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NAZISM

NAZI ACTIVITIES IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

(The following confidential survey of the above subject indicates that German agitation is progressing along Communist lines seeking to demoralize and sabotage labour with specious arguments and lies.)

"A check-up reveals that the nazi sympathizers still hope for a German victory. It is pointed out that the cause of the working man is at stake; Hitler is the champion of the working man and his cause is a just cause. It is argued that conditions throughout the world cannot become better or improve as long as English nobility, in collusion with the Jews, keep sweat shops and slavery flourishing; U.S.A. government is controlled and directed by Jews and England. In the end, all this will avail Great Britain nothing because the stage is set for the workingman to take his place in world affairs. Hitler and the German people are hailed as the great liberators.

"It is further alleged that the workers of English and non-German origin are beginning to see the light in Canada and the U.S.A., hence all the

strikes across the border and the reluctance of Canadian workers to cooperate to the full in the prosecution of the war. We are told that the worker knows that, should Great Britain win the war, then privation and starvation with unemployment following cessation of hostilities will cause untold hardship upon the workingman. On the other hand, should Hitler win the war, order will come out of chaos the world over. All workers will have employment and the upper class will have to work for a living instead of living off the toil and sweat of the workers.

"It appears that the above philosophy is the latest propaganda material used at the present. This is nothing less than fifth column activity. It is the old trick of the Nazi, viz., to undermine the home front, especially the production front. If this can be accomplished, it is conquest without bloodshed. By picturing the future for the workingman as rosy, by appealing to selfishness, to everything that one holds [1] dear, family, good home, social life, etc; all these things one can enjoy provided one has an earning capacity and an income; all this is promised by victory of Hitler.

"On the other hand, the picture is changed should Hitler lose. The propagandist will picture the future in its darkest form. The present position will not be secure under the old Democratic system. Has not the past taught that depression follows every war under such a system. What then will become of the home! The mortgage company will get it. What about the family! Will they have an equal chance with the members of the white collar class? Again, what has history taught in this respect. If one has money to educate one's children, they have an opportunity to earn a living. If not, then the boys will be chased from one city to another, deteriorate and become loafers, etc. Look what conditions prevailed in Germany before Hitler's rise to power and look what the Nazi did for the worker! For the common people in Germany! Everyone works, good wages are being paid, everybody has plenty and a good standard of living prevails, etc., etc.

"Forces are at work using the above described propaganda. These forces are not always of German origin. There is only one difference between Hitler and Stalin. The former still recognizes private ownership as long as it serves his purpose, whilst the latter does not recognize private ownership. In ideology and principle there is no difference between Nazism and Communism." [2]

COMMUNISM

FLOOD OF LIES CONTINUES

The red blight of Communism continues its insidiously destructive work through underground channels. No matter how many whispering campaigns are broken up, or how many scurrilous leaflets are seized and destroyed, fresh propaganda takes their place.

Although the lies have one aim the complete overthrow of our social

system they vary in methods and points of attack. The term "Imperialist War" is largely supplanted by "Capitalist War". Instead of urging the proletariat to fight for Communism or Socialism, the goal now is "Peoples' Party".

They still believe that the weakest link in our democratic armor is the labour union. So, despite continuous rebuffs, they continue to worm their way into labor's inner councils, where they foment discontent until it breaks out in strikes.

In a recent leaflet, called "The Young Steel Worker," they commence their incitement to trouble by charging:

"In most of the big steel plants young workers are deliberately discriminated against. The older workers get poor enough wages, but young men and women get much less unless the workers, old and young, are united in a strong fighting union, like in General Steel Wares."

In their "Eight-Point Program" they declare:

"Strike action is necessary, above all things. The full burden of the war budget will be felt even more heavily as time passes. It is the stated policy of the government to cut consumers' goods down to the minimum, to limit the necessities of life, to inflate the currency by these 'indirect' means, in order to gear the [3] economy of the country for the production of vast supplies of the destructive engines of war. Inevitably, then, the workers in industry are feeling the pinch as their real wages decline much faster than their nominal wages increase through the phoney system of 'war bonuses'."

And in another pamphlet they acclaim "A Peoples' Movement to End This":

"Despite the R.C.M.P. Gestapo, the Communist Party brings home these truths. The situation will grow worse, and not better. The Canadian people must create a United Peoples' Movement of workers, farmers, small business men, professionals and all who feel the load of misery and injustice." [4]

"FARMERS' UNION" SPONSORED BY REDS

It is reliably reported that the Communist Party of Canada is organizing a new Farmers' Union in Calgary, Alberta with the purpose of bringing the farmers of the southern portion of the province into [deletion: 1 line] C.A. Nolan, of Redland, Alberta [deletion: 2 lines] although he is completely unaware of the real sponsors of the union.

