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FOREWORD

COMMUNISTS' "SECRET WEAPON"

Communists in Canada and the United States are stepping up their under-cover war on democracy by showering the continent with written propaganda. Scarcely a day passes without a mimeographed sheet or pamphlet falling into Police hands. The contents are largely variations of the familiar theme songs, "Stop the Imperialist War" and "An Independent Socialist Government".

Youth is urged to resist conscription; labor unions to stage strikes; farmers to make exorbitant demands on governments; the "middle classes" to protest against corruption and Fascism in high places—and all this with only one end in view: disorganization and demoralization of society so that it can the better be destroyed by revolution.

Arguments and methods are similar to those employed in other countries—revealing an international "ring" directed from Moscow. A "People's Front" really means enslavement of the people by a group of misanthropes; "Socialism" really means government by secret police; "Liberty" means the destruction of political, economic and religious freedom. Because the Government knows all this, Communism has been outlawed in Canada and 89 Communists have been interned. However, those still at large continue their campaigning with such slanders and lies as these quoted at random from their leaflets.[1]

"THE KITCHENER COMMUNIST"

(Sensational headings distinguish this second issue of the leaflet produced by the Kitchener Section of the Communist Party of

Canada).

ACT NOW FOR HIGHER WAGES

Higher Living Cost Must Be
Met By Higher Wages To
Avoid Poverty

Full Support To Goodrich
Workers' Demand For
Wages!

**BILL WALSH ANTI-FASCIST
COMMUNIST LEADER JAILED**

Demand The Release Of Bill Walsh!

HELP DIG THE GRAVE OF CAPITALISM AND WAR!

JOIN THE COMMUNIST PARTY!

LET THE RANK AND FILE TAKE OVER

PASS THE KITCHENER COMMUNIST ON TO YOUR FRIENDS

HELP SPREAD THE TRUTH!!!!

Halt Speed-up!

DON'T BUY THE WORTHLESS SCRAPS OF

PAPER (War Certificates) THEY WILL

NEVER SURVIVE TO REPAY!

IS THIS FIGHTING FOR LABOR?

"VOLUNTARY" SAVINGS

FIGHT THE PROFITTEERS BY DEMANDING HIGHER WAGES![2]

"THE TORONTO CLARION"

(The following front-page letter appears in "The Official Organ of The Toronto Committee Of The Communist Party Of Canada").

OUR PAPER

To our readers:

The Toronto Clarion is the voice of the Communist Party in our city. It has appeared illegally ever since the King war dictatorship banned the publication of the Clarion Weekly. It will continue to appear, despite all difficulties and dangers, until such time as the working class smashes that ban, and wins back the right to publish its own legal press.

Our paper is one of the most powerful group of newspapers in the world today the illegal Communist Press, published in every part of Canada, in Great Britain and in its subject colonies, in Germany and the nations groaning under the Nazi yoke, in Spain, Italy and every country where the dictatorship of capitalism has forced the revolutionary movement underground.

These papers do not have the limitless financial backing or the

mass circulations of the capitalist press. But they possess one asset which no capitalist paper can boast of they tell the truth.

Our paper tells the truth about this criminal imperialist war. That is why it must be published illegally. That is why it is hated and feared by those in authority. That is why it is eagerly welcomed and read by thousands of Toronto workers. That is why its circulation is steadily growing larger.

Use the Clarion! Read it carefully from cover to cover. Pass it on to your friends and shopmates. See to it that every single copy has a wide circulation.[3]

Contribute to the Clarion! Send us letters, articles, stories of what is happening in your factory, your barracks, or your neighborhood. Let us work together to overcome the weaknesses of our paper, to make it a better propagandist and a better organizer for the cause of peace and socialism.

The Editors

“INFLATION—DOES IT MATTER?”

This is a hectographed circular distributed by the St. Andrews Section of the Communist Party of Canada, Montreal. It deals with the raising of funds for war purposes, either by taxation, reduction in social services, savings, or inflation.

