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**JAPAN**

**PRECAUTIONS AGAINST JAPANESE SABOTAGE**

Every reasonable precaution for guarding our West Coast against sabotage from within has been taken by Federal and Provincial Authorities.

The day Japan attacked the United States and Prime Minister King announced Canada was at war with Japan, a selected group of Japanese residents were taken into custody and held for investigation.

All Japanese nationals and those naturalized since Sept. 1, 1922 were called upon to report to the Police in accordance with Defence of Canada Regulations, at which time these people are required to enter into an undertaking to do nothing that would jeopardize Canadian security, and are requested to report from time to time as directed.

Japanese language newspapers were suppressed. Japanese schools were closed. All fishing and other vessels owned or operated by persons of Japanese racial origin were held by order of the Minister of Justice.

A standing committee, appointed by the Government, under the chairmanship of F. J. Hume, Mayor of New Westminster, B.C. and including a representative of Military District No. 12 and of R.C.M. Police, are keeping in close contact with Department of External Affairs, Police and local authorities.

As Japan had long been on the verge of open warfare with the Allies, the Police were given ample time to prepare for the event. Every Japanese-Canadian naturalized since Sept. 1, 1922 and every Japanese national were registered and afterwards re-registered and a very complete record

of the history of each, including photograph and thumb-print, was made of each one. Japanese propaganda had been banned from entering the country, while domestic Japanese-language printed matter had been compelled to carry its English translation.

A year ago a Government-sponsored Special Committee on Orientals in B.C. reported upon the problem of Japanese in that province from the point of view of National security. At that time the Committee considered the chief threat to national security emanated from the white majority, and prefaced [1] their recommendations with the following explanation:-

“The police and military authorities in British Columbia have taken precautions which they consider adequate to deal with any subversive activities on the part of individual Japanese and to protect all loyal Japanese against any attack from misguided members of the white community. To reduce the likelihood of any such developments, however, there are certain steps that might be taken which will protect the national interest, reassure public opinion in British Columbia and defend all citizens of whatever racial origin against unjust attack. The recommendations which follow are designed to effect this result.”

#### Recommendations.

1. That there should be continued vigilance on the part of all police authorities in the Province of British Columbia, and that they should as heretofore work on the lines of keeping a close watch for signs of disloyal acts, particularly in the way of sabotage, while doing their best to encourage those Japanese whom they have no reason to suspect of disloyalty to co-operate with the authorities by keeping them informed of conditions in the Japanese community, and in general to impress upon the leading Japanese that in their own interest they must be on the alert to forestall or prevent subversive acts.

2. That the military and police authorities should bear constantly in mind the importance of continuing to provide for the defence of loyal Japanese.

3. That steps should be taken to diminish anti-Japanese propaganda in the Province, by appealing to individuals and to the Press on the grounds of civil security and national defence; and, if necessary, but using the Censorship for this purpose.

4. That wherever possible the co-operation of the leaders of various groups and associations in the Japanese community should be enlisted by the authorities concerned. Such leaders should be invited to accept, in accordance with Japanese tradition, personal responsibility for the loyal behaviour of the members of their respective groups.[2]

5. That, at least for the present, Canadians of Japanese race should not be called up for military training.

6. That training of Canadians of Japanese race in the C.O.T.C. should

continue at the discretion of the University authorities.

7. That, both for purposes of civil security and in order to deprive persons hostile to the Japanese of a constant and effective ground for complaint, there should be a re-registration of the Japanese population of British Columbia.

8. That a small standing committee should be set up in British Columbia to supervise the carrying out of such of the foregoing recommendations as are adopted by the Government, and for the purpose of keeping the Government constantly informed as to the Oriental situation in that Province.

9. That the Government should issue a public statement designed to reassure the white population of British Columbia, and at the same time explaining to the Japanese residents in that Province the advantages which will accrue to them from the carrying out of the measures proposed in this Report.[3]

### COMMUNISM

#### "WAR IS THE CLASS STRUGGLE"

Communists are at present engaged in an all-out class war for the defeat of Capitalism in Canada! Despite their many protestations to the contrary and their assurance of loyalty to a democracy now allied with Soviet Russia, the fact must not be forgotten for an instant that the main if not the sole animating motive for every action is the Communist cause, first, last and all the time.

How do we know? The Communist Party of Canada declare it themselves in their secret directives. It is true, the one published in our last Bulletin (accredited to Tim Buck and endorsed by the Political Bureau) pretended to see why the former "imperialists war" had suddenly become a "just war" and why all political, social and religious parties should now sink their differences in a united front against Fascism, and there was no evidence of duplicity. But subsequent C.P. communications are more revealing of the true part the "Alliance" is expected to play in the class struggle.

To quote (in part) from a directive received by the Calgary C.P. branch since invasion of Russia:

War is the Class Struggle  
at its Highest Stage.

It would be the most dangerous to misinterpret the motives which now impel the Imperialist Governments of Britain, the United States, Canada, etc. to ally themselves with the U.S.S.R., or to overlook the contrast between their motives and the ideals which inspire the masses of democratic people.

