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**NAZISM**

**NAZIS PREPARED FOR UPRISING  
(Toronto)**

The activities of the Underground Nazi Organization in Toronto continue at irregular intervals, with meetings being called by the group supervisor when so directed by the leaders.

At a recent (typical) gathering the usual discussion on the current situation took place and members were warned that if they are arrested they must not divulge anything regarding these groups.

In so far as the situation in Canada is concerned, the group was instructed, by the medium of discussion, and by unanimous decision, that members must support any subversive uprising no matter what party or political faction might be the instigator. If the C.P. of C. started such an uprising they must support it because the C.P. is considered by them to have considerable strength and potentialities for hindering Canada's war effort.

Not only are the meetings being held by the men but the women are active in an unorganized way in bolstering the spirits of their menfolk.

The spirit that pervades these people may be illustrated best by the following remark that was made by the wife of one of the interned men:—"I am not sorry that my husband is in. At least I know what he is there for."

Through careful and discreet discussion with a large number of Germans in this city, it is estimated that 8 out of 10 with whom contact was made believe that Hitler will win the war. Further, many Germans who prior to the war took no part in politics and were not affiliated with any of the pro-Nazi movements have changed their views, and it is estimated that 5 out of 10 of such Germans are now pro-Nazi.[1]

All these people have full confidence in "der Fuehrer" and are loyal to the Nazi idea and German regime. Their attitude was revealed during a discussion over the consequences of the possible defeat of Germany. The unanimous opinion was that the German and Italian people would rather perish than lose the war. This applies equally to Reich Germans and those born in Austria and the Balkan States.

### JEWS DOING THEIR SHARE

(Regina)

(Despite anti-Semitism in Saskatchewan, instigated by Nazi Agents, Jews continue to enlist. To quote from a recent report:)

While there has always been a certain amount of anti-Semitism in Regina and Saskatchewan, as elsewhere, the recent outburst expressed itself thus:

"It's a capitalist war; a Jewish war; the Jews are not enlisting, but let other people fight their war."

Nothing could be more revealing as to the source of such defeatist propaganda. We are sure the "Deutscher Bund" was not dissolved, but went underground, and their sinister activities are going on in a more subtle manner. The fact is, as the military authorities at Ottawa know full well, Jewish-Canadians are enlisting away out of proportion to their quota of population.

As for the "capitalist" war, it takes capital to fight a war. The Jewish community as such has subscribed generously, away out of proportion, not because they consider it a "Jewish" war, but because they understand the clear-cut issue of decency versus brute force much better than people who take their freedom too much for granted.

A Leader-Post reporter, Harold Colter, informs a fellow-reporter, Harold Hyman, that there has been quite a lot of talk down-town about the alleged failure of Jews to enlist. The Leader-Post editorial helped to quieten the Klu-Kluckers for a time. A definite statement by the military authorities would do more to convince the Canadian community, sullenly suspicious of anyone who is not English, Scotch or Irish, that Canadians

of Jewish faith are doing their part.[2]

The press, too, might credit the Jewish community with the fact that a special room has been set aside in the Talmud Torah, Jewish community centre, for Red Cross work, and English speaking Christian Canadians are using that room as though it were their own.

### FASCISM

#### WESTERN FASCISTS ARE CHASTENED

(Vancouver)

The Italian attitude of mind has undergone a profound change since last summer, due to the arrest of all Fascio members, to the increasing United States sympathy with the Empire and to the continuous disasters to Mussolini's forces on land and sea. All this has had a most chastening effect on temperaments vastly different from those of the bull-headed Germans—stilling their boastings and, in many cases, causing them to avoid the public.

In reference to those arrested and later released unconditionally or on parole when found not to be active members of the Fascio, these have been kept under quiet surveillance and their general conduct is giving no ground for complaint.

