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GENERAL

WHY "CANADIAN TRIBUNE" WAS SUSPENDED

The recent suspension for a period of three weeks of "The Canadian Tribune" aroused in some quarters criticism for unjust interference with the "freedom of the press". The recommendation for such action against the "Tribune" was made by the Press Censorship in the belief that this weekly paper published in Toronto and circulated throughout Canada was contravening Section 39A of the Defence of Canada Regulations.

The "Tribune" first appeared January 20, 1940, ten months after the "Daily Clarion" (Communist paper) was declared illegal. Long before its appearance the Police were aware of the intention of certain people previously connected with the "Clarion" to fill the vacancy with a publication which, while remaining within the letter of the law, would perpetuate the traditions and policies of the defunct paper.

At present innuendo is the chief weapon of the "Tribune". There is little in the average issue which is definitely anti-British. It is rather in the clever headlines, the well-edited excerpts from reputable papers, that it insinuates against our system. In this its editorial policy is more or less identical with that of the "Clarion" until about 1938.

The parallel between the two goes further. Distribution of the "Tribune" is, for the most part, by local agents who are all known Communists. There are no subscription drives but there are constant "sustaining fund" drives carried on by affiliates of the Party still within the pale of the law. It is further interesting to note that a few weeks before the first issue of the "Tribune" appeared all subscribers to the "Clarion" were contacted by circular letter for subscription to the new paper.

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From its first issue one of the "Tribune's" primary policies has been criticism of the Defence of Canada Regulations in their application to Communists and so-called Union Leaders. In this connection, Mrs. Nielsen's Point No. 9 in her Ten Point Program, "Release of Trade Unionists and other anti-Fascists Now Interned", has been given considerable prominence by the "Tribune". Mrs. Nielsen's platform gives every indication of being dictated by the politically wise. The "Tribune" on the other hand has a well-developed policy developed long before Mrs. Nielsen became front-page news. It would seem, therefore, that their ideology has a common source C.P. of C.

Suspension of the "Tribune" was not the result of any one misdemeanour but rather of an accumulation of petty offenses on the border-line of legality that tended to discourage faith in democracy and retard our war efforts. The editors had previously been warned to be more moderate in their manner of expressing their views but, despite this, in recent weeks they published several items that were distinctly subversive in tone and so brought about the three weeks' suspension ruling of the Government.[2]

POLICE INVESTIGATION OF NIELSEN PROPAGANDA

Last August Mrs. Dorise Nielsen, M.P., published a leaflet entitled "Why I Opposed the Budget". As the contents were suspected of contravening the Defence of Canada Regulations and the leaflets were being utilized by Communists for the furtherance of their anti-British ends, they were seized and examined. They contained the following passages:

"I am writing to you, the Canadian people, because it is the only way I can reach you. I feel that if you know the truth you will lift your voice with mine in protest, especially against the injustice of this war budget. Mine is only one voice, but yours is the voice of millions.

"You have been told by press and radio that this budget was patriotic, that it ensured equality of sacrifice and equal participation in the war effort. That is a lie, and this war budget is instead the greatest hoax ever perpetrated on the nation. This budget means greater

poverty, suffering and misery for the Canadian people, while at the same time it ensures further profits for the few. It means that the Canadian people, who are now suffering greatly, will be compelled to finance this war, besides giving their sons. It means that those who now own and control vast wealth will continue to build up even greater reserves, by way of war contracts, and also ensure for themselves interest upon loans they will issue to the government...

"Besides sacrificing our sons, we are to bear a burden of taxation and debt which will drag us down to a degree of misery such as we have never yet experienced. It cannot be patriotic to support this. It is not loyal to allow such treatment of our people, for we are not a poor, impoverished nation. We are wealthy, and these sacrifices we are asked to make are unnecessary and uncalled for. Our government is doing today just as it did during the Great Depression. It is acting as the Charlie McCarthy of the big business Bergen; it is protecting the wealthy at the expense of the nation.[3]

"Besides some of our men giving their lives, others will have to work in the mines, in the factories, in the fields, their labour regimented by the enormous powers of conscription taken by the government. Our women are to see their dollars grow smaller and smaller in value and, with despair and growing anxiety, realize that they can no longer feed and clothe their families. Our children are to suffer from malnutrition and lack of medical care, their little pale faces bearing mute testimony to our nation's indifference.

"To that we are doomed unless, in loyalty to Canada, to our people and their future, we raise our voices in one great effort to protest against this injustice...

Dorise W. Nielsen, M.P."