For the northern part of the province it is intended to organize a branch of the Farmers' Union who will push the movement through the United Farmers of Canada.

Lionel Edwards, [deletion: 2 lines] is said to have stated that when the United Farmers of Alberta met in Calgary last January many of the farmers expressed dissatisfaction with the *laissez-faire* attitude of its

leaders and demanded a more active and militant organization.

The Farmers' Union intends to be actively militant, along Communist lines, at the same time taking every care to disguise its connections with the C.P. of C. For instance, it will become more closely associated with those labour unions whose demands are similar, in contrast with the U.F.A.'s allegiance with the Industrialists.

In brief, the Communists are looking forward to two powerful drives on the farmers of Alberta by the Farmers' Union in the south, and by an aggressive "boring from within" in the north. The first is already well under way.[5]

MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS A FIZZLE

May Day celebrations by would-be revolutionists were conspicuous by their absence this year. Instead of public parades displaying red banners and threatening slogans, the outlawed Communist Party of Canada confined themselves to secret hide-outs and their secret weapon, the hand-turned printing press.

Even the bombardment of lies, prepared for the occasion, was less violent than the authorities expected. The main assault on democracy was labelled "May Day Manifesto" and might have been written by Hitler himself with a view to blitzkrieging our war efforts and inducing us into suing for a separate peace.

Under the title "The Way Out of War", it asserts in part:

"Only the overthrow of the ruling classes can bring peace to the peoples of the imperialist world..... For it is a lie that this is a war against fascism! It is a lie that the defeat of Germany by Britain and the Dominions will benefit the people. It is a cheap lie that we are fighting for 'democracy'.

"The victory of the ruling classes of either side will mean horrors in future for the workers and farmers The fight lies in Canada, against our own reactionaries who have gagged the workers' organizations, crushed their free press, interned and jailed their courageous leaders; against the corrupt financiers and industrialists who are using the opportunity the war affords them to fasten a Canadian Fascist regime on the necks of the masses!....

"Under the war dictatorship of the biggest capitalists our country is heading for disaster! In the interests of declining British imperialism, Ottawa demands ever fresh sacrifices from our people..... This must not be! Every trade unionist must fight this plot, must fight for the right to strike, for higher wages, for the release of trade union leaders from the clutches of the RCMP..... Every young Canadian must refuse to be conscripted for foreign wars, must refuse meekly to accept the dictates of the ruthless military dictatorship which is being established in Canada!"[6]

The leaflet lauded the Soviet Union as a land of peace and Socialism,

and an ever present reminder to the workers of all lands that the people can seize government and run their own factories, mines, banks, etc. In the meantime, while working for an independent peoples' government, Canadian workers should demand the repeal of the War Measures Act and release of imprisoned trade unionists and Communists.

The Manifesto was distributed at Montreal and Val D'Or, Quebec; Timmins, Kirkland Lake and Fort William, Ontario; Winnipeg, Manitoba; Regina and Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; Calgary, Lethbridge and Coleman, Alberta and Vancouver, British Columbia. While the distribution methods were cunningly conceived, some leaflets were seized and their distributors arrested.

In Montreal four large red flags bearing the sickle and hammer as well as the maple leaf were placed at various conspicuous points. Two crudely made red flags were also found at the entrance of the Montreal High School, and painted on the school steps were the words "scholarship and not bullets". In Montreal a few circulars entitled "Oppose King's Blitzkrieg on your Lives" were left on the roof of a high building where the wind could scatter them to the streets below, and in other parts of the city a small number of the Manifesto were written in Ukrainian and distributed through the mails. In Saskatoon a circular headed "Free Press" and demanding retention of democratic rights and freedom of the press, were found. Altogether, the quantity of literature distributed was comparatively small.[7]

"CANADIAN YOUTH—Oppose King's Blitzkrieg On Your Lives."

This two-page leaflet, distributed by the Young Communist League of Toronto, attacks conscription as a manoeuvre to split the ranks of youth and to lull them into a false sense of security, and as merely a prelude to the mass shipment of Canadian youth overseas. It closes with:

"Conscripts: Organize your democratic committees in the camps to protect your conditions. Don't knuckle under the regimentation plans of the brass-hats!

"Soldiers: Unite with the conscripts in the struggle for improved conditions. Don't let the brass-hats use you to help regiment the conscripts! Join with the working people of Canada in the struggle against King's 'Blitzkrieg' against the Canadian people!