The relatives of the interned men now appear resigned to the fact that neither money, lawyers or influence will release the internees who were members of the Fascio in good standing at the outbreak of war with Italy. They admit that if internment is justified, that it is only right that all members should be interned and that if one is favoured by release then all should be released. They would naturally like to see their interned men released, but so long as no favouritism is shown we will have a minimum of trouble from these relatives to contend with.[3]

### FRANCE

#### QUEBEC AND THE VICHY GOVERNMENT

(Montreal)

(This delicate problem is briefly reviewed in the following confidential report.)

It appears time that very careful consideration should be given to (a) The attitude of Canada towards

- (i) France in general
- (ii) The Vichy Government
- (iii) The DeGaulle Committee

and (b) The position of French Canada in the picture and the place which French Canadians can take in solving the problem confronting us.

With regard to (b) it would appear that four different opinions exist: [§<blank>][4][Page 5 is missing.]

## COMMUNISM

### NEW CANADIAN SOCIALIST STATE

A Party Directive, under the heading "A Political Letter on our Present Tasks", is important as a statement of the present views and policy of the Communist Party of Canada. The "letter" opens with:

"In the course of organizing and leading militant struggles of the workers and farmers for their immediate demands, it is our task to carry on the most wide-spread and concrete revolutionary propaganda under the slogan: An Independent Socialist Canada!"

Enlarging upon this subject, it advises all members to struggle against C.C.F. and reactionary trade union officials. It attacks so-called British labour traitors and the Tory ruling class, referring to the British Government as the most despotic Government in the world.

It contends that the network of finance, trade and industry, with British capitalists, places Canada in most imminent danger; that the British bourgeoisie made peace with Hitler to maintain class domination, and that the Canadian bourgeoisie have now been incorporated into the United States imperialist system under the disguise of a "Defence Union".

It is especially important, it declares, to expose the sordid "Victory" propaganda of the Churchill-Chamberlain-Attlee Government, echoed in Canada by King and the bourgeoisie; that the real strategic plan of British imperialism is to hide the appalling cost to the British masses until the revolutionary socialist working classes of the continent are able to revolt against the bourgeoisie and Nazi power and then to step in at the opportune moment to dictate terms to their German and Italian rivals, as the price for crushing the Socialist Revolution. The only path of deliverance for Europe will be the revolutionary socialist workers and standing behind them the Soviet Union.

In dealing with the struggle for an independent Socialist Canada, it calls for the exposure of the anti-Socialist character of the [6] policy of the big bourgeoisie and, in opposition to this policy, working class aid for the socialist revolution in Europe. According to the letter, the only way out for the Canadian masses is to follow the following program:

- (a) Form a new Canadian Socialist State.
- (b) Nationalization and amalgamation of banks, large scale industries and railways under the control of the new State.
- (c) Immediate raising of living standards.
- (d) The new State would be freed of foreign ties with capitalists, and foreign relations would be determined solely on the best interest of Canadian people.
- (e) The French Canadians granted the right to self-determination, even up to separation.

### IN DEFENCE OF JEHOVAH WITNESSES

Members of the Communist Party, who may have religious connections, are instructed to do everything possible to aid Jehovah's Witnesses in presenting their cases to the court and public, as a defense of religious freedom. It is likely that the Communist Party will follow a plan of writing to newspapers criticizing the prosecution of Jehovah's Witnesses. In this way the C.P. hope to secure support from religious-minded people into obstructing government action.[7]

### ANOTHER BLAST FROM THE CLARION (Toronto)

A recent issue of "The Toronto Clarion", published by the Toronto Committee of the Communist Party of Canada, contained a special supplement dated November 7, entitled "The Birth of Socialism", which states that the collapse of armed intervention did not halt the efforts of the Capitalist States to destroy the new Socialist Society, that the Soviets were refused loans and trade agreements, that they were subjected to an illegal blockade, and that spies and wreckers were in the country to sabotage industry and impede industrialization.

To quote:

"The rulers of the capitalists states instituted a well-financed anti-Soviet propaganda campaign, in order to conceal the truth from the masses under their domination.