Subsequently, a pamphlet (containing 47 pages) was published by the Canadian Tribune Publishing Company of Toronto. This contains the speeches made by Mrs. Nielsen in the House of Commons; in addition, the first issue contained the wording of the leaflet "Why I Opposed the Budget" under the heading "Open Letter to Canadians", with the exception that where the leaflet contained the following passage:-

"That is a lie and this war budget is instead the greatest hoax ever perpetrated on the nation",

the "Open Letter to Canadians" contained:-

"That is untrue". (The remaining words were omitted)

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The leaflets were seized and the matter duly referred to the Attorney General's Department for a decision; no action being contemplated,

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The matter was subsequently referred to the Attorney General's Department of Saskatchewan who requested that this Force conduct an investigation for the purpose of ascertaining whether, or not, there was sufficient evidence available to prove publication of the leaflet, as there appeared to be grounds for instituting a prosecution under Regulation 39A, D.O.C.R.; following this, an investigation was conducted respecting the circumstances surrounding the publication, etc., of the leaflet which in no way differed from other inquiries of a similar nature.

The Union label on the leaflet indicated that it was printed by the Eveready Printing Company of Toronto but in view of the fact that the pamphlet also contained the wording of the leaflet, with the change already referred to, and that same was published by the Canadian Tribune Publishing Company, it was necessary to search the premises of both these businesses on October 26 under authority of a search warrant issued under the provisions of the Defence of Canada Regulations.[5]

At the premises of the Eveready Printing Company, approximately 50 pieces of correspondence were seized, a perusal of which established that [deletion: 1 line] ordered the printing and distribution of approximately 115,000 copies of the leaflet and that after repeated requests, [deletion: 1 line] subsequently issued a cheque for the sum of \$98.38 being the unpaid balance less \$15, which had, for some unknown reason been paid by [deletion: 2 lines]

At the premises of the Canadian Tribune Publishing Company, a few proofs and five copies of the pamphlet were seized but, following examination and reference to the Attorney General of Saskatchewan, they were returned to [deletion: 1 line] on November 25.

Details of the investigation were duly submitted to the Attorney of Saskatchewan, following which instructions were received to return the leaflets, etc., to the persons from whom they were obtained and this action was followed.[6]

INTERNEES HAVE FOUR-FOLD TRIAL

Recent criticism in Parliament that under the present set-up people can be railroaded into internment camps without reasonable evidence of their guilt and without a chance to refute the charges laid against them, was answered by Mr. Lapointe, Minister of Justice. He explained that the suspect is protected by four separate tribunals.

1. Before he is recommended for internment the police have investigated his activities and gathered all pertinent evidence obtainable.
2. Such particulars are submitted to Crown Counsel especially appointed for the duty, who examines the suspect on basis of police reports and recommends internment or otherwise.
3. If the case is considered sound it is then set before an examining committee (Mr. Norman Robertson, now acting Under-

Secretary of State for External Affairs) and Mr. J. F. MacNeil (Justice Department) who, if the facts warrant it, submit them to the Minister of Justice for an order for internment.

4. The Minister decides whether to issue the order or not. If the man is a British Subject he has the right to object to internment. Such objection is heard by an advisory committee appointed under Section 22 of the Defence of Canada Regulations as the proper authority to act in the matter. The committee sends its recommendation to the Minister of Justice who must then use his discretion.[7]

COMMUNISM

“WESTERN FARMER” ENDORSED BY REDS.

“The Western Farmer”—a new weekly newspaper bearing the slogan “Save the Family Farm”—made its first appearance in Saskatoon, Sask. last October. Its publishing committee are Dorise W. Nielsen, M.P., Minerva Cooper and H. G. Miller [deletion: 2 lines] Henry Mills, Robert Paul and F. G. Gudmundson. Miller is the managing editor.

The “Western Farmer” would seem to be the fulfillment of a long cherished desire on the part of the Communist Party for an independent farm sheet through which they might promulgate their doctrines. Certainly the views of the C.P. of C., as expressed elsewhere by its individual members both by word and print, are appearing weekly in “The Western Farmer”.

Communist leaders are urging their followers to support it as they would their own press when not banned, by subscribing to and reading it faithfully. One leader declares:

“The drive for the “Western Farmer” must be regarded as our main task in the coming month. Nothing can be allowed to interfere with its success. This paper can become the most powerful organizer and agitator for the farmers. It will be the medium for leading and developing the farm struggle. Through it the farmers of the West will work out the form of organization best united to their needs.

“The paper is not our Paper or our organ. It is a mass farm paper which reflects the immediate needs of the farmers and which will set them on the path of struggle against the effects of capitalism and war. As such it deserves our best effort.