The last paragraph reads:

“But whichever course is followed, it is the people who pay and pay and pay for a war which is not of their choosing. There is no difference between the aims of King and Hepburn, since those whom they represent are raking in the profits as the war spreads from Europe to Asia; there is only a difference in tactics. The question before the Canadian people is not one of inflation or no-inflation, it is of getting rid of all those who put profits before human lives, of establishing a People’s Government which will represent the workers and farmers, the French Canadian people and the middle class, at whose expense the pockets of the monopolists are bulging.”[4]

“THE BIG PUSH IS ON”

This is another mimeographed leaflet of the Toronto and District Young Communist League, written for the “education” of the undergraduate. It asserts that engineer students are being rushed into industries as a source of cheap labour, that campus life has become like the life of a military camp, that open forums, debates, etc. are eliminated. It arraigns “the big war push” as solemn pledges broken and will of the Canadian people betrayed; while, in the interests of the big “shots” of industry and finance, the lives and careers of students are being put on the block.

In conclusion:

“Students can learn the ‘real meaning of democracy’ only by car-

rying on a united struggle against the curtailment of education, against regimentation on the campus; and, together with the workers, farmers and middle class, by fighting for a truly democratic government, for an Independent People's Government."

"POOR SENATOR MEIGHEN IS SURPRISED AT YOU!"

This is a one-page mimeographed leaflet distributed by Group C4, Central Section, Toronto Young Communist League, referring to an alleged statement made by Senator Meighen on January 22—"The capitalistic way of life is just the way of rewarding man's toil". Under "The capitalistic way of life", four headings are quoted, namely, unemployment, low wages, starvation relief and war.

It also attacks the "anti-labour" Defence of Canada Regulations, conscription and secret treaties with the United States as constituting immediate danger of Canada becoming embroiled in a war with Japan, and closes with an appeal to the working class to unite with the youth, western farmers and French Canadians for an Independent People's Government.[5]

"STUDENT BEACON"

Under "Books or Barracks" this three-paged mimeographed leaflet issued by the Toronto District Young Communist League warns that to secure support of students for the War Effort, government propaganda has painted a vivid picture of life under Hitler and the fate of German universities. But what about Canadian Colleges?

"Look around you, to your own campus for example. You have doubtless read in the Varsity the bare announcement that the McLennan Laboratory is being used to train naval recruits, and you have seen them on the campus. But do you realize what this must mean to the students who use this building and have to put up with the resulting overcrowding and curtailment of facilities. Students work hard raising money to go to school and train for scientific research; this means little to our federal military administrators."

It quotes as other examples the requisitioning of sections of the Ontario Agricultural College and the University of British Columbia, and even residences of the University of Manitoba. It advises students to

"Discuss this situation amongst your classmates; form committees to circulate petitions demanding that the military forces be withdrawn from university buildings, and stationed at the homes of the wealthy if no other accommodation is available.

"Students will be conscripted and sent overseas, therefore as students demand the conscription of wealth to pay for this rich man's war."

The rest of the leaflet includes excerpts from an address by Theodore Dreiser under the heading, "The United States Must Not Be Bled For Im-

perial Britain.”[6]

“WHO ARE THE COMMUNISTS?”

This four-paged mimeographed leaflet has an introductory note: “We offer no apologies for this unsolicited letter. The customary channels used in the interchange of ideas having been denied us we adopt this unorthodox method. The interchange must, for obvious reasons, remain one sided this is our loss.”

The circular contends that the Communist Party was declared illegal in indecent haste and that the Government has done its best to spread the “agents of Hitler” story. It argues that not only the Communists but others are of the opinion that the Communist Party and the people of the U.S.S.R. compose a most powerful enemy of Fascism and that because of this belief the Communists count the people of Russia and their Communist Party as their friends and, in accordance with the dictates of common sense, maintain a close alliance and collaboration with them. It contends that this collaboration does not take the form of “orders from Moscow” and that this claim is quite preposterous, because it would be in direct opposition to the most basic principles of the Communists and the structure of their Parties.

It describes the Communists as simply “ordinary people”, not a “disturbing element”, and following in the footsteps of previous reformers—Christians, Lutherans, Roundheads, Robespierre, the Spanish people, etc. It appeals to the middle class to become allies, stating that “the creative tasks of these two great classes will be made immeasurably easier and more rapid if the middle class with its technical and intellectual skills takes its place with all other freedom loving peoples and marches with them across the frontiers of a new society.”