"The presses poured forth thousands of books, news-papers and magazines devoted to lies and slanders against the Soviets. Anti-Soviet lecturers toured every capitalist country. Every newspaper office became a lie factory, wherein were manufactured the most weird and wonderful accounts of imaginary Soviet 'famines', 'starvation', 'mass purges', and so on.

"In Canada this propaganda campaign has been carried on for 23 years. The result is that many Canadians know no more about what is going on within Soviet Russia than they do about life on Mars.

"They have been pumped so full of anti-Soviet propaganda that they often accept the vicious lie which compares the free, prosperous Socialist State with the brutal Nazi dictatorship."

The article concludes in a statement that an independent Socialist Canada is the only solution to the problems facing the Canadian people; that the lesson of 23 years of working-class power (U.S.S.R.), shows that [8] only a Party of a new type can unite and lead the masses in a successful struggle for power, and to constantly build the Communist Party of Canada is therefore part of the struggle for Socialism.

The Communist Party also distributed a short, two-page "Anniversary Manifesto", which covered the ground dealt with by the supplement to the Clarion, and this also stressed the need for an "Independent Socialist

Canada"—the new slogan decided upon by the C.P. of C.

#### DISLOYALTY AMONG SCHOOL CHILDREN

Members of the Jehovah Witnesses in Ontario and the Prairie Provinces have apparently instructed their children in an anti-British attitude. To date this has consisted in refusal to participate in patriotic exercises. In Hamilton, Ontario 25 children have been barred from the schools following their actions against such exercises. In Edmonton, Alberta the City Police are investigating four children who refused to salute the flag following an order by the School Board for regular patriotic exercises. From Saskatchewan come numerous reports of failures to participate in saluting of the flag and singing of the national Anthem in the smaller schools.

While this movement was obviously instituted by the Jehovah Witnesses there is no doubt that the children themselves have recruited sympathizers from among malcontents. It is also noted that there is no predominant nationality among the culprits, at least so far as can be judged from the names of those reported.[9]

#### U.S. REDS SEVER CONNECTIONS WITH COMINTERN

The Communist Party of the United States, at a special Convention held in New York recently, voted to dissolve all affiliations with the Communist International and all other foreign organizations. This action was taken for the specific purpose of removing the party from the terms of the so-called Voorhis Act which will become effective in January, 1941 and which will require groups under foreign control to register with the Department of Justice.[9] [10]

#### UKRAINIANS

##### ARE UKRAINIAN NATIONALISTS LOYAL TO CANADA?

The Ukrainian Nationalist movement in Canada is of the European origin and is much older than Italian Fascism or German Nazism. It was organized underground by patriots of the defeated Ukrainian armies in the struggle for Ukraine's independence against the Soviet Union and Poland. A secret Ukrainian Military Organization (the UMO) was formed by Col. Evhen Konovaletz in order to perpetuate the struggle by means of terrorism, as ruthless as that of the Comitadjis of the Balkan nations against the Turks. Assassinations of Polish high officials and even of the pro-Polish Ukrainians followed. State and private property has been raided and destroyed, often resulting in punitive action being taken by the Government of Poland against the innocent Ukrainian peasants in reprisal. These acts of terrorism were directed by leaders of the UMO from Germany, Czecho-Slovakia, Austria and Lithuania where they enjoyed the safety of political refugees.

In 1929, Col. Konovaletz reorganized the UMO into a world-wide Ukrainian Nationalist Movement, known henceforth as the "Organization of

Ukrainian Nationalists" (the OUN). Retaining the old aims and somewhat reforming the methods, the OUN movement gradually spread throughout Ukrainian society in all countries where Ukrainians lived. Many former generals and other officers of the Ukrainian and Russian armies, diplomats, intellectuals, etc. scattered throughout Continental Europe joined the OUN, forming a Supreme Leadership of the OUN, with headquarters in Berlin, and with Col. Konovaletz as the Leader. A book by Dr. D. Dontsov, a Ukrainian savant and editor of Lwow, entitled "Nationalism", was readily accepted as ideological basis for the reorganized Ukrainian Nationalist movement. Certain features of Italian corporate philosophy have been appropriated in that book and in the movement, some slogans of which are: "The nation above everything!" "Liberty through Nationalist revolution!" Thus the OUN proceeded to organize its sections in all parts of the world, including Canada.

