

COMMUNISM IN CANADA NEEDS A CHECK-UP

The Montreal Mayor's Action — Free Speech — Fascism Discussed; Communist Plan For Canada

The Provincial Government of Quebec has brought the fight against Communism out into the open. With a realistic view, not surprising among those who are willing to face facts, the authorities have looked at Communism in Canada in the light of its own declarations and have had the courage to take action. Mayor Raymond recently refused permission for a Communist meeting. Premier Duplessis has enforced the 'padlock law' against properties used for Leftist purposes and has warned Labor Unions to purge their organizations of Communist agents and influence. The Crown Prosecutor and the head of the Provincial Police are prepared to continue the raids in a campaign which, in the Premier's words, has made 'just a beginning.'

It was inevitable, of course, that the charge of Fascism should be made against the Quebec authorities. If not friendly to Communism, those who make the stupid charge can be counted

on to show the same mentality as that of the Canadian friends of Red Spain and for the same reason. They are not logical enough to know that their arguments in favor of the alleged 'constitutionally elected' Government of Spain should put them full strength behind Premier Duplessis in his fight against a positive menace to democratic rule. They do not see that their opposition to Franco, according to their own logic, should line them up against the Communists in Canada. The Civil Liberties Union appeals to the courts of the province to protect the so-called rights of the Communists to preach and effect, "when the revolution comes," the destruction of the very Government under which they function and of which they form a part.

Free Speech

It is contended that the padlocking of the Leftist newspaper properties and the seizure of copy for investigation is an attack on free speech and a free press. The procedure recommended is legal prosecution and the imposition of penalties if it be found that the law has been broken. But somehow neither the Federal nor the Provincial Governments have succeeded in coming to grips with a movement which has grown and grown bold in its declaration of intention to bring about a revolution in Canada. It is time to recognize Communists and Communism for what they are. An invading army bent on seizing Canada would not be lined up before a magistrate to have its soldiers fined for carrying guns without a license during the closed season.

The Government of Quebec is acting in a thoroughly legal and constitutional manner even if its procedure does not conform to the narrow views of its critics. The power which can arrest a man justly suspected of a crime can, on similar grounds, arrest a printing press or a

building when either is a means to the alleged violation of the law. If appearances warrant the arrest of a citizen and the seizure of the implements of his law breaking before his trial and conviction or acquittal, the rights of free press do not exempt a printing machine which turns out unlawful literature.

Revolution

Those who are so concerned with the legal and constitutional rights of the free press, would do well to pay some attention to the devotion of Communists to constitutional and legal means for attaining their benign purposes. "What the Communist Party Stands For," published in Montreal in 1934, tells the plans of the Communists for, not Russia, or Spain or Mexico, but for Canada! The methods of the Socialists and the C.C.F. are condemned because they are constitutional. "Remember that the C.C.F.-ers are against revolutionary methods." Discussing the Program of Action to establish the Dictatorship of the Proletariat, this 'constitutional' text book of Communism concludes a vivid picture of 'how the fighting is to be done' by those who agree that the 'State (Canada) is your enemy.' In the following climax of an upheaval which includes strikes, street fights, barricades, the winning over of police, soldiers, sailors, revolution in all the cities. "Armed workers and soldiers and marines seize the principal governmental offices, invade the residences of the Government, arrest them, declare the old regime abolished, establish their own power, the power of the workers and the farmers." The revolution is victorious.

In Canada

Can it be done? In Canada? The Communists' answer is "It has been done more than once." Russia of 1905 and 1917 is cited; Germany of 1918; Hungary of 1919; China of 1927; and Spain of 1932 and we add of 1936. Fantastic for Canada? May be, but not in the minds of the Canadian Communists, the Communists of Quebec whose printing presses have been robbed of "Free Speech" by the 'Fascist' Government of Premier Duplessis! While people continue to talk in their sleep, saying, "It can't happen here," and newspapers confound free speech with free treason and Governments mollycoddle the enemy within the gates, Quebec takes the lead. And is criticized mostly, we think, because it is Quebec.

