[2]

INCREASING BITTERNESS AMONG GERMANS

(From a confidential report) (Toronto)

"The internment of suspected Italians and some Germans has a sobering influence on the German element here. At the present time there are no gatherings at private homes to celebrate Hitler's victories, and Nazi propagandists who have previously been pretty active, prefer to stay in the background for the time being.

As more and more Germans—naturalized and unnaturalized—are being put out of work throughout the city and articles appear in local newspapers urging Canadian families to discharge all German domestic servants, bitterness and anti-British feeling are steadily increasing amongst the German element. With no hope to secure employment, many of them are prepared and quite willing to go to internment camps, especially as they believe that the war will soon be over and that they will be indemnified after the war.

Most of those German nationals who have applied for naturalization as British subjects but have not received their citizen papers as yet are now not interested in getting them. Germans, whether naturalized or not, and even those who try to be good Canadians, are now morally isolated, harmed in their material interests by an often-unrelenting boycott, unable to secure employment, suspected of being fifth columnists and forced by war regulations to register with the registrar of enemy aliens, so that Canadian citizen papers are now practically useless, they contend.

Germans here greatly appreciate the attitude of the Federal Government towards so-called sixth columnists and are thankful that serious disorders which inevitably occur in times of great stress when emotional hysteria takes the place of reason have been prevented. They point proudly to the fact that in the present war no acts of sabotage have been committed or attempted by Germans as yet and in their own interest they are anxious to see that no sabotage will ever be committed by a German fanatic in this country.[3]

ITALIANS

ITALIAN NATIONALS IN CANADA

The number of Italian nationals in Canada, as determined by Canadian law, is estimated, on the basis of the available information, at about 8,000 at the end of 1939. This estimate is arrived at by taking the number of persons declaring themselves as Italian nationals at the census of 1931, adding the immigrants of the period between June 1, 1931, and December 31, 1939, who stated on entering the country that they were of Italian nationality, and deducting the number of former Italian subjects who have been naturalized between the same dates, as obtained from the records of the Secretary of State, and also making a reasonable allowance for deaths.

Now, at the census of 1931, 17,087 persons described themselves as

of Italian nationality; between the date of the census and the end of 1939, 2,604 immigrants of Italian nationality entered the Dominion but in the same period 10,981 persons of former Italian nationality became naturalized Canadian citizens. This would give us a total of 8,710 Italian nationals in the Dominion at December 31, 1939, provided that there had been no deaths of Italian nationals and no emigration of Italian nationals during the period. No figures of deaths are available by nationalities and no figures of emigrants are available, but a reasonable allowance for the former would reduce the number of Italian nationals in Canada at the close of 1939 to about 8,000.

DISTRUST OF ITALIANS IN MINING AREA (Michel, B.C.)

Following the Italian declaration of War the English speaking miners in the Michel district did not wish to go underground with the Italian miners owing to the possibility of sabotage. There are approximately 200 Italian miners employed at the Michel Mine, and the feeling between the two factions (English and Italian) was very strained. The company officials called a meeting on June 10 when all the miners were informed by Mr. B. Collison, the manager, that if they stopped work now they were no better than Fifth Columnists. After some discussion the English speaking miners decided to continue work.

Reports indicate that conditions are now quiet.[4]

COMMUNISM

"VICTORY FOR THE WORKING CLASS" (Montreal)

Communist literature of the most fanatically destructive type continues to be privately mimeographed and distributed by "Literature Agents" of Branches. A copy of a recent bulletin edited and published by the Educational Committee of District 2 of the Communist Party was forwarded from Montreal. Its three closely-printed double sheets seek to arouse "the masses" into revolting against the Imperialist War and turning the Dominion over to the "strength and impregnability of Bolshevik leadership" (Comrade Lenin). To quote in part:

For Bolshevik Understanding of the War and our Tasks.

The fact that the imperialist war has entered a new stage of ferocious intensity that "our own" imperialists have been suffering defeats, and that reaction is going to frenzied extremes in its attacks on the working class—all of this puts to the sharpest test the revolutionary firmness and understanding of every Communist.

