

be brought into this country, and I am informed that large money is being made by citizens there for smuggling in undesirables—citizens that would be refused admittance under the law of the land. I was told that upon such good authority that I repeat the report in this House, in order to draw the attention of the Government to the fact that undesirables who teach such doctrines as are mentioned in this newspaper are being allowed to spread their views throughout the length and breadth of this land. This is the article from the Boston Transcript of last week:

Communists Spread Propaganda Among Canadian Children—Freely Admit Their Efforts to Destroy Patriotism and Faith in God—Another Mining Sensation—Alphonse Ollier Sells Long-Guarded Claim for \$57,000—May Net \$180,000,000.

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Special to the Transcript:

Toronto, Jan. 4—Propaganda among Canadian children with a view to destroying their patriotism and their faith in God has been unearthed and is freely admitted by Communist leaders. The work is particularly aggressive in northern settlements, though the headquarters are in Toronto. "We are getting along very well," declared William Sydney, the young secretary of the Young Communist League. "The work started four years ago. Recently special organizers went west and north."

The youth-work of the organization falls into two classifications. There are the Young Pioneers, ranging in ages from eight to fourteen, and the Young Communists, from fourteen to the early twenties.

"What is the purpose of the work among the younger children?"

"The capitalist class has its Boy Scouts and cadet organizations. Our task is to counteract them and teach loyalty to the working class."

"As opposed to loyalty to Canada?"

"Yes, but more particularly as opposed to the status quo, to the acceptance of things as they are to the capitalist tradition behind loyalty to state and flag and national institutions."

The suggestion that the attorney-general's department "had its ear to the ground," and was checking up the Communists, was met with ridicule. "That's the function of the attorney-general's department," said Jack MacDonald, a local Communist, "to keep its ear to the ground till the day of revolution comes. The closer it keeps the ear there the more noise it will hear."

Subtle Anti-Religious Propaganda

The propaganda that is carried on against religion is more subtle. The following joke, harmless in itself, was reprinted in the "Young Comrade." Its significance lies less in the story itself than in the fact that although not in any sense a child's story it is used in the Comrade.

"The boat was sinking"—the story goes—"The captain reached up to the crowd of passengers. 'Who among you can pray?' 'I can,' replied the minister.

"Then pray, mister," ordered the skipper. "The rest of you put life preservers on; we are one short."

This joke, standing out in heavy type from the rest of the page, is headed in large capital letters: "Who Is Safer—God or the Life Belt?"

"Do you teach the children that there is no God?"

"We teach them science, and science is opposed to religion."

"But what is the attitude that you teach them towards God?"

"We don't teach them about God," said MacDonald.

"When we teach them science, the idea of God disappears by itself," interposed William Sydney.

They would even rob the youngsters of Santa Claus. "Lenin becomes our Santa Claus," declared MacDonald.

The main school is conducted every Sunday in Toronto in a public hall. There are other schools in Montreal, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Fort William, and many other points as well as general circularization. Sydney denied that the work is most successful among foreign children.

"I have a class largely composed of Nordics," said Annie Buller, business manager of the Worker, "and they are individually as smart as the average person of twenty."

One of the significant factors of this movement is the way in which missionary work is done. Children are set to bring in converts. "The children themselves are our missionaries, our agents," Sydney said. "They bring in many converts. That is how the movement is growing so well."

"Do you get any whose parents are not communists?" "Oh, yes, many."

"Don't the parents object?" "No, they are working class people and are often in sympathy with us."

Holds Up Russia as Ideal

A typical circular broadcast in the Province headed "Dear comrades," and signed "Children's department," reads in part as follows:

"These are questions you should ask your teacher. If she cannot answer or does not answer correctly, you can get up and give the answer yourself. The correct answers are printed below for every question.

Q.—Why do the governments of all countries hate the Soviet Union?

A.—They are afraid that the workers in other countries will see that in Russia the workers own their country and they will try to do the same.

Q.—Who rules in Russia?

A.—The workers and peasants' Government.

Q.—Who owns all the rich palaces in Russia?

A.—The people. All the palaces have been made into clubs, museums and art galleries for the people.

Q.—Why do all the houses belong to the Government in Russia?

A.—Because the Government wants to make sure that the houses are divided equally between the people.

Q.—How is it that in Russia every worker gets two weeks' vacation every year?

A.—The Government looks after the health of the people and sees to it that they get a nice vacation.

Q.—Do young children have to work in Russia like here?