“The leading committee holds every member responsible to do his utmost to make the apparatus a success. Make your plan now for immediate response to the Drive Appeal and spare no effort until the paper is firmly based in the farm homes.”[8]

AN “INDEPENDENT PEOPLE’S GOVERNMENT”

Communists continue to issue “political letters championing their

latest scheme for the overthrow of democracy in Canada. The term "People's Party" crops up in the speeches of radicals all over the English-speaking world and was particularly prominent at the "People's Convention" in London, Eng. last January when a massed gathering of Reds repudiated the war and the Churchill Government.

To quote briefly from the latest "letter" (secretly circulated):-

We propose a movement, uniting the working class, the youth, the Western farmers and the French-Canadian people for an Independent People's Government, a genuine Canada First Government, to save the country from being hurled over the precipice. The chief tasks of such a government which create the basis for immediate unity, would be three:

1. To give Canada an independent voice, free from blind, profit-seeking subservience to the war policy of other governments, to prevent the futile spreading of the war, to protect Canada's youth and manpower from futile sacrifice through "blank check" commitments to other governments.
2. To save Canada from being plunged into war in the Pacific at the behest of the USA.
3. To put an end to the orgy of war-profits and war-graft and save the nation from the economic ruin towards which it is now heading.

Favorable conditions for the development of a genuine mass movement for this immediate program and an independent people's government are coming into being. To hold its mass base in Quebec and Western Canada, the King government was compelled to make out-and-out pledges against conscription for overseas service, against committing Canada's manpower to the British government. This demonstrated not only that for the time being US imperialism was not interested in a large-scale Canadian expeditionary force to Europe, but also the tremendous force of the Canadian [9] people's opposition to commitment of Canada's manpower to the British government. In moving now towards total conscription, towards the preparation of a large-scale expeditionary force, the King government faces the critical problem of a shake-up in Liberal-Tory party relations, and the shifting of the government mass base primarily to the British chauvinist-Tory party base. In the face of a powerful agitational drive and exposure of their conspiracy against the Canadian masses, this cannot fail to create serious difficulties and profound disturbances for the bourgeoisie. With the strengthening of the strike movement for higher wages to meet rising living costs, the growth of the new farm movement in the west, the deepening resentment of the Quebec masses and the increasing evidence from the European war itself, of the futile death awaiting Canada's youth there, it becomes increasingly a practical possibility to develop a

united people's mass movement strong enough to block the present disastrous road of government policy, to prevent further sending of our youth to certain death in Europe, and to turn the tide of events through the struggle for an independent peoples' government.

"NEW COMMUNIST PAPER SENT AMONG STUDENTS."

(extract from the Montreal of Feb. 13.)

Apparently shifting their battle ground from McGill University where they distributed the "Red Martlet", the Young Communists of Quebec yesterday distributed another pamphlet, "The Red Triangle", to students of Sir George Williams College.

Copies of the pamphlet, attacking the Dominion's "Call to Arms" and charging that "Canada's students are not cannon fodder in an imperialistic war", were forwarded to the R. C. M. Police by the students who received them.

"The Red Triangle" is the latest move by the "Reds" in Montreal, it was learned yesterday. Almost every day, from hidden presses, new attacks on democracy are launched.[10]

"CLARION" RAVES AT "MORE DICTATORSHIP"

Canadian Communists pretend to see in the Dominion-Provincial conference on the Rowell-Sirois Report just another attempt by the Federal Government to gain more dictatorial power for the prosecution of a "capitalist war". While the Royal Commission had been originally appointed for improving social conditions the findings, asserts "The Clarion", are now being used for the destruction of democracy.

To quote from the latest mimeographed issue of this outlawed sheet:-

In short, the Conference was the first open indication in this war of the growing difficulty of Capitalist rule in Canada. MacKenzie King's first attempt to get centralized powers to persecute the war more fervently for his class failed miserably, and will now give place to arbitrary actions (similar to the rule by order-in-council in the case of civil liberties, about which, significantly, there is no talk of "provincial vs. federal authority") to enforce the war monopoly's policies in the field of finance. On the other hand, trouble can be expected when this is done. While the federal Liberal machine, obeying the dictates of London and Washington, moves to harsher and harsher class rule, some of the provincial opportunists who sense the possibility of furthering their sectional capitalist interests by exploiting the rising movements of the rural masses, will move against the King regime. All the evil fruits of national disunity, of semi-colonialism, of British versus American imperialist interest, of sectional capitalist disputes, of the frustration of Canadian independence which has become the hallmark of the British North America Act, will ripen in the coming months.