It must be made perfectly clear to all democratic people that the Imperialist governments are collaborating with the Soviet government be-

cause their own Imperialist interests are at stake and co-operation with the U.S.S.R. is the one means by which they may defend and, they hope, preserve their colonial monopoly. In the existing situation and because of the relationship of military forces they can find no way out of their dilemma except by co-operating with the U.S.S.R.[4]

The workers and their democratic allies in the capitalist countries are activated by very different considerations. They want the Soviet people to stop the Nazi onrush; to defeat Hitler; because the Soviet people are fighting to defend the good, glad new life that they have built, the achievement in which workers and democrats everywhere see hope for their own future. The Soviet Peoples are defending not only the fruits of their own struggles and progress but they are also defending the right to, and opportunity for, progress for all mankind. The Soviet People are defending our hope to be able to build the world anew, whilst Hitler Fascism represents all the greed, the thirst for ruthless exploitation, the oppression, the class injustice and the crushing of popular aspiration, all that is worst, most reactionary and vile in the world of Capitalism in decay.

Thus, the Imperialists co-operate with the U.S.S.R. in waging a just people's war—in hope of protecting their own exploiter's Imperialist interests and privileges. The Soviet People, supported by the workers and all true democrats everywhere, seek aid from the Imperialist Governments so as to smash the Nazi onslaught, crush the Fascist beast and keep the road open so that mankind can advance along the path of social progress. The motives of the two main wings of the anti-Hitler front contrast sharply. At the same time interests in the war against Hitler coincide. The interests of all sections of the anti-Hitler front merge, as Stalin so penetratingly explained in his call to action when he said; "Our war for the freedom of our country will merge with the struggle of the people of Europe and America for their independence, for democratic liberties."

To Protect Democracy at Home the Working  
Class Must Join In and Win the Leadership  
of the National Effort to Defeat Hitler.

The interests of the dominant circles of the Imperialist Canadian bourgeoisie in defeating Hitler, which impels them to join with the Soviet Government in an anti-Hitler front of governments on the international fields, coincides with the interests of the working class in the struggle against Hitler Fascism, thus creating, at home, the basis for "National Unity to win the war." As a result of this there is already developing a National Front in Canada. As pointed out in the above-mentioned pamphlet,[5] this National Front does not depend upon formal agreements for unity, specific organizational arrangements, or anything of that sort. It comes into being, grows, directly out of life. The motive force which makes it a fact is the widespread and growing determination expressed in the slogan: "Beat Hitler; Win the War."

As pointed out in the pamphlet, the role that will be played by such a National Front will depend entirely upon the role of the working class movement within it. To make the united national effort to defeat Hitler a force for democratic progress, the working class must be the most consistent and the most energetic factor in it...

It is clear, therefore, that the working class movement must be on guard against the danger of becoming a mere appendage to the war plans of the Imperialists. The form which the successful struggle to defeat Hitler Fascism assumes is that of national unity; a National Front. The National Front cuts across the lines of Class and party interests; the basis of its unity is the common determination to defeat Hitler. But national unity to defeat Hitler does not liquidate, or suspend, or even mitigate, class contradictions. The class struggle in Canada continues, indeed it becomes intensified from time to time, within the national Front on a higher plane; the plane of struggle over national policy and for the leadership of the united national war effort. The working class must unite its forces in active support of, and to win the leadership of, the national war effort. If the working class movement fails to do that, reactionary forces will exploit the people's desire to smash Hitler and utilize the Nation's war effort to weaken the democratic forces.

Thus we see that the decisive issue of the class struggle in Canada is becoming the issue of the leadership of the Nation's war effort which, in the situation prevailing today, means leadership of the Nation. Only the working class can give leadership that is in the true interests of the Nation, of the great mass of Canada's people. The labour movement, supported by the farm movement, can win that leadership only by being the most energetic and consistent supporter of the nation's war effort. Labour must unite its forces and become a force in the national front, and win that leadership or there is a danger that reactionary forces will....

To Recapitulate: National unity is developing rapidly in support of the struggle to defeat Hitler. Within the National Front the class struggle continues and will continue to deepen on a higher plane.[6]

Supporting the war to destroy Hitler, striving to increase Canada's production and Military effectiveness, the working class movement must of necessity throw all its energy into the National War effort, win a voice in its direction and, whilst proving itself the most consistent and constructive factor in it, become the leader of that effort. Effective working class action will make the Nation's war effort a vehicle for democratic progress. Failure on the part of the working class to influence its direction would strengthen still more the role of the jingoistic Imperialist bourgeoisie in the nation's affairs.[7]

QUEBEC COMMITTEE FOR ALLIED VICTORY  
(Montreal)

Quebec Committee for Allied Victory is the latest child of the Com-

munist Party of Canada. In Montreal, on November 25, a group of about 35 representatives of 16 clubs whose chief aim is the provision of aid to Russia, met at the Y.M.C.A. and drew up a rather ambitious program for increasing their membership and influence.