(Signed)

“The Communist Party of Canada

January, 1941.”[7]

“MR. KING! MR. CHURCHILL! WHAT ARE YOUR WAR AIMS?”

This circular was distributed by the Communist Party of Canada, St. Henry Section, Montreal, P.Q., during the early part of February. It contends that the basic features of Hitlerism are being put into operation in Canada and Great Britain, and quotes the following as so-called facts:

“In his recent appeal to the Italian people, Mr. Churchill made no call for an anti-fascist revolution. He actually praised Mussolini’s past record, but arrogantly called for Mussolini’s overthrow for his action in fighting against Great Britain. Mr. Churchill is no enemy of fascism. Are Churchill and King against aggression?”

It declares that concentration camps are filled with anti-Fascists, while notorious Fascists are harboured, decorated and financed.

“The war aims of Messrs. King and Churchill are to provide graves

for the working class youth and gravy for the war profiteers. Under the mask of 'all out for the war effort', fascism is being established in Canada. In contrast with Spain, where the people forged the weapon of a People's Government, with which to fight fascism, we are being robbed of democracy and sold into fascist slavery."

The circular closes with an appeal to the people to unite and by struggle to form a New Independent People's Government.[8]

"1940—A REVIEW."

This is a nine-page printed eulogy of the Soviet's foreign policy which allows it to seize lands and yet remain outside the imperialist war. It boasts that as a result of "enlargements", including Bessarabia, Northern Bukovina, the Baltic countries of Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania and the Western Ukraine, the USSR can now speak in the powerful voice of 193,000,000 people.

It contends that "the successes fo the foreign policy of the Soviet Union are all the more significant in that we achieved them all by peaceful means, and in that the peaceful settlement of the questions both of the Baltic countries and Bessarabia was achieved with the active co-operation and support of the broad masses of the people of these countries...."

Under the heading, "Nazi Weaknesses", the "Review" mentions the shortage caused by the British blockade and that "despite denials, Germany is also getting to feel the effect of the consistent R.A.F. bombing of industrial establishments, docks, and railway lines, especially in Western Germany".

In dealing with "U.S. imperialism", it explains that following the defeat in Europe, the British were forced to come to terms either with German or American capital, and that Churchill chose the latter course. "Canada's role" is to support an Independent People's Government to save itself from being plunged into war in the Pacific at the behest of the USA, and to put an end to war-profits and save the nation from economic ruin.

It applauds the "People's Convention" which was held in London, England, on January 12, and in closing refers to the New Social Order—World Socialism.[9]

"SAVE! .. OR ELSE!"

(A circular under the above heading and opposing the War Savings Campaign has been distributed from two points in Montreal: the St. Lawrence and St. George Section and the St. Henry Section of the Communist Party of Canada.)

"It is to force the low-income groups to bear a still greater share of the costs of this mass slaughter for imperialist expansion and profits. It is to drive still lower the meagre living standards of the Canadian people. It is to complete the transformation of our national economy to war economy to an economy based on the production of 'Guns,

Not Butter”.

The circular supports conscription of profits and says that the Excess Profit Tax is an absolute fraud, that the Government borrows money from Big Business and then hands it back in the form of gifts for plant extensions and profitable war contracts. As regards the War Savings Campaign, it says, “We are told in Nazi fashion ‘Save... or else’”.

It concludes with: “Make a stand now! Don’t be bullied! Protest! Organize! The rich must pay the costs of THEIR war!”

“THE PEOPLE DEMAND PUBLIC TRIAL OF THE MASCIOLIS”

A circular under the above heading, distributed by the Northern Ontario Committee, Communist Party of Canada, attacks the release of the Mascioli brothers while an anti-Fascist named Joe Billings is still interned. It charges the government of “whitewashing” the Mascioli at the request of the Hollinger interests instead of putting them on open trial; and demands that Joe Billings should have a trial to prove “that Joe Billings has been interned without a trial because he fought for the workers as a loyal Canadian would against fascism and all that finance capital represents!”