The question of democratic rights, economic reforms, complete autonomy for Quebec, an independent foreign policy in line with the national interests of the Canadian people—these are all focal points of the struggle for the control of our own destiny, against the financial oligarchy which in peacetime brazenly refused to introduce a national system of social legislation, and now in wartime attempts to gain increased federal powers to place even greater war burdens on the backs of the people.[11]

The conclusion to be drawn is that the promising people's movements which are developing in multifarious ways and forms are the guarantee that the struggle against the financial oligarchy and for Canadian independence will be carried on in this war. The people's movements must be taken out of the hands of Hepburn and Aberhart. The opportunism of these men must be exposed. The drive of Ottawa for increased central powers must be shown to be what it is and what it holds for the people: more dictatorship to reduce living standards to pay for the capitalist war.

Only an independent Canadian people's government, based on the Western and Ontario farmers, on the specially oppressed Quebec people, on the industrial workers, can solve the problems of the Canadian people at this moment, and stop the mad drive of the big business government to increased participation in war, to starvation and to national ruin. And only such a government could deal, in conference with the provinces, with the democratic requirements of all parts of Canada and oppose the program of big business.

CORRECTION

In "Intelligence Bulletin" No. 39, under the title "Quebec and the Vichy Government", we quoted from a confidential report that intimated that M. Louis Francoeur of Quebec was broadcasting views on the present French situation that were out of harmony with those held by Premier Godbout, and that his remarks "would appear to encourage the totalitarian section of the groups supporting Vichy".

We have since been advised that our informant misinterpreted statements attributed to M. Francoeur, and that in fact M. Francoeur [deletion: 1 line][12]

SABOTAGING OUR TOURIST TRAFFIC

Organized sabotage of our American tourist traffic by the Communist Party of Canada has long been suspected. Rumours calculated to discourage American tourists from crossing our border were undoubtedly responsible for a serious decrease in the number of such visitors last summer and efforts were made to trace the rumours to their source. Last month definite evidence of sabotage came to hand in the form of circular of a defamatory nature. One of these, signed "Jack Canuck, Jr." and couched

in familiar Communist parlance and addressed to "American Youth", contained the following assertions:-

"...No less than 150 labor leaders who worked for peace and freedom have been interned in these camps for the 'duration' without trial or hearing."... "Truth is outlawed in Canada. We can't get authentic news. Some 50 of our Canadian newspapers have been banned. More than 200 foreign publications, many of them American, are not permitted entry into Canada." ... "In Canada, the Mounties represent fear and oppression." ... "You see, the war has changed Canada. Under the War Measure Act, the state more and more assumes a dictatorial pattern. Freedom of speech, press, and assembly in short our civil liberties have been destroyed. Under our very eyes we see the beautiful Maple Leaf, the symbol of Canada 'from sea to sea' being transformed into a horrible swastika. Yes, even embryo storm troopers like the 'Legion of Frontiersmen', Civic Protection Committees appear on the scene to assist the RCMP IN THEIR NEFARIOUS WORK. Naturally you ask what kind of government have you got in Canada?" ... "Our country is being ruined by the war. Canada's best sons are being sacrificed. The war is rapidly breeding fascism in Canada. We are learning from experience that the only hope for our country and for peace is to rid ourselves of our profiteers, would-be dictators, grafters, and war makers who prevent the Canadian people from reaching a full nationhood. Amongst young and old the spirit of true Canadianism lives and the fight goes forward for a free, independent Canada, a free people's government. This is the only hope for Canada." [13]

FATE OF RUSSIAN NATIONAL CHURCH

(The following are a few facts about the history and development of the Russian Greek-Orthodox Church since the October Revolution and the advent to power of the Bolshevists in Russia.)

During and after the October Revolution, the Bolshevik Party in Russia was violently anti-religious, particularly against the Russian national church which is the Greek-Orthodox Church. It may be noted that the source of the hatred of the Bolshevists against their national church was not so much in their objection to religion in general as to the fact that up to the revolution the Russian Church was in full and complete alliance with Czarism in the suppression of radicalism in Russia.

The highest ecclesiastical office of the Russian Church is that of Patriarch. Under him are Metropolitans. The Patriarch corresponds to the Pope in the Roman Catholic Church and the Metropolitan to the Cardinal. After the October Revolution and Metropolitan of the Russian Church was thrown in prison and subsequently liquidated. Other high prelates of the Church had the same fate. It was then that ancient local churches were converted into museums, workers' clubs and stables.