It is at times like this that the bourgeoisie, along with its violence and fascist repression, exerts the full pressure of chauvinism, of capitalist deception and hysteria, in an attempt to wipe out the in-

fluence of the class-conscious vanguard of the workers, to defeat the strike and anti-conscription and other struggles of the working people, and to harness the masses to the war-machine of imperialism. Just because of this, the sharpening and deepening of our Marxist, Leninist, Stalinist understanding of the War and our tasks, is today a vitally important, immediate responsibility of each one of us. In this, our most precious weapons, steeled and tested to invincibility in the fires of war and revolution, are the teachings of Lenin on the struggle against imperialist war, for Socialism, and the wise, bolshevik leadership of Stalin, and of Dimitrov and our World-Party of Communism. Their teachings are no set of dead, abstract formulas, but rich, concentrated experience, [5] living leadership, which learned till it is a living part of us, can give our work the quality of Bolshevism, and guarantee our victory....

For a class-conscious worker, the only interest is in a victory for the working class, to put an end once and for all to the slaughter and blood-drunk tyranny that will otherwise continue for decades, in an unending nightmare. And if the achievement of that victory demands that in each belligerent country the workers carry forward the class struggle against their own bourgeoisie, for its defeat and overthrow—then, clearly, the test of revolutionary class-consciousness and proletarian internationalism will be in the refusal to be brow-beaten and stampeded into ‘class-peace’, (submission to the bourgeoisie, abandonment of struggle), and in courageous, unflinching adherence to the revolutionary fight for Socialism !.....

This imperialist war is the product of imperialism as a whole, imperialism which is “a world system of colonial oppression and of the financial strangulation of the over-whelming majority of the people of the world by a handful of ‘advanced’ countries” —and which on another occasion Lenin described as one “bloody lump.”.....

The class character of the present war is determined by the rule of monopoly capital in the belligerent countries, monopoly capital in extreme stages of decay, of counter-revolutionary frenzy; the war is an exploding of the insoluble contradictions of the system of imperialism as a whole, contradictions which the English and French imperialists had sought for years to divert against the stronghold of the rising world-system of Socialism, the U.S.S.R. In the bloody fiasco of those attempts, imperialism is engaged in the mutual destruction of its parts (Anglo-French-American imperialism vs. German imperialism), using as always the masses of workers as its cannonfodder.....

In Canada, the contradictions of imperialism run sharp and deep; and today, our work to lead the Canadian working class forward on

the path to the socialist revolution requires tireless leadership to the struggles in industry, among the unemployed, the youth, the women, and, of crucial importance, the struggle against conscription, the struggle for national equality of the French-Canadian people! [6]

In this, we shall remember the words of Comrade Stalin: "Contacts with the masses, the strengthening of these contacts, readiness to listen to the voices of the masses — in this lie the strength and impregnability of Bolshevik leadership."

HOPES OF GERMAN CANADIAN PEOPLE'S LEAGUE
(Deutsch-Kanadische Volksbund)
(Toronto)

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Most members are sure that after Hitler has harassed or invaded the British Isles, thereby further exhausting Germany's war machine and at the same time thoroughly stirring up the labour element there, the Soviet Union will make stronger and stronger demands on Germany, bringing these demands to a point where Hitler will have to turn against the Soviets. Then, it is said, the German Army will be no match for the Red Army. The left element in Germany, which has been ordered inactive so far as the war against "British and French Imperialism is concerned", combined with thousands of Nazis tired of war and disillusioned, will at that time come into play as Dimitroff's "Trojan Horse" inside the German forces and make the Soviet invasion of Germany a walk-over appearing in the Netherlands, Belgium, France and the British Isles in the role of the true liberators from Imperialism, Naziism and Fascism. [7]

THE FIFTH CANADIAN YOUTH CONGRESS
(Montreal)

The Fifth Canadian Youth Congress was duly held in Montreal on July 5-8. Mayor Houde delivered a short address, stating that the Defence of Canada Regulations prevented him from saying what he would like to say on certain subjects. He urged them to persevere in their spirit of tolerance and good-will and closed his remarks by stating that there were many eyes turned upon them. Mayor Houde was widely cheered.

Nine affiliated groups withdrew from the Congress during the opening proceedings when those present failed to adopt a clear-cut resolution to support the Federal government in its war effort:

The Montreal Presbytery of the United Church.

The Montreal Y.W.C.A.

