

In every period of serious external danger, the threat from outside is accompanied by, and indeed often brings about, an internal threat inside. And so it is at present.

In such a situation - as in all-out war itself - we inevitably and understandably emphasize the security of the society above the rights of the individual. In all-out war, this indeed is essential, if victory and thereby salvation is to be ensured. In what we call "cold war", certain individual rights may also have to be subordinated to the interests of security. When, however, measures for this purpose go beyond the immediate and urgent necessities of the situation, they produce a new fear, which the Communists can and do exploit, fear for the weakening or the loss of our fundamental freedoms.

The necessity for domestic security measures at this time of international danger, is made more real and more obvious by the presence in our midst of members or followers of the Communist party; men who are tied body and soul to the Kremlin, who follow obediently and automatically every twist and turn of its policy; who have boasted that they would not defend their own land if there were armed attack from that quarter. These are the "crypto-Canadians". There is nothing more hypocritical than their prating or scribbling about Canadian nationalism and independence, or about Canadian political and personal liberties.

This domestic threat from local Communists - like the external danger - is a real one. Let's not fool ourselves about that. It requires vigilance, protective measures and, whenever necessary effective action.

In our own day in Canada we have seen the tangible evidences of links and associations between Soviet imperialism and the Soviet state apparatus, and Communists in our midst. The "spy trials" of 1946 are an object lesson in their exposure of the technique of conspiratorial Communism. To protect itself against subversive acts of this kind, and against similar action in other sensitive fields, the democratic state must act promptly and courageously against those who commit offences against the laws and the security of the state.

There are also the dupes as well as the disciples of Communism. Perhaps one of the most difficult features of the problem of Communism in our midst is the way in which its practitioners camouflage and conceal their true purpose, and attempt to confuse and mislead the unwary and the gullible; to use them as bait on a red hook "made in Moscow". We are only too familiar with the way in which organizations with worthy purposes have been infiltrated, and how the idea of "peace" has been debased by these people for their own ends. This is a serious aspect of the problem which requires good sense and vigilance on the part of us all. We must learn to judge organizations by what they do, not by what their Communist spokesmen say; we must distinguish between pretension and performance; we must ceaselessly expose the fallacies in their special pleading.

Take the Communist so-called "Canadian Peace Congress" which has attracted too many of these well intentioned dupes. There is no doubt that this organization slavishly and unswervingly follows the line laid down by Moscow and is under direction and control from that centre.