

*Communist Activities in Canada*

how difficult some people find it today to start newspapers, has statements like this. In *Vestnik* of Saturday, January 14, of this year, appears an editorial which I have had translated by a translator of tested reliability:

The St. Laurent government should also check the warmongers in the ranks of Canadian military leaders, who, in the persons of General Simonds and retired General Crerar, propagate policies of preparedness and aggression against the U.S.S.R.

I should like to read from an editorial which appeared in *Vestnik* on Wednesday, January 11. I ask you to listen to this as the kind of thing that is being spread, in this particular case, among those who speak the Russian or Slav language:

The ruthless soldier Crerar is now prepared to sacrifice probably millions of Canadian lives on the battlefield, and on territories of Canada proper, in the atomic war with a view to correcting "the mistakes" made in the last world war. Crerar does not care, either for England, nor for other western European states, nor for Canada—which countries may be turned to ashes in a new world war, started by Wall street. It seems strange that such individuals, to whom Canada's security is entrusted, are permitted to address meetings and conferences. How is it that such individuals, who actually should be put in "straitjackets," are permitted to discuss problems of state politics at authoritative conventions? Canadian people should voice their indignation against the propaganda carried on by such fools, who strive to involve us in a horrible catastrophe.

This is not something to be treated as a joke, Mr. Speaker. There is no effective counter-propaganda going out in the same language to these same people; and this affects a great many people whose minds will be poisoned permanently unless this thing is tackled at the root. I submit, Mr. Speaker, that no new law is needed beyond what we already have to put the publisher of that paper behind prison bars, where he should be for writing an editorial of this kind. If this is not criminal libel I do not know what criminal libel is.

Let me read another editorial just to show the pattern. In *Vestnik* of Saturday, February 4, 1950, under the heading "Hydrogen Bomb" appeared the following:

The St. Laurent government, which has linked our country with the atomic policy of the U.S.A., is leading Canada to a catastrophe of war and devastation. It is imperative that this government should hear the voice of the people in the forms of hundreds of thousands of signatures on a petition in favour of outlawing the atomic weapon. Canada must break with the insane politics of Wall street and its protégé, Truman.

This is just another example, and this goes on week after week. Again in *Vestnik* of Saturday, February 4, 1950, there is a special article to glorify Tim Buck. When the Department of Justice is looking at the files of *Vestnik*, as I hope it will, I hope it

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will also look at the name of the Canadian citizen who wrote the article from which I now quote:

Tim Buck—the greatest product of the thirty-year old communist movement in Canada. He is the founder of the communist party in our country . . . as in 1929 he again emphasized the full importance of the party, as the vanguard of revolution . . .

Don't let anybody talk of this as just an ordinary political doctrine. It is described in 1950 as the vanguard of revolution. We know from their own definition that they mean armed revolution, and always have. No other form of revolution has ever succeeded, because there has not been a single case yet where the communists who seized power were more than a very small percentage indeed of the whole population. To those who still can be so strangely tolerant of communism in our midst it may be well to remember that in Russia, when the third revolution of 1917 took place, and the socialist government of Kerensky was overthrown by Lenin and Trotsky, less than two per cent of the people of Russia were members of the communist party. It may be well to remember that in the seizure of power in what had been one of the finest democracies in Europe, Czechoslovakia, just over a year ago, less than ten per cent of the population of that country had ever supported the communists. That is the picture everywhere. They never expect to seize power through the ballot. They know they can seize power only by creating a fifth column, which, as Tim Buck himself has said, in a time of hardship and disturbance might open the gateway to revolution.

I might say that there are a great number of these papers. The Department of Justice is well aware of many of them. There is such an active communist paper as *Vapus*, a Finnish paper of Sudbury, and *Munkas*, a Hungarian communist paper, published in Toronto. There are communist papers published in Toronto every week in the Serbian, Croatian, Slovak, Russian, Polish, Hungarian, German, Bulgarian, Italian and Finnish languages. And I might of course add that there are also publications in Toronto every week in English. The *Canadian Tribune* is published every week; and there is also in English *National Affairs* published by the same organization.

It is only necessary to examine what these publications say to find the strange uniformity in pattern. I have here the originals of a number of these foreign language newspapers. The one in front of me is the Hungarian paper *Munkas* in which one reads almost the same words as the words which