If the padlock type of legislation is deplorable, and it is, the movement which makes it necessary is infinitely more deplorable. Ontario papers find



REINHOLD NEIBUHR WILL ADDRESS UNI. STUDENTS IN W'PEG

WINNIPEG, Nov. 19—Two of the principal addresses at the National Conference of Canadian University Students, which will be held in Winnipeg, December 27-31, will be given by Reinhold Neibuhr of New York outstanding thinker in the field of world trends. The advisory committee of the National Conference of Students stated today that they consider themselves fortunate that Reinhold Neibuhr has consented to attend and speak at the national student assembly. His two outstanding books "Reflections on the End of an Era," and "Moral Man and Immoral Society" have been translated into many languages and are widely discussed, especially in England and Europe.

Few world leaders are gifted with a mind better qualified for analysis than Reinhold Neibuhr, said student conference leaders. He opened a student conference in Indianapolis three years ago. He was the only man to give a series of addresses at the Oxford World Conference this summer. More than 350 Canadian university students will attend the Winnipeg conference.

After explaining that the affiliation of Communist parties of various countries to the Communist International (Comintern), the Montreal-printed "What the Communist Party Stands For," concludes on p. 91, as follows: "The Communist Party of Canada is thus part of a worldwide organization which gives it guidance and enhances its fighting power. Under the leadership of the Communist Party, the workers of Canada will proceed from struggle to struggle, from victory to

victory until, rising in a revolution, they will crush the capitalist State, establish a Soviet State, abolish the cruel and bloody system of capitalism and proceed to the upbuilding of Socialism. This is why every worker must join the Communist Party." But, perhaps, they do not mean it. "This is the kind of 'free speech' which must not be 'padlocked.' The question is, 'What will Canadians stand for?'"



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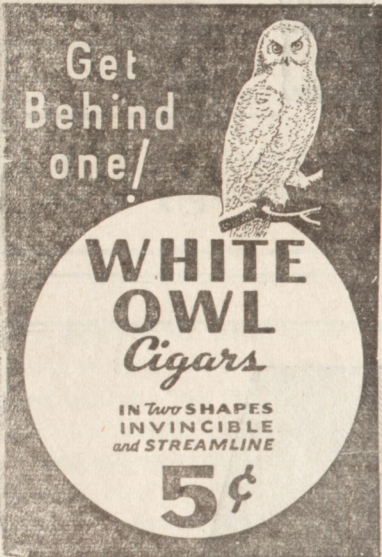
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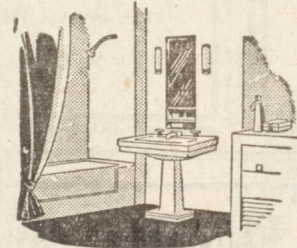
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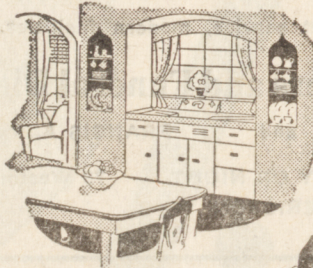
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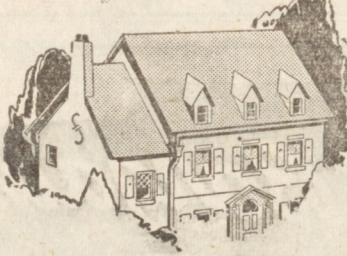
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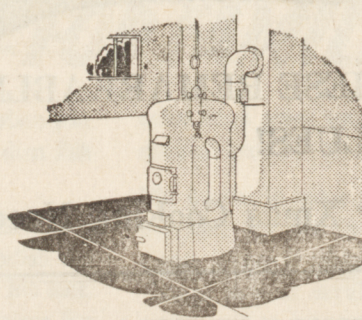
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