The Ukrainian Nationalist movement as a political force in Canada begins with the organization of the "Ukrainian War Veterans Association"[11] in 1928, in Winnipeg, by veterans of the Ukrainian wars, many of whom have been members of the UMO, who came to Canada to escape apprehension by Polish authorities. [deletion: 2 lines] Dr. Ivan Gulay, O. Wasylshin, W. Kossar, W. Hultay, M. Sharyk, and a dozen others. Some of the above mentioned continue as leaders of the Ukrainian Nationalist Federation (the UNO) and in the recently united Ukrainian Canadian Committee. The leadership of the OUN and political ideology was accepted by the Ukrainian veterans' association for its own, and within a short time 16 branches of the organization were formed in the Dominion. And needless to say, the appearance of the Ukrainian Nationalist Organization on a Canadian scene was met with hostile opposition from all organized Ukrainian groups in Canada.

In the face of growing hostility and the evident failure of making any headway here, the leaders of the UWVA have decided to set up an organization that would offer a wider scope of activities and remove the restrictions as to membership qualification existing in the Veterans' association. Thus, in 1932 the Ukrainian Nationalist Federation of Canada (the UNO) was organized, with headquarters in Saskatoon, where the present organ of the UNO, the New Pathway, was being published and also where the headquarters of the UWVA had been moved from Winnipeg in 1934. Hence the leaders of the UWVA have also become the leaders of the newly formed UNO, and the supreme leadership of the OUN and its ideology became the part and parcel of the UWO. Although the existing Ukrainian organizations persisted in their opposition to the UNO, the Nationalists succeeded in building a successful organization, somewhat fashioned after the Communist ULFTA, and with branches in all Ukrainian Canadian communities. The Veterans' association was incorporated as an autonomous section and charged with the task of inspiring

militant spirit in the ranks of the UNO. Having been established in 1930 as a Nationalist publication by a [~~deletion: 1 line~~], M. Pohorecky, and several other Nationalists, the New Pathway (Nowy Shlah) was accepted as the organ of the UNO, aiding the new organization in its development into a redoubtable movement in Canada.

In the meantime Hitler came to power in Germany and the OUN leaders simply hitched their vehicle to the Nazi machine in a hope that one day the Fuehrer would crush the Soviet Union and thus aid them in the reconstruction of the Ukraine along the totalitarian lines, with Konovaletz emerging as dictator. Consequently the whole movement found itself entangled in the Nazi machine. By own choice or force of circumstances the leaders were enlisted into the services of the Nazi Gestapo, the Intelligence and Propaganda departments, including the leader Konovaletz. Konovaletz was reported having been also in the service of the Soviet G.P.U., and on this account was assassinated two years ago in Rotterdam [12] under mysterious circumstances. The Nationalists claim that an agent of the G.P.U. named Valuke murdered their leader, while a Detroit journalist, Adler, advanced an opinion that it was the Gestapo that ordered his death. It is therefore interesting to note that Konovaletz had visited Canada in 1929, reportedly on the invitation of Wasyl Swystun, then the president of the Ukrainian Self-Reliance League and now a nominal leader of the UNO, in a futile endeavour to link this patriotic Canadian organization with the OUN.

Another prominent leader of the OUN, who is reported to have been in the service of the German Gestapo and the Soviet G.P.U., is O. Hrybiwsky-Senyk. As liaison officer of the OUN, he made many visits to Canada and the United States on a secret mission to the Canadian UNO and the ODWU in the United States. Col. Roman Sushko, Gen. Victor Kurmanovich, both serving in the German army at present, Gen. N. Kapustiansky, and perhaps other representatives of the OUN have also visited Canada at the invitation of the UNO and made public appearances. A close link between the OUN in Europe and the UNO in Canada has been maintained, large sums of Canadian money steadily flowing into the OUN treasury while to the UNO executive in Saskatoon came orders and directives from the supreme leadership of the OUN in Berlin, Vienna, Prague and Rome.