The 20th Century Young Liberal Women's Association.

The National Council of the Y.W.C.A.

The Greater Winnipeg Young Liberals.

St. Andrews United Church.

The South Winnipeg Young Liberals

International Millinery Workers Union Local 49.

The loyalty resolution which was finally adopted by the Congress was as follows:

“At the time when Canada is at war, we wish to reaffirm our allegiance to the democratic traditions of our country and of the British Commonwealth of Nations, freedom of speech, press and assembly, the right of trade unions to organize and the rights of minorities.”

A report was adopted demanding that the Militia Act be struck from the statutes because of the fact that it still contained the provision respecting the conscription of men for overseas service. A report was also adopted demanding that the interned trade union leaders, Sydney Sarkin, Pat Sullivan and Kent Rowley be granted trials. A suggestion was made to have the words “and Communism” added to a report dealing with Fascism as a threat to democracy, but this was turned down by a very large majority.

It is quite apparent that the Canadian Youth Congress is calculated to undermine the morale of the younger generation in Canada, to [8] inculcate an entirely wrong impression of responsibility of citizenship and to discount the traditions and principles for which this country is now at war.

It is of interest to add that all those who withdrew claimed that the Congress was not representative and did not express the true opinion of Canadian youth.

CLEANSING PROCESS IN TRADE UNIONS (Vancouver, B.C.)

It will be recalled that last May 17, Vancouver trade unions were suspended for failure to remove Communist representatives from the Council, and that this action was taken by C. Hughes, representative of the American Federation of Labor.

Subsequently some of the suspended unions held a meeting and voiced their opinion that the reason for the expulsions was a pretext and not in accord with the resolutions of the American Federation of Labor. The action of the Vancouver and New Westminister District Trades and Labor Council was condemned as being arbitrary and dictatorial. A month later however, after further consideration a total of 11 of the suspended Unions had made application for reaffiliation.

In contrast to these the Bricklayers' and Masons' Union, Local No. 1 decided unanimously against reaffiliation with the Council, thus breaking a connection of over 50 years' standing. At the same time the Union announced that they were not a Communist organization and probably had not one Red in their ranks.[9][Page 10 is missing.]

GENERAL

WHY "JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES" HAVE BEEN BANNED

(Saskatchewan)

The International Bible Students Association is a world wide organization which has been in existence since 1897. It is under the control of an American named Judge Rutherford, who for years has been attacking our churches and our political organizations claiming that they are betrayers of the common people.

Until the Spring of 1939 this organization was regarded as politically harmless, most of its members being looked upon as merely religious fanatics. Since that time the "Witnesses of Jehovah" have displayed a stiffening attitude, decidedly opposed to British policy.

Little groups have been organized throughout the provinces. They receive literature and records from the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, Inc., of Brooklyn, New York, which is the American branch of the international association. The "Witnesses" travel around their district, usually in pairs, distributing their literature, playing gramophone records of speeches of Judge Rutherford, and preaching to anyone who will listen to them. They do not sell the literature, but make it clear that donations are very acceptable and necessary to carry on their work. They display a very religious attitude at all time and are very persistent in expounding the views of Judge Rutherford.

It is not known as yet, whether or not the organization has any headquarters in this Province, or who might be in control of their activities. From recent seizures it has been noted that "Witnesses" who have been subjected to court action are advised to communicate with the Legal Desk of the Watchtower and Tract Society, 40 Irwin Avenue, Toronto 5, Ontario.

Among reports on file we note: On May 28, 1939, a large meeting held in the City of Prince Albert by these people was addressed by one J. D. Ferguson, of Toronto. At this meeting, a pamphlet "Fascism of Freedom" was distributed. This piece of literature stresses the need for protecting the freedom and civil liberties of the people. The Roman Catholics and other religious denominations are bitterly attacked for conspiring to introduce dictatorial methods in America. In one place in the pamphlet the following passage appears: "At Ottawa, Canada the Coliseum was engaged for this convention of Christians (Jehovah's Witnesses). Ten days later notice was served on Jehovah's Witnesses [11] by the Board of Control that the use of the Coliseum is granted subject to there being no utterances made against any church or religious denomination of those connected with churches or religious denominations." This is what they mean by restriction of freedom.