But religion as a creed could not be stamped out. Many of the faithful kept on congregating and worshipping in the fields and the woods, on river sides and in private homes. As the years passed a form of church organization under the abnormal conditions was getting established by itself. When the Russian Bolshevik authorities realized that religion cannot be stamped out by violence they resorted to anti-religious propaganda and State control.

First a thorough purge was made in the church. The remnant of the ancient Clergy that was loyal to Czarism was liquidated. A new Metropolitan was appointed by the Soviet Union Government with a nominal status, formally though not actually similar to the status that a Metropolitan held under the Czars. Even the Holy Synod was re-established, but under the same conditions as the Metropolitan, that is completely subservient to the State.[14]

Following the Russian October revolution millions of Russians, including many of the upper strata, formed communities in Japan, Manchukio, China, United States, Canada and many countries in Europe, including Serbia and Bulgaria where the national church is the same as Russia's.

The overwhelming majority of the Russian Clergy in the Russian communities abroad did not recognize the Russian Synod and Metropolitan set up at home by the Bolshevik Government, but established temporarily a dissident Russian Greek-Orthodox Church with headquarters in Yugo-Slavia. Some of the bitterest adversaries of Russian Bolshevism, including the former White Guards and modern Fascists, were the promoters and leaders of this dissident church. For a time it was hoped that Bolshevism would be overthrown and the authority of the Russian national church restored in Russia. But the temporary Russian Church abroad has now taken on a form of permanency.

Thus there are today two Russian national Greek-Orthodox churches. Very few Russian communities or individuals abroad recognize the Russian home Church. If there is anywhere abroad a Russian Parish recognizing the Russian home church, it may be assumed that it is not sincerely religious, but is using religious prerogatives only in order to carry on Soviet propaganda.

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"OUT OF THE NIGHT"

No one who has read "Out of the Night" by a former secret agent of the USSR can hold any lingering doubt regarding the unmitigated cruelty and bestiality of Communism and Nazism in their true colours. Therefore everyone should read it—not for pleasure, but for the better protection of democracy.

In a letter, printed in Toronto "Globe and Mail", Mr. Joseph Sedgwick, K.C., reviews the book and brings its lesson home to Canada.

He states in part:-

The most significant and revealing book to be published in many a year, Jan Valtin's "Out of the Night", has so pointed a message for the democracies that it deserves intensive study by all interested in the preservation of free institutions—and it has a special lesson for Canada, where many of our people have been prone to dismiss Fascism and Communism as alien faiths incapable of growth on our soil.

Valtin makes clear what those of us who have studied Communism have always contended, namely, that Fascism and Nazism are movements that grew up to combat the original terror of the Communists. Force begets force to oppose it, and the campaign of murder, arson, sabotage and organized brutality of the Communist factions in Europe called into being the other equally brutal philosophies of Fascism and Nazism. In the clash of these two forces democracy in Europe perished and the stage was set for the present conflict. Indeed, it would appear that for years Stalin was working to eliminate free institutions, even if in so doing he brought to power Fascist government, it being obvious that he feared democracy, which in its essence was opposed to his and similar tyrannies, and preferred a totalitarian government similar to his own, however it may be called, knowing that tyrants could get together, but that no agreement was possible between a tyrant and a free people. The Nazi-Russian pact and the war which sprang from it are the answer. Throughout Valtin's book he quotes the consistent order from Moscow: "Don't bother about the Nazis—our true foes are the Social Democrats." No different is the present Moscow-inspired Communist attitude, which supports Hitler and heaps abuse on what it calls the "imperialist" powers—Britain and the United States.[16]

The lesson for us is that all subversive movements must be stamped out in future as soon as they are recognized. It is not a denial of freedom to deny to the enemies of freedom the right to agitate for its abolition. In a word, democracy has not merely the right but the duty to protect itself from its enemies, to prohibit their propaganda, and to smash their organizations.

Valtin, in his career as a Red terrorist, was under the direction of the R.I.L.U., controlled from Moscow. This same R.I.L.U. issued its orders to Buck, Ewen and other Canadian Communist leaders—orders not unlike those given to Valtin. This Colonel Price showed in 1932 when he published a pamphlet, "Agents of Revolution", containing actual copies of letters of direction from R.I.L.U. headquarters in Russia to our Canadian Communists...

Now, as a war measure, Communism has again been outlawed. It should be outlawed in war and peace, and one can only pray that our public men will never again encourage or permit the growth of this cancer on our body politic. If they do, it may well destroy us as it destroyed the

democratic Germany of the Weimar Constitution.

Joseph Sedgwick.[17]