(Note: Billings is a Communist interned under the Defence of Canada Regulations).[10]

“REPEAL THE FOUR MONTH SERVICE!”

A one page mimeographed leaflet distributed by the Toronto Committees of the Communist Party and Young Communist League, says in part: “Our warnings have been only too justified. The King Government has broken every promise it made.....”

“Now the ‘Big Push’ is on. The King Government is declaring ‘total war’ on Canadian youth. The training period has been increased to four months. The last two months are going to be served with the active service forces. In that way, they expect to ‘turn on the heat’, to break down the resistance of the conscripts. We warn you that if the Canadian people allow this new, cynical betrayal to take place, that the next step will surely be conscription for overseas service, despite all King’s promises.

“The truth is that Mr. King is preparing to send 500,000 Canadian boys to their death in Europe, Africa and Asia.

The circular urges unite protests to force “the repeal of the four month service.”

“PARADISE FOR PROFITEERS”

(The Clarion)

This is an eight page mimeographed pamphlet of the District Committee of the Communist Party, circularized in the St. Catharines, Ontario District. It carries the usual polemics against capitalism and describes Canada as a paradise for profiteers, where our youth are “wanted for

profit". It mentions "new attacks" upon the workers and urges them to demand higher wages, and closes with the usual appeal for the people to unite in the struggle for an Independent People's Government.[11]

"TOTAL WAR"

(From an anti-conscription circular issued by the Toronto Committee, Communist Party of Canada).

It asserts that the Government has assumed power to conscript labour, manpower and industry; that conscription is designed for overseas service and that all denials are deliberate lies; that manpower is conscripted by the pegging of wages at levels which mean continued poverty; that the right to strike has been taken away and that trade unions face destruction. It contends that the farmer has been conscripted by Government price fixing and that democracy itself is conscripted by the abolishment of freedom of speech, press and assembly. Income has been conscripted by higher taxes, higher prices and forced loans, "But Not One Dollar of Wealth has been Conscripted".

In conclusion, the circular urges Canadians

"Build a Powerful People's Movement to:

Fight Against Profiteering and Increased Living Costs!

Fight Against Conscription of Manpower!

Demand Complete Conscription of Wealth!

Demand Restoration of Civil Liberties!

Demand the Right of Workers to Strike and Organize for Higher Wages!

Demand an Independent "Canada First" Foreign Policy, Which Will Not Pledge Canada to Fight Anyone Else's Battles![12]

"SIR WALTER CITRINE DOES NOT SPEAK FOR BRITISH LABOR."

(From leaflet issued by Quebec Provincial Committee, C.P. of C., on this "knighted labour leader").

"Sir Walter advised Canadian labor to give up all its rights in order to 'achieve victory'; he promises the return of these rights after the war. Despite his title and many initials that follow his name, we can refer to him only as a dangerous liar. The capitalist class has surrendered nothing. Profits and more profits is their share of the war. Labor, on the other hand, is being subjected to anti-strike laws, wage pegging legislation, increased hours of work, so-called voluntary loans, and other measures that will lead to a rapid deterioration in the conditions of the working class unless there is immediate action to put an end to this situation.

"The workers must act to protect their rights and to improve their conditions at a time when profits are at their highest. They must not heed the advice of the Canadian editions of Sir Walter Citrine, the

Moore, the Trepaniers, the Millards and other such labor leaders.”

“THUMBS DOWN”

(Circular distributed by North Saskatchewan Committee, C.P. of C., in Saskatoon attacks the War Savings Campaign.)

“Of course, you will be rewarded with a ‘Thumbs Up’ button even though you will have a distinctly ‘down-in-the-mouth’ feeling when you consider what this deduction from your pay means”....

“The ‘TIGHTEN YOUR BELTS’ policy of the King Government does not apply to these profiteers and grafters who plunged our country into war for the sake of greater profits. BEHOLD THEIR ‘PAY-TRIOTISM’ while the Canadian people are asked to pay for the war in HUNGER, POVERTY AND DEATH!

““THUMBS DOWN! on the out-and-out robbery of the small earnings of the people. THE PROFITEERS AND GRAFTERS WANTED THIS WAR. LET THEM PAY FOR IT!”[13]