Another incident of note occurred at Wakaw, Sask., on August 5, 1939, when about 130 of these people held a parade on the streets of the town

carrying placards bearing the words "Religion is a racket and a snare."

A recent report concerning the Hillmond District in this Province indicates that many persons of German origin, who have been active in the Nazi movement, are now taking part in the work of the Jehovah's Witnesses. Obviously, they feel that they might cause a diversion for the authorities under the cloak of religion, or that they might at least cause some embarrassment.

Among the cases that have resulted in convictions in this Province since the outbreak of war is that against Einar A. Anderson, of Big River, Sask., who made statements during September last to a man about to join the army, which were intended or likely to discourage him from doing so. There were such remarks as "You should think twice before you take a step like that, if you do, it will mean eternal damnation." and "He who lives by the sword shall die by the sword." He defaulted in payment of a fine imposed against him and served 60 days in goal.

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"Civilized nations are preparing for war, which means that the picked young men of the race will soon be brutally, coldly and deliberately dragged from their loved ones by the gold-braided general staffs, and marched into the slaughtering pen."

He also defaulted in payment of a fine imposed and served a term in gaol.

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There are clear indications that the "Witnesses of Jehovah" are becoming much more active in this country and that they are being spurred on by the Association itself. While their numbers seem to be quite limited, it is possible for them to bring into existence a very undesirable influence, an influence which is both defeatist and pacifist, and which is definitely opposed to our British policy.

The general policy of this association, although preparing their propaganda from the Bible, is definitely aimed at stirring up animosity toward the churches and the authorities. Such a policy, cannot be regarded as anything but subversive at this critical period through which our Empire is passing.

(On July 4 "Jehovah's Witnesses" were declared an illegal organization by Order in Council.)[13]

AN AMERICAN VIEWPOINT

(Taken from a Copyright editorial, United Business Service, June 22-1940).

Airplanes And Guns are not Enough:

The transition from a peacetime to a wartime economy, which we dis-

cussed on this page last week, will involve something more than the stimulation of aircraft production, a bigger steel output, and more ships. We must not only prepare materially for a war which we may "inherit" from the French and British (in addition to the standing menace that this country faces on the Pacific side) but prepare our minds and wills to face new and stringent conditions of life.

It is a hard thing to say in the hour of their bitterness, but lack of sufficient aircraft is not the only reason for the military disasters suffered by France and Britain. Behind that lie conceit a fatuous confidence in their own invincibility, smug satisfaction with their victory of 25 years ago, unwillingness of people and rulers to make sacrifices, or to adjust their viewpoint to changing circumstances. So they failed to prepare adequately in spite of ample warnings.

As a people we suffer from the same self deceiving softness. We once thought we could abolish liquor by voting. We should have learned something from the results of that "noble experiment". We thought we could borrow and spend our way out of depression into prosperity. It seemed so much easier than the path of hard work and sound economics. The President has told the people that we can prepare for war without sacrificing our living standards, and the women need not give up cosmetics. This last is a small thing, but the German women did it several years ago.

And that is the root of our trouble we don't want to give up anything. Labor unions are unwilling to modify wage hour standards. We shrink from compulsory military training, but it would do our boys a world of good. Only our poor boys go into the CCC, but in Germany every boy poor or rich must serve six months in the CCC (Arbeitsdienst). We play politics a game of getting jobs, bonuses, or other gratuities out of the public treasury. Inefficiency even corruption in office is tolerated with a shrug of the shoulders. Public indifference and political collusion prevent the effective suppression of crime.[14]

We must purge ourselves of this easy going softness. Our whole national life needs tuning up in every department. **THAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN PREPAREDNESS.**

FOREIGN SEAMEN PREVENT CONVOY'S SAILING

Many seamen of foreign nationality have left their ships in the harbours of Quebec and Halifax, refusing to sail to the British Isles or the continent. It is reported that their number is increasing at a serious rate. At present the striking sailors are being held in the Immigration sheds along the water-fronts, but such accommodation is limited and other provisions may have to be made for the sailors' detention.

It is of paramount importance that the shipping of supplies, munitions, etc. to Great Britain should be maintained at all costs. Police have been instructed to assist the immigration officials in every way possible to solve this vital problem.[15]