"Working Youth: Demand an investigation into the conditions in the camps and the immediate improvement in medical attention. Help the boys fight for free transportation!"[8]

A LETTER FROM RUSSIA

(When a Montreal Communist was recently apprehended for internment, letters from Russia in his possession disclosed terrible conditions among the peasants of that country. A literal translation of one letter is quoted

below:)

"To my beloved Sister, Brother in Law and Nieces:-

About our Health, Thank God, for the future should'nt get worse.

My dear Sister, your money I received. I wondered why I didn't get any letters, when I received the \$8.00 we were all nearly dead. We were all starving that we ate potato peelings that someone else used to throw out. So you can imagine that death would have been much easier but one cannot kill himself.

When I received the \$8.00 from you we all came to life again. We bought some food.

I wanted to write you to thank you and I did not have your address so I sent Uncle Itzel a letter for you but did not get an answer. I also wrote a few letters to the old address and received no reply. Therefore I beg you, my dear Sister to take an interest in me and write me a letter with your correct address. I beg you to answer me and don't forget your fond Sister. We are all in great misfortune also I know you are not so well to do yourself. If you were in more wealth you would not have waited so long to send us money and as you did'nt want to send us empty letters but thank God you did send us money but please send us a letter and tell us what you are all doing.[9]

You certainly saved us from a sure death and we are still alive.

Since then we have received \$5.00 more, My dear Sister no one can help me as much as you. Even God himself. We prayed to God to help us in one way or another, but he did'nt until you had mercy on us.

I beg you for the future not to forget us. My dear Sister I should call you Mother instead, You did more than a Mother could do.

Please dear Sister send me a letter and write me what you and your children and Leizer are doing.

Write me where your children are working. Please write soon and I will write soon telling you all about myself.[10]

SOVIET UNION CONSCRIPTS LABOUR

The denial by the Soviet Union and by Communists everywhere that there that there is forced labour in the Soviet Union, is refuted by no less an authority than "Pravda", official organ of the Soviet Union Communist Party. In a front-page article, entitled "The Call To Labour Service Successfully Completed", it deals at length with the conscription of labour under an order issued by the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet State Council under Stalin's signature. It is shown in this article that workers have been conscripted for the various industries, railroads and farms in the same way as for the different units of the army. The workers were classified according to their physical and mental abilities for the different classes of work.

First the new conscripts are put in training centres for a certain period. Following the training period they are shifted to the various industries. There is no indication as to how long the term of service is. It therefore must be assumed that it is indefinite.

Much pride is shown to be taken in this plan of conscription of labour. It is termed "a high standard of Bolshevist activization". It is made to believe with pride that only in the country of Socialism such a plan could be achieved. The workers are told that it is a revolutionary act of a high calibre which no Capitalist country could carry out.[11]

GENERAL

"FREE ITALY" PROPOSED

An Italian connected with "Il Mondo", New York (an Italian-language monthly), writing to London (England), suggests the creation of a "Free Italy" corps similar to de Gaulle's for France. "As you know, there are four million Italians in the United States and we are sure that the creation of a corps parallel to General de Gaulle's Free France could recruit them in large numbers. It would be desirable to set up this recruiting in Canada. But of course we should need the authorization and the support of the Government in London.

"I have talked this over with Max Ascoli of the Mazzini Society and with Alberto Tarchiani and being a former army officer myself, I am willing to work to organize the recruiting with the certainty of obtaining not inexperienced men but thousands of veterans of the last War now in this country."

MALAYA BANS "WITNESSES"

The Watch Tower Society ("Jehovah's Witnesses") and their publications have been suppressed throughout the Government of the Straits Settlements. Information supplied by R.C.M. Police Intelligence proved "very useful" in furthering such action, writes the Deputy Inspector-General of Police from Singapore, Straits Settlements.[12]

ISOLATIONIST GROUPS IN U.S.

A British journalist attached to the new British Press Service in New York summarizes the chief groups of Isolationists, in the U.S.A. Although the movement for aid to Britain is widespread the writer maintains that since the Presidential election "Munichism has been growing like a weed" and fears that appeasers, of both the Right and Left, will make the most of their opportunities if Italy is defeated.

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While Wall Street is said to be pro-British by tradition, many manufacturers, fearing social revolution, are prepared to forego big immediate profits resulting from the war in order to hold on to what they already have.

Appeasers of the Left include [~~>~~deletion: 1 line] like Quincy Howe, [~~>~~deletion: 1 line] who are organizing a "march on Washington" through the National Maritime Union which they dominate, to protest against financial aid and sale of ships to Britain.

Although the present target of these anti-interventionists is the William Allen White Committee which in the writer's opinion is "crumbling to pieces, having over-played its hand", the real political enemy is Roosevelt. Having failed in the election they are trying a roundabout method of attack.[13]