The Committee explains its aims in its "Declaration of Policy" pamphlet, as:-

- (a) To bring home to the people that Hitlerism can be defeated only by the fullest collaboration between the British Empire, Russia and the United States;
- (b) To destroy the apathy and doubt which endanger the war effort, exposing all who sow misunderstanding and suspicion;
- (c) To stimulate a broad movement of co-operation for Allied Victory among all sections of the population;
- (d) To promote unity between all races, classes and creeds in order to ensure the fullest possible measure of support for any programme destined to advance the cause of Allied Victory;
- (e) To encourage increased food production and the elimination of waste as weapons against Hitler.

How to attain these ends:-

- (a) By the formation of Victory Clubs in every locality and organization, thus affording the civilian a chance to play a role other than that of passive acquiescence;
- (b) By radio and other public addresses designed to further the aims outlined above;
- (c) By furthering, in every possible way, collaboration between Labour, Industry, and Government for increased war production;
- (d) By encouraging greater co-operation between the farmer, the city dweller and the Government for the fullest utilization of our agricultural resources;[8]
- (e) By resistance to every effort by groups or individuals to exploit religious, racial, class or political differences between those who are fighting together for Victory;
- (f) By condemning and combating every attempt to exploit war conditions for private, personal and selfish ends;
- (g) By supporting our Government in all measures necessary to strengthen co-operation between the Allies and encouraging the further development of this policy.

The Committee, in its desire to sponsor Victory Clubs to participate in war work throughout the city and to obtain names and addresses of possible new members, has issued a circular asking "which of the following activities would you be interested in?":-

Giving your blood for Victory.

Collecting salvage to aid important war production,

Knitting or sewing for our army, navy and air force,

Contributing to and packing V-Bundles for Britain,  
 Acting as hosts to members of the armed forces,  
 Serving on committees to help the War Savings Campaign,  
 Forming groups to further the establishment of day nurseries, to  
 release our women for work in industry.

It has also launched a "Victory Contest" for similar reasons.

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It will be noted that the aims and the methods of achieving them are entirely praiseworthy and, if it were not for the Communist element dominating the Committee's component parts, any patriotic society might well lend them support. In view, however, of past history of the C.P. of C. and of present knowledge of the declared intentions of certain elements to use such "Victory" organizations for spreading Communist principles throughout all ranks of society, the Authorities are sceptical of the ultimate good intentions of the Quebec Committee for Allied Victory.

Winnipeg Council for Allied Victory  
 (Winnipeg)

This Council held a grand rally in the Winnipeg auditorium on Nov. 17. Like the Quebec Committee it is a composite body made from various organizations, the majority being solely pro-Russian in sentiment while a few are definitely pro-Communist. Of the 2000 persons who attended the rally a large proportion were of the first class. The group of three who arranged the rental of the auditorium were Elizabeth Scott and May Melanson ([><deletion: 1 line]) and Laura Goodman Salverson, a distinguished Canadian novelist.

The collection, totalling over \$3,000, emanated for the most part from the societies, councils, boards and parties federated with the Winnipeg Council. The largest donors were Dr. B. A. Victor, on behalf of Jewish Branch, Council for Allied Victory, and Wm. Kardash, M.L.A., on behalf of Ukrainian Association to Aid the Fatherland.

MASS LANGUAGE ORGANIZATIONS  
 (Toronto)

Following the line of the National Council for Democratic Rights, the various Ukrainian, Russian and other Slav organizations, set up to support the war effort on behalf of Russia, have to all intents and purposes replaced the former mass language organizations affiliated to, and controlled by, the C.P. of C. Perhaps the most striking feature in the activities of these organizations is the large sum of money collected by [10] them at socials, concerts, meetings, etc. for the Red Cross Fund; and the contrast between the apathy of these people prior to the entry of Russia into the War and their present enthusiasm and generous contributions is a definite indication of the trend of their thoughts and the direction in which

their loyalty lies. For example: the Russian Committee to Aid the Fatherland has collected over \$11,000.00 for the Red Cross since its inception.

Meetings of these mass language organizations are being held all over Ontario and are reported to be well attended and enthusiastically supported.

#### C.P. ACTIVITY IN TRADE UNIONS.

(Toronto)

The Communist Party continues to endeavour to place itself in a position where it can direct the activity of the Trade Unions and, it must be admitted, among the C.I.O. organizations many of the key positions are occupied by members of the C.P. of C. Particularly is this the case in the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers' Union, as is recognized by the Executive of the C.I.O., whose members are becoming concerned about the situation. This concern, incidentally, is prompted more by a fear that C.P. influence will eventually drive them out of office and not necessarily by anxiety inspired by loyalty to Canada. Neither are the A.F. of L. Unions immune from the C.P. infiltration into the Executive.

The Trade Unions have adopted the same attitude as the C.P. of C. towards the wage freezing measure passed by the Government and it is expected that agitation for the repeal of this measure will increase as time goes on.[11]