Prior to this war the UNO has therefore reflected the policies and the sentiments of the OUN in all their activities and press organs. On this score the UNO was branded as a pro-Nazi group by most of the Ukrainian organizations in Canada. However, when the present hostilities broke out the UNO leaders were among the first to declare unconditional loyalty to Canada and the British cause. Having been somewhat disillusioned in Hitler on account of the Carpatho-Ukraine incident, the Nazi Germany was declared as vicious a foe of the Ukrainians as the Soviets are, and this at-



itude is maintained by the UNO to the present moment. In fact, the UNO is at present more outspokenly anti-Nazi and pro-British than appear to be those Ukrainian organizations whose loyalty has never been questioned and who were in conflict with the UNO for years because of its pro-Nazi sympathy. It is also a component part of the Ukrainian Canadian Committee which unites all legitimate Ukrainian organizations in Canada in the task of aiding the war effort of Canada. Whether its loyalty is sincere or not remains to be proved.

The fusion of opposing Ukrainian organizations was accomplished but recently through efforts of Prof. Simpson of Saskatoon and Capt. Tracy Philipps, representing the British Council of Education. Previous to November 15, there existed two opposing Ukrainian "representative committees" in Canada: the "Representative Committee" formed by the UNO and the Ukrainian Catholic Church lay society, the Brotherhood of Ukrainian-[13]-ian Catholics; and the "Ukrainian Central Committee", uniting the Ukrainian Self-Reliance League and its affiliated sections, the Ukrainian Hetman Organization and the Ukrainian United Organizations. The effort to form a united committee soon after the war started had failed due to the fact that some of the above stated organizations frankly refused to identify themselves with the UNO because of its pro-Nazi tendencies in the past. Meanwhile the UNO leaders have secretly patched up their differences with the leaders of the Catholic Church and formed with the BUC the above "representative committee", with an imposing advisory board comprised of Prof. Watson Kirkconnell, J. T. Thorson, M.P., R.K. Finlayson, and Prof. Simpson. Rev. Dr. W. Kushnir, secretary of Bishop Ladyka, became president of the Committee.

Now in the united Ukrainian Canadian Committee the UNO has retained its dominant position by fact of the apparent support of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, whose representatives together with those of the UNO have been placed in the executive positions. It will be seen therefore that having entrenched itself so firmly in the life of Ukrainian Canadians it would be difficult to impugn the Nationalist UNO without disrupting the whole structure of Ukrainian Canadians.

The strange affinity between the Ukrainian Catholic Church and the Nationalist movement in Canada and in the United States, which is of recent date, may be variously interpreted. Until about two years ago the Nationalists have been ardent supporters of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, while the Ukrainian Catholic Church supported the Hetman Royalist movement. However, with the ascendance of Col. Melnyk to leadership of the OUN, the Catholic Church is seen as making a sudden about face. It is explained that it is due to the fact that the supreme leader of the OUN is an ardent Catholic and former administrative assistant in the Ukrainian Catholic Church for the Metropolitan Sheptycky, who might have evolved some plan or compromise with the Catholic Church

with regard to the conversion of the Orthodox Ukraine. On the other hand, the most prominent leaders of the Catholic Church in the United States and Canada as well as many priests of the Church are ardent Nationalists. In Canada, Rev. Dr. W. Kushnir is reported as being a follower of the late Col. Konovaletz and friend of the present leader, Col. Melnyk. In the United States, Auxiliary Bishop Ivan Buchko is a declared Nationalist who has already earned for himself a name for his anti-British declarations. There may be other forces at work among the Ukrainians which ferment inexplicable factors in these political orientations and re-alignments.

At their best, the Ukrainian Nationalists in Canada may be regarded with a big question mark.[14]