

Statements have been made, I believe, in the press, by people who are some of the highest people in the Canadian army that there was clear evidence to show that the communist party was boring in into the army. What is going to happen? In 1919 when I came back from Germany and was in Paris, as I said a moment ago, the communists thought they could bring about revolution because they had a considerable hold on the army. And I heard a lot of communistic talk amongst the French soldiers; and finally when they realized that they could not depend on the troops that were in Paris they had to give up the ghost.

MR. MacINNIS: Mr. Chairman, suppose everything the witness has said is true, as far as we are concerned he is dealing with assumptions. This committee cannot recognize assumptions.

MR. BERTRAND: No; if you admit everything he says is true --

MR. MacINNIS: I am not admitting it; but suppose it is, it still remains, as far as this committee is concerned, for the witness to give evidence.

MR. BLACK: He is giving us his own personal experiences.

MR. BENICE: The witness is perfectly consistent. He believes the communist party is detrimental to this country at any time and he is basing his argument on their philosophy and he says we should not allow them to propagandize in this country at any time, whether in war or in peace. The problem that we have to deal with in sitting on this committee is whether, if the communist party is legal, it is of great danger to this country at the present time and likely to affect our war effort. If it is dangerous to the country at this time then it would be dangerous to this country in peace time.

MR. BERTRAND: Our problem is whether it is more dangerous